



Sunrise Presbyterian Church Annual Report 2022

Annual Congregational Meeting Jan 29, 2023

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Annual Congregational Meeting Docket

Establishing a Quorum

Opening in Prayer

Reports of the Committees and Groups – each committee or group is invited to share 1-3 minutes about their area's programs and projects over the past year

Any Business Items

Motion to close the Annual Congregational Meeting

Prayer and Adjournment

Pastor's Report

The Annual Report is the time of year when we get to brag about all that we have accomplished in the year past. Or perhaps it is the time of year when we reflect on what's been done and give ourselves a pat on the back. Or perhaps the annual report is the building of a time capsule that future church persons will look at after we are long gone.

I wonder about these things as the reports come in from the various committees and groups. And as I wonder, it occurs to me that there is another "perhaps" that could be added. Perhaps the annual report is the time when we can look to the future to see what we can do next in the kingdom of God. We've now completed these things we have named in the report – some done well, others needing improvement. We've taken what God has given to us and done our best to be faithful stewards of the year – in time, in resources, in money.

The "perhaps" of the future becomes a blueprint for the year to come. Perhaps we should do that again because it bore fruit. Or perhaps we shouldn't do it again because it is no longer relevant or life-bringing or important to the work of God in our church community.

What can our report tell us about our future and who we are called to be? What stands out to you as important signs of the reign of God at work? What would you highlight or put a star next to and say, "Yes! This!"

God calls us to faithfulness in every generation. As Sunrise continues to be a church family of nurturing, faith, and mission, we celebrate together another year in faith.

The Psalmist tells us, "The Lord exists for ever; your word is firmly fixed in heaven. 90 Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast." Psalm 119:89-90, NRSV.

As we look toward the year to come, as we pat ourselves on the back, as we create a time capsule for the future faithful, we remember that God is for all generations. What we do today helps the future to know the love, mercy, and compassion of Jesus Christ. As God remains faithful to us, so we remain faithful to our God.

I pray that God's presence continues to nurture and bless us as we move forward in faith, holding the best of our past, and trying new things in the future.

May God bless you in 2023.

Rev. Jessica Crane Munoz

Christian Education Committee

In the past year, our primary focus has been on continuing to build and implement the weekly children's Sunday School program. The Sunrise Sunday School group has met most weeks, and has had attendance between 3 and 5 students each week. Students range in age from 3 to 8. Rowena FitzGerald has been teaching, along with Erica Rusinski. A curriculum has been used to closely follow weekly sermon topics and has been supplemented with other enriching activities.

Throughout 2022, numerous individuals and groups have contributed to Christian Education at Sunrise. Erica Harp was integral to the success of the children's Christmas program, and the Faith and Life Committee planned numerous activities that included and enriched children's Christian Education at Sunrise, including the Easter Egg Hunt last spring and the Tea Party last fall.

In the coming year, we hope to continue to build the Christian Education program at Sunrise. We would like to include our children in some environmental impact activities of their own. We also hope to investigate the possibility of a Vacation Bible School or other summer learning program for students.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Rusinski- Committee Member

Annual Report of the Clerk of Session 2022

Communicant Membership as of January 1, 2022 93

Additions: 1

Subtractions:

Deaths: 1

Transferred to another church: 3

Total Subtractions: 4

Communicant Membership as of December 31, 2022 90

Membership Services:

Baptisms 0

Marriages 0

Session Members:

<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>
Marcia Anderson	Eric Chigbrow	Travis Harp	Norman Anderson
Joe Hoseck	Erica Rusinski	Lee Hickey	Scott Shull
Millie Sivak	vacant	Lianna Gaskins	vacant

Deacons:

<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>
Gervaise Ferry	Ruth Hickey	Marilyn Andrews	Pam Chigbrow
Tana Harp	Bill McCullough	Janette Forsyth	Beth Hoseck
Jacinte McCullough	Dixy Paronto	Ember Woods	Sandy Lambert

Board of Trustees for 2022

President: Travis Harp; Vice-President: Marcia Anderson; Secretary: Millie Sivak; Treasurer: Joe Hoseck

Nominating Committee:

Co-Chair Elders: Marcia Anderson, Millie Sivak; Deacon Representative: Jacinte McCullough; Members-at-large: Pam Chigbrow, Ann Crawford, Beth Hoseck, Sandy Lambert

Clerk of Session:

Millie Sivak

Presbytery Representative:

Primary: Scott Shull; Alternate: Eric Chigbrow

Presbytery COM member:

Pam Chigbrow

Interim Presbytery Stated Clerk:

Bob Kampfer

Respectively submitted,
Millie Sivak, Clerk of Session

2022 Personnel/Administration Committee Annual Report

Committee Members: Marcia Anderson, Lianna Gaskins, Joe Hoseck

Sarah Bishop joined us very early in the year as our Secretary/ Treasurer. She stepped in and from the start has been a huge asset as the 'caretaker' of everything related to the church office and been involved in many key projects that have positively affected our church operations. She has been another perfect fit for our church. We have been truly blessed!

We again want to thank Janette Forsyth and Bill McCullough for volunteering to manage our pledges and donations on a weekly basis. We greatly appreciate both of you!

Kim Peachy and Margaret Nitschke have continued to be fantastic in providing us with very inspirational and moving music during our worship services. Again God blessed us when sent these wonderful ladies. Margaret was our part time choir director for the spring holidays for which we were all very thankful for. It was great to have Choir music again. Thanks to the both of them!

Laura Detrick joined us this fall as our part time Choir Director. She joined us in time to direct our dedicated choir members for some great music during our holiday season. Looking forward to this great choir music in the months to come.

Todd Sivak has been our technical expert especially in assuring we have our Sunday services shown on our Facebook page live. This extension of our church service has been well attended and continues to allow reaching out to those that cannot attend the service in person. Todd has been involved in many others neat and key projects this past year. Thank you very much Todd for your contributions to our church!

In the Administration area we saw a number of upgrades to make the office operation more efficient.

Respectfully Submitted by Joe Hoseck, Chair

Buildings and Grounds Committee

2022 has been another project and upkeep filled year at Sunrise! From the prominent and easily seen results at the church and manse, to the taken for granted and otherwise invisible chores and actions, the Sunrise family has been busy. First and foremost, our committee would like to thank everyone who has helped fulfill our commitment to providing a clean, safe, appropriately maintained, and efficiently functioning worship, activity, and fellowship space both at the church, and manse. Your many volunteer hours are appreciated, and we're thankful for all your help.

Winter month projects at the church included the re-wicking and filling of the wall mounted candle sconces in the sanctuary, an upgrade to our internet wiring & routing to the pulpit area of the sanctuary, and maintenance to the toilets in the ladies' rest room. At the manse, a new dishwasher and garbage disposal were installed, the hot water heater was replaced, storm windows installed, cordless blinds put up in the boy's bedroom, light switches upgraded in the basement, and additional electrical/breaker issues professionally repaired in the house.

The spring of 2022 saw several notable items and projects. The purchase of a John Deere, S120 Lawn Tractor and Mower highlighted our transition to summer chores, and its addition will greatly enhance and ease lawn maintenance at the church. In addition, the Session began discussion and research into converting the existing, standard lighting in the church to LED - an extensive project that would reduce energy consumption, lessen energy bills in the long run, and improve available light throughout the building. Our annual congregational clean-up of the building and grounds was completed, and Memorial Benches honoring Bill Harp and Allen Woods were placed adjacent to the columbarium. Within the sanctuary, the sparrow perched upon the large, wall mounted cross was returned to its place after refurbishing, and a newly carved sparrow crafted by Jim Casey was placed on the transom above the doors exiting the sanctuary.

Our biggest project of the year was the conversion to LED lighting throughout the building. Following examination and inventory of existing lighting in each area of the church, the changeover was sequentially completed - room by room, bulb by bulb, and fixture by fixture. A special thank you to members, family, and friends of the church who either sponsored a room by donating funds earmarked for an area, physically removed old bulbs, installed new ones, or assisted in the fluorescent fixture change over. Particular recognition needs to be given to Dan Agnew, who removed the old fluorescent tube fixtures throughout the church, completed the required wiring adjustments, and installed the new 4' panels all on his own time. The improvement in every room is evident as soon as switches are turned on, and the well-lit, welcoming environments are a noticeable upgrade. With the expected electricity savings after the conversion to LED, it'll take approximately 5 years for the lights to pay for themselves... a project well worth the time and effort.

It needs to be noted that while removing the old fixtures in Fellowship Hall, it was discovered that many were extremely hot to the touch and scorched, so the project also averted the potential for fire. In regard to this discovery, 1 Samuel 2:9 is more than appropriate: "He will protect the faithful ones, but the wicked will disappear in darkness."

Along with mowing, trimming, and grounds upkeep, the summer months at Sunrise included research into window replacement at the manse. To facilitate the replacement, a 5-year plan was established - initially, the bathroom and bedrooms will be replaced, then the kitchen and dining room, basement, and finally, the west picture and closet windows. Considering the age and efficiency of the existing windows, this is long

overdue, and bids from several local businesses were requested. Other projects at the church included the installation of ADA (Handicap Access) directional signage at the rear entry to the church.

Fall and early winter projects and activities included reception and examination of the manse window replacement bids, discussion, and selection of the firm to manufacture the windows. With the help of Loren Smith, all required measurements were verified, and the specifics regarding installation finalized. Upon reception of the windows, installation will commence. Also at the manse, the final days of the year were disrupted by a sewage line back-up, and a couple of labor-intensive days by Raul (and a 50' snake) to alleviate the problem. Snow removal on sidewalks and parking continues to be completed on a volunteer basis.

Several notable projects are projected for the upcoming year. These include completion of a connecting sidewalk between the columbarium and the rear sidewalk to the kitchen, completion of ADA compliant curb ramps in front of the church to allow people with disabilities to safely travel from the street to sidewalk, and continuation of window replacement at the manse - 5 windows have arrived, and replacement was anticipated to begin the first week of January 2023. In the event the sewage blockage issue at the manse recurs, examination of the line might be necessary to determine the problem. At the church, it will also be necessary to obtain a snow removal contract for the rear parking lot, as our volunteer plow operator will no longer be available.

Again, special thanks to all who have assisted in the upkeep and maintenance, or undertaken a task to improve things here at Sunrise during 2022. Every day finds a new project or voluntary action taken by someone... Sarah, Pastor Jessica, Dan Agnew, John DeVoss, Bill McCullough, Ben Forsyth, or any other church handy-person who happens to be in the building. If I haven't mentioned you by name, it's only because my record keeping is deficient.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Hickey - Committee Member

Travis Harp - Committee Member

Board of Deacons

2022 Sunrise Presbyterian Church Board of Deacons Annual Report

For you were called to freedom brethren, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for flesh, but through love be servants of one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Gal 5: 13-14)

Despite some continuing constraints surrounding COVID-19 in 2022, the deacons persevered in their calling of service and compassion to the members of our congregation and community through phone calls, cards, donated meals, visits (when possible), rides, mission giving, and communion. They were always on call to answer prayer requests and to offer words of hope.

THOSE SERVING WERE:

Class of 2022: Tana Harp, Gervaise Ferry, Jacinte McCullough

Class of 2023: Bill McCullough, Ruth Hickey, Dixy Paronto

Class of 2024: Janette Forsyth, Ember Woods, Marilyn Andrews

Moderator: Jacinte McCullough, CO: Tana Harp

Secretary/Treasurer: Janette Forsyth

Deacon Rep to the Nominating Committee: Jacinte McCullough

Deacon Rep to the Session Mission Committee: Dixy Paronto

COMMUNION

Communion preparation continues to be one of the ways Deacons serve our church. We discontinued the use of prepackaged elements in June and returned to the pre-COVID communion protocols. Home-bound communion visits resumed after Easter, when possible, for the recipients. Communion was served on the 2nd Sunday of each month as well as Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Palm Sunday, and Easter.

SUNSHINE LADY

The sunshine lady has been an integral part of the Sunrise ministry. In 2022, Ruth Hickey sent out 386 cards to those in our church family and Sunrise friends who were in need of a word of encouragement, hope, love, and joy.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

As Deacons we offer support to those who have lost loved ones. We were privileged to show loving care and support to former pastor Tim Lanham in the loss of his wife, Gigi during a short visit and an informal coffee reception. A true blessing for the whole congregation to show their love and compassion to Tim.

The Deacons also made a \$100 memorial donation to Intermountain Children's Home in memory of Gigi Lanham. Four new coffee carafes were purchased for the kitchen from memorial funds donated in Marilu Dougherty's memory.

SENIOR GRADUATION

Graduating high school senior Harper Gardner was honored May 22 in regular worship and presented with a gift from the Deacons as a remembrance of her connection to Sunrise and to God's continued presence in her life.

CHRISTMAS CONNECTIONS PROJECT

Christmas cheer was again shared with those in our congregation who are alone, unable to attend regular worship, or have special needs. Christmas bags filled with candy, cookies, fruit, handmade pot holders from Gervaise Ferry, and other personal items tailored to the each personality were delivered to 16 recipients. These small gifts are a reminder of God's love and each person's connection to our church family.

MISSION

Through the Deacons' recommendations to the session mission committee, a monetary donation was made to Paris Gibson Alternative School for fuel cards for needy students. The Deacons helped support the sessions Halloween Mission Project and suggested that leftover candy be donated to the Food Bank.

A new 30 cup coffee pot was purchased for the kitchen. Two selfless individuals in our congregation received \$100.00 gift cards from the Deacons to assist with their loving aid to foster children and a homeless family. The Deacons also initiated a mission to serve the ladies in our congregation. A Coffee Klatch was started in January to meet the third Thursday of each month at 10:30 for all who wish to attend. This provides another opportunity for fellowship, support, and connections and a time for special projects. Deacons provide coffee and a ride for anyone needing transportation.

To the Deacons: Well done good and faithful servants!

Thanks be to GOD for his enduring Love!

Respectfully Submitted,

Janette Forsyth, Deacon Secretary

SUNRISE DEACONS FINANCIAL REPORT 2022

BUDGETED ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance 1/1/2022	\$500.00
Total expenditures 2022	(456.65)
<u>Total income 2022</u>	<u>20.00</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/2022	\$ 63.35

DESIGNATED ACCOUNT (ONGOING)

Beginning Balance 1/1/2022	\$1,698.79
Total expenditures 2022	(223.96)
<u>Total income 2022</u>	<u>98.00</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/2022	\$1,572.83

SUNRISE DEACONS ACCOUNT

TOTAL ENDING BALANCE 12/31/2022 **\$1,636.18**

Faith and Life Committee

The Faith and Life committee started the year with one or two activities planned for each month of the year. As with life, plans changed as the year went on but overall, we had good participation and a good time in fellowship.

The winter movie series has run its course after six years and has been discontinued for a lack of interest.

On February 6th we had the super bowl luncheon, serving 3 types of soup and raising \$50 in the free will offering that was donated to the Children's Receiving Home.

26 people attended the Ash Wednesday soup supper before attending the church service.

April was busy! Matins were April 11th -15th. April 17th was the Easter egg hunt for the children. April 22nd was Earth Day, and the opening of our aluminum can recycling shed. April 30th was the annual church cleanup day and chili lunch.

May 1st, we had cake to welcome new members.

On May 15th we had a double cake day We said goodbye to Luanna as she moved to Lewistown and thank you to Todd for his temporary duties as the church secretary.

July 17th the church continued the tradition of watching the Voyages play baseball.

August 27th brought the end of summer with the church picnic. The children (of all ages) enjoyed the water sponge fight. 30 people attended.

September 11th, we went back to the basics with the potato bar dinner and trivia.

October 16th was world food day, and we had a pot-luck dinner. Thank you to everybody that brought their favorite family dish. 48 people attended.

A new event was held on November 13th. A high tea was planned but we found out that we had the name wrong, so we had a low tea. If you don't know the difference plan to attend next time. The ladies that attended enjoyed being waited on by the male servers. Men next time you need to join in the fun.

November 26th was the day to decorate the church for Christmas. Hard working people worked up an appetite for chili and chili dogs. Thanks to those that help bring in the holidays.

December 4th, we gathered for the annual holiday dinner. Ham with all of the trimmings was serviced buffet style to 50 in person and several to the home bound.

December 18 was a sweet time as we brought our home-made goodies to share and to make treat trays for our home bound members and friends.

It is impossible to thank everyone that helps during the year to make all of our fellowship events and weekly coffee hour a success, but I do need to thank Lee Hickey, Jacinte McCullough, and Millie Sivak for helping with every event this year.

Eric Chigbrow, Faith and Life Committee Moderator

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee was formed in November to select three Elders to three-year terms, one Elder to a one-year term, and three Deacons to three-year terms. The Elders going off Session are Marcia Anderson, Joe Hoseck, and Millie Sivak. The Deacons going off are Gervaise Ferry, Tana Harp, and Jacinte McCullough.

The newly selected Deacons are Pam Chigbrow, Beth Hoseck, and Sandy Lambert. The newly selected Elders are Norman Anderson and Scott Shull. There is still a three-year term and a one-year term that need to be filled. If anyone feels they can fill these terms, please contact the nominating committee. The future of our church may depend on it. Thank you to those individuals who have stepped forward to serve.

Thank you to the Nominating Committee for all of your excellent work. The committee consisted of Elders Marcia Anderson and Millie Sivak; Deacon Jacinte McCullough; and members from the congregation Ann Crawford, Pam Chigbrow, Beth Hoseck, and Sandy Lambert.

Thank you,

Marcia Anderson

FISH Annual Report

Sunrise Presbyterian’s congregation generously donated a total of \$2,815.14 in 2022, which was matched by the Town Pump Challenge.

Maribeth Doan has taken Luana Sturtz’ position on the FISH board, as Luana has moved to Lewiston.

Our volunteers at FISH this year were Anne Crawford, John DeVoss, Maribeth Doan, Gervaise Ferry, Janette Forsyth, Tana Harp, Barb & Lee Hickey, Benna McGeorge, Claire & David Roehm, Shirley & Donald Roehm, Karen Sanders, and Carol Stilli. You are all very much appreciated! Our church usually serves at FISH for one week, every three months.

We did not have our annual Loaves & Fishes dinner this year, due to COVID, but we are planning to hopefully have one in 2023!

Thank you to everyone donating gifts of your time, food, and money.

Thank you,

Maribeth Doan

FISH Financial Report

FISH FINANCIAL REPORT 2022

<u>Beginning Balance 1/1/2022</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
<u>Total Income 2022</u>	<u>\$3,040.14</u>
<u>Total Expenditures 2022</u>	<u>\$2,815.14</u>
<u>Total Ending Balance 12/31/2022</u>	<u>\$225.00</u>

Mission and Memorials Committee Annual Report 2022

Mission:

Mission giving continues to be a top priority for Sunrise Presbyterian church. With the generous support of our members, the Mission Committee had the privilege of distributing monies and talents to a wide range of mission projects. Under the leadership of our Pastor, Jessica Crane Munoz, new ideas were explored and implemented, particularly in the area of **Environmental Impact** – see the Session report on this in the following section.

During the early part of the year, Sunrise reached out to help the homeless who were camped around the First Methodist Church in downtown Great Falls. Money was spent to provide a port-a-potty there for three months. Some blue tarps were also purchased to help protect the homeless from wind and cold.

To help support World Water Day on March 22nd, a total of \$210.50 was collected from Sunrise members. Through PCUSA Mission Gift Catalog, a Mzuzu drill was purchased at the cost of \$115 for an area in Africa. These hand-operated drills allow for shallow wells to be drilled in areas where groundwater is otherwise inaccessible. \$95.50 was donated to *Living Water for the World*. *Living Water for the World* is a program of the PCUSA run through the Synod of Living Water; this program provides for a variety of clean water systems and programs throughout the world.

Sunrise continues to generously support Intermountain in Helena. This year we sponsored two separate fundraisers and one ongoing gift:

Change for Children was collected during Pentecost in May and June resulting in \$898.35.

During the Intermountain Caring Friends campaign, the Sunrise Mission Committee agreed to become a Caring Friend by donating \$20.00 monthly from local mission monies. This contribution was met with matching funds from an anonymous Intermountain donor, providing an additional \$500 for Intermountain.

In lieu of decorating a Christmas tree for the annual Festival of Trees in Helena, a four-foot Christmas stocking and five storage totes were abundantly filled with a variety of items that the children could use throughout the year. This included crayons, markers, craft paper, hats and mittens, coloring books, various art supplies, books, and much more.

Locally, the FISH program was supported with a total contribution of \$2,815.14 from Sunrise. With the Town Pump matching funds program, the money we contributed was matched by Town Pump – overall providing more than \$5,000. These funds were collected in our “fish bowl” on the first Sunday of each month. Monthly food donations and help with food distribution every other month by Sunrise volunteers was also accomplished.

A special outreach mission project for Halloween was undertaken in October to reach out to children in our community with special needs, i.e., health issues, mobility, developmental, emotional needs, etc. Sixteen volunteers helped on the day of the event, the Sunday before Halloween. Despite horrific winds, ten families and thirteen children took the opportunity to participate in this drive-through activity in our parking lot. This experience was deemed successful and will be undertaken again in 2023.

SUNRISE COTTAGE FINANCIAL REPORT 2022

<u>Beginning Balance 1/1/2022</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
<u>Total Income 2022</u>	<u>\$1,185.85</u>
<u>Total Expenditures 2022</u>	<u>\$645.00 (Gigi Lanham memorial gifts in/out)</u>
<u>Total Ending Balance 12/31/2022</u>	<u>\$540.85</u>

Environmental Impact Initiatives

In 2022, the Session embarked on a year-long environmental initiative. Throughout the year, there were a variety of projects and programs that geared toward this initiative. Various committees and groups engaged with these projects.

Among the projects were the following:

Pill bottle collection, for re-use. We collected hundreds of pill bottles, washed and sanitized them, and packaged them in clean Ziplock bags. After several conversations with the state pharmacy board, and talking with many local pharmacies, we were unable to find a local business or organization that would take the bottles. (The Great Falls Rescue Mission Cameron Center was able to use several dozen bottles for distributing things like small portions of body wash and shampoo.) We continued to collect bottles and in January 2023, we mailed two HUGE boxes of cleaned, processed bottles to a program in Michigan called Matthew 25 Ministries that sends pill bottles around the world for re-use. We will continue to collect bottles and will continue to seek a local option for their re-use. If we are unable to locate something locally, we will again ship the bottles for re-use. A few wonderful volunteers have taken on the project of cleaning and sanitizing the bottles once we get a significant amount collected.

We began an aluminum can recycling program. Eric Chigbrow built a can shed to match the mower shed next to the alleyway. We have collected hundreds of pounds of aluminum and Eric takes the collected cans to recycling when the shed is full. We found that it was easiest for collection when cans were left in tied plastic bags (reuse those grocery store plastics!). In the United States, aluminum is 100% recyclable and can be turned into the same can over and over again. Many folks have not recycled in the past because it simply isn't worth the effort to recycle only a few cans at a time. Now, even a small amount can be added to our shed and over time it adds up to a big difference.

We collected crayons at local elementary schools, from members, from Peace Place, and the community to re-manufacture through The Crayon Initiative. We collected over 100 pounds of crayons. Thank you to Prairie Kraft and Loren Smith for paying the shipping rates. Crayons are non-biodegradable; The Crayon Initiative melts and re-form crayons that are then distributed through children's hospitals and clinics throughout the U.S.

In May, we set up a product exchange table. This allowed folks to bring in from home items that they had but didn't use. Things like shampoos, soaps, perfumes, and candles were among the items brought in for exchange. Rather than having them go bad in a cupboard at home, they went to someone new! Items that were left over were given to the First United Methodist Church to hand out to their homeless population as needed.

This summer and early fall, we converted the lighting in the church over to LED. Panel lights were replaced in the offices and main floor classroom as well as in Fellowship Hall and the stained-glass room. Fixtures were changed in the kitchen and choir robe area. Bulbs were replaced throughout the building. Dan Agnew and Pastor Jessica spent time researching and procuring the best LED lighting options available. Many people helped with the lighting and bulb replacement.

When the lights in fellowship hall were replaced, we found that the old lights were using a great deal of power and found hot spots, like singe marks, on the fixtures that were removed. When the drop ceiling was put into the fellowship hall decades ago, the fixtures were not replaced at that time – so many fixtures could have been original to the building from 1965. The Mission committee supported the project through Special Mission project funds at its inception. Northwestern Energy had a rebate program available, and the church will receive back a rebate for all new LED lights and fixtures installed since all are energy star rated. This will recoup about 30% of the overall cost.

We began a plastic bag collection this fall. The box outside the secretary's office is usually full every two weeks. We have collected a lot of plastic bags! These are taken by Lee Hickey and his granddaughter Sophie to a plastic bag recycling spot here in town. Several stores, including Walmart and Albertsons, collect plastic bags for recycling.

We had several Moment for Mission presentations in 2022 regarding the environmental initiative. These included:

- Energy Audits and Carbon Footprint

- Wind and Solar Energy

- Plastic use

- Pets and the environment

- The impact of aluminum recycling

Nominating Committee

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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Thank you,
Marcia Anderson

Outreach and Social Media

OUTREACH AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Luana Sturtz has continued posting inspirational items on Facebook, even after moving to Lewistown. Thank you, Luana, for this dedicated service. We really appreciate it.

If you haven't visited the Sunrise website (www.sunrisegreatfalls.net) recently, there are some changes you might be interested in. The newsletter is posted every month. There is a detailed calendar of events for the month and notices of upcoming events. Probably the biggest change is the Donate page, where you can make regular donations or special donations when they arise. Please check out this option.

Todd Sivak continues to post live video of the weekly worship service on Facebook and then publishes it to YouTube on Sunday following worship. Thank you, Todd.

Suggestions and comments can be sent to Marcia Anderson and Lee Hickey. Thank you to everyone who helps to keep the sites updated and current.

Marcia Anderson, Chairperson

Sojourners

SOJOURNERS

Sojourners did not meet in 2022, but we did pay for the video study "The Rock, the Road, and the Rabbi" by Kathie Lee Gifford. The study was led by Millie Sivak and Janette Forsyth.

Sojourners Financial Report

SOJOURNERS FINANCIAL REPORT 2022

<u>Beginning Balance 1/1/2022</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
<u>Total Income 2022</u>	<u>\$978.62</u>
<u>Total Expenditures 2022</u>	<u>\$101.90</u>
<u>Total Ending Balance 12/31/2022</u>	<u>\$876.72</u>

Stewardship Committee

Stewardship Annual Report for 2022

The official members of the Stewardship committee are Eric Chigbrow, Lianna Gaskins, and Joe Hoseck, but all of us as a congregation are members.

Stewardship is the responsibility to manage or take care of something. As Christians we believe that God has made all of us stewards of the world he made. We as a congregation have spent the last year looking at various ways that we as a group and as individuals can be better stewards. We have started an aluminum can recycling program, a pill bottle recycling, and a plastic bag collection program. The church has upgraded our lights to more energy saving lights and replaced some light fixtures that had the potential of starting a fire. We also had moments for mission that gave us insight into ways we can personally improve our community. These ranged from encouraging solar and wind power projects to picking up after our pets using paper bags instead of plastic.

The main idea behind these programs is to remind us that God sent us to spread his message and we can only do that by being involved in the community around us. We do that in part by our mission programs such as the tremendous support that was given to the Intermountain Christmas program. We also shared our love and support to the homeless both through our church and several of our members giving time and blankets to those in need.

Christian Stewardship is more than money in the offering tray. It is love and concern for those around us, be they friends or total strangers that we may or may not ever meet. That being said we still need to financially support the operations of our church. Thank you to everybody that has returned a pledge card, that information is critical to plan what we as a church can do for the year. The Per Capita amount has risen to \$63.50 for 2023, again thank you to those that are able to cover this cost along with your pledge. Lastly a reminder that there are financial advantages to long term planning that includes leaving financial gifts to the church both in your wills and during your retirement years.

I give thanks for this congregation even though we are small in number we are big in heart and with God's guidance we will continue to do his work in great and small ways.

Bless you all,

Eric Chigbrow, Stewardship committee moderator.

Worship Committee

WORSHIP Annual Report 2022

Christian Worship gives all glory and honor, praise and thanksgiving to the holy, triune God. We are gathered in worship to glorify the God who is present and active among us – particularly through the gifts of Word and Sacrament. We are sent out in service to glorify the same God who is present and active in the world.

W-1.0101 Presbyterian Book of Order: Glory to God

Following a time of transition for Sunrise Presbyterian Church and still navigating the Covid pandemic, 2022 proved to be a busy and productive year in the area of Worship. Due to an unexpected occurrence of covid affecting our pastor and others, however, no Worship service was conducted on January 9, 2022, as approved by our Session.

We give thanks for the blessing of our Pastor Jessica Crane Munoz, our pianists Kim Peachy and Margaret Nitschke who, together, seamlessly enhanced our worship experience. The addition of the voices of our liturgists Marica Anderson, Pam Chigbrow, Ruth Hickey, Joe and Beth Hoseck, Travis and Tana Harp, Millie Sivak, Carol Stilli, Ember Woods, Janette Forsyth, and John DeVoss broadened many of our services throughout the year. Thank you also for the few faithful choir souls who lifted voices under the direction of Margaret Nitschke during Lent and Laura Deitrick during Advent.

We were blessed also to have several additional people share messages with us to bring new insights from our community. Among those were Jim McCormick from the Great Falls Rescue Mission, Andrew Morrow from the Childbridge organization, Terry Cheney from Intermountain, Rev. Tim Lanham from Glacier Camp, and Benefis Chaplain Rev. Richard Brennan.

Gratitude is expressed for Holy Week Matins which was conducted for the 52nd time in 53 years with messages delivered by Tana Harp, Loren Smith, Ruth Hickey and Millie Sivak April 11-15, 2022. Breakfast was also served by various members and enjoyed by many. Covid curtailed the activity in 2020.

In addition to the Matins, special services throughout the year to worship our Lord included Communion prepared by our deacons and shared on the second Sunday of each month. Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday with a Tenebrae service, Rogation Sunday, Pentecost, Columbarium benches dedication, Reformation Sunday, Memorial/Necrology Sunday, Hanging of the Greens, Christmas Eve candlelight service and a Christmas day service were all meaningful and special services.

Thanks to Todd Sivak, all our services were available on Facebook and later YouTube each Sunday for those unable to attend in person. We give thanks for Luana Sturtz who kept our facility brightened with decorative touches throughout until her move to Lewistown mid-year. Todd Sivak took over those duties upon her departure and we thank him for capably stepping in with his decorating and creative skills. As a part of the Hanging of the Greens service at the beginning of Advent, Chrismon decorations, which were created for the main Christmas tree by Todd Sivak, were introduced by Pastor Jessica and liturgists. Again, we thank Todd for sharing his creative ability.

Thank you to Pastor Jessica, Ember Woods, Janette Forsyth, Travis Harp, and Millie Sivak who served on this committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Millie Sivak
[Investment Committee](#)

Annual Investment Committee Report January 18th, 2023
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1. The church has two separate investments at the end of 2022 and they are as follows. (All values are as of December 31st, 2022)

A. DA Davidson - \$112,467.77

B. RBC Wealth Management - \$252,289.10

2. The Investment at DA Davidson consists primarily of Conoco Phillips Petroleum Stock and a Mutual Fund Account.
- A. We are fortunate that this Investment actually rose in value even though very few others did. Reason? The Conoco Phillips Stock.
- B. For reference, the overall value of this Investment increased from \$101,187.64 (December 23rd, 2021) to its current value of \$112,467.77 (December 31st, 2022) 3. The Investment at RBC Wealth Management earned a total of \$5,921.00 in the year 2022. This “earned money” is from dividends, interest, etc. There are several details relative to this investment and they are noted below.
- A. First and foremost, the year 2022 was a very rough year in the Investment Business and the Investment Economy. Needless to say, this hasn’t spelled well for Retirees or people living off of Retirement Funds, etc. All of the markets were down in 2022. The S&P and DOW were down nearly 20%.
- B. Because of this Investment, our investment has dropped in Value from what it was last year. This is common in the Investment Market and the key is to wait until the Markets come back up, which they probably will over the next few years. There is no use being coy about this, but Elections and Government spending have a lot to do with this.
- C. At this point, the “projected” Income for the year 2023 will be \$6,463.00. For reference, in past years, we have often made \$14,000-\$16,000 per year in Income. Again, this depends on the Market and a lot of Government Policies.
- D. In closing, all of the donors that supplied these Investments, clearly specified they were not to be used to fund the operations of the Church. They were to be used to improve Church growth, to grow income, etc. but were not to be used to fund day-to-day or month-to-month expenses. As such, the Investment Committee fully supports the wishes of the donors that made the Investments that are listed here.
- E. Saying this another way, Church operations means paying electric bills, heating bills, pastor’s salary, etc. Using these stocks to pay “operation bills” will financially eat the Church from the inside out. If anyone has any questions, don’t hesitate to contact the author, Loren Smith.

Thank you,
Loren Smith

General Account Profit and Loss for 2022

Sunrise Presbyterian Church Profit & Loss

January through December 2022 Ordinary Income/Expense Income

Interest & Dividend 7,082.16
41500 · Benevolence Offerings 1,000.00
41800 · Building Fund 146.00
46100 · Mission Offerings Specified 1,266.25
46100 · Mission Offerings - Other 2,436.35
Total 46100 · Mission Offerings 3,702.60
47000 · Pledges 100,518.85
49100 · Special Services Income 90.00
49500 · Tithes/Offerings 2,792.20
Total Income **115,331.81**

Expense

Special Offering Expense 363.00
6005 · Mission Giving
6010 · General Assembly Mission 29.98
6025 · Glacier Camp 1,250.00
6030 · Seminary Support 500.00
6035 · Local Mission 4,520.95
6040 · Mission Expenses 520.74
6045 · Special Mission Project 4,371.11
6005 · Mission Giving - Other 210.50
Total 6005 · Mission Giving 11,403.28

6050 · Pastor Benefits
6057 · Professional Expenses 755.85
6055 · Pastor Salary 42,000.00
6060 · Housing 3,000.00
6075 · Study Leave/Continued Education 673.07
6080 · Pension/Major Medical/Death 24,375.00
Total 6050 · Pastor Benefits 70,803.92

6180 · Administration Expenses
6195 · Session Supplies 114.61
6200 · Office Supplies 966.78
6205 · Copy Machine 263.74
6207 · Secretarial Travel 528.75
6210 · Postage and Delivery 1,296.14
6215 · Insurance Expense 10,881.00
6220 · Telephone Expense 718.80
6222 · Technology Expense 771.73
6225 · Bank Service Charges 284.61
6230 · Computer and Internet Expense 1,240.87
6235 · Dues and Subscriptions 201.79

6240 · Professional Fees 265.00
6245 · Miscellaneous 90.66
6247 · Admin Unbudgeted Expenses 367.97

Total 6180 · Administration Expenses 17,992.45
Jan - Dec 22

6250 · Building & Grounds
6251 · Janitorial Expense 298.81
6252 · Janitorial Services 5,280.00
6255 · Gas - Church 3,251.65
6256 · Gas - Manse 679.01
6260 · Electric - Church 2,158.69
6261 · Electric - Manse 682.77
6265 · Water - Church 2,495.74
6266 · Water - Manse 1,059.13
6270 · Building Supply 87.89
6275 · Repairs & Maintenance 943.38
6285 · Manse upkeep 835.18
6290 · Manse Taxes 103.32
6295 · Church Taxes 682.77
6305 · Landscaping Expenses 2,669.26
6310 · Small Tools and Equipment 2.49
6315 · License & Permits 598.00
Total 6250 · Building & Grounds 21,828.09

6320 · Presbytery
6325 · Presbytery Meetings 576.14
6330 · Per Capita 7,130.00
Total 6320 · Presbytery 7,706.14

6340 · Christian Education
6345 · Curriculum 29.07
6365 · Faith Adventures 214.00
6340 · Christian Education - Other 150.09
Total 6340 · Christian Education 393.16

6390 · Outreach (Evangelism) 65.34
6395 · Fellowship/Outreach
6400 · Fellowship 287.97
6410 · Kitchen Supply 207.36
6415 · Holy Week Breakfast 39.10
6425 · Publicity 15.00
6395 · Fellowship/Outreach - Other 287.18
Total 6395 · Fellowship/Outreach 836.61

6430 · Stewardship 325.48
6445 · Worship
6460 · Choir Music 41.10
6465 · Piano Tuning / Repair 222.50
6475 · Worship Supplies 378.29
6445 · Worship - Other 39.32

Total 6445 · Worship 681.21
6480 · Deacons
6485 · Supplies 0.00
6480 · Deacons - Other 500.00
Total 6480 · Deacons 500.00

6505 · Columbarium Expense 1,195.00

66000 · Payroll Expenses
Choir Director 3,210.00
Direct Deposit Fees 126.00
Organist 6,390.00
Secretary/Treasurer 16,086.50

Taxes
FICA 5,178.02
FUTA 174.90
SUTA 765.44
Total Taxes 6,118.36
Work Comp 544.18
Total Payroll Expenses 32,475.04

Total Expense 166,568.72
Net Ordinary Income -51,236.91

Other Income/Expense

Online Donations 23,424.17
Church Rent 125.00
Per Capita 2,162.50
Refunds 425.06
Other Receipts - Other 425.97
Total Other Income 26,562.70

Net Income -24,674.21

Budget 2022, 2023

Expense	2022 Budget	2023 Budget
Mission Giving		
General Assembly Mission		
Synod Mission		
Presbytery Mission		
Seminary Support	500	0
Glacier Camp	1,250	1250
Local Mission	4000	4500
Mission Expenses		
Special Mission Project	2000	2000
	7750	7750
Pastor Benefits		
Pastor Salary	42000	42000
Manse Furnishings	3000	3000
Utility Allowance	3000	
Rental Value Manse	12000	
Housing Equity Allowance	2000	2000
Travel Allowance	2000	1500
Con Ed/Study Leave	1100	1100
Pension/Med/Death	22000	22000
Dental option	975	975
Prof Expense	1100	1100
	89175	73675
Payroll Expenses		
	2022 Budget	2023 Budget
Secretary - 12 mos, 1300 hr	16900	17000
Choir director	2880	2280
Organist/Pianist	6680	6875
Summer accompanist		
Substitute/guest		
Child care	1170	1170
Custodial contract		
Personnel contingency	500	
Taxes	4200	5780
Workers comp Insurance	350	600
direct payroll deposit fees	150	150
	32830	33855
Administration Expense		
	2022 Budget	2023 Budget
Computer/Internet	2500	2000
Technology Expense	0	600
Copy Machine	0	600
Session Supplies	200	200

Office Supplies	1800	1800
Postage & Delivery	2600	2600
Insurance	10000	11500
Telephone	850	850
Dues & Subscriptions	800	300
Professional Fees	4500	6000
Secretary Travel	720	925
Bank Service Charges	0	100
Admin Unbudgeted Expense		
Miscellaneous	300	300
	24270	27775

Building & Grounds

Gas - Church	2600	2900
Gas - Manse	400	700
Electric - Church	2200	2000
Electric - Manse	600	600
Water - Church	2400	2400
Water - Manse	1000	1000
Building Supply	400	400
Custodial Contract	5300	5280
Janitorial Expense	300	300
Repairs and Maintenance	1500	1500
Columbarium		
Licenses & Permits	500	500
Church County Fees	1500	
Manse County Fees	250	
Snow Removal	1500	
Landscaping Expenses	900	900
	21350	18480

Presbytery

Presbytery Meetings	500	500
Per Capita	7254	6100
	7754	6600

Christian Education		
Curriculum	500	500
VBS	200	200
Glacier Camp Scholarships	1000	1000
Youth Fellowship	150	150
Logos program	250	0
Supplies	0	100
Christian Ed - other	0	350
Sojourners	200	0
Summer Youth Event	200	0
	2500	2300
Fellowship & Outreach		
Subscriptions	500	0
Publicity	300	300
Fellowship	2000	2000
Kitchen Supply	1000	1000
Holy Week Breakfast	100	200
Spiritual Retreat	300	0
	4200	3500
Stewardship		
Stewardship Supply	750	750
Nominating Committee	100	100
	850	850
Worship		
Copyright License	0	0
Guest Ensembles	0	0
Fill the Pulpit	0	900
Piano Tuning & Repair	0	500
Choir Music	0	150
Piano/Organ music	0	0
Worship Supplies	0	800
	2500	2350
Deacons		
Supplies	300	300
Local Missions	0	
	300	300
	\$ 193,479.00	\$ 177,435.00

Cash and Cash Allowances: Effective Salary \$65,075 comprised of the following

	2022	2023 approved	
Cash Salary	\$42,000	\$44,100	
Rental Value of the Manse	\$12,000*	\$12,000*	Housing is 30% of effective salary. Utilities +/- shall be paid to the church or to the minister as appropriate.
Utilities paid by the Church	\$3,000	\$3,000	
Manse housing Allowance & Furnishings	\$3,000	\$3,000	
Dental and Optical Optional Plans	\$975	\$975	Supplemental medical is included in effective salary
Housing Equity Allowance	\$2,000	\$2,000	Annually while residing in manse
	\$62,975	\$65,075	

Budgeted Expense Amounts:

Mileage	Reimbursable at the IRS Rate
Professional Expenses	\$1,100
Continuing Education	\$1,100, cumulative up to 3 years

Paid Time Off:

4 weeks paid annual vacation
2 weeks paid annual continuing education, cumulative up to 3 years
7 weeks paid maternity leave per occurrence
12 week paid sabbatical for every 6 years of employment**

Self Employment Contributions Act (SECA) of 50% (7.65% of effective salary); this is self-employment tax paid by ministers. Minister is responsible for the other 50%. These amounts will be withheld by the church and paid directly to the Social Security Administration. SECA offset is not included in terms of call unless it exceeds 50%.