

Sunrise Presbyterian Church

Annual Report 2023

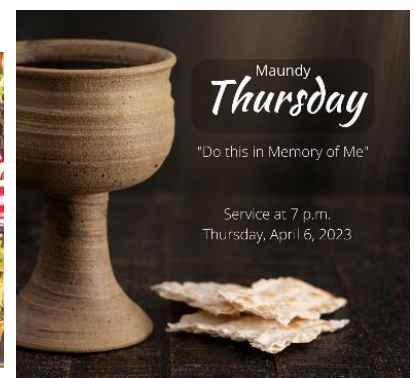


Annual Congregational Meeting Jan 28th, 2024

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2023 Year in Review



Remember:
You are dust,
and to dust you shall return



Annual 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

Approval of Minister's Terms of Call

Motion to close the Annual Congregational Meeting

Prayer and Adjournment

Pastor's Report

January 2024

Dear Friends,

Perhaps sometime well in the future, people will look back at church annual reports like ours and wonder: did folks know that the church was changing?

Yes, we do.

We've known for a while now that the church is changing.

Our annual reports reflect only the top layer of the change, with fewer members, fewer baptisms, fewer confirmation students (okay, zero confirmation students). But our primary report remains unchanged: our committees are working, our deacons and elders are functioning. The annual report could easily be substituted for one from 20 years ago with little change, other than technology references.

And perhaps those historians in the future will wonder: if they knew the church was changing, why didn't they do anything about it?

Our answer may be: do what, exactly?

It is one thing to recognize that we are living in a moment of change. It's another thing entirely to know what to do about that change.

A few months ago in worship, on Reformation Sunday, we looked at some of the reformers of the 1500s – the last time the Church made sweeping changes that affected everything from the ground up. Some reformers worked within existing structures, some created new structures, and some critiqued from the sidelines. Some bankrolled changes, and others offered support.

As important as these reformers were, I'm not sure how many of them were aware of the impact they would have on the future of the Church. *We often aren't aware of the true bright stars and shining lights of history until decades, and even centuries, have passed.*

As we live now in a changing church, and a changing world, we are faced with deciding how we will approach the years to come. Will we embrace change? Will we continue to do things how we have always done them? Will we sacrifice our values to remain culturally relevant? These questions and more all arise as we look to the future.

In such a moment, it becomes important to define what values are most important to us. It becomes equally important to define what makes us who we are. This takes critical thinking, and time: time for reflection and time for conversation. But in a world that changes every moment, we do not have time to tarry. The old Presbyterian joke, "If you want to kill an idea, form a committee for it" cannot apply here.

Careful study = yes. Time for discernment = yes. Time to wait and see? = no.

Without panic, we must look around to see what is happening in mainline denominations. They are shrinking. The number of people going into ministry through our seminaries is also shrinking. More than that, the number people who are going into ministry through our seminaries who wish to serve in churches after graduation is shrinking even faster. Seminary graduates are now seeking out non-profit and teaching jobs, sometimes over and above congregational ministry.

Why? What does this mean?



The Church is changing.

We don't know what it's changing into, or what it will become. But we know that there are still people who believe in God and who still believe that faith is important. We embrace that. Where people are believing in God, the church can be present. (Though it may not look like it does now.)

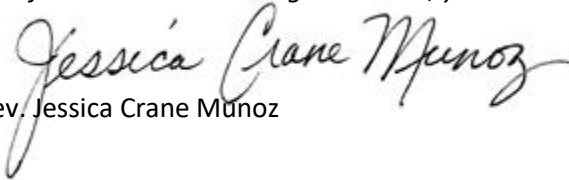
God's faithfulness to us will not fade or change. The way we are faithful to God might.

For most of us, faith that has been defined through Sunday worship, coffee fellowship, children's Sunday school, and monthly committee meetings. It's time to look now at all the ways we have defined faith to see where God is leading us into the future.

To be relevant in the future, we must start the hard work now. We begin discernment. We begin trying new things. We begin experimenting with old things. We hold onto the traditions that are most meaningful, and begin new traditions for new generations of believers.

And WE NEED YOU. Your opinion is important to us. Your help is vital. Your feedback counts.

As we embark on this new year, and celebrate the year behind us, we can indeed offer thanks to God for God's continued, and continual, faithfulness to us. *"The Lord exists for ever; your word is firmly fixed in heaven. Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast."* Psalm 199:89-90


Rev. Jessica Crane Munoz



2023 Christian Education Committee Annual Report

This past year, the primary focus of the Christian Education Committee was on continuing to build and implement the weekly children's Sunday School program. The Sunrise Sunday School group met most weeks during the school year, and had attendance between 3 and 9 students each week. Students ranged in age from 4 to 10. Rowena FitzGerald was a teacher along with Erica Rusinski. This year, no curriculum was purchased. Teachers worked with the pastor to follow and expand upon weekly sermon topics.

Throughout 2023, numerous individuals and groups contributed to Christian Education at Sunrise. Todd Sivak supported our work for the children's Christmas program, and multiple committees were involved in activities that included and enriched children's Christian Education at Sunrise, including the Easter Egg Hunt last spring and the craft event in December. Pastor Jessica also planned and included our students in the Children's Sabbath service in the fall.

In the coming year, we hope to continue to build the Christian Education program at Sunrise. We would like to find more ways to include our children in worship throughout the year. We also hope to continue to investigate the possibility of a Vacation Bible School or other Summer program for students.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Rusinski, elder

Clerk of Session

Communicant Membership as of January 1, 2023 90

Additions: 4 Daniel Petersen, Susan Petersen, Shirley Gearhart, Carol Stilli

Subtractions: 4 James "Woody" Woods, Lois Johnson, Mary Kraft, Steve Stevens

Communicant Membership as of December 31, 2023 90

Membership Services:

Baptisms 0

Marriages 0

Session Members:

Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Eric Chigbrow	Travis Harp	Norman Anderson	Dale Lambert
Erica Rusinski	Lee Hickey	Scott Shull	Erica Rusinski
	Lianna Gaskins	Joe Hoseck	Carol Stilli

Deacons:

Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Ruth Hickey	Marilyn Andrews	Pam Chigbrow	Maribeth Doan
Bill McCullough	Janette Forsyth	Beth Hoseck	Tana Harp
Dixy Paronto	Ember Woods	Sandy Lambert	Jacinte McCullough

Board of Trustees for 2023

President: Travis Harp; Vice President: Scott Shull, Secretary: Millie Sivak; Treasurer: Lianna Gaskins

Nominating Committee:

Chair: Scott Shull, Deacon Representative: Marilyn Andrews, At-large: Lisa Shull, Millie Sivak, Eric Chigbrow, Pam Chigbrow

Clerk of Session:

Millie Sivak

Presbytery Representative:

Primary: Scott Shull, Alternative: Eric Chigbrow

Presbytery COM Member:

Pam Chigbrow

Interim Presbytery Stated Clerk:

Bob Kampfner

Glacier Camp Board:

Joe Hoseck, Loren Smith

Personnel/Administration Committee

2023 Personnel/Administration Committee Annual Report

2023 has been a year of steadiness in relation to personnel and administration.

Sarah Bishop has continued to anchor the office. She continues to be a perfect fit for our church by managing the daily operations of the office in addition to working on the directory for the presbytery and still managing to eagerly help with our special events like the Halloween trick or treating and the winter children's crafting. We are particularly blessed to have Sarah in our family.

Janette Forsyth and Bill McCullough have continued to manage our offering counting through the year. We want to express our gratitude for each of them volunteering their time and skills to ensure this important task is managed consistently.

Kim Peachy and Margaret Nitschke continue to bless us each week and for special events with their inspirational gift of music. We are truly a blessed congregation to be able to experience the powerful expression of our faith and worship through the immersive piano playing they both provide. Thank you, ladies!

Our choir made the decision to disband due to several factors early in the year. Due to that change, Laura Detrick, our choir director was no longer needed. This turned out to be a blessing for her though as her personal and work schedules were ramping up at that time. We did sever the professional contract, but continue to call Laura a friend of the church.

Todd Sivak has continued to provide his technical expertise for our Sunday service broadcasts to Facebook Live and YouTube. Our online service presence is increasing and growing; and Todd deserves much of that credit. Our Facebook presence is growing as well with frequent posts by the page administrators.

Additionally, we need to recognize the continued strengths Pastor Jessica brings to our daily administration. Thank you for keeping our church current on technologies and upgrades that are needed to ensure we are moving forward in a way that continues to keep us relevant and timely in this ever-changing world.

Thank you Sarah, Janette, Bill, Kim, Margaret, Laura, Todd, Jessica, and all the others who take time to ensure our church administration happens in a positive way and work to take care of our personnel.

With gratitude,

Lianna Gaskins, elder

2023 Annual Report
Buildings and Grounds Committee
Sunrise Presbyterian Church

2023 has been another year filled with projects in and around Sunrise! From the easily seen results at the church and manse, to the taken-for-granted and otherwise invisible chores, the Sunrise family has been busy. First and foremost, we 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 everyone's help - you are what makes Sunrise such a special place!

Chronological projects and notable items addressed and completed during the year include:

- ** A winter malfunction of the church thermostat caused fluctuations of the interior temperatures, and after adjustment and reset, normal operation was reestablished.
- ** A bookcase was assembled after donation, and placed in the pastor's office.
- ** Motion activated security lighting was installed in both the front and rear of the church
- ** Rotted pipes under the kitchen sink at the manse were replaced
- ** A memorial bench in memory of James "Woody" Woods was placed near the entry of the columbarium, and another concrete bench moved to a spot along the front sidewalk to the sanctuary.
- ** Pews on the right side of the sanctuary were reconfigured to make room for a wheelchair accessible space adjacent to the aisle.
- ** The piano in the sanctuary was moved to a position in front of the choir loft.
- ** A broken/worn out toilet at the manse was replaced
- ** A wiring issue in the nursery area of the church leading to the exit door necessitated replacement/upgrade of some old and damaged wiring by Cascade Electric
- ** Kitchen and dining room windows in the manse were replaced.
- ** New vinyl flooring was installed in the dining area of the manse.
- ** 4 Security Cameras and a Roomba Robot-Vacuum were purchased for use at Sunrise.
- ** As the oven/range at the manse failed and required costly repair, a replacement was obtained and installed.
- ** An electrical plug was installed at the 6th Ave S. lighted sign

Along with mowing, trimming, and grounds upkeep, snow removal continues to be handled entirely on a volunteer basis. With the relatively light snowfall we've experienced this winter, this approach has worked satisfactorily so far - however, it may be necessary to obtain a snow removal contract for the rear parking lot. The coming year will also see the initiation of a program in which church volunteers will fulfill our janitorial needs at Sunrise - their time and effort will be greatly appreciated.

Again, special thanks to all who have assisted in any aspect of Sunrise's upkeep and maintenance, or undertaken a task to improve things at the church or manse. Every day, week, and month finds a new project or voluntary action taken by a church member or friend to fix or upgrade something, and with our changing and challenging budgetary constraints, your help has, and will be greatly appreciated

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Hickey - elder
Travis Harp - elder

2023 Sunrise Presbyterian Church Board of Deacons Annual Report

In 2023 the Deacons diligently fulfilled 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. The demands were many as our congregation ages, but they were always on call to answer prayer requests and to offer words of hope. As Sunrise Church hosted Presbytery on Feb. 24-25, the Deacons purchased, prepared, and served lunch for approximately 50 Presbytery representatives. They also helped with set up for the various activities, registration, clean up, and communion preparation.

THOSE SERVING WERE:

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

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

Class of 2025: Pam Chigbrow, Sandy Lambert, Beth Hoseck

Moderator: Ember Woods

Secretary/Treasurer: Janette Forsyth

Deacon Rep. to the Nominating Committee: Marilyn Andrews

Deacon Rep. to the Mission Committee: Dixy Paronto

COMMUNION

Communion preparation continues to be one of the ways Deacons serve our church. Communion was served on the 2nd Sunday of each month as well as specially designated celebration services. Home-bound communion visits were offered, when possible, for the recipients and Pastor Jessica on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

SUNSHINE LADY

The sunshine lady has been an integral part of the Sunrise ministry. In 2023 Ruth Hickey sent out 538 cards to those in our church family and Sunrise friends who were in need of a word of encouragement, hope, love, and joy. After 15 years (6,422 cards), Ruth is retiring from this position at the end of 2023, and Pam Chigbrow will assume these duties.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

As Deacons we offer support to those who have lost loved ones. On January 10, Deacons hosted a funeral reception celebrating the life of Jim Woods, serving pie, ice cream, and drinks.

SENIOR GRADUATION

On May 21, the Deacons recognized the GFHS graduation of Wyatt DeVoss, grandson of John and Helen DeVoss, with presentation of a gift card and card.

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. 10 memory books, handmade by the Deacons, containing pictures, scriptures, and personal notes were delivered by the Deacons along with a small bag of cookies. 4 cookie platters were also delivered.

MISSION

A donation of \$500.00 was made toward the purchase of the new office copy machine. Tablecloths in the fellowship hall were repaired and cleaned by the Deacons. Due to slowing attendance, the Coffee Klatch group was assimilated into the Women's Bible Study.

Thanks to these Deacons for their faithful and selfless service!

Respectfully Submitted,

Janette Forsyth, Deacon Secretary

Sunrise Deacons Annual Financial Report 2023

BUDGETED ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance 1/1/2023	\$ 63.35
Total Expenditures 2023	\$ (86.11)
<u>Total Income 2023</u>	<u>\$ 300.00</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/2023	\$ 277.24

DISIGNATED ACCOUNT (ONGOING)

Beginning Balance 1/1/2023	\$1,572.83
Total Expenditures 2023	\$ (759.26)
<u>Total Income 2023</u>	<u>\$ 300.00</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/2023	\$1,113.57

SUNRISE DEACONS ACCOUNT

TOTAL ENDING BALANCE 12/31/2023 **\$1,390.81**

Respectfully submitted,
Janette Forsyth, Deacon Treasurer

Faith And Life Committee Annual Report For 2023

The Faith and Life committee is charged with being the group that provides opportunities for the members of our congregation to come together as a family in Christ.

First, we would like to thank all of the people that have hosted coffee hour every week after church. Bill McCullough makes good coffee and really enjoys washing dishes.

In January and February, we tried doing Courageous Conversations. This is a program that helps teach us to actively listen to what other people are saying without the distraction of thinking about how we are going to respond to them. This sounds confusing as I am writing it but the process is helpful to resolve conflicts between groups with opposing viewpoints.

Some of the events we held this year include:

Palm Sunday Breakfast after church, about 50 people enjoyed breakfast casseroles.

Ash Wednesday soup supper before the church service.

Easter Egg hunt after church on Easter Sunday for the children.

Mother's Day muffins.

Father's Day donuts.

Watching the Voyagers baseball game in July.

End of summer church picnic in August.

Heritage potluck in October.

The Holiday dinner in December.

We also helped on several other events like the Halloween event and the decorating of the church for the Advent season.

Thank you to everybody who has helped with making these events happen and for joining in the fun.

Eric Chigbrow moderator Faith and Life committee.

Nominating Committee

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The Nominating Committee was formed in late October. Its charge was to seek out three Sunrise members to serve three-year terms as Deacons; three members to serve three-year terms as Elders and one member to serve a two-year elder term.

In December, the Congregation elected Maribeth Doan, Tana Harp, and Jacinte McCullough to serve as Deacons for three years. And for Elders, the body elected Dale Lambert, Carol Stilli, and Erica Rusinski to three-year terms, and Joe Hoseck for a two-year term.

The Congregation is grateful for the talents and works of the Deacons who fulfilled their terms: Ruth Hickey, Bill McCullough, and Dixy Paronto. We are also appreciative of the time and service of Elder Eric Chigbrow, who has fulfilled his term.

The Nominating Committee was pleased to have been able to provide a full slate of candidates this year. The committee and the congregation are grateful for the members who were able to answer the call to serve our church.

Thank you to the Nominating Committee for all your input and efforts. This committee included Deacon Marilyn Andrews; Congregational members Millie Sivak, Pam Chigbrow, Lisa Shull, and Eric Chigbrow; and Elder Scott Shull.

Scott Shull, Committee Chairperson

FISH Annual Report

Sunrise Presbyterian's congregation generously donated a total of \$2,401.42 in 2023, which was matched by the Town Pump Challenge.

Our volunteers at FISH this year were John DeVoss, Jacinte McCullough, Eric Chigbrow, Ember Woods, Maribeth Doan, Gervaise Ferry, Janette Forsyth, Tana Harp, Karen Sanders, and Carol Stilli. You are all very much appreciated! Our church usually serves at FISH for one week, every three months.

The Loaves & Fishes Dinner, held by FISH, was a great success. In total, \$3,350 was donated that evening. Mary Kraft and Shirley Roehm donated items to the silent auction and raffle, and Jacinte McCullough donated her time at the dessert table.

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

Thank you,

Maribeth Doan

FISH Financial Report*

<u>Beginning Balance 1/1/2023</u>	<u>\$225.00</u>
<u>Total Income 2023</u>	<u>\$2,454.92</u>
<u>Total Expenditures 2023</u>	<u>\$2,401.42</u>
<u>Total Ending Balance 12/31/2023</u>	<u>\$278.00</u>

* This is our church collection account; this is not the account of the FISH organization.

Mission:

Sunrise hosted the Glacier Presbytery meeting in February and a table was set up to display our mission projects regarding the Environmental Initiative of 2022. Millie Sivak spoke briefly about it at the Presbytery meeting. Parts of the display pointed out the pill bottle collection, aluminum can collection, product exchange, the Crayon Initiative collection from local schools that Sunrise undertook – 8 schools in 2022 and 16 schools in 2023!

In March, the Great Falls police department had a rough couple of weeks in the community. The Mission committee took a care package of coffee, cookies, and other treats to the Great Falls police department as a gesture of support and thank you from Sunrise P.C. for all that they do to keep our community safe. \$67.68

Special offerings were taken for World Water Day \$183.60, One Great Hour of Sharing \$758.88, and Christmas Joy \$505.00.

The Family Promise organization was supported in April with a \$100 gift basket filled with games, popcorn, chocolates and other goodies, put together by Beth Hoseck, for their silent auction fundraiser.

In May and June crayons were collected from sixteen local schools and sorted at Sunrise to send to the Crayon Initiative for melting and reuse in pediatric hospitals around the country.

We had a quiet summer, but in October we again reached out into the community and did a drive-through Halloween trick-or-treat event for special needs children only.

In December we did a free craft event and invited a maximum of 50 children from the community to make Christmas craft items from materials we provided. We had a smaller than expected turnout, but was nevertheless a fun experience for children and volunteers. We thank Harp Financial Group for their support of this event.

The aluminum cans and pill bottle collections are still ongoing as well as plastic grocery bag recycling.

Mission money was donated to the following : Glacier Camp \$625; Emilie Center \$200; ST Vincent DePaul \$200; Intermountain \$240; Child Bridge \$300; and Courtney Arntzen , Missoula Community Chaplin \$500

We also welcomed special mission speakers to join us for worship throughout the year. In 2023, this included Glacier Camp, Family Promise, and the Great Falls Food Bank.

Sunrise, as part of the sustained donors program, donates \$20/month to Intermountain.

Memorials:

Memorial monies received during this past year were received in memory of James “Woody” Woods, Bud Hovey, Genevieve Grant (Barb Hickey’s mother), and Mary Kraft.

Money expended from Memorials helped purchase a Columbarium bench, two planters, plaques, and delivery of those items. Money was also applied toward the purchase of the new copier/printer for the Sunrise Church

office. Funds were sent to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program in memory of Donn and Norma Wimmer and Phyllis Maxwell. Memorials helped with manse window replacement.

We give thanks to God for these gifts and the work given to us in Mission projects.

Submitted by Millie Sivak and Scott Shull

Sunrise Cottage Financial Report

<u>Beginning Balance 1/1/2023</u>	<u>\$540.00</u>
<u>Interest Income 2023</u>	<u>\$0.85</u>
<u>Total Expenditures 2023</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
<u>Total Ending Balance 12/31/2023</u>	<u>\$540.85</u>

Outreach and Social Media

Outreach and Social Media has changed over the past year, at least in terms of functionality. Outreach will be officially part of Faith and Life and Mission starting in 2024.

Social Media has in many ways become a function of administration, while still being maintained by individuals within the congregation.

For Facebook, Luana Sturtz and Pastor Jessica handle daily and weekly posts, keeping the page active and up-to-date. Todd Sivak livestreams the worship service to Facebook each week. We have 4-7 households who watch each week during the livestream, sometimes as many as 12 households on a Sunday morning. Others access the recorded video later on Sunday or throughout the week. We frequently have people watching from other states – family and friends who are keeping up with Sunrise! Important calendar updates and special events are posted to Facebook. We also have done some small advertising through Facebook for special events and special services, targeting the Great Falls area.

For YouTube, Todd Sivak weekly posts the service online following the Sunday worship service. While this media source does not have a large presence, there are 1-3 people who access worship through YouTube each week.

One particular joy this year was learning that the Whitlash Presbyterian Church often is able to join us online. We now email them the bulletin each week and any particulars of the upcoming service that may allow them to follow along. While we don't know exactly which weeks they join us, it is frequent, and we are always glad to have them with us digitally.

Sojourners

Sojourners Financial Report

<u>Beginning Balance 1/1/2023</u>	<u>\$876.72</u>
<u>Total Income 2023</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
<u>Total Expenditures 2023</u>	<u>\$551.00</u>
<u>Total Ending Balance 12/31/2023</u>	<u>\$325.72</u>

Stewardship Committee Annual Report For 2023.

2023 seems to have been the year of good stewardship at Sunrise Presbyterian church.

We asked and you answered in generosity. Thank you! Looking at the 2024 budget, we had anticipated a large shortfall. Your generous support has helped to close the gap. Pledging and anticipated 2024 giving is up 20% from the prior year. While this won't entirely eliminate our budget shortfall, it makes a HUGE difference.

The 2022 pledge campaign received more pledge dollars than the 2021 campaign. The 2023 campaign received more pledge dollars than the 2022 campaign. The 2023 pledges also contained a large number of pledges being increased from the previous year. This is good news, but we still have more expenses than we have income projected so the Session will continue to work on creative ideas to control expenses.

This year the Session decided that we should consolidate our two investment advisors into one company to make it easier to manage. When we did this, we used some of the long-term profit from those accounts to cover some of our deficit in the budget.

Two big special giving projects this year were the new printer/copier for the church office and the new lawn sprinkler system for the Glacier camp. Thank you to everybody who saw the need and was able to help raise these funds.

Stewardship goes beyond pledges.

Your financial giving, your volunteer time, your donated supplies, and labor, all come together to support and sustain Sunrise Presbyterian Church. Through you, we are able to share and spread the Good News of Jesus Christ in our congregation and in the wider community.

Eric Chigbrow, moderator Stewardship committee.

Worship Committee Annual Report 2023

In a year that has been more normal than the past several (with Covid, etc), we begin with a thank you to Pastor Jessica, Kim Peachy (accompanist), Margaret Nitschke (accompanist), and Sarah Bishop (secretary) who have done so much to create the climate of worship with which we've been blessed in this past year.

We have also been blessed with a longer list of congregation members who have assisted as liturgists and help with special readings in the variety of different services that Jessica planned. We can also be grateful to the several people who have helped with candle lighting, and to the deacons who provide us with the elements of a meaningful communion each month. As one can see, worship involves a number of people who enhance the services each week.

For guests and pulpit supply, we welcomed our former pastor Rev. Tim Lanham, Chaplain Richard Brennan, interim General Presbytery Rev. Chuck Carlson, and moment for mission speakers.

As in the past, members of the congregation led us during Holy Week Matins—the 53rd time we've celebrated Holy Week this way in the past 54 years. The leaders for 2023 were Janette Forsyth and Jacinte McCullough, Tana Harp, Millie Sivak, Loren Smith, Ruth and Marcia Anderson. We followed each Matins service with breakfast as is tradition as well.

We had about 12 special services in 2023. Among them were Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Pentecost, Children's Sabbath, Reformation Sunday, the Memorial-Necrology Sunday, World Communion, Christmas Eve candlelight service, and a Twelve Days of Christmas service.

Once again, thanks to the hard and dutiful work of Todd Sivak who ensures our services are streamed each week on Facebook and then posted on YouTube for those unable to attend in person. We have welcomed the Presbyterian church in Whitlash into our services online as they continue without a pastor. Todd has also added his sense of style and design to add color and decoration to enhance the different seasons in our sanctuary. In addition, this past year saw the piano moved and the chancel rearranged for the Advent season. With able help from members of the Session, we also provided space among the pews for wheelchair access.

As we look forward to 2024, we hope to maintain variety in our services and we look forward to more members willing to assist in leading our services. We also look forward to enhancing our ability to reach those who cannot attend in person by improving the quality of our videos on Facebook and YouTube.

We offer a special thanks to Pastor Jessica, Millie Sivak, Travis Harp and Norman Anderson who served on this committee in 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Anderson, elder

Investment Committee Report 2023

The past year was a financially trying one for the church. Our members were very generous with their financial contributions. But we still had more expenses than income. Fortunately, our investments earned more income than we had previously estimated. Our projected 2023 investment earnings were \$6,463.00. But our actual 2023 investment income was \$14,048.44. (Dividends, Interest)

We decided to consolidate our two investment accounts into one this year. We transferred the DA Davidson account to RBC Wealth Management. Besides simplification, having more assets with the more attentive advisor should create better results.

We were advised to sell the Conoco Phillips stock and did so in October at a healthy gain. The brokerage did not list the original gifted value of the stock, but I believe it to have been \$16,000.00 – \$18,000.00. It was sold for \$44,567.99. Most of the proceeds have been reinvested in a US Govt Fund and are currently yielding around 5%.

The Session voted to use some of the income the two accounts have generated over the last few years to help with the budget shortfall. We were cognizant not to use the original principal the donors had gifted. We transferred \$24,313.60 of earnings over the summer and fall. During the year, the Session also approved use of some undesignated funds within the Memorials Plus account that are believed to be interest earnings from previous investments.

Brokerage Investments Value at the beginning of 2023 was \$364,756.87.

Brokerage Investments Accrued Value at the end of 2023 was \$368,049.64.

The investments performed well enough to enable us to withdraw funds and still finish with a larger ending balance.

I would be happy to visit with anyone who may have questions.

Scott Shull, elder

Memorials 2023

Replacement and Installation of Windows at the Manse (2022 installation, paid Jan 2023) - \$2,960.00

Double G Engraving Bench Plaque - \$190.00, Jim Woods Memorial

Fagenstrom Co. Concrete Bench - \$470, Jim Woods Memorial

Fagenstrom Co. Flower Pot - \$215, Jim Woods Memorial

Fagenstrom Co. Flower Pot - \$215, William Harp Memorials

Fagenstrom Co. Delivery Fee - \$100.00, Jim Woods Memorial

Double G Engraving Plaque - \$19.42, Jim Woods Memorial

Flowers for Church - \$25.00

Replacement and Installation of Windows at the Manse 2023 - \$1,820.00

Outside Outlet at Sign - \$286.00, Jim Woods Memorial

Total Memorial Expenditures: \$6,300.42

Sunrise Presbyterian Church PCUSA
Statement of Activity
 January - December 2023

		Total
Revenue		
46100 Mission Offerings		3,865.63
Specified		357.25
Total 46100 Mission Offerings	\$	4,222.88
47000 Contributions		105,648.46
Online Donations		42,419.70
Per Capita		1,483.00
Total 47000 Contributions	\$	149,551.16
49500 Tithes/Offerings		1,903.00
Total Revenue	\$	155,677.04
Gross Profit	\$	155,677.04
Expenditures		
6000 Uncategorized Expenses		0.00
6005 Mission Giving		532.54
6025 Glacier Camp		625.00
6035 Local Mission		203.52
6040 Mission Expenses		1,393.10
6045 Special Mission Project		374.11
Total 6005 Mission Giving	\$	3,128.27
6050 Pastor Benefits		6,423.45
6055 Pastor Salary		49,073.72
6057 Professional Expenses		1,303.30
6060 Housing		3,000.00
6061 Housing Equity		4,164.00
6075 Study Leave/Continued Education		966.70
6080 Pension/Major Medical/Death		25,460.12
6105 Medical Supplemental		0.00
Total 6050 Pastor Benefits	\$	90,391.29
6180 Administration Expenses		116.15
6195 Session Supplies		558.53
6200 Office Supplies		638.46
6205 Copy Machine		8,415.66
6207 Secretarial Travel		326.59
6210 Postage and Delivery		2,490.75
6215 Insurance Expense		16,136.00
6220 Telephone Expense		718.80
6222 Technology Expense		767.99
6225 Bank Service Charges		177.34
6230 Computer and Internet Expense		839.88
6235 Dues and Subscriptions		453.70
6240 Professional Fees		65.00

6245 Miscellaneous		355.04
6247 Admin Unbudgeted Expenses		42.87
Total 6180 Administration Expenses	\$	32,102.76
6250 Building & Grounds		
6251 Janitorial Expense		191.25
6252 Janitorial Services		5,280.00
6255 Gas - Church		3,625.08
6256 Gas - Manse		713.97
6260 Electric - Church		1,978.36
6261 Electric - Manse		944.29
6265 Water - Church		2,534.63
6266 Water - Manse		993.35
6270 Building Supply		62.91
6275 Repairs & Maintenance		1,036.05
6285 Manse upkeep		1,277.40
6290 Manse Taxes		334.98
6295 Church Taxes		2,213.50
6300 Capital Improvements		125.42
6305 Landscaping Expenses		564.94
6310 Small Tools and Equipment		159.98
6315 License & Permits		138.00
Total 6250 Building & Grounds	\$	22,174.11
6320 Presbytery		
6325 Presbytery Meetings		413.19
6330 Per Capita		5,905.50
Total 6320 Presbytery	\$	6,318.69
6340 Christian Education		
6345 Curriculum		208.74
6375 Bibles		256.58
Total 6340 Christian Education	\$	677.06
63400 Interest Expense		-8.02
6395 Fellowship/Outreach		134.59
6400 Fellowship		707.86
6410 Kitchen Supply		301.81
6425 Publicity		545.51
Total 6395 Fellowship/Outreach	\$	1,689.77
6445 Worship		381.16
6450 Guest Ensemble / Pianist		125.00
6460 Choir Music		43.79
6465 Piano Tuning / Repair		354.10
6475 Worship Supplies		689.57
Total 6445 Worship	\$	1,593.62
6480 Deacons		330.45
66000 Payroll Expenses		
Choir Pianist		8,495.00
Secretary/Treasurer		14,876.25
Taxes		1,984.82
Work Comp		1,303.68

Total 66000 Payroll Expenses	\$	26,659.75
6700 Undesignated Memorial Plus		
Special Offering Expense		2,212.37
Total Expenditures	\$	187,270.12
Net Operating Revenue	-\$	31,593.08
Other Revenue		
Interest, dividends and capital gain distributions		14,275.51
Other Receipts		
Church Rent		1,035.00
Refunds		6,489.32
Total Other Receipts	\$	7,524.32
Total Other Revenue	\$	21,799.83
Net Other Revenue	\$	21,799.83
Net Revenue	-\$	9,793.25

Budget 2023, 2024

Acct/Comm	Income	2023 budget	2024 budget
Memorial +	46100 Mission Offerings		
Memorial +	Specified		
Memorial +	Total 46100 Mission Offerings		
Intestments	7001 Unrealized gains/losses on investments		
	- Money Market Interest Earnings		200.00
	- Memorials Plus CD Interest		1,500.00
	- RBC Stock interest		13,640.00
Intestments	Interest, dividends and capital gain distributions		
General Fund	47000 Contributions		
General Fund	Online Donations		1,500.00
General Fund	Per Capita		
General Fund	49100 Special Services Income		
General Fund	49500 Tithes/Offerings	140,475.00	148,000.00
General Fund	In kind donation--accounting	6,000.00	6,000.00
General Fund	Church Rent		
General Fund	Refunds		
General Fund	Total 47000 Contributions	146,475.00	170,840.00
Memorial +	Memorial + Income		
Memorial +	Memorial + Expense		
Memorial +	Memorial + Net		
General Fund	General Income	146,475.00	170,840.00
General Fund	General Expense	177,435.00	182,362.00
General Fund	General Net	(30,960.00)	(11,522.00)

Acct/Comm	Expense	2023 budget	2024 budget
Memorial +	6005 Mission Giving	\$ -	\$ -
Memorial +	6700 Undesignated Memorial Plus	\$ -	\$ -
Mission	6025 Glacier Camp	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 625.00
Mission	6035 Local Mission	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 2,875.00
Mission	6040 Mission Expenses	\$ -	\$ -
Mission	6045 Special Mission Project	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 500.00
Mission	Special Offering Expense	\$ -	\$ -
	Total 6005 Mission Giving	\$ 7,750.00	\$ 4,000.00

Acct/Comm	Expense	2023 budget	2024 budget
Pastor Benefits	6050 Pastor Benefits - SECA	\$ -	\$ 5,171.00
Pastor Benefits	6055 Pastor Salary	\$ 44,100.00	\$ 45,423.00
Pastor Benefits	6060 Housing	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Building & Grounds	Utility Allowance	\$ -	\$ -
Pastor Benefits	Rental Value Manse	\$ -	\$ -
Pastor Benefits	6061 Housing Equity	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Pastor Benefits	6070 Travel Allowance	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Pastor Benefits	6075 Study Leave/Continued Education	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00
Pastor Benefits	6080 Pension/Major Medical/Death	\$ 26,363.00	\$ 26,363.00
Pastor Benefits	6105 Medical Supplemental	\$ 975.00	\$ 975.00
Pastor Benefits	6057 Professional Expenses	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00
	Total 6050 Pastor Benefits	\$ 73,675.00	\$ 86,632.00

Acct/Comm	Expense	2023 budget	2024 budget
Acct/Comm	Expense	2023 budget	2024 budget
Payroll	66000 Payroll Expenses	\$ -	\$ -
Payroll	Secretary/Treasurer	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 17,510.00
Payroll	Choir Director	\$ 2,280.00	\$ -
Payroll	Choir Pianist	\$ 6,875.00	\$ 7,800.00
Payroll	Child Caregiver	\$ 1,170.00	\$ -
Building & Grounds	Custodial contract	\$ -	\$ -
Payroll	Taxes	\$ 5,780.00	\$ 1,970.00
Payroll	Work Comp	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,300.00
Payroll	Direct Deposit Fees	\$ 150.00	\$ 400.00
	Total 66000 Payroll Expenses	\$ 33,855.00	\$ 28,980.00
Acct/Comm	Expense	2023 budget	2024 budget
Administration	6180 Administration Expenses	\$ -	\$ -
Administration	6230 Computer and Internet Expense	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Administration	6222 Technology Expense	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Administration	6205 Copy Machine	\$ 600.00	\$ 800.00
Administration	6195 Session Supplies	\$ 200.00	\$ 400.00
Administration	6200 Office Supplies	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 800.00
Administration	6210 Postage and Delivery	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 3,000.00
Administration	6215 Insurance Expense	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 17,000.00
Administration	6220 Telephone Expense	\$ 850.00	\$ 800.00
Administration	6235 Dues and Subscriptions	\$ 300.00	\$ 500.00
Administration	6240 Professional Fees	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,350.00
Administration	66700 Professional Fees		
Administration	6207 Secretarial Travel	\$ 925.00	\$ 500.00
Administration	6225 Bank Service Charges	\$ 100.00	\$ 150.00
Administration	6247 Admin Unbudgeted Expenses	\$ -	\$ -
Administration	6245 Miscellaneous	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Administration	6000 Uncategorized Expenses	\$ -	\$ -
Administration	63400 Interest Expense	\$ -	\$ -
	Total 6180 Administration Expenses	\$ 27,775.00	\$ 32,200.00
Acct/Comm	Expense	2023 budget	2024 budget
Christian Educaion	6340 Christian Education	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00
Christian Educaion	6345 Curriculum	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Christian Educaion	6350 Vacation Bible School	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Christian Educaion	6355 Glacier Camp Scholarships	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Christian Educaion	6360 Youth Fellowship	\$ 150.00	\$ -
Christian Educaion	Logos program	\$ -	\$ -
Christian Educaion	6370 Supplies	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Christian Educaion	6375 Bibles	\$ -	\$ -
	Total 6340 Christian Education	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 1,150.00
Acct/Comm	Expense	2023 budget	2024 budget
Fellowship	6395 Fellowship/Outreach	\$ -	\$ -
Outreach	6425 Publicity	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Fellowship	6400 Fellowship	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Fellowship	6410 Kitchen Supply	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00
Fellowship	6415 Holy Week Breakfast	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
	Total 6395 Fellowship/Outreach	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,000.00

Acct/Comm	Expense	2023 budget	2024 budget
Building & Grounds	6250 Building & Grounds	\$ -	\$ -
Building & Grounds	6255 Gas - Church	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 4,000.00
Building & Grounds	6256 Gas - Manse	\$ 700.00	\$ 1,000.00
Building & Grounds	6260 Electric - Church	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Building & Grounds	6261 Electric - Manse	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,000.00
Building & Grounds	6265 Water - Church	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00
Building & Grounds	6266 Water - Manse	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Building & Grounds	6270 Building Supply	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00
Building & Grounds	6252 Janitorial Services	\$ 5,280.00	\$ -
Building & Grounds	6251 Janitorial Expense	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Building & Grounds	6275 Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,000.00
Building & Grounds	Columbarium	\$ -	\$ -
Building & Grounds	6315 License & Permits	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Building & Grounds	Church County Fees	\$ -	\$ 1,600.00
Building & Grounds	Manse County Fees	\$ -	\$ 250.00
Building & Grounds	Snow Removal	\$ -	\$ -
Building & Grounds	6285 Manse upkeep	\$ -	\$ 825.00
Building & Grounds	6305 Landscaping Expenses	\$ 900.00	\$ 825.00
	Total 6250 Building & Grounds	\$ 18,480.00	\$ 17,900.00
Acct/Comm	Expense	2023 budget	2024 budget
Mission	6320 Presbytery	\$ -	\$ -
Mission	6325 Presbytery Meetings	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Mission	6330 Per Capita	\$ 6,100.00	\$ 6,000.00
	Total 6320 Presbytery	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 6,500.00
Acct/Comm	Expense	2023 budget	2024 budget
Stewardship	6430 Stewardship	\$ -	\$ -
Stewardship	6435 Stewardship Supply	\$ 750.00	\$ 400.00
Nominating	Nominating Committee	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Stewardship	6440 Treasurer Supply	\$ -	\$ -
	Total 6430 Stewardship	\$ 850.00	\$ 500.00
Acct/Comm	Expense	2023 budget	2024 budget
Mission	6480 Deacons	\$ -	\$ -
Mission	6485 Supplies	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Mission	Local Missions	\$ -	\$ -
	Total 6480 Deacons	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Acct/Comm	Expense	2023 budget	2024 budget
Worship	6445 Worship	\$ -	\$ -
Worship	Copyright License	\$ -	\$ -
Worship	6450 Guest Ensemble / Pianist	\$ -	\$ -
Worship	6455 Fill the Pulpit	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
Worship	6465 Piano Tuning / Repair	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Worship	6460 Choir Music	\$ 150.00	\$ -
Worship	Piano/Organ music	\$ -	\$ -
Worship	6475 Worship Supplies	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
	Total 6445 Worship	\$ 2,350.00	\$ 2,200.00

Cash and Cash Allowances: Effective Salary \$67,598 comprised of the following:

	2023	2024	
Cash Salary	\$44,100	\$45,423	
Rental Value of the Manse	\$12,000	\$13,200*	Housing is 30% of effective salary. *Rental value of the manse reflects the local housing market but does not impact the budget, 10% increase.
Utilities paid by the Church	\$3,000	\$3,000	
Manse housing Allowance & Furnishings	\$3,000	\$3,000	
Dental Optional Plans	\$975	\$975	
Housing Equity Allowance	\$2,000	\$2,000	Annually while residing in manse
	\$65,075	\$67,598	

Actual cash amount change to salary: \$1,323, a 3% increase over 2023 cash salary (\$44,100).

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
<u>2 weeks paid annual continuing education, cumulative up to 3 years</u>
12 weeks paid maternity leave per occurrence – <i>denominational change</i>
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%.

Other terms of call remain intact.