



# Celtic Cross Presbyterian Church

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## 2023 Annual Report

### PASTOR'S REPORT

I'd like to recognize the work of our elders for demonstrating their leadership after I announced my intention to retire in January. The work of the monthly meetings of the Session launched Project Regeneration in order to complete a Mission Study to begin the process to search for a new pastor. This Study is required by the Presbytery before naming a Pastor Nominating Committee. The Session elders and the Nominating Committee worked all spring and summer to prayerfully nominate the following eleven people to be presented and voted on by the Congregation in September. Pray for these people as begin their work: Keith Aiken, Vicki Baudendistel, Lisa Caldwell, Don Hurd, Michael Massey, Doug Matchell, Jeff Nelson, Mary Grace O'Brien, Kay Quick Grenda, Barbara Tompkins, and Tracey Wiltshire.

Your elders, leaders and staff provide faithful leadership for us to lead joyous worship, which is livestreamed to our friends at home, and others who cannot join us in person. I want to thank our Deacons who lovingly connect and offer care to the people. The Deacons offer care with their phone calls, cards, emails and texts as needed. Additionally, the Deacons serve the members of the congregation each week during the fellowship hour and with receptions for members for memorial services. Additionally, our Board of Deacons continues to collect food monthly and provide funds to the three local food closets.

All our leadership meetings for Elders and Deacons are conducted in hybrid matter, both in-person and hosted on the Zoom platform. Our church musicians have continued to prepare stimulating and faithful music every Sunday. I am grateful for those who led all of the small groups and Bible studies offered on regular basis. One of my favorite activities of the year is when our Lenten small groups meet. The conversations and connections spiritually prepare us for the Easter Celebration.

Our Winter Sanctuary volunteers oversaw a week-long overnight stay in Runquist Hall for the men and upstairs in the C.E. building for the women. There is always a delicious homemade dinner and enough food to take with them for the following morning. Several of our volunteers continue to provide leadership for the Citrus Heights HART (Homeless Action Resource Team) program. The men and women of the Over-the-Hill Gang continue to meet weekly and put in many hours to maintain our facility and work on special projects on the property. All enjoy the Trunk or Treat with jump houses and carefully decorated trunks the Sunday before Halloween. We counted more than 300 kids, youth and adults who visited our campus, most in full costume.

Thank you for your generous and faithful response to financially support our ministry in 2023! With the Session elders, I rejoice that we were able to provide all the weekly activities and special events that help our people proclaim the message of the Risen Christ. As you read the following pages of our report, you discover the life and ministry of Celtic Cross Presbyterian Church. As your pastor, I continue to be grateful and experience great joy for the way God is working in all our lives.

Patty and I continue to feel blessed to be a part of this loving and faithful church family. May the peace of Christ be with all of you! It is an honor and privilege to be your pastor!

In Christ's Service with you,  
Pastor Bob

**OFFICERS SERVING IN 2023****Elders Class of 2023**

Vicki Baudendistel

Dean Johnson

Tracey Wiltshire

**Class of 2024**

Chrystie Johnson

Mike McKibbin

Mike O'Brien

**Class of 2025**

Cheri Johnson

Joy Lineback

Karen Sturdevant

**Deacons Class of 2023**

Connie David

Dwayne Decker

Nancy Guettler

Jane Jackson

Ginger Summers

Margaret Winslow

**Class of 2024**

Bernie Ford

Patty Fraley

Patt Kregel

Doreen Owens

Janet Souza

Debe Tucker

**Class of 2025**

Susan Awalt

Gene Johnsen

Marcia Leonard

Larry Lineback

Ruth Milligan

Nancy Sigsbee

*Let the heavens be glad, and the earth rejoice!  
Tell all the nations, "The Lord reigns!"*

I CHRONICLES 16:31

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The Annual Meeting of the Corporation of Celtic Cross Presbyterian Church was held in conjunction with the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 29, 2023.

The 2022 report from the treasurer presented and accepted.

All members of the Session were elected as Trustees of the Corporation with the following elders elected as Officers of the Corporation:

President: Mike (William) O'Brien

Secretary: Alice Sundquist

Treasurer: Sue Hurd

Special Congregational Meetings were held on Sunday, September 24, 2023 and Sunday, December 17, 2023.

The Trustees of the Corporation would like to thank all our members and other contributors to our church for their generous giving in 2023, in a year of continuing difficulties subsequent to the 2020 start of the pandemic.

*Alice Sundquist, Secretary of the Corporation*

**2023 STATISTICS**

**Minutes** of all regular and special meetings of Session, as well as the Congregational Meetings, were recorded and approved.

**Session** held 11 regular meetings in 2023.

**Congregational Meetings:** The Annual Congregational and Corporation Meetings were held on January 29, 2023. Special Congregational Meetings were held on September 24, to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee and December 17, 2023, to elect Elders and Deacons.

**Attendance:** Average in-person attendance has been 49 in the Traditional Service and 36 in the Modern Service with an average of 10 units viewing each of the services live online. Average attendance at the Sunday morning Kids Ministry has been 5.

**Membership:**

**As of December 31, 2022** 186

**Additions in 2023:** 0

**Losses in 2023:**

Death 5

Transfers 2

Other 7

**As of December 31, 2023** 172

## PERSONNEL & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Personnel and Executive Committee (P&E) is a committee of Session. P&E normally meets the second Tuesday as required to review personnel matters and items of business that need to be brought to Session.

P&E is made up of three Session team leaders, plus the Treasurer, Senior Pastor, and Clerk of Session. The members serving in 2023 were Mike McKibbin, Stewardship; Mike O'Brien, Operations; and Tracey Wiltshire, Outreach & Membership; Sue Hurd, Treasurer; Alice Sundquist; and Bob Yule (ex officio).

In 2023 we moved approx. \$138,000 from demand accounts at the Synod of the Pacific to Bank of Marin to get a better rate on invested funds and to facilitate transfers into our checking account at Bank of Marin.

There were no staff changes in 2023.

Pastor Yule announced at the January Session meeting that he plans to retire effective as of January 31, 2025. Given the timeline and at Pastor Yule's suggestion, we sought and received Presbytery approval to conduct our Mission Study and pastoral search prior to his retirement date, rather than waiting and then naming an Interim Pastor.

In April the Session approved participation in the Presbyterian Foundation's Project Regeneration process. Project Regeneration helps churches determine their mission focus going forward. This will provide important content for the Session-developed Mission Study, which is the first step of the Pastoral search process.

The Congregation elected a Pastor Nominating Committee at a Special Congregational Meeting on September 24, 2023.

The Personnel Commission, appointed annually by the Session, focuses specifically on personnel issues and provides recommendations to the P&E Committee and Session on personnel matters. During 2023 the Personnel Commission was comprised of Dave Terwilliger, Tracey Wiltshire and William Van Duker, with Rev. Yule as ex officio.

*Alice Sundquist, Clerk of Session*

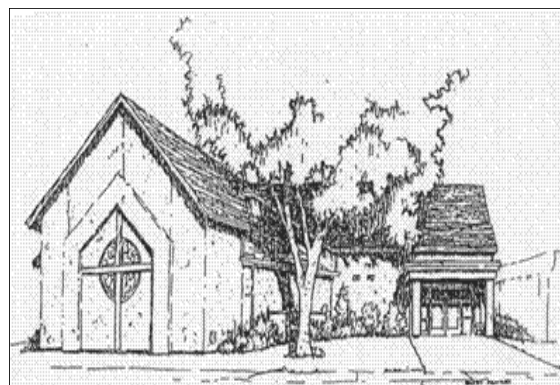
**Celtic Cross Presbyterian Church exists to exalt God through meaningful worship, to encourage each person to become a fully devoted disciple connected to the community, and to extend the love of Christ into the world.**



## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The 2023 Nominating Committee:

Chrystie Johnson	Moderator
Joy Lineback	Vice Moderator
Doreen Owens	Board of Deacons
Teddie Allison	Member-at-Large
Jackie Bartz	Member-at-Large
Carol Cross	Member-at-Large
Patty Fraley	Member-at-Large



**Cash Reconciliation Report 2023****December 31, 2022 Balances**

Checking	33,000.43
Payroll	984.03
Money Market	36,441.76
Synod Demand	84,919.35
Synod Horst 12mths	51,928.73
Schwab	187.40
Endowment	54,584.09
<b>Total Beginning Funds</b>	<b>262,045.79</b>

**Operating Budget Income**

Pledges	323,097.59
Regular Giving	121,093.28
Plate	3,365.54
Miscellaneous	1,775.03
Total Budget Income	449,331.44
Total Designated Income	45,159.15
Endowment Loss/Gain	2,405.46
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>496,896.05</b>

**Operating Budget Disbursements**

Administration	329,192.56
Operations	99,926.34
Christian Education	3,250.69
Music & Worship	887.46
Community Outreach	693.46
Missions	32,000.00
Per Capita	6,095.70
Total Disbursements	472,046.21
Designated Disbursements	120,302.98
<b>Less Total Disbursements</b>	<b>601,510.44</b>

**Net Total Income (104,614.39)****December 31, 2023 Balances**

Checking	26,793.76
Payroll	1,274.24
Money Market	54,748.99
CD Bank of Marin [Horst]	75,534.57
Endowment	56,989.55
Schwab	188.22
<b>Total Ending Funds</b>	<b>215,529.33</b>

<b>Balance December 31, 2022</b>	<b>262,045.79</b>
<b>Plus Net Cash from all Activities</b>	<b>(104,614.39)</b>
<b>Prepaid Expenses</b>	<b>(1,041.75)</b>
<b>A/P</b>	<b>(2,134.57)</b>
<b>Plumbtree fund correction from 2019</b>	<b>52,113.00</b>
<b>Add back depreciation non cash entry</b>	<b>9,161.25</b>
<b>Equals Balance December 31, 2023</b>	<b>215,529.33</b>

Patty Lavagnino, Fiscal Clerk

**FINANCIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**

The Financial Review Committee has completed a financial review of the bank accounts maintained by Celtic Cross Presbyterian Church for the period beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023. They reviewed the procedures of counting and accounting under the current Book of Order G10.0401d, and reconciled receipts and disbursements with bank deposits and bank balances. They found the balances to be reported correctly, presented fairly with proper procedures and agreed that the records are properly kept.

This committee consisted of Margaret Attebery, Molly Matchell and Sue Terwilliger.

Sue Hurd, 2024 Treasurer

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

In 2023 we received pledges of \$323,097.59 and regular giving of \$121,093.28. Our balance on December 31, 2022 was \$262,045.79. After all expenses were paid, the ending balance on December 31, 2023 was \$215,529.33. Non-budgeted revenues came from missions, special music and memorials. While we were short on funds at times due to unexpected maintenance expenses, we were able to meet our monthly expenses due to the generosity of this congregation.

Sue Hurd, 2023 Treasurer

**STEWARDSHIP**

I come to you to report on the business of stewardship in the year of 2023. First the good news: This year, in comparison with the 2023 pledges we received, almost everyone has met their pledge goal, and many have exceeded it! There are also quite a few individuals and families who have given to the church who did not submit pledges at the beginning of the year. We are continually thankful for kindness and generosity of our church family.

We are also lucky to have a dedicated team of individuals assisting with our stewardship needs. In particular, I want to recognize our Treasurer, Sue Hurd, for her hard work.

Unfortunately, we have experienced deficits in every month this year. We have used reserves to cover these funds, but the church's financial situation will necessitate revisions in the 2024 church budget and a careful examination of operating costs. We are cognizant of inflationary pressures and the budgetary changes that will result as we move into the next phase for our church.

As we plan for our 2024 budget, your pledge is crucial in helping us maintain existing ministries, provide care and support to church parishioners, and expand our impact in the community. Through these efforts, we can unleash the fullness of God's goodness and the richness of his love.

We know, as it says in Proverbs 11:25, that "whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered."

Thank you for prayerfully considering investing in our church.

Mike McKibbin, Stewardship Elder

**Celtic Cross Presbyterian Church  
2023 Annual Designated Funds**

Description	Bal Forward	Income	Expense	Balance
One Great Hour of Sharing	-	2,417.00	2,417.00	-
Christmas Joy Offering	1,810.00	2,151.00	1,810.00	2,151.00
Food Closet	1,507.00	300.00	1,500.00	307.00
Presbyterian Disaster Fund	500.00	-	500.00	-
Downtown Ministries	150.00	3,597.00	3,647.00	100.00
Memorials	3,217.35	5,825.00	1,925.00	7,117.35
Bell Fund	52.53	-	-	52.53
Bldg. Maintenance Fund	21,679.11	10,418.63	7,253.64	24,844.10
Children Activities	-	500.00	-	500.00
Campership	3,915.60	4,985.00	6,682.50	2,218.10
Children Mission	407.98	17.00	-	424.98
Choir/Special Music	500.61	100.00	500.00	100.61
Deacons' Fund	855.52	2,043.15	2,042.06	856.61
Ministry/Training	34.34	-	-	34.34
Special Events	61.63	1,617.38	1,678.74	0.27
CCPW	940.70	692.61	711.33	921.98
In & Out	542.25	-	-	542.25
Youth Missions/Activities	2,752.13	1,615.00	3,581.35	785.78
Surplus Carry Over	20,485.18	-	-	20,485.18
Adult Ministries	289.70	526.92	560.87	255.75
School Supplies	644.60	25.00	25.00	644.60
Flowers	1,900.62	585.00	966.29	1,519.33
1 Plumbtree Estate - Program	55,434.01	-	52,113.00	3,321.01
Winter Sanctuary	911.24	250.00	300.00	861.24
Staff Discretionary Fund	11.56	-	11.56	-
Will & Daphne Horst Estate	100,637.06	444.51	25,547.00	75,534.57
Celtic Cross Foundation	2,421.43	2,233.53	2,591.69	2,063.27
Sr. Pastor				
Special Funds	2,273.08	2,727.42	2,594.95	2,405.55
Study Leave	674.78	1,044.00	1,225.00	493.78
Director of Family Life				
Professional Expense	2,939.94	1,044.00	-	3,983.94
Study Leave	1,149.56	-	119.00	1,030.56
<b>Total Designated Funds</b>	<b>228,699.51</b>	<b>45,159.15</b>	<b>120,302.98</b>	<b>153,555.68</b>

*Patty Lavagnino, Fiscal Clerk*



## MUSIC & WORSHIP

### Traditional Service

2023 was a busy year as I became the elder for Traditional Worship. Everyone was helpful and said yes to being a Scripture reader. Thirteen individuals have this honor on Sundays.

There have been changes in the first service choir presentations. One of the best changes is our Choir Director, Dan Warschauer, sharing the history and background of the monthly hymn to be sung. He has led the congregation in singing the choruses of the song presented by choir. He has also provided some exceptional visiting singers at various holidays. Sten Bolander is a whiz at both organ and piano, playing some great duets with Deanna Dorsett.

The flowers were artfully arranged by Cheri Johnson and me.

*Karen Sturdevant, Traditional Service Elder*



### Modern Service

This year the modern worship service enjoyed Pastor Bob's excellent messages, Jim Staniels' fun questions and Laura Johnson's Spirit-led worship songs. There has been a strong, positive response to the several combined services with the traditional worship team. In addition to some of our long-standing worship team members, we have been blessed to grow and have regular contributions by Ken Leege (guitar) and Chris Borton (vocals and keyboards), as well as occasional musicians that have helped out.

I am so grateful for all of those who have stepped up to greet worshippers each week, often without being asked. The usual attendance ranges from 25-40 persons.

The tech team has also grown and includes some of our students. Together, they have faithfully managed the sound and video production of our services and ensure a quality representation of our services online, which is hugely important in attracting new attendees and generating interest in our worship services.

I pray God continues to bless our congregation and may we continue to bring glory and honor to the King of Kings.

In His service,  
*Cheri Johnson,*  
Modern Service Elder

## KIDS/YOUTH MINISTRIES



The Kids and Student teams continued to be very busy throughout 2023, building relationships and the ministry programs. The programs have included Sunday morning ccKids and evening Journey group engagement, as well as activities beyond our walls. Bible verse memorization has spearheaded the young folks' participation with recorded attendance averaging 6 at the ccKids morning program and 5 at the Sunday evening Journey. Special annual events have boosted the Kids and Student programs, including: the Easter Egg hunt, family mini-golfing, pancake breakfast, summer camps, all-nighter at the Santa Cruz Boardwalk, Trunk or Treat, Thanksgiving distribution at Orangevale Food Bank, and what would Christmas be without...(trumpets and various forms of fanfare)...Jingle Jam. A highlight for the summer was the San Francisco mission trip occurring June 11th-16th. All these activities have enhanced the spiritual growth of our children and students, while encouraging community engagement.

We would also like to thank members of our youth who assist with audio, video and Pro Presenter responsibilities behind the scenes during many of our Sunday services.

Thank you all for your steadfast support for the team, all the volunteers and most certainly our children and students.

In Christ's service,  
*Chrystie Johnson and Dean Johnson,*  
Kids/Youth Ministries Elders

## ADULT MINISTRIES



This year in Adult Ministries was a time of Spirit-led study as we learned that Pastor Bob will be retiring and we began a time of transition into the future of Celtic Cross. Working with the Presbyterian Foundation for Project Regeneration, we completed an all-church small group study of *Sailboat Church* which included seven small groups and two drop-in discussions. This study started us on our journey by teaching us how to move forward with God-breathed Spirit powering our congregation as we begin to make decisions about where we will go next. The group study was followed by 40 days of prayer during which we spent prayerful time individually listening for discernment of God's purpose for us. The culmination of this process was in our Mission Acceleration workshop in October. The 2-session workshop guided us through a series of exercises and discussions to help us begin to bring all that we have learned into a more defined direction based on who we are as a congregation and who we hope to become.

There were also continued small groups meeting for Bible study on Sunday mornings during worship services as well as small groups meeting in fellowship to share time together such as the Board Game Group and Dorcas. The Presbyterian Women continue to provide periodic women's mini retreats, group study, and mission opportunities.

As we move into the future at Celtic Cross, both our existing ministry opportunities and those that will begin in the future will be important for the health and vitality of our congregation. We are grateful for the loving leadership provided by our volunteers in each of these programs this last year and look forward to seeing where God will lead us next.

*Vicki Baudendistel, Adult Ministries Elder*

## Prayer Ministries

### ***Intercessory Prayer Team***

Our Intercessory Prayer Team spends time daily in prayer and in the Word. They are motivated to petition God to help those who are on our weekly Intercessory List. They pray to God, asking for his will to be done. When I ask our Intercessors if they want to continue with the Intercessory Team they say "yes;" they are happy to continue to do this for the people who need God's help in their lives.

Prayer requests are put on blue cards in the Sanctuary, from contacting the office, or with Pastor Bob. Remember anyone can pray.

Prayer Ushers are available on Sundays after the Midweek Update and there is a spot to request prayers online.

*Kay Quick, Prayer Ministry Coordinator*

### ***Prayer Chain***

In 2023, the Prayer Chain continued with Janet Johnsen as the head of the Day Chain and Sue Hurd as the head of the Night Chain. Currently we have 17 members on the Day Chain and 17 members on the Night Chain.

Janet and I would like to thank all of our members for being willing to set aside the time to pray for our congregation, friends and their concerns. We also appreciate those who have stepped up to be the lead when we have been unavailable. Although members are only asked to pray at the time of the request, many keep a prayer journal and continue praying for your needs past the initial request. We are truly blessed to have so many dedicated prayer warriors available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

This year, we responded to 139 requests for prayers as of December 31, 2023. It is an honor and a blessing to serve our Lord and this congregation through this Prayer Chain.

*Sue Hurd, Prayer Chain Ministry Coordinator*

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

***Ephesians 6:18***



**ADULT MINISTRIES (CONTINUED)**

For the Lord is *good*. His unfailing love continues forever,  
and his *faithfulness* continues to each generation.

**Psalm 100:5****Health Ministries**

Health Ministries acts as a resource for health questions. We also assemble Health Kits for Downtown Ministries with funds provided by the Mission Committee. This year we provided 25 Health Kits to Downtown Ministries. The Health Kits include over the counter cold and flu medicine as well as other things to relieve discomfort and refresh their bodies. Downtown Ministries delivers these kits to families in low-income motels, apartments and to homeless families. The families are grateful for supplies that they cannot afford, which helps give them hope. Downtown Ministries works with families in the Sacramento area providing food, clothing, necessities, counseling, and shares God's love through Christian information for adults and children.

*Kay Quick, Coordinator*

**Library**

The library continues to be maintained and used at times other than Sunday mornings as classes are held in library during both worship services. Please contact Library Coordinator, Karen Sturdevant, for help or questions.

*Karen Sturdevant, Library Coordinator*

**Celtic Cross Presbyterian Women (CCPW)**

CCPW continues to be active on behalf of the women of our congregation. There are mini-retreats in spring and fall as well as special events such as welcome back, summer teas, etc. There is one study group, Genesis, that meets on the second Tuesday of each month. They support a mission project at each meeting, i.e. Toys for Tots, Veteran's, Weave, etc.

*Karen Sturdevant, Moderator*

**Celtic Cross Book Talk 2023**

The CC Book Talk meets monthly the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm (unless there are conflicts such as rescheduling July 4 to one week later on July 11).

All members and friends of Celtic Cross are welcome to participate in this group. We read the selections separately but join together for discussion. In January we met in person to select our books; this past summer we also met in person at the church June - September for discussion. February - May and October - December our discussions were on Zoom, thanks to the coordination by Joy and Larry Lineback.

*Margaret Winslow & Joy Lineback, Coordinators*

February 7	<i>The Other Einstein</i> by Marie Benedict (NF)
March 7	<i>The Secret Keeper of Jaipur</i> by Alka Joshi (F)
April 4	<i>Confederates in the Attic</i> by Tony Horwitz (NF)
May 2	<i>The Reading List</i> by Sara Nisha Adams (F)
June 6	<i>American Nations: A History of the Eleven Rival Regional Cultures</i> by Colin Woodard (NF)
July 11	<i>Braiding Sweetgrass</i> by Robin Wall Kimmerer (NF)
August 1	<i>The War Librarian</i> by Allison Armstrong (F)
September 5	<i>Blood River</i> by Tim Butcher (NF)
October 2	<i>The Kimono Tattoo</i> by Rebecca Copland (F)
November 7	<i>American Sirens</i> by Kevin Hazzard (NF)
December 5	<i>The 12 Jays of Christmas</i> by Donna Andrews (F)

**MISSIONS**

With your generosity in 2023 we have supported many crucial Mission needs. Highlighted are some ministries in which we participated this year. The complete list is included. During Winter Sanctuary from January 8th – 14th, we partnered with Citrus Heights HART and provided warm overnight shelter and meals in our church for about twenty unhoused guests. Monthly we contribute nonperishable food items locally to Sunrise Christian Food Ministry, Carmichael Presbyterian Food Closet, and Orangevale-Fair Oaks Food Bank. In addition to food, our church contributes monetary donations to these ministries to provide for unmet needs.

Our Mission support extends around the world. In our February 12th worship services, the Welo family were our guests and gave testimony about their Christian missionary work in Indonesia. Through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, we gave a monetary donation to victims of the February earthquakes in Turkey and Syria and to victims of violence in war-torn Israel and Gaza.

This summer our church supported sixteen students at the Sierra College chapter of Intersivity who completed the Global Trek mission trip in Mexico and Nicaragua. In June our Mission Team provided a send-off event, and on July 17th we provided lunch and dinner during their follow up session to debrief and plan for the 2024 Trek.



In August our church collected school supplies and monetary donations for Coyle Avenue Elementary School located in our neighborhood. The delivery truck was packed to the brim with supplies! In December we gave each school employee a Starbucks gift card to show our appreciation for their service to children.

In October we sent a special donation to the Maui Food Bank to provide for the needs of Lahaina residents who lost their homes and businesses in the deadly August 8th wildfires on Maui. Doreen Owens' grand-daughter Emily lives there and teaches at Maui High School. While Emily did not lose her home, she has students who were displaced by the fires. She advocated for relief aid for these students.

Throughout the year we supported the outreach services of Downtown Ministries with monetary contributions and 25 health kits to needy families. At the request of DTM, our church provided a special offering instead of holiday food baskets for Thanksgiving. Your generous giving enabled DTM to provide for the needs of many homeless families and children in our community.

This is my first year serving as your Mission Elder. I thank each of you for faithfully supporting our Mission activities. I am humbled by your generosity and participation. I pray that the love of Jesus will shine through us as we follow John 15:12, "Love one another as I have loved you," and this love will bring peace in our world.

*Joy Lineback, Mission Elder*

**2023 Celtic Cross Mission Annual Giving Report**

**Local Missions**

Carmichael Presbyterian Food Closet	2,500
Coyle Ave. School	600
Downtown Ministries	2,400
Downtown Ministries flu/cold kits	600
HART Citrus Heights	1,000
Intersivity (Queenie)	1,200
Intersivity (Queenie for Trek to Mexico)	500
My Sister's House	500
Orangevale Food Bank	1,500
Sunrise Food Ministry	2,500
Westminster Woods	500
Young Life	1,000
<b>Total Local Missions</b>	<b>14,800</b>

**Missionaries & International**

Gideons International	500
Lithuanian scholarships	2,500
Maui Food Bank/fire disaster	500
Near East School of Theology	1,500
Presbyterian USA Disasters/Israel	500
Proclaim (Liberti in Europe)	1,500
Palms in Philippines	1,000
Welos in Indonesia	2,000
<b>Total Missionaries &amp; International</b>	<b>10,000</b>

**Presbyterian Partnerships**

Loaves & Fishes	1,000
Presbyterian USA Disaster: Turkey/Syria	1,500
Opening Doors	1,000
Shared Basic Mission	2,500
Small Church Assistance	500
Zephyr Point	800
<b>Total Presbyterian Partnerships</b>	<b>7,300</b>

**Total Mission Giving 2023** 32,100

*Joyce Wilson, Mission Treasurer*

<b>Additional Mission Contributions Through Celtic Cross Ministries</b>	
Christmas Joy Offering	1,810
Downtown Ministries (Thanksgiving)	3,497
One Great Hour of Sharing	2,417
Misc. Donations to Missions	300
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,024</b>

**BOARD OF DEACONS**



<b>Deacon's Beginning Balance (01/01/2023)</b>	<b>\$855.52</b>
<b>Revenue:</b>	
Congregational Donations	
Maundy Thursday	
Christmas Eve	
Miscellaneous Donations	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$2,043.15</b>
<b>Disbursements:</b>	
Reception Expense	\$979.46
Upper Room Devotionals	\$133.00
Kitchen Supplies	\$273.87
Holiday Event	\$117.65
Downtown Ministries	\$500.00
Cards	\$38.08
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$2,042.06</b>
<b>Ending Balance (12/31/2023)</b>	<b>\$856.61</b>

This past year our Deacons represented themselves as spiritual leaders, displaying brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment. I had the pleasure to serve as their Moderator and share their ministry to those in need, to the sick, and to their Parish when they contacted through calls, emails, texts, cards and in person.

We continued to have our monthly Deacons meeting in person and on Zoom. During the year, there was not a meeting in June or December.

The Deacons had a full year supporting the congregation and outside ministries in the following ways:

All Deacons hosted coffee and fellowship time between the services. Delicious cookies, fruit, and anticipated donut holes were enjoyed by all.

Communion continued to be served to the congregation, offering options of Communion packets, walking forward to the Communion table, or an Elder or Deacon bringing Communion to those who requested it. I thank Margaret Winslow, Connie David, Patty Fraley and Debe Tucker for their Communion support.

Bernie Ford and Gene Johnsen gave beauty to our church on Sundays with flowers. The flowers are then delivered to our shut-ins and those who need encouragement. Twenty-one Easter flowers were also delivered. Ruth Milligan and Patt Kregelo sent Remembrance cards and grief booklets when requested. Thank you.

This year the Deacons voted to support Downtown Ministries with a special offering. The generosity of the Deacons and congregation raised almost \$4000. Ginger Summers collected the donations and when she gave Downtown Ministries the check, they were thoroughly delighted and thankful. The donations helped those who could not afford groceries for their family and to enjoy a Thanksgiving that they otherwise would not have. Thank you everyone.

Our visitation Deacons were Doreen Owens and Larry Lineback. They both brought joy and love to those from our church who are in nursing homes, etc. Thank you.

Celtic Cross was saddened by the passing away of John David, Maxine Pelz, David Bonheimer, David Painter, Pauline Anderson, and Allen Strong. The reception committee; chaired by Ginger Summers and Susan Awalt and supported by Nancy Guettler, Dwayne Decker, Doreen Owens, Debe Tucker, Nancy Sigsbee, Marcia Leonard, Jane Jackson, and Janet Souza; hosted a reception for the families and friends of John David, Maxine Pelz, and Allen Strong. The grateful thanks received from the family were truly appreciated.

And we cannot forget the fun everyone had at the special events such as Homecoming (it was fun wearing items from our favorite sports teams) and the "challenging" games, hot chocolate and cookies, and caroling.

As I leave the position of Deacon Moderator, I truly and graciously thank all those names above for all of their loving and kind support for our church. I also want to thank Nancy Sigsbee, our Vice Moderator, and Chris Underwood and Patt Kregelo, our Secretaries, for always being there.

*Janet Souza, Deacon Moderator*

## IN MEMORIAM

"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE," SAID JESUS.  
"IF ANYONE BELIEVES IN ME, EVEN THOUGH HE DIES, HE WILL LIVE,  
AND WHOEVER LIVES AND BELIEVES IN ME WILL NEVER DIE." JOHN II:25-26

*In loving memory, we remember the following persons who,  
having lived this life in faithful service of our Lord Jesus Christ here on earth,  
now enjoy everlasting love and eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven.*

**John David**  
February 4, 2023

**Maxine Pelz**  
May 1, 2023

**David Bonheimer**  
May 2, 2023

**David Painter**  
August 8, 2023

**Allen Strong**  
November 5, 2023

*Their names, having passed from our earthly rolls, are now entered in the Book of Life.  
We give thanks for their faith, their life and loving gifts, and praise God  
for the victory over death through Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Alleluia! Amen.*