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## **ANNUAL MEETING of the CONGREGATION**

### **January 26, 2020**

The Annual Meeting of First Congregational UCC was called to order at 11:33 am by the Moderator Nate Lahr. Pastor Craig Blaufuss opened with a prayer. Wil Groves moved to approve the 2019 Annual Meeting minutes. Tracy Wehrhan seconded. The motion approved by voice vote of the congregation. Cindy Henning moved to approve the minutes of the congregational meeting held in November. Leah Maass seconded. Motion approved by voice vote of the congregation. Al Yungclas moved that each board and committee report be reviewed individually and then make one motion to approve all reports. Leah Maass seconded. Motion approved by voice vote of the congregation. A correction was made to the spelling of Livia Oberender in the Worship Board report. Cindy Henning moved to approve all board and committee reports with the correction. Kolleen Taylor seconded. Motion approved by voice vote of the congregation. Kolleen Taylor moved that each financial report be reviewed individually and then make one motion to approve all reports. Laurie Epps seconded. Motion approved by voice vote of the congregation. Discussion followed. Kolleen Taylor moved that the reports be approved with the addition of a statement to the end of the Balance Sheet that: The 300 accounts are not exact, but were accounted for in the 100 and 200 accounts. Wil Groves seconded. Motion approved by voice vote of the congregation. Donna Ryherd moved that the list of nominations for offices for 2020 be approved. Marjorie Groves seconded. Motion approved by voice vote of the congregation. Wil Groves read portions of the Annual Report from 1945 which was the oldest to be found. The next oldest was 1955 and reports are made annually after that date. Winners of the chocolate contest were named. 1<sup>st</sup> place went to Joyce Gelhaus, 2<sup>nd</sup> place to Leah Maass and 3<sup>rd</sup> place to Karin Yungclas. All contestants were thanked for their participation. Donna Ryherd thanked Nate Lahr for his leadership over the past year. Al Yungclas moved and Tracy Wehrhan seconded the adjournment of the meeting. Kolleen Taylor thanked Craig for his service to our church and community. Motion approved by voice vote of the congregation. Meeting adjourned at 12:05pm.

*Stephanie Hill, Church Clerk*

## **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

The in-person Congregational Meeting was not held in 2020 due to the increase of Covid-19 cases in Webster City. The 2021 budget was distributed to members of the congregation by email/mail with instructions to respond with a vote. On November 30, 2020, the votes were counted and the congregation ratified the 2021 Budget with 50 yea and 0 nay votes. The budget is approved. No other business was discussed.

*Stephanie Hill, Church Clerk*

## THE PASTOR

Reflecting on this past year we can say with certainty that it has been a challenge! Who could have imagined that three months into the new year a pandemic would sweep through the world, our nation, and state-- even our own hometown. Who could have imagined that as of this writing over 350,000 of our citizens have died as a result of contracting Covid 19? Who could have imagined that we would have to close our church to the public-- and to its own members? And who would have guessed that this pandemic will soon reach the one year mark, with no clear end in sight?

But even as 2020 has been challenging, we as a church have been resilient in our desire to continue worshipping, ministering and caring for one another! We have endured disappointments, set-backs, cancelled plans and heartbreaks big and small, and yet as we greet a new year with our church still shuttered and our members social distancing from one another we still remain committed to this particular church of Jesus Christ, and we still hear and heed his call to continue his unfinished work of bringing more light and love into our world!

We began the New Year returning from Christmas break and resuming our regularly scheduled worship services, Christian education offerings, and board and committee meetings. On Feb. 26 we began Lent with an Ash Wednesday service of worship in the sanctuary, following a KLAB spaghetti supper which netted \$435 for Christian Education activities. We conducted care center worship services on Feb. 2, our Stephen Minsters met monthly, the Shalom circle resumed for Lent, and Ashley Vaala of the Lotus Community Project was scheduled by the Mission Board to deliver a community presentation in our sanctuary on March 24. Meanwhile, there was news of a pandemic that was spreading across Asia, Europe, and making ground in the US...

And then on March 17—St. Patrick's Day-- Governor Reynolds issued the emergency proclamation that essentially shut down our church for gatherings of any kind, including corporate worship! While the Cabinet was already wrestling with the decision to suspend in-person worship, the emergency proclamation marked the beginning of the many unprecedented happenings of 2020. Since no one had lived through a pandemic in over a century there was no established plan for such an emergency, which meant that new ways of ministering and continuing as a church had to be speedily developed! One big change to our common life in 2020 was in our mode of worship. Early on I decided I would not livestream worship services or make video recordings of worship services but instead make audio recordings of services using our digital recording equipment. I began creating these forms of worship services on March 29 (just in time for Holy Week!) and I have created a weekly audio recording of worship services since that date. On July 5 we held our first outdoor worship service in our vacant lot, and during the Summer and Fall months we masked and met outdoors to worship together in that beautiful setting. Our attendance at these outdoor worship services remained in the mid-30's to low 40's each Sunday, and we even managed to have "Scholarship Sunday" outdoors and hear from our scholarship recipients! While worshipping outdoors we were blessed to be able to borrow Chris McNeil's new sound system which improved the audio quality tremendously. Melissa Hindt continued to accompany us outdoors, and we added a weekly liturgist—and something new to our worship services: Don Bruner volunteered to be our song leader. We continued monthly communion using individual communion containers. We continued these worship services through

November 8<sup>th</sup> when the weather simply would not allow us to meet outdoors any longer. By this time the pandemic had really taken hold in our county and so the Cabinet voted to suspend in person worship services until further notice...including suspending all Advent services and the Christmas Eve Service.

When our shutdown began I started writing daily reflections to share with the congregation as a way to keep us connected and (hopefully) inspired. These reflections were emailed out when finished and uploaded to our church Facebook page. I composed 40 of these reflections on a daily basis, and then over time added 6 more reflections to the corpus, for a total of 46.

On Palm Sunday Vicki and I took 19 Easter gift bags created by Vicki to our KLAB and Sunday School children. Our original plan was to take them around on Easter Sunday, but by Palm Sunday there was a real possibility that the governor would order us to shelter in place, so we delivered them a week early. The Christian Ed Board voted to distribute "We Care" bags for the duration of the pandemic, and so Vicki and I have been delivering those bags on a monthly basis. Also, at the beginning of the pandemic I created personalized cards with photos of each youth to send to all of our CE students, and because we could not have our annual Promotion Sunday in May I created certificates to give out to our CE students as well.

As the pandemic progressed Vicki and I began making and delivering fudge to all active members as a way to stay connected. Also during the pandemic I have been making brownies, cookies and fudge to deliver to essential services as a way to thank them for all they are doing in these difficult times, including: First State Bank and People's Credit Union, the Webster City Police and the Hamilton County Sheriff's Dept, the Post Office, Dollar General and Dollar Tree, Yes Way, the Fire Station, Hamilton County Public Health, Kendall Young Library, and Webster City Vet Clinic (our dogs insisted on this). As we all know, to continue Board and Committee meetings in 2020 was quite a challenge. The Mission Board has met via Zoom and in-person both at Kendall Young park and in the vacant lot. Other Boards have conducted business by email, and the Evangelism Board holds the distinction of being the first board to resume meeting indoors when the Cabinet voted to reopen the church to meetings. The Christian Ed Board has met in person in our lot as well, as has the Trustees, Women's Fellowship, and Stephen Ministers.

During the summer I participated via Zoom in a week long education program called "Lemonade for Life" which helps participants understand the impact of ACEs (adverse childhood experiences) and encourages community collaboration in ways to educate, prevent, and assist those impacted by ACEs. I also participated in a multi-week study of the book *White Fragility* which was in collaboration with members of Jewell and Alden UCC. The study was hosted and led by Rev. Kerry Oliver. I also conducted a book study of Raising White Kids in our vacant lot with 6 participants.

Certainly one of the most successful and novel projects of 2020 hosted by our church was the Brownie Sundae Drive-Thru event of July 24<sup>th</sup>! With the match provided by the Enhance Hamilton County food pantry challenge we altogether raised \$4,000 for our local food pantries! We also volunteered as a church to ring the bell for the Salvation Army 3 times during Advent, and our efforts alone brought in \$1906 for local ministry projects! We continued our commitment to serve the men of Beacon of Hope delicious

meals every 2 months...and we continued our Advent Alternative Gift-Giving Fair, which was very successful!

A wonderful highlight of our year was the surprise honoring of my 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ministry here at First Congregational! It was a delight to be honored and presented with wonderful gifts, and to have Vicki and my picture in the newspaper. Thank you!

The Webster City Ministerial Association met twice by Zoom before recessing for the summer, and then we met in person once in November. Rev. Phil Webb is the new pastor at Asbury UMC; he replaces Rev. Jeff Flagg who left in late July. Rev. Mark Eichler resigned from St. Paul Lutheran, and so his duties as Treasurer of the WCMA have returned to me in addition to my duties as the chairman of the group. The WCMA voted to distribute \$6,000 of the school backpack funds and \$2000 of the WCMA General Fund to our local food pantries, and they also voted to distribute the last \$500 of the 2019 Salvation Army bellringing campaign funds to purchase grocery gift cards for the HOPES program. The Ecumenical Human Needs fund suspended activities at the beginning of the pandemic, but in August restarted taking applications for assistance via email or phone.

The wider church activities of the UCC were also affected by the pandemic this year. The UCC National Youth Event to be held in July was postponed until the summer of 2022. Our Northwest Association Annual Spring meeting was cancelled. The Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota Conferences of the UCC (our Tri-Conference) said goodbye in 2020 to Rev. Jonna Jensen, who left to become the interim Conference Minister of the Maine Conference until she retires. Also another of our associate conference ministers, Rev. Darrell Goodwin, left the Tri-Conference to take the position of the Executive Conference Minister of the Southern New England Conference. The Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota Conferences of the UCC met jointly on October 17th, 2020, for the first time ever on a completely digital platform. The UCC General Synod for 2021 has been moved to an online format so there will be no in-person gathering next year for Synod!

My work in the wider community continued in 2020, although there were challenges to serving due to Covid. I continue to be a member of Noon Kiwanis even though we suspended meeting in person for a while due to the pandemic. I still have not returned to Kiwanis, nor do I plan to until I am vaccinated. I continue to serve on the Hamilton County Crimestoppers Board as its chairman, and we meet by Zoom to conduct business. I continue to serve on the Advisory Council for North Central RSPV of Iowa, and we meet quarterly via Zoom.

While 2020 has been quite a year, we at First Congregational have remained committed to our church and are waiting in anticipation of our return to our building, our ministries and our shared life together. My prayer is that 2021 will be a year of healing, renewal, and thanksgiving for us all as we continue on as disciples of Jesus Christ and members of this church! –Pastor Craig

**This is the breakdown of my ministry in 2020:**

**FCUCC Worship services:** in-person indoor: 13 (11 from Jan. to church closure, plus Oct. 4 and Oct. 18)

in-person outdoor: 17

audio recordings made: 41 (38 Sunday services, plus Maundy Thursday, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day)

**Care Center Worship services: 5** (3 Sunday services and 2 Tuesday services)

**Funerals: 1**

Robert Flaws, Oct 31 2020

**Baptisms: 4**

Robert Alan Stidolph Jan. 5, 2020

Liam Gene McCarville Jan. 5 2020

Jennifer Ashley Brim Jan 31, 2020

Peyton Rose Oberender Mar. 1 2020

**Christian Education sessions: 23**

Sunday Adult Education: 11

Post Confirmation: 1

Bible Study: 2

Book Studies: 8

Premarital education: 1

**Meetings: 40**

Cabinet: 5

Christian Ed Board: 4

Congregational mtg: 1

Continuing Ed: "Lemonade for Life" (March 3, July 20-24)

Evangelism Board: 3

Funeral prep: 1

Mission Board: 10

Safe Church: 1

Trustees: 1

WC Ministerial Association: 5

Worship Board: 4

## **CHURCH MODERATOR**

This year as moderator hasn't been anything close to NORMAL! And I thought my biggest problem was going to be whether we joined in the RAGBRAI festivities as it passed through Webster City. 2020 was a year full of challenges. Personally, I have never experienced a year quite like it.

The church closed down in March and things were never quite the same. A letter from Conference Minister Stevens, articles from the internet and newspapers, public health recommendations, survey results along with proclamations from the Governor helped in determining how the Cabinet should proceed. It is not easy to close down in-door church services, cancel Christmas Eve services, etc. The Cabinet's top priority was always the safety of our congregation members.

On July 5th we had our first outdoor worship service in the vacant lot south of the

church. With protocols in place and some great weather, we had a nice gathering of members every Sunday. These outdoor services lasted well into the fall.

In September we made plans for the starting up of indoor church services when the weather did not warrant worshipping in the open lot. It was also decided to open the church to board meetings, circles and Stephen Ministry. New protocols were put in place but even these plans needed to be changed due to the ever-changing status of the coronavirus.

Although we have missed out on many of our beloved church activities and functions in 2020, our church family still cared for others. We made phone calls and held Zoom meetings. We sent cards. We provided food /money for the various food pantries. We joined in a parade to send Laurie Epps off to Mayo. We distributed scholarships. We provided meals to Beacon of Hope. We continued the Alternative Gift Giving Fair. We participated in ringing bells for the Salvation Army. We provided a "thank you" for our school teachers. We had a "drive-by sundae" event for the community. We passed our church budget. These are just a few of the things we continued to do.

The 2021 budget was ratified in November. Since we were not having in-person church, our challenge was to have a quorum of 40 people vote. The budget was ratified by using mail-in voting, phone calls and email. The final vote was 50 yea and 0 nay votes. Pastor Craig was a wonderful help to me during this tumultuous year. Early on in the church's closing he provided a daily reflection. Audio church services were also provided every Sunday. The 10th anniversary of having Pastor Craig and Vicki as our church leaders was celebrated with fancy cupcakes at an outdoor service. Thank you for all the work you have done for our church family this year and for making our church a driving force in the community.

Michele was easy to work with and I appreciated the fact that she made suggestions and recommendations that proved to be very helpful. Michele was very flexible when asked to take on new and different tasks during the ever changing landscape this year. She proved to be a valuable asset to me.

The end of the year is a time to reflect on the successes and challenges we've faced during the year. I want to thank all of you for participating in the surveys, the on-going church activities, those on boards/committees and for stepping up through all of our challenges. Remember that we have a lot to be thankful for. We are a wonderful and vibrant church and we add much to our community.

I will end as I have tried to end all of my church correspondence. Stay safe and make healthy decisions.

Gretchen McGlynn, *Moderator*

## CHURCH RECORD 2020

### BAPTISMS

Liam Gene McCarville	Born October 4, 2019 Baptized January 5, 2020 Son of Mason and Katie Holdgrafer McCarville
Robert Stidolph, Jr.	Born February 17, 1954 Adult Baptism January 5, 2020
Peyton Rose Oberender	Born January 10, 2020 Baptized March 1, 2020 Daughter of Diana and Nick Oberender
Jennifer Brim	Adult Baptism January 31, 2020

### CONFIRMANDS:

None

**NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED BY TRANSFER:** None

**DEATHS/FUNERALS:** Karen Weir

*Stephanie Hill, Church Clerk*

## MEMBERSHIP

### ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

#### Additions

New Members received by confirmation-----	0
New Members received by affirmation of faith-----	0
New Members received by letter of transfer-----	<u>0</u>
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONS TO ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP-----</b>	<b>0</b>

#### Losses

Losses due to death-----	1
Losses due to withdrawal-----	<u>0</u>
<b>TOTAL LOSSES OF ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP-----</b>	<b>1</b>

**ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP 1/01/20-----142**

Additions-----	0
Losses-----	<u>1</u>

**ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP 12/31/20-----141**

*Stephanie Hill, Church Clerk*

## ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP LIST

### As of 12/31/2020

Andrew, Susan	Brim, Larry	Byrne, Alexis
Arkland, Brandon	Brim, Mark	Byrne, Maryann
Babington, Madison	Brim, Shelby	Byrne, Matthew
Berhow, Chase	Bruner, Don	Carlson, Deb
Bierle, Luverne	Bruner, Gretchen	Carlson, Mark
Bierle, Verna	Burgos, Jose	Crystal, Carol
Blaufuss, Craig	Burnett, Audrey	Didio, Rene
Blaufuss, Victoria	Butz, Candace	Duffy, Sunshine
Brim, Jennifer	Butz, Kaelyn	Elkin, Emily



Epps, Kayleigh  
Epps, Laurie  
Epps, Ronald  
Fiala, Alan  
Fiala, Christy  
Franco, Dilcia  
Fuller, Chesney  
Gelhaus, Joyce  
Gescheidler, Patty  
Gilbert, Jennifer  
Groves, Marjorie  
Groves, Wilfred III  
Harfst, Kay  
Henning, Cindy  
Hill, Stephanie  
Holdgrafer, Dawn  
Holdgrafer, Katie  
Hollingshead, Dr. Caryl  
Imhoff, (Holdgrafer) Alaina  
Jaycox, Debbie  
Jaycox, Lynn  
Johnston, Brenda  
Kalkwarf, Amanda  
Kennedy, Maggie  
Kesler, Pat  
Klaver, Jane  
Krebs, Karla  
Lahr, Brandon  
Lahr, Jake  
Lahr, Linda  
Lahr, Nathan  
Leksell, Sherry  
Leman, Jackson  
Leman, Lauren  
Maass, Amanda  
Maass, Jenny  
Maass, Leah  
Maass, Robert L. Sr.  
Maass, Robert, L. Jr.  
Maxon, Jan  
McCoskey, Curt

McCoskey, Dylan  
McCoskey Logan  
McCoskey Lorraine  
McGlynn, Gretchen  
McKee, Mike  
McMurray, Amani  
McNiel, Chris  
Mosbach, Ed  
Nelson, Kayla  
Oberender, Erica  
Oberender, Greta  
Oberender, Livia  
Oberender, Neil  
Oberender, Nick  
Olson, Dale  
Olson, Gayle  
Perry, Bruce  
Perry, Sharon  
Ploeger, Landen  
Ploeger, Leanna  
Ploeger, Lester  
Prescott, Mabel  
Reinsel, Wilma  
Riemenschneider, Holly  
Riemenschneider, Thomas  
Roelfs, Jaime Lynn  
Rohmiller, Dena  
Rothrock, Shari  
Royster, Gene  
Ryherd, Donna  
Schlitter, Arden  
Schlitter, Dalene  
Shelton, Garrett  
Short, Jenna  
Short, Katherine  
Sonsalla, Katie  
Sonsalla, Todd  
Stearns, Barb  
Stearns, Howard  
Sterler, Kaleb  
Stockdale, Emily

Stockdale, Troy  
Struchen, Morgan  
Swanson, Chris  
Taylor, Kolleen  
Tudor, Alexis  
Tudor, Karinne  
Tudor, Richard  
Vance, Mark  
Van Diest, Mary  
Van Diest, Robert  
Vasquez, Diane  
Vavroch, Duane  
Vavroch, Mary  
Veach, Virginia  
Wagoner, Chelsey  
Wearda, Stacy  
Wehrhan, Andrew  
Wehrhan, Glenda  
Wehrhan, Tracy  
Weieneth, A.J.  
Weieneth, Elizabeth  
Weieneth, Robert  
Weieneth, Sandi  
Weieneth, Will  
Williams, Jennie  
Wood, Margy  
Worthington, Mary  
Yungclas, Alan  
Yungclas, Allison  
Yungclas, Karin  
Yungclas, Patty  
Yungclas, Shirley

**TOTAL 141**

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD**

This year's report covers the second half of the 2019-20 program year (Jan.-May) and the first half of the 2020-2021 year (June-December).

The year 2020 started well with KLAB attendees of 10 or so kids each week. Karinne and Vicki led the young KLABers with help from Patty Gescheidler, Susan Meinders, Wil and Craig. Ginnie Veach and Leah Maass were stalwart treat dispensers and kitchen help. Congregation members provided the treats.

The first (and as it turned out, ONLY) project was a spaghetti dinner fundraiser in Fellowship Hall February 26. Vicki and Karinne headed the effort. KLABers were the wait staff. Free will offerings netted \$435, which was earmarked to send youth delegates to the UCC National Youth event during the summer. Unfortunately the youth event was cancelled. The fundraiser turned out to be the last KLAB activity of the year.

Our after school Wednesday program was cancelled in March and has not resumed. Other planned activities—Easter breakfast, graduation, promotion and recognition Sunday, KLAB lock in, and annual trek to DQ -were all victims of Covid-19. Likewise for the beginning of the 2020-21 program year: no Rally Day, Halloween party, visits to Crestview pen pals, Christmas program, other activities. We were saddened to lose the opportunity to connect with our young people on a weekly basis.

But we kept in touch with monthly “we care” bags with treats, games and activities. Craig and Vicki spearheaded the program and made deliveries each month to 19 young people in the congregation. Most of the months had specific themes. KLABers were encouraged to do the craft or activity, then send a photo of the completed project to receive a DQ gift certificate.

Vicki's report:

July: treats with Bible lesson

August: small cartoon characters plus treats

September: back to school supplies plus treats

October: pumpkins from Bud and Carol Crystal, pumpkin carving tools, treats

November: Thanksgiving tree with leaves to write what they're thankful for

December: Christmas tree made by Patty, craft was a manger made of foam, and card from CE board.

This year's CE board members were Karinne Tudor, Vicki Blaufuss, Laurie Epps, Jane Klaver, and Wil Groves. As their terms end, we thank Karinne, Laurie and Jane for their hard work. And we welcome Patty Gescheidler, Dawn Holdgrafer, and Linda Lahr to the CE Board for the upcoming 2021 year.

*Wil Groves, Chair*

## **EVANGELISM BOARD**

The 2020 Evangelism Board consisted of the following members: Patty Gescheidler, Leah Maass, Carol Crystal, Virginia Veach and Jenny Manning. We were very thankful and blessed to have Pastor Craig join us for each monthly meeting. The goal of the Evangelism Board is to lead and equip our Church family in the activity of announcing the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our year was cut short, but we and all other boards did our best to support our members and community in loving and caring ways.

- Arranged for ushers for each indoor service.
- Virginia sent out many “We Care” Cards to members during the year. She also sent out “Thinking of You” cards to members residing in Care Centers which were closed to visitors due to the coronavirus.

- The Board sent out a letter, "The Empty Pew", to all members during the shutdown to encourage and know that we are thinking of you.
- This year the board sponsored the Chocolate Offering Competition in conjunction with the Annual Meeting in January. Everyone enjoyed the wonderful treats!
- Discussion by the board centered on our visitor gift bags and if they are being distributed by the ushers to visitors. It was decided that we should place a notice on the back page of our Sunday bulletins inviting visitors to help themselves to a bag.
- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, in September the Board met and replaced the cloth youth activity bags with paper disposable bags for those attending indoor worship. The youth could either take them home or dispose of them in the trash can outside the sanctuary. We are hoping the new year will bring us the opportunity to gather together again.

*Patty Gescheidler*

## **STEPHEN MINISTRY**

Our Stephen Ministry program is in its seventh year! Our active Stephen Ministers are: Vicki Blaufuss, Don Bruner, Kay Harfst, Lorraine McCoskey, Gayle Olson, Bruce Perry, and Ginnie Veach. Our Stephen Leaders are Dale Olson, Sharon Perry and Pastor Craig. Our Stephen Ministers continue with their mission to provide one on one confidential, Christ-centered care to men and women in our church and our community. This year two of our Stephen Ministers remained matched, but due to the pandemic care was primarily by telephone.

In spite of the pandemic we continued to occasionally meet as Stephen Ministers for training and support, usually in the vacant lot. Sadly we could not hold our annual Christmas social or host a caroling party and soup supper in December. We hope to return to those activities in 2021!

If you need a Stephen Minister, or to learn more about our Stephen Ministry program, please speak with Pastor Craig Blaufuss or our Stephen Leaders Dale Olson and Sharon Perry.

--Your Stephen Leaders

## **FINANCE BOARD**

The Finance Board is pleased to report that we, again, have given out scholarships to the youth of our church family. Those receiving, and the amounts, are as follows:

Hannah Sterling \$520

Jackson Leman \$1900 & \$520

Allison Arkland \$520

Riley Nelson \$520

Alexis Tudor \$1900 & \$1100

Karl Heimberger \$520.

The Poole Scholarship is \$1100, Bess Lyon is \$520 and Helen Johnson is \$1900.

Through this difficult year, the Finance Board would like to thank you for your financial support and we pray it will continue through next year as it will be a long year, too.

*Dale Olson, Financial Secretary*

## MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

The Memorial committee's duties are to record gifts given to the church in memory of departed members or friends.

This year there were not any requests for funds.

### MEMORIALS RECEIVED

BESS LYON SCHOLARSHIP FUND – in memory of:

Cleo Graham            Gen Carroll            Shirley Wehrhan

AGAPE FUND – in memory of:

Gen Carroll

MEMORAL FUND – in memory of :

Gen Carroll            Robert Stidolph Jr.

PIECEMAKERS – in memory of:

Gen Carroll

*Memorial Committee  
Leanna Ploeger, Carol Crystal, Luverne Bierle*

## MISSION BOARD

In the quirky year 2020 the Mission Board continued to offer members of First Congregational UCC of Webster City dozens of ways to help others. Programs and projects were planned, then cancelled as local and state coronavirus guidelines were updated. "Flexibility" was our not-so-secret secret password. Our members were Audrey Burtnett, Marjorie Groves, Lorraine McCoskey, Gayle Olson, and Karin Yungclas, with Rev. Craig Blaufuss, as valued partner and advisor. Gayle, chair; Audrey and Lorraine, Cabinet representatives; Marjorie, secretary.

**December:** The 2019 Alternative Giving Advent Fair began with the Angel Tree and gifts bought for 10 families. For the plastic-use reduction effort, the bamboo "silverware" sold quickly. Teacher Sherry Leksell received a thank-you note from the Eagle Grove school nurse for the cold-weather gear we collected, especially for student newcomers. All pictures on the Stepping Forward Romania tree were taken, with \$675 donated. Post-confirmation students (Chesney Fuller, Brandon Lahr and Madison Babington), with Craig and Vicki Blaufuss, hosted 30-plus men at the November 19 Beacon of Hope meal. In one week, our church members donated 50 Thanksgiving "sides," such as cans of cranberry sauce, cans of sweet potatoes and pumpkin, jars of gravy and boxes of bread stuffing to the Upper Des Moines Opportunity food pantry.

**January:** Around \$2,000 was raised in the Salvation Army red kettles at Fareway and HyVee in December. \$1,630 was given to the Christmas Fund for retired clergy and church staff in the collection taken at the Christmas Eve service. Annual Meeting Souper Bowl: We collected \$372 in the Pickle Jar for the UDMO food pantry and served eight kinds of soup after the Annual Meeting January 29. Gayle took the rice, peanut butter and tuna to All Cultures Equal.

**February:** Andrea Mosbach reported serving 50-55 at the January 28 meal for Beacon of Hope, the Fort Dodge shelter for homeless men. Agape Fund: We now have \$2,764, after accepting Happy Dollars the last Sunday of the month. Lotus: The Mission Board toured the facility for homeless women and children on January 23. Founder and director Ashley Vaala gave her story, as well as shelter progress and needs.

**March:** Teacher Appreciation: Stephanie Hill, Gayle and Dale Olson, Tom and Holly Riemenschneider and Karin Yungclas served ice cream and toppings to 120 teachers and certified staff February 17 at the Middle School. Funding Future Leaders: \$339 was collected. (About here, the church building was closed because of the coronavirus.)

**April:** Zoom meeting included a guest appearance by Dale Olson of the Endowment Fund. An allocation for \$500 has been made to Funding Future Leaders. Endowment also gave \$750 each to the food pantries of ACE and UDMO, and \$250 each to Trinity and St. Paul's food pantries, along with \$500 to Lotus and \$500 to Beacon. Thanks to timely delivery of meal ingredients to the church pre- and post-lockdown, Marjorie and Wil were able to fix the recipe of Cheesy Potatoes and Ham in their home kitchen, and deliver them with bars made by church folks, along with lettuce salad and green beans curbside to the Fort Dodge shelter for homeless men.

**May:** We invited our church members to contribute four casseroles, two pans of bars, six bags of lettuce and two loaves of peanut butter sandwiches for Beacon. Pastor Craig delivered these to the Fort Dodge shelter for homeless men May 27. Pastor Craig talked with Ashley Vaala about the Lotus shelter needs. We focused on the push lawnmower.

**June:** Craig and Vicki delivered a lawnmower to Lotus on May 13. The lawnmower was purchased for \$287.83 from B&B Repair in Webster City thanks to members' donations. Sharon Perry reported that Ecumenical Human Need's work is on hold because of Covid-19 preventing face-to-face interviews. EHN was awarded \$8,000 from the Morrison Trust, a local foundation.

**A Second Meeting in June:** Marjorie heard Pat Powers, KQWC, interview the director of the Food Bank, who mentioned needing volunteers to make shopping bags from t-shirts. Clients can carry items from the Food Bank in the totes, rather than plastic bags. Our church delivered 42 t-shirt totes to the Food Bank in Des Moines. The Fort Dodge shelter for homeless men needed drop-off evening meals, so Gayle and Dale prepared one for them.

**July:** The Beacon was happy to get our church's July 7 meal. Discussion of *White Fragility* started July 14 with 6 in the daytime group and 6 in the evening group Zoom discussions. Our July food pantry collection netted 21 bottles of syrup and 28 boxes of pancake mix. Pastor Craig delivered about half to St. Paul Lutheran's food pantry and the rest to Trinity Lutheran's. On July 24, 6:30-8 p.m., we had our first-ever Brownie Sundae Friday. Three of us took orders and delivered them to cars, two dipped ice cream and drizzled chocolate sauce, two plated brownies, and one held the Pickle Jar for donations. We try to be humble, but the drive-thru was a huge success, making well over the traditional indoor ice cream social. We sent a \$2,000 check to the Enhance Hamilton County Foundation to be matched for local food pantries.

**August:** \$605 has been given for One Great Hour of Sharing and \$455 for Strengthen the Church. *Raising White Kids* discussion started August 26 in the vacant lot, with Pastor Craig facilitating. After the devastating derecho storm, Donna Ryherd's sister, a cook for a homeless shelter in Cedar Rapids, reported a need for bread and hotdog and hamburger buns. Our members donated quickly, and Donna took 44 loaves of bread and more than 100 buns to Cedar Rapids.

**September:** Our meal for Beacon this month featured pulled pork. The Relay for Life Pickle Jar brought in \$406 to donate to the American Cancer Society. As of the September 24 meeting, we had 62 t-shirt totes to go to ACE for use with the Food Bank of Iowa distribution.

**October:** The Mission Board's budget for 2021 is reduced to \$17,000 for one year due to the Covid-19 crisis.

**November:** Marjorie took 124 t-shirt totes to ACE to hold Food Bank of Iowa and other food pantry goods. We have delivered a grand total of 206 totes to ACE or the Food Bank of Iowa in Des Moines. Neighbors in Need: \$505 was collected for the 5-for-5 mission offering. Teacher Appreciation: Gayle recruited our church, Asbury and Trinity, along with aid from her posse of retired teacher friends, to share in collecting packets of microwave popcorn and M&Ms for the approximately 270 local staff and educators. Iowa Thank Offering: Marjorie prepared a grant proposal requesting \$2,000 funding assistance for Ecumenical Human Needs. Beacon of Hope: Pastor Craig's request to church members for turkey- or chicken-based casseroles, green beans, cranberry sauce and pumpkin bars was quickly answered for the November 20 meal. Salvation Army Bell Ringing takes place the Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays after Thanksgiving,

through December 20. Alternative Giving Advent Fair: Week 1 Angel Tree. Week 2 Stepping Forward Romania. Week 3 Lotus shelter for homeless women and children. Week 4 Almost Home, the animal shelter in Fort Dodge. We will collect The Christmas Fund to the end of December.

*Respectfully submitted, Marjorie Groves, Secretary*

## **PARISH NURSE PROGRAM**

Christmas and Easter cards to shut-ins

Monthly article in church newsletter

Cards of sympathy, concern, and get well to members

AED serviced at hospital (delivered by Michele)

Because of the Covid pandemic, it has not been possible to visit members in the hospital or care centers. My sympathy and concern for those persons and for all of their family members who are not able to see them. It has been a challenging year and we hope 2021 will be better. I appreciate all those who have helped with transportation for doctor and clinic visits. I can be reached by cell phone at 515-835-0405 or email at [mabelprescott@gmail.com](mailto:mabelprescott@gmail.com). Please stay healthy and warm this winter.

*Mabel Prescott*

## **STAFF PARISH**

The Staff Parish Committee has communicated thru email due to the Covid-19 virus.

Our officers are: President Greta Oberender; Secretary Cindy Henning; Cabinet Rep. Stephanie Hill. Additional members include Mary Van Diest and Shirley Yungclas. We met with all staff to address concerns. We found few concerns. We recommended compensation increases when budget time came. Thank you to all members.

*Cindy Henning, Secretary*

## **TRUSTEES**

The Trustees for 2020 were Joyce Gelhaus, Tracy Wehrhan, Tom Riemenschneider, Alan Yungclas, and Sherry Leksell. They were responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the church.

The following is a list of the 2020 activities:

- An agreement was signed with the city for the purchase of the church lots. It was completed for the first January city council meeting.
- At the next city council meeting it was decided that the city will not purchase the church lots.
- Jose Burgos was hired as temporary replacement for Curt McCoskey who had a job related injury.
- Joyce and Tom met with Jose to go over responsibilities and salary. Then talked about some extra church cleaning that could be done while the church is closed because of the pandemic.
- Joyce cared for the outside flowers and landscape.
- Tony Jones did the mowing and snow removal this year.
- Lawn Ranger from Humboldt did the yard care.
- Routine elevator maintenance was done in May.
- Jason of Home Appliance Repair fixed the large kitchen refrigerator.

- Bride's bathroom toilet leaked again. If we cannot repair the toilet a new high-rise toilet was approved if needed. Alan will check the toilet.
- Tom brought in fill dirt for south side of the church.
- Chris McNiel put in a new electrical outlet on the south side of the church. It was helpful for the outdoor services.
- Joyce contacted Shawn Moran to repair and paint the outside entries on the eastside, and NE and NW corner. Received an estimate of \$2,500. It will be done the spring of 2021.
- New LED lights were put in the Sunday School/Meeting Room in the basement.
- Mark Trueblood checked the boilers.
- Pastor Craig priced 3 new desktop computers for the office, pastor, and sanctuary. The purchase was approved. Pastor Craig installed the computers.
- The church insurance board required us to get a water sensor monitoring system for inside the church. This requirement had to be met to keep our church insurance. The monitoring sensors were ordered through HSB Connected Technologies. We received the sensors to be activated and once they are activated, HSB will be monitoring our church. The first year is paid by the church insurance board, and then it will cost \$50 a month to monitor the church.

I would like to thank the outgoing trustees Tom Riemenschneider and Sherry Leksell for serving on the trustees. I would also like to thank the congregation for their continued cooperation and support during an unusual year.

*Joyce Gelhaus, Chairperson*

## **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

Women's Fellowship consists of 4 circles; Morning Star, Mayflower, Providence, Haystack. Due to the Covid19 pandemic, our activities within the church and our circle meetings had to change. Many circles used social media to communicate like zoom, facebook, email, and in person gatherings with social distancing guidelines followed.

The few things we did this year include:

- Sewing t-shirt bags for the Food Bank of Iowa.
- Distributions from 2019/2020, \$500 each to Ecumenical Human Needs, Free Clinic, Riverview and WC Daycare; \$300 to AGAPE; \$1000 to OCWM.
- Haystack sold pecans.

May God bless all of us until we can meet together again.

*Cindy Henning, Secretary*

## **WORSHIP BOARD**

The Worship Board members for 2020 were Susan Andrew, Don Bruner, Gretchen McGlynn, Donna Ryherd, & Mary Vavroch. Pastor Craig also attended the meetings.

In-person meetings occurred twice, and one ZOOM meeting was held. Email communication provided other business communication during this year with Covid 19 social distancing.

The board and Pastor Craig kept the organ and piano maintained.

Communion was blessed the first Sunday of the month. January – March it was served by intinction. April through December the communion elements prepared were grapes and bread cubes in individual biodegradable cups when we met outdoors. At home worshippers prepared their own elements.

The sanctuary and church were closed to the congregation and public in mid-March for safety precautions due to the spread of Covid 19. Pastor Craig prepared audio worship services and sent them out via email. July 5<sup>th</sup> the first outdoor worship was held on the lot south of the church and they continued into November as weather allowed. Two services were held in the sanctuary in October with social distancing, masks, and no singing, when positivity rate of Covid was low. Board members and other volunteers aided in setup and teardown of podium, keyboard, microphones and offering table for outdoor worship space. Don Bruner provided song leadership during outdoor worship. We extend our vast thanks to Chris McNeil for providing and monitoring the outdoor sound system. Melissa Hindt added immensely to the outdoor worship with her gift of music. Thanks!

During May, Worship Board developed recommended protocol for the re-opening of the church and presented it to the Cabinet.

Neither Easter nor Christmas Eve Service were held in person in 2020 due to Covid-19 and a high positive testing in Hamilton County. Only the west entry was decorated with greenery for Christmas.

We thank Mary Vavroch and Gretchen McGlynn, as they leave this board, for their many years of service on the Worship Board.

*Donna Ryherd, Chairperson*

## **CHANCEL COMMITTEE**

Our committee has been very in-active this year due to Covid-19. Hopefully in the near future we will be able to hold worship services in our church building and we encourage you to sign-up on the flower chart to contribute flowers in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special occasion or even “just because”.

*The Chancel Committee  
Verna Bierle, Leah Maass and Dalene Schlitter*



## **SPECIAL FUNDS**

Special Funds are those funds donated to the church by specific bequest, and designated for specific purposes. The funds are under the control of the Finance Board. A Special Funds Committee was created in 1988 and consists of the Chairman of the Finance Board, Special Funds Treasurer and one other person appointed by the Board. The purpose of the committee is to maximize the income from the investment of the funds and to give continuity to the administration of the funds.

**Agape** – Established to assist persons who face unusual and unexpected financial crisis. Money from this fund can be disbursed only at the recommendation of the Agape Fund Committee. The committee is composed of the Minister, Chair of Evangelism Board and Church Moderator.

**Bess Lyon Scholarship** – Awarded to high school graduates and college students for scholarships. 90% of the interest earnings are available each year. The fund consists of bonds, a note to Mayflower Home and a Money Market Account.

**Building** – Funds donated to the church for special projects and/or improvements to the church. There have been numerous donors to this fund. However, the majority of this fund came from the Rothrock and Parkhurst estates. These monies are invested in Certificates of Deposits and bonds.

**Helen Johnson** – A donation made by Helen Johnson to the church established a building fund and a scholarship fund. These were established in 2010, as directed by her will. The Building Fund was established with \$300,000 of which \$20,000 can be withdrawn each year for building maintenance. The Helen Johnson Scholarship Fund was started with \$100,000. The interest on this money will be used for scholarships to be awarded by criteria established by the Finance Board.

**Memorial Fund** – Funds donated to the church as memorials. Some contributions are undesignated and some are given for a specific purpose. Accounting for designated memorials and purchase of all items is the responsibility of the Memorial Committee.

**Poole Higher Education Scholarship** – Up to 85% of the interest income may be awarded each year to students pursuing a higher education. Preference is given to graduate students and first time applicants. The Original Bequest of \$20,000 from the Helen Poole Estate was designated to establish a scholarship fund in her name.

**Clifford Doty Memorial** – To be used for maintenance and repairs of church organ and pianos. The fund was established from the estate of long-time church organist Clifford Doty.

**Ptacek Memorial Medical Careers** – This fund was established in late 1998 with funds donated by Dr. J. L. Ptacek. Guidelines for investment of the principal and awarding of scholarships have been established by the Board of Trustees and will be administered by the Special Funds Treasurer.

**W. J. Covil** – Established in 2001 upon dissolution of the Covil Trust by the court. The money was turned over to Special Funds with interest income to be paid annually to the Endowment Fund. In 2014 the Finance Committee turned the Covil funds over to the Endowment Committee.

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP  
FINANCIAL REPORT**

BALANCE ON HAND		3,833.21
RECEIPTS – 2020		
Circle donations	1,090.00	
Thrift Sale	206.00	
Funeral donations	25.00	
Savings Transfer	92.00	
Interest	<u>.63</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	1,413.63	<u>1,413.63</u>
		5,246.84
DISBURSEMENTS – 2020		
OCWM	1,000.00	
Gifts/Programs	100.00	
Thrift Sale	170.78	
Kitchen Supplies	40.84	
Coffee	93.00	
Funeral food	58.61	
SERRV	245.23	
Greeting Cards	23.46	
Check Blanks	24.50	
Agape Fund	300.00	
Free Clinic	500.00	
Riverview Day Care	500.00	
Webster City Day Care	500.00	
Ecumenical Human Needs	<u>500.00</u>	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	4,056.42	<u>4,056.42</u>
BALANCE – December 31, 2020		\$ 1,190.42

## FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Item	Amount	Item	Amount
Offerings	175,995.16	Ice Cream Social	2,078.00
AGAPE	640.00	Lotus House	582.63
Almost Home	465.00	Mayflower	55.00
Alternative Giving	2,080.00	Memorial Fund	250.00
Amazon Smile	31.81	Neighbors in Need	540.00
Angel Tree	600.00	OCWM – Extra	300.00
Bess Lyon Scholarship	264.95	Relay for Life	431.00
Christian Ed	435.00	Romania	550.00
Christmas Fund	1,215.00	Strengthen the Church	455.00
Clifford Doty	500.00	Souper Bowl	372.00
Endowment	25.00	UDMO	50.00
Funding Future Leaders	839.00	<b>Total:</b>	<b>191,029.55</b>

Total Giving	Count	2020 Total	Total Giving	Count	2019 Total
\$0.01 to 99.99	12	280.00	\$0.01 to 99.99	28	938.00
100 to 999.99	9	4,105.00	100 to 999.99	17	6,530.00
1,000 to 4,999.99	33	82,804.55	1,000 to 4,999.99	30	69,990.14
5,000 to 9,999.99	3	24,420.00	5,000 to 9,999.99	7	53,272.00
10,000 to 14,999.99	1	12,340.00	10,000 to 14,999.99		
15,000 to 41,999.99	3	67080.00	15,000 to 41,999.99	3	71,275.00
Loose Change			Loose Change		5,721.16
<b>Total</b>		<b>191,029.55</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>207,726.30</b>

*Michele Omvig, Administrative Assistant*

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Account #	Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget
<b><i>Income</i></b>				
401.000	Pledges and Offerings	16,525.00	175,995.18	212,240.00
	<b>Pledges and Offerings</b>	<b>\$16,525.00</b>	<b>\$175,995.18</b>	<b>\$212,240.00</b>
401.001	Checking Acct Interest Income	0.00	0.00	
401.002	Money Market Interest Income	0.00	0.00	
401.003	CD Interest Income	0.00	0.00	
401.005	Rentals Income	0.00	0.00	
401.008	Matins Offering	0.00	0.00	
	<b>Other Income</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	
403.000	Memorial Fund Income	50.00	50.00	
403.001	Memorial Fund Interest Income	0.00	10.19	
404.000	Building Fund Income	443.89	443.89	
404.001	Building Fund Interest Income	0.00	0.00	
407.000	Medical Career Income	0.00	0.00	
407.001	Medical Careers Interest Income	0.00	0.00	
408.000	Agape Income	661.00	661.00	
408.001	Agape Fund Interest Income	0.00	2.56	
409.000	Helen Poole Memorial Income	0.00	0.00	
409.001	Helen Poole Mem Interest Income	0.00	0.00	
410.000	Cliff Doty Memorial Income	531.81	531.81	
410.001	Cliff Doty Memorial Interest Income	0.00	6.25	
412.000	Bess Lyon Memorial Income	319.95	359.95	
412.001	Bess Lyon Memorial Interest Income	0.00	5.30	
413.000	W.J. Covil Fund Income	0.00	0.00	
413.001	W. J. Covil Fund Interest Income	0.00	0.00	
415.000	Helen Johnson Bequest Income	0.00	0.00	
415.001	Helen Johnson Building Fund Interest Income	0.00	9,844.74	
415.002	Scholarship Interest Income - Johnson/PLP	0.00	8,747.85	
416.001	First State Bank General Fund Interest	0.00	16,233.74	
	<b>Memorial/Special Funds Income</b>	<b>\$2,006.65</b>	<b>\$36,897.28</b>	
401.009	Gain on Bonds	(888.35)	(2,830.10)	
416.000	First State Bank General Fund Income	4,404.48	10,779.48	
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$22,047.78</b>	<b>\$220,841.84</b>	<b>\$212,240.00</b>
<b><i>Expense</i></b>				
510.100	OCWM Expense	1,583.34	19,000.00	19,000.00
510.300	Assoc. Dues & Expense	0.00	426.00	450.00
510.400	Mayflower Home Expense	250.00	250.00	250.00
510.500	Mission Outreach Expense	0.00	0.00	150.00
	<b>Outreach &amp; Mission</b>	<b>\$1,833.34</b>	<b>\$19,676.00</b>	<b>\$19,850.00</b>
520.100	Minister's Salary Expense	4,058.00	48,696.00	48,696.00
520.200	Minister Retirement & Dues	737.87	8,865.58	8,860.00
520.300	Minister Insurance Expense	1,592.26	17,567.11	17,500.00
520.400	Minister FICA "off-set" Expense	404.17	4,850.04	4,850.00
520.500	Minister Cont Ed & Prof Expense	0.00	25.00	500.00
520.550	Minister Housing Allowance	1,212.50	14,550.00	14,550.00
520.600	Minister Car Allowance Expense	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
	<b>Pastoral Services</b>	<b>\$8,004.80</b>	<b>\$94,553.73</b>	<b>\$96,456.00</b>
530.100	Church Insurance	2,778.25	9,666.25	9,000.00

530.301	Maintenance and Repairs	374.22	654.68	7,500.00
530.501	Electric Expense-Church	0.00	5,605.00	5,000.00
530.511	Gas Expense-Church	0.00	3,090.00	5,500.00
530.521	Phone Expense-Church	0.00	976.24	1,000.00
530.700	Custodian Salary Expense	0.00	6,545.00	11,220.00
	<b>Maintenance &amp; Repairs</b>	<b>\$3,152.47</b>	<b>\$26,537.17</b>	<b>\$39,220.00</b>
540.100	Office Supplies/Postage Expense	21.72	669.59	1,500.00
540.101	Service Charge & Fees	0.00	0.00	50.00
540.102	Lease/Maintenance Agreements	2,823.38	6,784.84	9,000.00
540.200	Office Equipment Expense	11.92	491.92	2,500.00
540.300	Admin. Assist. Salary Expense	1,990.00	23,880.00	24,007.00
540.301	Financial Assistant Salary Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00
540.600	Soc. Sec. Exp. (x-cept Minist)	218.50	2,992.96	3,450.00
540.601	Workmen's Compensation Insurance	0.00	990.00	1,400.00
	<b>Church Office</b>	<b>\$5,065.52</b>	<b>\$35,809.31</b>	<b>\$41,907.00</b>
550.100	Organist Salary Expense	420.00	5,068.00	5,463.00
550.101	Organist Substitute Expense	0.00	150.00	500.00
550.102	ORRF Instructor Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00
550.200	Choir Director Salary Expense	446.25	3,629.50	4,225.00
550.400	Music Committee Expense	0.00	0.00	200.00
	<b>Music Ministry</b>	<b>\$866.25</b>	<b>\$8,847.50</b>	<b>\$10,388.00</b>
560.201	Vacation Bible School Expense	0.00	0.00	
560.202	Curriculum Expense	136.95	219.70	100.00
560.205	KLAB Expense	0.00	59.00	250.00
560.206	Craft Supplies Expense	0.00	0.00	100.00
560.207	Graduation Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00
560.208	Post Confirmation Expense	0.00	0.00	200.00
560.400	Confirmation	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>Christian Education</b>	<b>\$136.95</b>	<b>\$278.70</b>	<b>\$650.00</b>
570.200	Ecumenical Human Needs	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
570.201	CUE Expense	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
570.299	Evangelism Board Expense	0.00	0.00	100.00
570.300	Parish Nurse Program Expense	0.00	0.00	100.00
570.400	Chancel Committee Expense	0.00	0.00	200.00
570.401	Travel Assistance	0.00	0.00	
570.500	Pulpit Supply Expense	0.00	0.00	100.00
	<b>Local Ministry</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>
580.303	Memorial Fund Expense	0.00	0.00	6,000.00
580.305	Bldg. Fund Expense	0.00	8,473.13	13,000.00
580.307	Medical Careers Expense	0.00	0.00	2,500.00
580.308	Agape Expense	0.00	0.00	1,300.00
580.309	Helen Poole Memorial Expense	0.00	1,100.00	1,000.00
580.310	Cliff Doty Memorial Expense	0.00	333.80	1,000.00
580.312	Bess Lyon Memorial Expense	0.00	2,600.00	2,600.00
580.313	W.J. Covil Fund Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00
580.315	Helen Johnson Scholarship Expense	0.00	3,800.00	
	<b>Memorial Funds Distributions</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$16,306.93</b>	<b>\$27,400.00</b>
590.005	Misc Church/Worship Expense	0.00	756.93	1,000.00
590.006	Lay Delegates to Conf Ann Mtg	0.00	0.00	300.00
590.008	Stephen Ministry Expense	0.00	0.00	500.00
590.012	Website Maintenance	0.00	320.52	1,000.00
590.013	Audit Expense	0.00	0.00	500.00
	<b>Misc. Expenses</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,077.45</b>	<b>\$3,300.00</b>
560.500	Youth Scholarships Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00

580.316	Covil Memorial Expense		0.00	0.00	
		<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$21,059.33</b>	<b>\$205,086.79</b>	<b>\$241,671.00</b>
	<b>Difference</b>		<b><u>\$988.45</u></b>	<b><u>\$15,755.05</u></b>	<b><u>(\$29,431.00)</u></b>

## BALANCE SHEET

Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance
<b>Assets</b>		
101.001	First State Bank Checking #1084089	5,265.42
103.000	Memorial Fund - MM Acct - FSB 3452409	9,656.39
108.000	Agape Fund - MM Acct - FSB 3450163	3,076.85
120.000	First State Bank General Fund Cash- 1051865	29,509.11
121.000	General Fund Cetera Brokerage	33,687.59
122.100	General Fund - Beam, Inc. (1/15/23)	29,614.75
122.200	General Fund - Molson Coors (5/1/22)	25,305.36
122.250	General Fund - Sara Lee (11/1/32)	26,092.89
122.300	General Fund - Union Carbide (6/1/25)	29,662.70
122.350	General Fund - Wells Fargo (3/8/22)	25,528.06
122.400	General Fund - Western Union (11/17/36)	26,276.03
122.900	General Fund - Lord Abbet 2	25,000.00
122.905	General Fund - Viatrix Stock	4,404.48
130.000	Johnson Build. Fund Cash FSB 1043471	28,254.04
131.000	Johnson Building Fund Cetera Brokerage	29,028.29
132.100	Johnson Building Fund - Anheuser Busch (12/15/27)	24,268.17
132.150	Johnson Building Fund - Bank Am Corp 2 (5/13/21)	24,678.69
132.250	Johnson Building Fund - Discover Fin. (3/15/28)	23,003.77
132.251	Johnson Building Fund - Discover Fin 2018 (3/15/30)	25,004.46
132.275	Johnson Building Fund - Ford (12/20/29)	27,000.00
132.300	Johnson Building Fund - Goldman Sachs (5/15/28)	25,003.02
132.350	Johnson Building Fund - JP Morgan Chase (9/23/22)	24,540.89
132.450	Johnson Building Fund - Phelps Dodge (11/1/27)	28,651.78
132.600	Johnson Building Fund - Express Script (3/1/27)	24,279.95
132.900	Johnson Building Fund - Lord Abbett (2)	48,000.00
135.000	Cliff Doty Mem - MM Acct - FSB 3452344	6,281.29
135.100	Amazon Smile - Savings - FSB 3201912	112.30
136.100	Building Fund (Doty)- Citigroup Inc Bond (11/20/26)	13,172.49
140.000	Johnson/Lyon/Poole/Ptacek Cash FSB #1044354	3,897.79
140.100	Bess Lyon Mem - MM Acct - FSB 3452484	5,612.71
140.110	Bess Lyon- Mayflower Home Note	1,787.95
140.201	Helen Poole Mem Checking FSB 1090232	1,045.59
140.300	Ptacek - FSB 1084941	6,737.05
141.000	Scholarship Fund Cetera Brokerage	6,585.70
142.050	Johnson Scholarship Fund - Apple Inc (5/3/23)	29,813.95
142.110	Johnson Scholarship Fund Goldman Sachs (9/15/37)	23,266.19
142.150	Johnson Scholarship Fund - Motorola (3/1/23)	19,948.84
142.200	Johnson Scholarship Fund - Walmart (4/5/27)	24,321.65
143.050	Lyons Scholarship Fund - Ford (11/15/25)	25,358.19
143.051	Lyons Scholarship Fund - Ford2 (12/20/29)	20,000.00
144.050	Poole Scholarship CD FSB 3550981	5,000.00
144.500	Poole Scholarship Fund - Verizon (11/15/47)	28,004.87
145.055	Ptacek Scholarship Fund - Altria Group (2/14/29)	23,825.47
145.100	Ptacek Scholarship Fund - Host Hotels (6/15/25)	19,747.02
	<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>\$869,311.74</u></b>

**Liabilities**

200.000	Accounts Payable/Vendors	(2,838.64)
202.000	State Withholding	1.00
203.000	941-Payroll Taxes	88.36
205.002	UCC Christmas Fund	1,190.00
205.007	General UDMO Donations	30.00
205.009	Lilies/Poinsettias	205.18
205.023	Christian Ed	435.00
205.029	Choir	125.00
205.037	RStearns Memorial-Music	558.26
205.048	Medical Flexible Spending Acct	0.74
205.054	Chancel Committee Carryover	12.45
205.082	Pastoral Discretionary	460.65
206.000	Alternative Giving	643.36
211.000	Animal Shelter	35.00
212.008	Memorial	200.00
	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$1,146.36</b>

**Fund Balance**

301.000	General Fund Balance	98,165.39
303.000	Memorial Fund	22,452.56
304.000	Building Fund	69,168.58
307.000	Medical Careers Fund	36,954.54
308.000	Agape Fund	3,376.10
309.000	Helen Poole Memorial Fund	17,914.95
310.000	Cliff Doty Memorial Fund	11,687.54
312.000	Bess Lyon Memorial Fund	31,308.50
313.000	W.J. Covil Fund	409.50
315.000	Helen Johnson Bequest Fund Balance	576,727.72
	<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$868,165.38</b>
	<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	<b><u>\$869,311.74</u></b>

## ENDOWMENT

Cetera Advisor Networks, LLC Amounts as of the December 2020 statement

<u>Asset Summary:</u>	<u>Market Value</u>
Money Market Funds	\$ 9,300.48
Fixed Income	\$120,000.00
<u>Exchange-Traded Products</u>	<u>\$23,335.00</u>
Account Total	\$152,635.48

### Details of Fixed Assets:

AT & T Inc.	\$20,000.00
Bank Amer corp.	\$20,000.00
Capital One Financial	\$20,000.00
Goldman Sachs	\$20,000.00
National Rural Utilities	\$20,000.00
<u>Verizon communications, Inc.</u>	<u>\$20,000.00</u>
Total Fixed Assets	\$120,000.00

### Details of Exchange Traded Products:

IShares TR Core Growth	\$13,050.00
Vaneck Vectors	<u>\$10,285.00</u>
Total Exchange Traded	\$23,335.00

### INCOME:

Dividends	\$ 792.52
Bond Interest	\$4,761.07
<u>Bank Deposits</u>	<u>\$ 150.00</u>
	\$5,703.59

Checking Account Balance	\$ 1,100.23
Cetera Portfolio	<u>\$152,635.48</u>
2018 Total Endowment Funds	\$153,735.71

2019 Total: \$150,797.12

### ENDOWMENT FUNDS DISTRIBUTED TO:

Beacon of Hope	\$ 500.00
Trinity Food Pantry	\$ 250.00
St Paul Food Pantry	\$ 250.00
UDMO	\$ 750.00
Lotus	\$ 500.00
ACE	\$ 750.00
Funding Future Leaders	\$ 500.00
<u>Cliff Doty Fund</u>	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
Total	\$4,000.00

Since 1992, the Endowment Fund has given away \$41,525.43

Reported 1/03/2021 – Endowment Committee



## 2021 BUDGET

	Acct Name	2020	2021	Change
510.100	OCWM Expense	19,000	17,000	(2,000)
510.300	Association Dues & Expense	450	450	
510.400	Mayflower Home Expense	250	250	
510.500	Mission Outreach Expense	150	150	
	<b>Outreach &amp; Mission</b>	<b>19,850</b>	<b>17,850</b>	<b>(2,000)</b>
520.100	Minister's Salary Expense	48,696	49,680	984
520.200	Minister Retirement & Dues	8,860	9,000	140
520.300	Minister Insurance Expense	17,500	18,375*	875*
520.400	Minister FICA "off-set" Expense	4,850	4,925	75
520.500	Minister Continuing Ed & Professional Exp.	500	500	
520.550	Minister Housing Allowance	14,550	14,550	
520.600	Minister Car Allowance Expense	1,500	1,500	
	<b>Pastoral Services</b>	<b>96,456</b>	<b>98,530</b>	<b>2,074</b>
530.100	Church Insurance	9,000	9,000	
530.301	Maintenance and Repairs	7,500	7,500	
530.501	Electric Expense - Church	5,000	5,000	
530.511	Gas Expense - Church	5,500	5,500	
530.521	Phone Expense - Church	1,000	1,000	
530.700	Custodian Salary Expense	11,220	11,400	180
	<b>Maintenance &amp; Repairs</b>	<b>39,220</b>	<b>39,400</b>	<b>180</b>
540.100	Office Supplies/Postage Expense	1,500	1,000	(500)
540.101	Service Charge & Fees	50	50	
540.102	Lease/Maintenance Agreements	9,000	9,000	
540.200	Office Equipment Expense	2,500	900	(1,600)
540.300	Administrative Assistant Salary Expense	24,007	24,505	498
540.301	Office Substitute	0	0	
540.600	Social Security Expense (except Minister)	3,450	3,505	55
540.601	Workmen's Compensation Insurance	1,400	1,500	100
	<b>Church Office</b>	<b>41,907</b>	<b>40,460</b>	<b>(1,447)</b>
550.100	Organist Salary Expense	5,463	5,575	112
550.101	Organist Substitute	500	500	
550.200	Choir Director Salary Expense	4,225	4,310	85
550.400	Music Committee Expense	200	200	
	<b>Music Ministry</b>	<b>10,388</b>	<b>10,585</b>	<b>197</b>

Acct	Acct Name	2020	2021	Change
560.201	Vacation Bible School Expense	0	0	
560.202	Curriculum Expense	100	100	
560.205	KLAB Expense	250	250	
560.206	Craft Supplies Expense	100	100	
560.207	Graduation Expense	0	0	
560.208	Post Confirmation Expense	200	200	
560.400	Confirmation Expense	0	0	
560.500	Youth Scholarships Expense	0	0	
	<b>Christian Education</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>650</b>	
570.200	Ecumenical Human Needs	1,000	1,000	
570.201	CUE Expense	1,000	1,000	
570.299	Evangelism Board Expense	100	100	
570.300	Parish Nurse Program Expense	100	100	
570.400	Chancel Committee Expense	200	200	
570.401	Travel Assistance	0	0	
570.500	Pulpit Supply Expense	100	100	
	<b>Local Ministry</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>2,500</b>	
590.005	Misc. Church/Worship Expense	1,000	1,000	
590.006	Lay Delegate to Conference Annual Mtg.	300	300	
590.008	Stephen Ministry Expense	500	250	(250)
590.012	Website Maintenance	1,000	500	(500)
590.013	Audit Expense	500	500	
	<b>Miscellaneous Expenses</b>	<b>3,300</b>	<b>2,550</b>	<b>(750)</b>
	<b>GENERAL FUND EXPENSES</b>	<b>214,271</b>	<b>212,525</b>	<b>(1,746)</b>
580.303	* Memorial Fund Expense	6,000	9,500	3,500
580.305	Bldg. Fund Expense	13,000	12,000	(1,000)
580.307	* Medical Careers Expense	2,500	7,800	5,300
580.308	* Agape Expense	1,300	2,900	1,600
580.309	* Helen Poole Memorial Expense	1,000	1,300	300
580.310	* Cliff Doty Memorial Expense	1,000	1,000	
580.312	* Bess Lyon Memorial Expense	2,600	2,900	300
580.315	* Helen Johnson Scholarship Expense	4,000	3,800	(200)
	<b>Special Fund Distributions</b>	<b>31,400</b>	<b>41,200</b>	<b>9,800</b>
	<b>SPECIAL FUND EXPENSES</b>	<b>31,400</b>	<b>41,200</b>	<b>9,800</b>
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>245,671</b>	<b>253,725</b>	<b>8,054</b>

\*Estimated increase of 5% - this may change when more information is received.

## NOMINATIONS FOR CHURCH OFFICERS

\*elect at Annual Meeting

Constitution Article VI B. *No member can serve more than 2 consecutive terms on the same board without taking a 1 year break before re-election. Two members from the same household cannot serve on the same board simultaneously.*

### Officers

Moderator: Nick Oberender \*1 (limited)

Vice Moderator: Joyce Gelhaus \*1(succeeds Moderator)

Clerk: Stephanie Hill \*1(unlimited)

Treasurer: Tracy Wehrhan \*1(unlimited)

Financial Secretary: Dale Olson \*1(unlimited)

### Staff/Parish Relations Board

1. Cindy Henning 1

2. Mary Van Diest 1

3. Mary Vavroch \*2

4. Lorraine McCoskey \*2

5. Holly Riemenschneider \*2

### Trustees Board

1. Tracy Wehrhan 1

2. Joyce Gelhaus 1

3. Al Yungclas 2

4. Laurie Epps \*2

5. Les Ploeger \*2

### Finance Board

1. Tracy Wehrhan (Treasurer) 2

2. Dale Olson (Financial Sec) 2

3. Dalene Schlitter 2

4. Nate Lahr 1

5. Duane Vavroch \*3

### Evangelism Board

1. Patty Gescheidler 1

2. Jenny Manning 1

3. Ginnie Veach 1

4. Carol Crystal \*2

5. Leah Maass \*2

### Worship Board

1. Don Bruner 1

2. Gayle Olson \*2

3. Jane Klaver \*2

4. Donna Ryherd \*2

5. Susan Andrew 1

### Mission Board

1. Audrey Burtnett 1

2. Marjorie Groves 1

3. Sherry Leksell \*2

4. Stephanie Hill \*2

5. Karin Yungclas \*2

### Christian Education Board

1. Vicki Blaufuss 1

2. Linda Lahr \*2

3. Patty Gescheidler \*2

4. Dawn Holdgrafer \*2

5. Wil Groves \*2

### Chancel Committee (reports to Worship Board; may renew)

Verna Bierle \*1

Dalene Schlitter \*1

Greta Oberender \*1

**Memorial Committee**

1. Mabel Prescott 2                    2. Leanna Ploeger 1                    3. Greta Oberender \*3

**Endowment Fund Committee** (can serve 2 consecutive terms)

1. Jose Burgos 4                    4. Dale Olson 1  
2. Kolleen Taylor 3                    5. Shirley Yungclas \*5  
3. Katie Sonsalla 2

**Nominating Committee** (reports to the Cabinet)

1. Joyce Gelhaus (Vice Moderator)                    3. Erica Pawletzki 1  
2. Pastor Craig

