

Clerk's Corner:

The following information was reported at the November 28, 2022, Session meeting, which was held in a hybrid model of in-person and electronically with Zoom technology:

Correspondence: none

New Members: none

Transfers Out: Maetro (Mickey) H. Hawran joined Fourth Presbyterian Church in Greenville, SC; John and Candi Bervinkle joined First United Methodist Church in Kerrville, TX, on Nov. 06, 2022; Lindsey Avery-Tognietti joined First United Methodist Church in Kerrville, TX in 2021; Ken and Jan Huber requested that their names be removed from our rolls.

Deaths: The Rev. Dr. Otis Moore (HR), member of Mission Presbytery and faithful affiliate of our congregation, died on November 23, 2022. Services will be held in our sanctuary on December 10, 2022, and burial will be in the columbarium at Mo Ranch.

Communion: Communion was served at the 8:30 and 11:00 am worship services on Oct. 02, 2022. In October extended communion was served to Art Bell, Theresa Holloman, Cora Belle Nunn, Elaine Scogin, Bobby Sieker, Otis and Marilyn Moore, and Martin Noyd by Shannon Tuschak and the Rev. Susan Montoya; Charles Clark and Lee Locke by Nancy Wallace and Priscilla Crozier; Beth Gunter, Gene Hutzler, Ted McCullough, and Jeanine Merkel by Joyce Schlechte and Sue Bratcher; Rose Burton and Jean Sanford by Amy Havis; Lois McHargue by Cheryl Smith; Bob Bowers, Harlan Crouse, Bill Dole, Sue Endsley, and Waldean Groff by Juniper Communion Team.

Financial Report: We were blessed with an anonymous non-pledged gift of \$50,000 during the month. In accordance with our Standards of Procedure \$25,000 was added to our Special Gifts Fund at TPF.

Total operating income for October was \$ 109,522 which is 25% better than plan for the month. Total income, year-to-date, is \$82,011 over plan. However, this is due in large part to a non-pledged gift of \$50,000 received in July for work on Ryan Hall. If we do not consider this Ryan Hall gift, then we are approximately \$32,030 ahead of our giving plan.

EXPENSES: Most areas continue to be under or near budget. Total operating expenses for October were \$73,303 on a plan of \$83,100. Year-to date we are \$38,398 under planned expenses.

Income was over expenses for October by \$36,219.

Deacon's Report: none

Missional Outreach

- Requested from Budget & Finance that the remaining benevolence amount of \$3000, which was undesignated, be moved to the designated account for Hope's Kitchen.
- Requested of Budget & Finance \$34,000 for the 2023 budget.
- Sent the \$2000 gift from a non-member to World Missions, \$1000 each for the benefit of Mission Co-workers Farsijana Adeney-Risakotta and Bob & Kristi Rice.

Worship & Music:

- November 27, First /Sunday of Advent – Chrismon trees, advent wreath with candles, and outside wreaths are in place.

- December 4, Communion services 8:30 and 11:00.
- December 4, 7:00 – Christmas Concert Tivy H.S. band, orchestra and choir (combining with First Pres Chancel Choir for Rutter’s Magnificat).
- December 6 - Christmas Walk with other nearby churches: Walk begins 5:30 at Notre Dame Catholic Church, proceeds to St. Peter’s Episcopal, First Assembly of God, First Pres. around 7:00 PM, winding up at First Baptist Church. Each church has a 20-minute presentation. Our choir, directed by Dr. Runnels of Schreiner University, will lead the congregation in two carols. Members of First United Methodist Church will be invited to join in the walk, their choir members to join our choir. Sabrina will do a festive organ postlude as congregation exits.
- Saturday, December 17, 3:00 PM – Christmas Organ Concert by Sabrina – St. Paul Overture by Mendelssohn, Christmas music from various countries.
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve services: 5:00 Family service emphasizing Christmas carols; 7:00 Traditional service. Choir participation in lessons & carols; communion by intinction. Andrew Dodson will play Silent Night on guitar for both services.
- Dec. 25 Christmas Day – One very casual service at 11:00 – Eldon Sheffer homily leader; carols.
- Jan 1 New Years’ Day – One service at 11:00 - Susan Montoya leading, Verna playing piano/organ.

Communication & Stewardship: To date we have received 114 pledges totaling almost \$700,000.

Pastor’s Report: Dr. Haberer gave a written report of his activities in the past month.

Business of Church Councils: none

The following items were acted upon and approved:

- **Hospitality & Fellowship:** Recommended the moderator appoint a task force to coordinate and plan festivities for the Schreiner Chapel Centenary in 2023.
- **Planning & Training:** Recommended the approval of the 2022 revision of the Standards of Procedure. Motion was amended to allow members of our presbytery to be able to serve and vote in committee meetings. Motion was approved as amended.
- **Youth & Young Adult:** Requested permission to hold a Pancake Fundraiser on Shrove Tuesday, February 21, 2023, and for youth to lead worship on Sunday, May 21, 2023.
- **Children’s Ministry:** Requested permission for the Souper Bowl of Caring fundraiser for local food relief be held on February 12, 2023, and for a brunch to raise funds for Camps and Conferences scholarships be held on Palm Sunday, April 02, 2023.
- It was decided to tithe \$5000 of the recent \$50,000 gift and Missional Outreach Committee will make the distribution to a local organization in need.
- It was decided to put \$5000 of the recent \$50,000 gift in the Currie Enrichment Series designated fund.

Respectfully submitted,
 Judy Ferguson
 Clerk of Session