

# SECOND PRES

# ANNUAL REPORT 2025





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# MESSAGE FROM PASTOR TREY

The past year has been full of so much excitement and joy. I am very thankful for the congregation of Second Presbyterian Church and how you all have been so quick to answer the call of Sharing the Heart of Christ in the heart of the community. This annual review should give good reason to be proud of the work that we are doing alongside our community with God leading the way. As you go through the pages, it is my hope that you will be moved to share our great story with others. We are at a time and place in ministry where we are spreading and sharing God's goodness and love. Let our current ministry be one example of that goodness and love.



Knowing of the many things to be grateful for there are a couple I would like to highlight myself.

One big piece of news I am happy to share is that our Sanctuary Sound System has been entirely updated, installed, and completely paid in full. This has completely changed the way our Sunday Morning Service is shared. I am hearing more and more people say they can fully hear the spoken word and are enjoying the worship service. This new sound system has given our Technical Director, Terry Fitts, the ability to work with our musicians and choir, sharing a more impactful music ministry and a deeper worshiping experience.

Another example of the work we are doing is the way we are sharing facility and campus space. Our partnerships range from the City of Bloomington, Whitehorse Academy, Joy Care, Bible Study Fellowship, Scouting, Robotics, Western Avenue, District 87, Bloomington Fire Department, Rotary, Lifelong Access, Home Sweet Home Ministries, The Sounds of Illinois, The American Red Cross, and more. We are truly living into our call of sharing the Heart of Christ in the heart of the community.

None of this amazing work would be possible without the dedication and devotion of you, the membership of Second Presbyterian Church. There is not a day where I am not thankful for the time, energy, resources, care, love, and support you show. I hope that you know how much I appreciate everything you do.

I am constantly reminded of the ways that God is showing up and giving us good reason to know that Second Presbyterian Church has many more years of faithful work ahead. I look back at the previous year, amazed at how God has continued to be faithful in our mission, and I look forward, ready to see where God is taking us.

In Christ,  
Rev. Trey Haddon

# 2025 CHURCH STATISTICS

## STATISTICS

 **138**

Average Sunday Attendance

 **428**

Current Membership

**9** Membership Additions

**8** Membership Losses

1 By Request | 7 By Death

 **3**

Baptisms

## IN REMEMBRANCE

### JANUARY

Herman "John" Schoening III

David A. Toland

### MARCH

Barbara Brooks Phillips

### APRIL

Norma J. Mason

### JUNE

Kenneth Oehler

### SEPTEMBER

Linda Sternberg Shirk

Judith Ann Pietsch Dickinson

### OCTOBER

Rev. Dr. Richard "Rick" Duane Tindall



# ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The ACE committee provided Christian Education on a variety of topics. In January, we presented *Revelations*, by Margaret Feinberg, led by Jason Jennings. In February, we presented classes on Financial planning in conjunction with Finance and Stewardship committee. In March, we had a presentation from Sonja Reece on the “Grab and Go Book”. Trey led classes during the Lenten season.

Over the Summer, we did not have classes, but had a “Book Club” meeting to discuss *Just Like Jesus* by Max Lucado.

We started the Fall session with David Anderson presenting *Practicing the Way* by John Mark Comer. This was followed by Matt Burgess, from Home Sweet Home Ministries, discussing programs there. HSHM is a mission partner of ours. We had a presentation from another mission partner, Little Children of the Phillipines. Jamie Kaiser lead a Bible Trivia contest on October 26 that was enjoyed by all participants. Elliot Renfrow lead a discussion of grief, particularly applicable for the holidays.

Our educational program concluded with Advent presentations by Pastor Trey.

We had a formal survey earlier in the year, and another informal survey during the Fall Kickoff. Unfortunately, we received few responses.

Much of our concern has been with low attendance and how to improve that.



Chair: Scott Hamilton

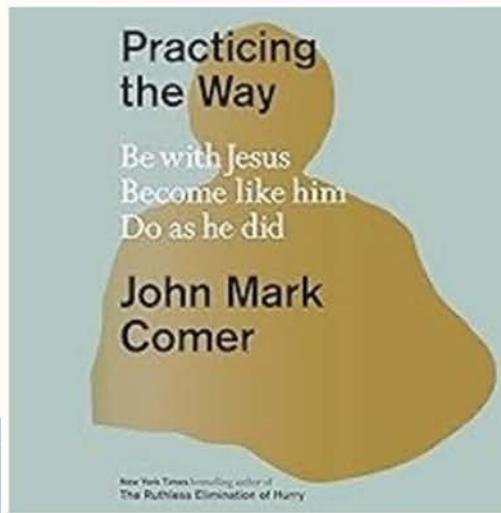
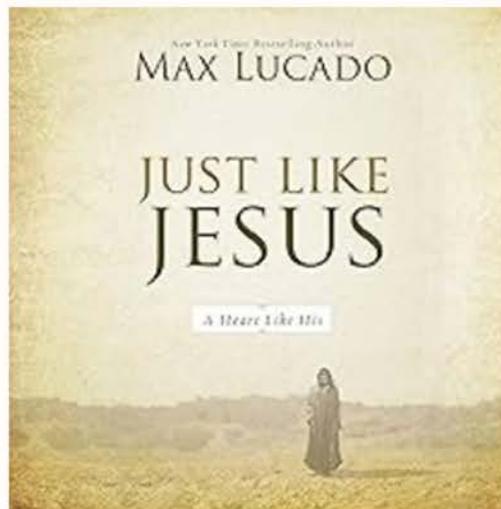
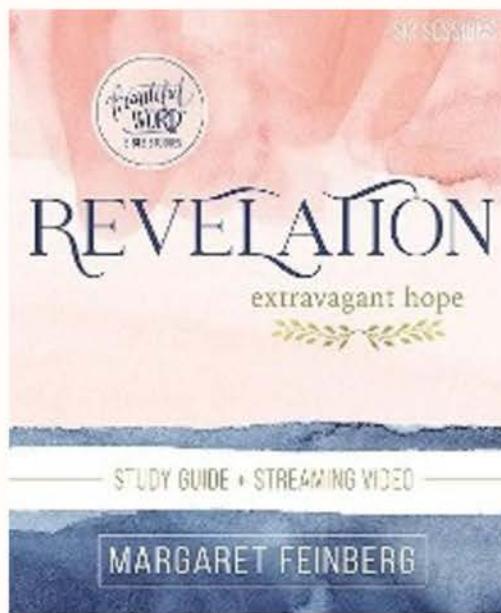
Recorder: Joan Newgren

Bryce Jones

Laurie Sprague

Cindy Johnson

Rick Tindall has been an active and loyal member, but has joined the Church Eternal



# ASSET/TRUSTEE MINISTRY

*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7*

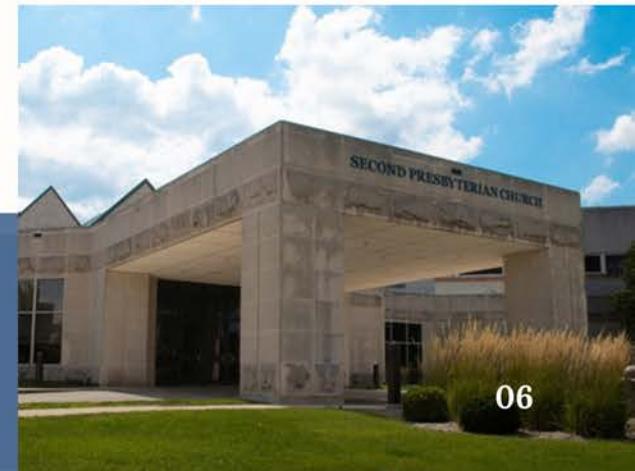


- Approved sign on Prairie Street entrance for \$1498.
- Approved 3/8" thick flat cut aluminum letters painted black to be installed on front of Portico for \$4498+applicable permits.
- Repair Martin Hall steam boiler, \$1348.\*
- Martin Hall testing for lead and radon, \$4304.
- Martin Hall door crash bar hardware for 4 sets of doors, \$23,812.
- Assisted with Sanctuary sound upgrade project.
- Prairie Street and Jefferson Street door hardware replacement, \$33,125.
- Install new Grace Hall boiler pump and motor assembly, \$5190.

- Approved lease agreement between White Horse Academy and Second Pres.
- Removed old caulking and backer-rod, and install new backer-rod and 2-part caulking at all horizontal and vertical control joints around perimeter of Sanctuary, \$46,760.
- Approved Farnsworth Group project services agreement for Martin Hall re-roof, \$34,500.
- Approved Farnsworth Group project services agreement for Martin Hall plumbing upgrade, \$25,700.
- Assisted with installation of new digital sign in Jefferson Street parking lot.
- Roof repairs, \$6450. \*
- Plumbing repairs, \$7977.\*
- Various electrical work inside campus buildings, convert outside Bollard lights to LED, add lights to stone sign in Jefferson Street lot, \$10,554. \*
- Kitchen Equipment repairs and inspections, \$2428.
- Safety and Security alarm upgrades, \$9845.

\*Costs through November 2025



Elder: David Kaeb  
Stu Frankeberger  
Mark Sprague  
Carol White  
Barb Booth

Janet Schroeder  
Jan Harrell  
David Marquardt  
Staff Liaison: Tammy Haggard

# CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING

Our Wednesday night programming continues to grow, with an average attendance of 20-25 students in grades PreK-8 with the junior high program doubling in size. The program focuses on discipleship, relationship-building, and establishing a strong Biblical foundation, all within a loving and safe environment for the kids.

The evening begins at 6:00 p.m. with a family-style dinner, followed by Bible study, memory verses, and related activities. Gerald works hard to enhance the dinner menu to include more fruits and vegetables, while Cheryl prepares a vegetable appetizer each week for the kids to try. Initially this met with some resistance, now students enjoy the variety and eagerly anticipate these new options.

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS & EVENTS

This year featured several special programs:

- Spring: The kids visited Westminster for tea and cookies and shared a hand painted flower decoration with the residents.
- Mission: The children learned about Little Children of the Philippines and have sponsored two children through this ministry.
- June: Nearly 65 kids participated in Vacation Bible School (VBS), with the theme "True North". The church was transformed into a Northern woodland where children experienced "Trusting Jesus in a Wild World" activities, and themed snacks. Over 40 volunteers contributed to the event's success.
- Summer Fellowship: YOUTH Min, Trey & Jamie enjoyed an outing to Grady's for a meal and games.



## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Trunk-or-Treat: In October, several volunteers represented the church at the "Rainforest Themed" table for a successful Trunk-or-Treat event on the Square in Downtown Bloomington handing out candy to 1500-2000 kids. We were able to talk to the families about the ministries at 2PC..
- Gingerbread Build: December's Annual Gingerbread Build drew 26 families. While most participants were already connected to the church through membership, preschool, or robotics, many had no prior affiliation joined simply for fun.



## DECEMBER 7 SERVICE & BRUNCH

The sanctuary was filled with joy on December 7th as youth sang carols, read scripture, and led the worship service. It was a celebration of faith and community.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL & CONFIRMATION

Sunday School averages about 6 students. The kids begin in the sanctuary with Jamie for a scripture reading and lesson before transitioning to the KidsMin space for their class. They rejoin the congregation for baptisms, communion, or special events, allowing parents uninterrupted worship time.

## MEAL PREP

Meal prep and fellowship ministry is going well with an average of 9 families attending monthly. Parents select a time and choose from various meals to prepare. The church staff handles menu planning and grocery shopping, and families leave with freezer-ready meals. Dinner and childcare are provided during the evening, making it a fun and supportive event.



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Family ministry is working alongside Worship & Music to begin an incorporation of the whole church body into our weekly worship. Although we don't fully have a plan in place we are looking forward to having children of all ages showing up and participating wherever volunteers are needed. Think greeting, choir, ushers, communion, lay readers and Sunday brunch. We are excited for the growth we have seen and look forward to what a more integrated church body will bring in 2026.

None of these activities would be possible without our dedicated Family Ministry Committee members and volunteers. Their investment in our students—both within the church and in the community—is evident through their willingness to attend sporting events and other activities.

Elder: Cheryl Chrisman  
Director: Jamie Kaiser  
Sally Cummins  
Jill Miller

Joanna Nicolas  
Teri Parker  
Terri Peifer  
Linda Schaefer



# DEACONS

In 2025, Deacon meetings were held in March, July, September, and December on the second Tuesday of the month at 4:00 pm.

**American Red Cross Blood Drives** were held February 20, May 15, August 28, and October 23. All were very successful.

**JOY Fellowship** heard the story of McLean County Barns by Bill Kemp, Honey & Beeswax, Maria Millen's trip to Egypt, and Dr. Mike Lockett's children's books. Road trips included Lincoln sites in Springfield and the Barn III in Goodfield. Prayer Lunch continues to meet weekly for Fellowship and enjoy Gerald's lunches on Thursday mornings.

Communion is served quarterly to Westminster Village Residents. Hospital visits are provided on weekends. Easter lilies were delivered in March, and Poinsettias were delivered in December. Sunday altar flowers and prayer quilts were delivered throughout the year. And, we visit the homebound regularly.

**Caring Card Committee** has been sending cards/notes to those on the daily prayer list, as well as other members that we hear about that need to know they are being remembered with prayers. Birthday cards are sent to those living in area retirement facilities and to members that are shut in, letting them know we are thinking of them.



**Brunches** were sponsored for 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/Widows & Widowers in May, and Veterans in November. A lunch was provided for Fox Creek Teachers in October.

**Group Sale** continues to be our most visible activity, providing \$29,000 in support of Mission Projects.

The mission of **Easy Stitches** is to share God's love by providing handmade stitchery items to local and global community members in need, as well as to the nonprofit organizations that serve them. In 2025, this dedicated circle of women crafted and

donated 803 items, partnering with Bright Point, Carle BroMenn Prenatal Unit, Hammitt School, Home Sweet Home Ministries, Lifelong Friends, Pads Project, Second Presbyterian Church, and the Salvation Army.

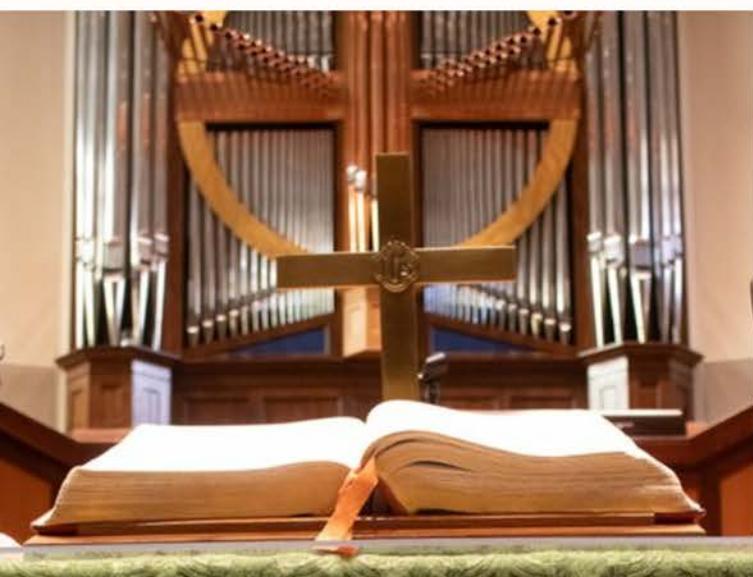
Since its founding in May 2022, Easy Stitches has blessed others with an astounding 3,361 handmade gifts. Each piece represents not only skill and creativity but also compassion and prayer woven into every stitch. God continues to multiply the impact of this ministry, turning simple threads into lasting blessings for countless lives.

Elder: Rich Schroeder  
LuAnn Bateman  
Anne Bliss  
Amy Brandt  
Ruth Breuer  
Linda Brucker  
Angie Buckley  
Ken Davis  
Judy Holder

Bryce Jones  
Mary Murphy  
Terry Peifer  
John Robertson  
Jeannie Swanson  
Ellen Wylie

In Memory: Linda Shirk





# FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP

## COMMITTEE OVERVIEW

The Finance Committee has oversight responsibilities for four funds of the Church; Operating, Designated, Presbyterian Women, and Preschool. The Foundation, Heart of Christ Fund and Withers fund have separate oversight groups. All funds have financial examinations each year by outside auditors.

## OUR MISSION:

### SHARING THE HEART OF CHRIST IN THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

These words of the scripture are the mission of Second Presbyterian Church as committed to in serving the people of God, here locally, and around the world for over 165 years. As a church we continue to answer this call through acts of discipleship, perseverance, and dedication.

*The list below provides a snapshot of how we are working toward fulfilling this mission:*

- American Red Cross
- Promise Council Fox Creek Elementary School
- Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo
- YMCA
- Home Sweet Home Ministries
- Little Children of the Philippines/World
- Encounter Campus Ministry
- Joy Care
- BSF (Bible Study Fellowship)

- Lifelong Friends/Access
- Habitat for Humanity
- Emmanuel Bible Foundation
- Scouting America
- Common Ground Ministries
- Recycling for Families
- Frontier Fellowship
- Hebron Chiapas
- Team Illinois
- The Salvation Army
- Western Avenue Community Center

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Stewardship Sunday was Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. As of January 16th, the church has collected 137 stewardship cards totaling \$877,494. For your consideration and prayer, the session has approved the 2026 budget. The budgeted pledged giving for 2026 is \$834,110 and was \$862,791 for 2025.

*Important reminder from the Stewardship Committee:* It is never too late to turn in a pledge for 2026. Thank you for continuing your gifts and supporting our mission.

## GIFT GIVING CLASS

Along with the Adult Christian Education Committee, Ben Rhodes, and Brad Secord the finance committee sponsored a class on different ways to give monetarily to the church.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The accompanying reports show; 1.) a year end summary and a 2025 budget summary of the operating fund; 2.) the session approved 2026 Operating Fund budget (please see additional document). Included is a year over year comparisons of budget amounts to actual expenditures since 2021.

For questions regarding the financial statements, or any other financial questions please feel free to contact Joanne Randolph, finance manager, or Mark Wylie, finance committee chair.

Respectfully submitted  
Mark Wylie, Chair Finance Committee

### Committee members change midyear

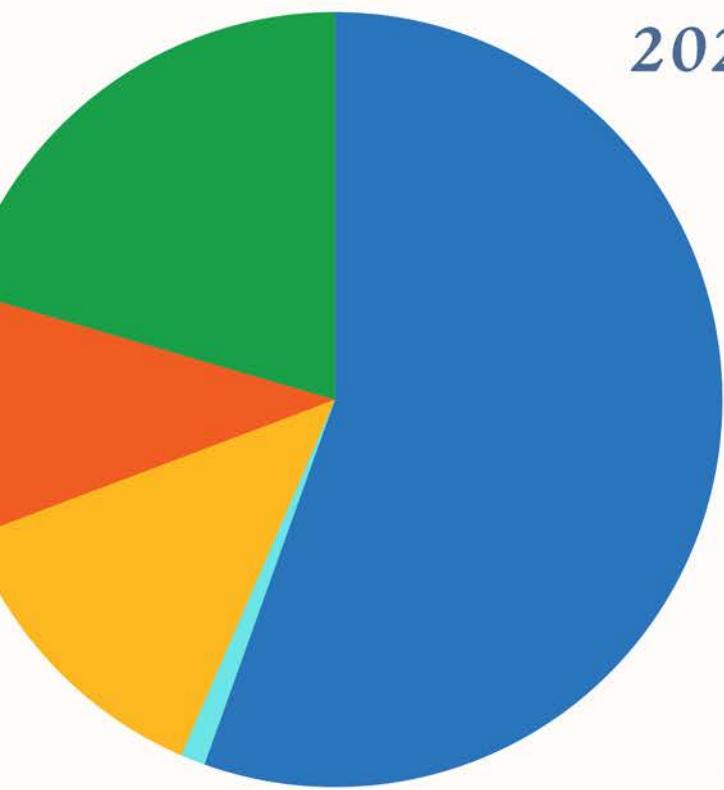
2025 Members	
Chair: Mark Wylie	Jack Secord
Don Engelkes	Jim Swanson
Susan Rhodes	Steve White
Scott Dixon	On behalf of the committee, we would like to thank Mike Manahan and
Martha Everman	Steve Lehmann for their service.
Kent Meister	

With great appreciation, committee members extend thanks to Joanne Randolph, Finance Manager, and Pastor Trey for their insight and knowledge.

## STEWARDSHIP ARTICLE OF FAITH

<sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in [a] the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28: 18-20

# 2025 CHURCH REVENUE



## CONTRIBUTIONS

**\$1,080,880**

Annual Budget: \$1,037,791

Net Result: **\$43,089**

## ESTATE GIFT

**\$19,989**

Annual Budget: \$ -

Net Result: **\$19,989**

## OTHER RECEIPTS

**\$248,556**

Annual Budget: \$181,153

Net Result: **\$67,403**

## FOUNDATION SUPPORT

**\$200,000**

Annual Budget: \$250,000

Net Result: **-\$50,000**

## DESIGNATED FUND SUPPORT \*

**\$399,097**

\* Designated Fund Support includes sound system upgrade, digital sign, music library, Martin Hall improvements, Robotics, Group Sale and other receipts.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

Financial Summary through December 31, 2025: Actuals compared to Annual Budget

	Actual	Annual Budget	Net Result
Contributions	\$1,080,880	\$1,037,791	<b>\$43,089</b>
Estate Gift	\$19,989	\$ -	\$19,989
Other Receipts	\$248,556	\$181,153	\$67,403
Foundation Support	\$200,000	\$250,000	-\$50,000
Expenses	\$1,606,370	\$1,520,158	<b>-\$86,212</b>
Net Total	-\$56,945	-\$51,214	<b>-\$5,731</b>

Contributions are positive compared to the annual budget by \$43,089. During 2025, the church received a very generous one-time estate distribution of \$19,989. Other Receipts (income) are more than projected by \$67,403. Additionally, during 2025, \$200,000 of the budgeted \$250,000 "Foundation Support" was needed to finance church operations. Actual expenses are \$86,212 greater than the annual budgeted amount. In summary; income for 2025 is \$1,549,425, or \$80,481 greater than the budget amount. Expenses were also greater than the budget amount by \$86,212. This provides a net loss of \$56,945 for 2025.

# 2025 CHURCH EXPENSES

## CASH BALANCES

### OPERATING FUND: \$26,377

- Commerce Operating Checking Account: \$26,212
- Petty Cash: \$165

### DESIGNATED FUND: \$422,776

- Commerce Designated Checking Account: \$137,262
- Wells Fargo Designated Account: \$285,514

### PRESCHOOL FUND: \$7,675

Commerce Checking Account

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: \$2,290

Commerce Checking Account

### HEART OF CHRIST FUND: \$440,060

Heartland Checking Account

## HUMAN RESOURCES

**\$872,038**

## ASSETS/TRUSTEES

**\$442,181**

## MISSIONS

**\$133,481**

## OTHER EXPENSES

**\$118,697**

## FAMILY MINISTRY

**\$25,246**

## WORSHIP & MUSIC/MEDIA

**\$14,727**



# FOUNDATION

The Board met quarterly during the year. The Foundation budget included \$250,000 to support church operations as needed for 2025. At year end \$200,000 had been used. The budget annually also provided \$30,000 for Western Avenue and \$41,000 for maintenance of the church campus buildings, as well as other smaller line items for support of church staff and ministries. The Foundation in 2025 supported tuition for one seminary student. Capital projects supported by the Foundation in 2025 include the new sanctuary sound system (with a restricted gift), Martin Hall roof and bathroom architectural design, Martin Hall exterior doors, and exterior repairs to the sanctuary walls.

In December 2024 the Board approved a budget for 2025 with disbursements of \$423,622 (Benevolence Grants \$79,792, Project Grants \$65,330, and Administrative Expense \$278,500, including \$250,000 in anticipated Operating Support for the church, to be drawn down as needed). The budget for 2026 was approved December 17, 2025 and included income and expense of \$360,750.

On October 31, 2025 the assets of the Foundation, totaled approximately \$4,612,045. The investment gains through October were \$672,922. Investment performance in the last three years has been very strong and supported some major needs of the church without significant incursion into principal.

The Foundation is subject to an independent audit every year.

For the Foundation to continue to support Second Presbyterian Church through Benevolence and Project Grants, and Operating Support necessary in this period of rebuilding our campus and our congregation, it needs the support of the congregation. Please consider how you might partner with us and contact me with questions.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Martha Everman  
Elder and Chair

Elder & Chair: Martha Everman  
Keith Palmgren  
Paul Jefferson  
Mike Manahan  
David Strand  
Cheryl Jackson

Sandy McGhee  
Janella Cooley  
Steve Snyder  
Dave Hiltabrand  
Staff Liaison: Rev. Trey Haddon  
Staff Liaison: Joanne Randolph

# GLOBAL MISSIONS

Global Missions has had another very impactful year aiding our mission partners.

**Little Children of the Philippines** new CEO Brittany Foster and LCP representative Cerila Patrimonio visited Second Presbyterian Church in October. They gave the Children's Message and Minute for Mission. They also spoke at our Adult Christian Education class. In the afternoon, they both spoke at a Donor and Sponsor Appreciation Luncheon. Their visit resulted in at least six additional sponsorships of children and over \$10,000 in donations. As of December 2025, LCP has a total of 988 sponsored children. Additionally, over 50 sponsored children graduated from the LCP program this year.



Shannon and Katie Bachelor, with **Common Ground Ministries**, are continuing their mission in the Middle East, visiting the Middle East and keeping in contact with the people and partners there.



Tofiq Mammadov, who lives in Normal, joined **International Students Ministry (ISI)**. He has engaged with students and participation levels have increased. Global Missions terminated our relationship with Team Expansion (which initially helped with ISI after John and Linda Berger's retirement) early in 2025 because their mission was no longer aligned with Global Missions.

**Hebron USA/Chiapas** - After eighteen years (since 2007), our church family has enjoyed a rich relationship through Hebron USA with Pastor Pablo and Jan Feliciano Cruz, our mission partners in Chiapas, Mexico. We have sponsored medical mission travelers, many construction teams, vacation bible school and Christian education training - all to serve the indigenous Tzeltal people in this ancient Mayan region. The Los Manos de Cristo medical clinic, begun in 2006, and completed in 2012, stands as a lasting tribute to Pablo and his visionary leadership to meet the spiritual and physical needs of his people. Pablo died two years ago, and the Hebron Tzeltal leadership has been diligently working to maintain the clinic operation, construction projects in the villages, as well as spiritual leadership through the Tzeltal synod. Hebron USA has decided that the time has come to end joint participation in this ministry, and turn over all future decisions and financial support to the local leadership. We celebrate the positive impact of our work, the relationships that we formed, and the opportunities to collaborate with our brothers and sisters in Chiapas to share Christ's love.

**Evangelical Theological Seminary/Cairo** - We are continuing to support seminary students there. Graduates of this institution become pastors in the Middle East.

**Frontier Fellowship** - George and Pamela Pendergrass are the new leaders of this ministry. This ministry encourages churches and other organizations to become mission partners to connect with unreached people all over the world and to introduce these people to God's word in their native language.

Chairman: Mark Ulbrich

Teri Parker

Janice Lewis

Laurie Sprague

Robin Zink, whom we welcomed in 2025!

# HERITAGE

The Heritage Ministry was formed fifteen years ago. The Mission of the Heritage Ministry is to direct efforts to collect, categorize, and preserve the history of Second Presbyterian Church. The Heritage Steering Committee meets the second Thursday each month at 9:30 am with work sessions each Thursday morning.

## 2025 HERITAGE ACTIVITES



Intern George Palmer

**Signage:** Historic Sanctuary plaques and Heritage Hallway signs were installed.

**ISU Heritage Internship:** Intern George Palmer processed the Ordained and Lay Leadership materials and organized the entire Music Collection. The collection includes cassette and VHS tapes, an LP record, 13 boxes of sorted documents, binders of Choir Sunday and Choir Tour photos, file cabinets of Choir Tour planning materials, as well as the framed photos in the Choir Sunday Gallery. He shelved all items, leaving the worktables clear.

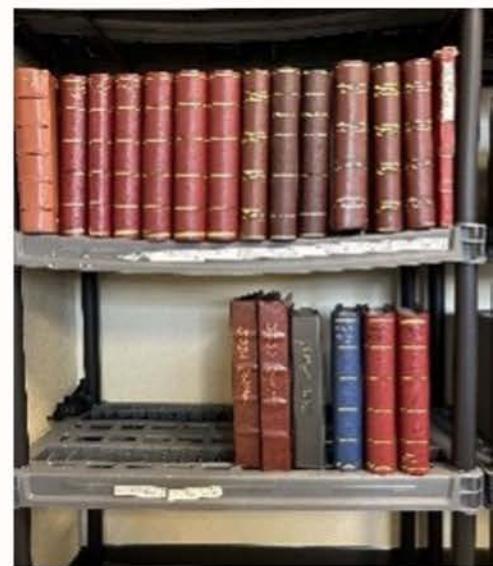
**Session Reports:** Bill Cummins, Clerk of Session, prepared a binder containing a draft of the upcoming Session Report, including committee reports to be given to the Heritage Collection.

He presented bound volumes of official Session Minutes.



South Entrance Display

**South Entry Display:** The Robotics Ministry mounted a display in the Heritage Communion Table area. The Heritage Committee mounted, "God's Word, A Special Collection" from the Heritage archives in the glass cases.



Session Minutes

**Great Rivers Presbytery newsletters** are stored in a binder shelved with the directories and bound volumes.

**Bulletin and Obituary Collection:** Worship service bulletins are stored in the archival boxes. The obituary collection is filed alphabetically in file cabinets.

**Visitors:** Rev. Dr. Kim and Anne Wilcox Ryan visited our church where Anne grew up. Her husband said that our church has the finest representation of its history that he has seen.

He said that it is essential to any church to acknowledge its past

**Extraordinary Stories:** Fifty additional copies of the "Extraordinary Stories" were printed for the Welcome Center as a free offering.

### **Acquisitions:**

- The latest Book of Order
- An Illustrated History of McLean County from the Group Sale
- A framed photograph of the 1931 partially-constructed post office building
- Scrapbooks and planning documents for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Brunch.
- PW Horizons article, "Why History Matters."
- Candid photos from the Great Britain Heritage Chapel Choir Tour from 1987
- Documents dealing with the church buildings and property
- Crates of recordings from the Media Ministry.

**Celebrations:** Kim Pare has completed 35 years working at Second Pres, the longest serving and still serving Receptionist par excellence. Her first position was Director of Children's Ministry. Currently, Kim is Pastoral Care Assistant as well as Receptionist.

**White Horse Academy:** Heritage Committee members have completed requirements for the Child Protection/Background Check in Martin Hall.

**Chef Gerald Interview:** Jeanie and Janet interviewed Gerald and prepared a transcript for preservation. An interview with Rev. Paul Stroup is planned to add to the story.

**Broadview Mansion Carillon Dedication Ceremony:** Heritage members attended and have archived transcripts from the event. Dr. David Strand was honored for his many years of service on the Immanuel Bible Foundation board. The carillon rang at the conclusion and will ring at 12:00 and 5:00 every day henceforth.

**The Connect Newsletter:** "From the Heritage Archives" is featured each month.

**Veterans Breakfast:** John Schoening, Gary Young, and David Toland were memorialized and a group photo of the veterans was taken.

**New Home for Heritage:** The Heritage Archives will relocate to F204 in 2026.

Janella Cooley  
Janet Frankeberger  
Gene Gant  
Allene Gregory

Karen LaVoie  
David Strand  
Jeanie Wendt

### **Extraordinary Stories of Second Presbyterian Church Bloomington, Illinois 2023**



# HOSPITALITY & MEMBERSHIP

During 2025, Pastor Trey Haddon held two New Member Class sessions. During these sessions, the discussion was robust and all attendees were given a meal and gifts of a church history book and Second Pres logo items. We feel fortunate in welcoming twelve new and returning members to the church this year.

In January, the committee met for a day-long webinar entitled "The Art of Hospitality" presented by ShareChurch. The four video sessions provided new ideas on how to provide a welcoming church, follow up with our visitors and engage new members into the life of the church. This webinar created a great deal of excitement and enthusiasm that resulted in several new initiatives.

Second Pres now provides umbrellas at both doors, emergency feminine hygiene products in the women's restrooms, improved elevator signage and coffee in the south entrance before the service. Our greeters are wearing blue "greeter" ribbons and return to their posts at end of service to provide a heartfelt goodbye to our members.

We have increased our exterior signage in many ways – a 14' tall welcome banner flag that is set on the south side of the church and two-sided sandwich signs that give a warm welcome on one side and an appreciation of attendance on the other. The best new sign was the electronic message board at the corner of East and Jefferson streets. A big thank you to all who donated, directed memorial donations or approved Group Sale proceeds to help fund the cost of the sign. Displaying the life of our church to the passersby on US Highway 51 has been a longtime goal of this committee!

On Sunday, June 8, the committee planned our "Sun-day Social" with ice cream "sun-dae" and hot dogs. Since it was Pentecost Sunday, we decorated the Fellowship Hall with red and white balloons and circus decorations. Games for the kiddos and a cake walk provided entertainment while people could learn to make balloon animals and juggle scarves.

The "Hearts in Action" Ministry Showcase was held on September 7 to present and promote the many ways that our church members can be involved with Second Pres. Many volunteers were engaged in this program year kickoff.

On November 2, "Prepared Hearts: Hospitality and Safety Go Hand in Hand" was presented after the church service. Sandy McGhee spoke on principles of hospitality. Our security guard Mark Paul addressed security issues. Dr. Jim Swanson talked about the different medical emergencies that have occurred. Barbara Meek described steps that should be taken during a fire or other life safety concerns and Tammy Haggard presented precautions that should be taken during weather events. A pew card that addresses all of these topics was distributed and will be in place soon.

The Advent Brunch was held on Sunday, December 7 after the Children's service. Working with the Family Ministry committee, great fellowship and fun were experienced with food and music.

The list of people involved with the committee is long due to our extensive list of volunteers. Special thanks to Stevie Joslin, Bryce Jones, Sally Cummins, Joan Newgren, Sandy McGhee, Ruth Breuer, Jeannie Swanson, Karen LaVoie, Becky Huizer, John Meek and Tom Howes and our usher team of Keith Palmgren, Bob Bork, Joe Brannon, Brent Brucker, Dan Brucker and Jim Ely. A great thanks to our "cast of thousands" who volunteered to greet at the South Entry and the Portico Entry...we couldn't do it without you!



# HUMAN RESOURCES

The Human Resource Committee (HR) appreciates working with our Second Presbyterian Church Staff and is grateful for what each of them brings to our congregation. More importantly, they all help us better serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with their special talents.

We welcomed two new Staff members in 2025. Michele Southerd (Ministry Assistant) and Brian Tanaka (Director of Music and Worship). Their support for our Staff and Congregation is greatly appreciated, and we look forward to the excitement their talents will bring to all of us in the coming year.

The HR Committee said goodbye to Mike Laffey who fulfilled his term. Mike graciously served as our Recording Secretary and we will miss his kind, and very thoughtful input.

We are grateful for our 2PC Staff and the hard work they do. Much of their work is unrealized by most. The HR Committee encourages EVERYONE to thank our Staff for their tireless energy, commitment to detail as well as their faithful service to our whole church family and to those we minister to.

Humbly and faithfully submitted,  
Sara Palmgren, Chair /Elder Human Resource Committee

## **Second Presbyterian Church Staff:**

Trey Haddon	Senior Pastor/Head of Staff
Joanne Randolph	Finance Manager
Jamie Kaiser	Director of Youth/Family Ministries
Sydney Gyuran	Director of Communications
Tammy Haggard	Business/Operations Director
Terry Fitts	Technical Director
Michele Southerd	Ministry Assistant
Karen Lavoie	Staff Assistant
Kim Pare	Receptionist/Pastoral Care Assistant
Paul Outlaw	Head Custodian
Steve Walsh	Custodian/Maintenance
Dr. Dennis Gotkowski	Organist
Brian Tanaka	Director of Music and Worship
Gerald Stafford	Kitchen Coordinator
Larry Carroll	Security

Chair: Sara Palmgren  
Warren Booth  
Ann Durand  
Jay Chrisman  
Tyler Buckley

Mike Laffey  
Nancy Snyder  
Jon Scholl  
Scott Preston

Staff Liaison: Rev. Trey Haddon  
Staff Liaison: Joanne Randolph

# LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT & NOMINATING

*The church wants our elders and ministry team members to lead and serve as God calls them rather than “filling positions on committees.” This is in accordance with God’s vision on call in Ephesians 4:11-13.*

LDN meets monthly on the second Tuesday with the senior pastor attending when able. We open with devotion and pray for discernment for future leaders at Second Pres. We believe God continues to move our church forward on a path to renewal and re-envisioning with faith, trust and reliance on God as we listen for the Holy Spirit’s guidance. Please pray for our ministry as we discern the will of God for future elders, deacons and members for Trustees, Foundation, Human Resources, Finance and Stewardship, Deacons and Leadership Development and Nominating standing ministries.

We have and will continue to look for opportunities to fulfill parts of the 2PC Promise as noted below and celebrate these signs of God’s Promise to us.

## *In 2025, LDN:*

- Conducted discussions and prayed for discernment as we installed and ordained new elders and deacons.
- Reviewed and discussed the importance of confidentiality and protocols in reaching out to future leaders of the church. Discussed importance of our pastor in reaching out to future new elders.
- Continuously updated the LDN leadership succession planning documents.
- Published a pamphlet designed to offer nominees individual reflection regarding areas of service and leadership within the church.
- Created an annual operating calendar with sign-ups for devotions.
- Established time and dates for elder and deacon training.
- Coordinated Ordination Sunday for newly elected officers.
- Published an article in the Connect seeking nominations from the congregation for elders, deacons, and standing ministry members.
- Continued implementing a “notification of terms” procedure offering elders, deacons, and standing ministry members notification of their dates of service.
- Sent thank you notes to elders, deacons, and standing ministry members notifying the end of their terms of service.
- Published a list of elders, deacons and members of standing and congregational life ministries in the Connect to inform members of the congregation.
- Reviewed and discussed our budget leading to no changes for the next fiscal year.

## *LDN goals for 2026:*

- Present a slate of new elders, deacons and standing ministry members who will start in June 2026 and communicate this to the congregation.
- Update succession planning documents for 2026-2027.
- Invite members of the congregation to openly volunteer or be selected by a member to serve.
- Continue study and expand opportunities to provide leadership development for new deacons and elders as well as additional leaders who may serve.
- Prayerfully discern future leaders and standing ministry members within our congregation.

Faithfully submitted,  
Sandy Groves

Elder: Sandy Groves  
Moderator: Becky Huizer  
Recording Secretary: Jim Ely  
Pete Brandt  
Stevie Joslin  
John Meek  
Jeannie Swanson



# LOCAL MISSIONS

**Joycare/Jobs Partnership:** Jason Jennings represents this program, which helps individuals transition from incarceration to employment. Michelle Cook ("Mamma") coordinates, supporting participants in finding jobs that build self-sufficiency. Recently, Jobs Partnership partnered with Aetna Insurance to emphasize preventive health care. A HIGI machine in our building now monitors clients' basic health indicators onsite, alerting them when medical attention is needed and enabling early intervention.

**Western Avenue:** Orman Jones represents WACC and leads the organization's senior programs. WACC is currently in an exciting period of transition, welcoming a new director and adding talented staff to its team. As these changes take shape, the organization looks forward to continued collaboration and fresh, innovative approaches to serving the community.

**Salvation Army:** Trudy Strand provides regular updates. Bloomington has authorized the nighttime warming center, which requires extra staffing and supplies, creating a need for more funding. Their only source of income is the Red Kettle Campaign and donations. No national funds are received. All money stays in the community for local support.

**Home Sweet Home Ministries:** Steve White represents us, and several members regularly volunteer by serving meals or working at The Junction. Each year, Second Pres decorates HSHM for Christmas. The Bridge, a new development of 48 secure cabins with on-site restroom and laundry facilities, will offer mental health services and transitional housing for three to six months before residents move to permanent homes. It is expected to be completed by late 2025.

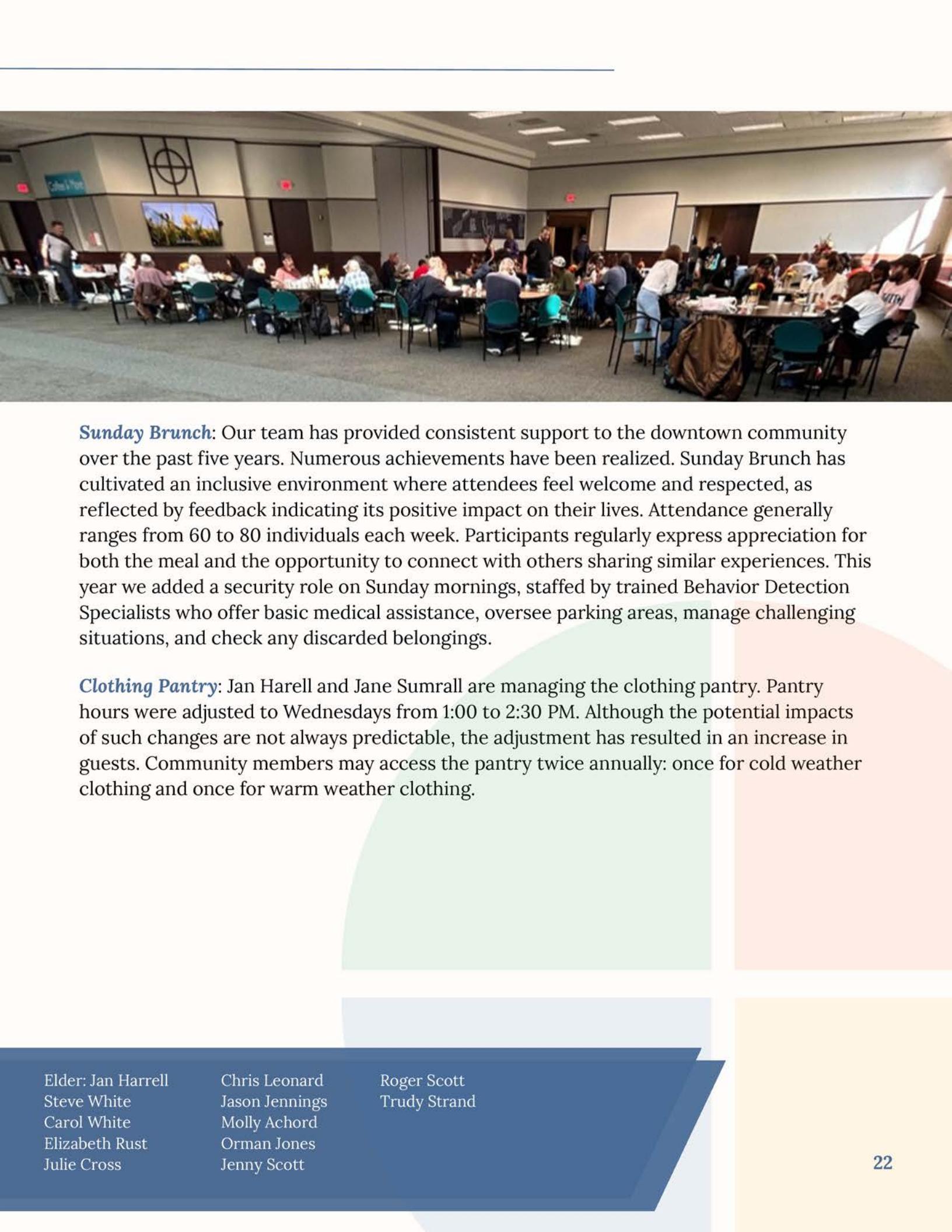
## OUR SECOND PRES OUTREACH MINISTRIES SHARING THE HEART OF CHRIST IN THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY

**Little Free Food Pantry:** Julie Cross manages the Little Free Pantry, which benefits from the generous contributions of Second Pres members and building partners. The pantry also receives consistent food donations from community members. It has been frequently recognized for its cleanliness, thanks to the dedicated efforts of weekly volunteers. Each week, Julie Cross prepares a daily crate containing a selection of items for volunteers to distribute according to their assigned schedule.



**Reverse Advent:** Jan Harrell oversees the Reverse Advent initiative, which invites people to donate items instead of receiving daily gifts. A calendar listing needed donations is shared with both members and non-members. Each day features a specific item for contribution. This initiative makes a lasting difference by stocking the Little Free Food Pantry for several months as well as cold weather gear and hygiene products. The event is essential to assisting local community members who are experiencing poverty.





**Sunday Brunch:** Our team has provided consistent support to the downtown community over the past five years. Numerous achievements have been realized. Sunday Brunch has cultivated an inclusive environment where attendees feel welcome and respected, as reflected by feedback indicating its positive impact on their lives. Attendance generally ranges from 60 to 80 individuals each week. Participants regularly express appreciation for both the meal and the opportunity to connect with others sharing similar experiences. This year we added a security role on Sunday mornings, staffed by trained Behavior Detection Specialists who offer basic medical assistance, oversee parking areas, manage challenging situations, and check any discarded belongings.

**Clothing Pantry:** Jan Harell and Jane Sumrall are managing the clothing pantry. Pantry hours were adjusted to Wednesdays from 1:00 to 2:30 PM. Although the potential impacts of such changes are not always predictable, the adjustment has resulted in an increase in guests. Community members may access the pantry twice annually: once for cold weather clothing and once for warm weather clothing.

Elder: Jan Harrell  
Steve White  
Carol White  
Elizabeth Rust  
Julie Cross

Chris Leonard  
Jason Jennings  
Molly Achord  
Orman Jones  
Jenny Scott

Roger Scott  
Trudy Strand

# ROBOTICS



This year the robotics program has hit its stride with 80 students across 7 teams, and over 20 adult volunteers. We have 18 students waiting to join the program should another spot open on the team.

This year our focus has shifted from numerical growth to technical excellence, organizational strength, and continued spiritual depth. Since we have nearly doubled in size every year for the last 3 years, we realized that this year we needed to cap enrollment to focus on strengthening our leadership structure and formalizing our policies. The net result is that communication is better, our volunteers are better equipped, and the program overall is running more smoothly than in years past.



## BUILDING ENHANCEMENTS

Over the past year, we have continued to work to improve our space. We have:

1. Increased the robotics footprint to now fill the entire middle floor of Martin Hall instead of just the west half. This has enabled all 7 teams to have their own room for meetings.
2. Upgraded the old chalk boards in all 10 classrooms with new magnetic whiteboards.
3. Replaced 10 doorknobs with modern, lockable, ADA compliant hardware in the west half of the robotics floor (east half was completed last year).
4. Painted the 4 classrooms in the west half of Martin Hall.



## WORLD CLASS PROGRAMMING

This year's theme is related to archaeology. For that reason, our four Lego League teams traveled to Cahokia Mounds and the City Museum in St. Louis in order to learn about how technology is used in archaeology. They had the opportunity to meet with 6 archaeologists from the State Archaeological Survey and received hands on experience using drones, laser scanners, LIDAR, and more. We also traveled to the Field Museum in Chicago. All our trips are free for students and their families.

This year, our students had the opportunity to speak with:

- Michael Finch, Robotics Engineer, JR Automation
- Dr. Jeritt Williams, Assistant Professor of Engineering, Illinois State University
- Dr. Erin Benson, Vice Chancellor Research Institutes, Illinois State Archaeological Survey
- Dr. Angela Cooper, Interpreter and Site Specialist, Cahokia Mounds

In addition to learning about varied topics driven by the year's robotics theme, Jamie Kaiser provides a Bible lesson to all our Lego League children every week.

## GIVING BACK

The robotics team offered tech workshops in the month of August where members of the church could come by on Tuesdays and receive technical help with their cell phones, computers, and printers. The event was a success with approximately 10 people stopping by for assistance.

## VOLUNTEERS

We are always looking for more volunteers, especially those who know how to use 3D printers, CAD, code in Java, project management or generally want to invest in the next generation of students.



# SECOND HALF

Helping Hands Spring Clean up day was held on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. We met at Denny's Donuts for coffee, donuts and fellowship before we headed out to our project sites. Sandy Groves sent us out with prayer. We helped Alene Gregory, Marlene Gregor, Rick and Holly Tindall, and Ardelle Deckert. We were about 20 people strong for this day.

We worked on a very good topic that would have strong interest in the congregation. Fraud affects us all every day. The local police departments put on seminars on these topics and we worked with the Bloomington Police Department to put on a presentation for our church.

We worked in conjunction with the ACE (Adult Christian Education) and Finance & Stewardship committees. The presentation occurred on Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. Forty five people were in attendance. This would make it one of the largest audiences our presentations have had. Sgt. Kiel Nowers had an excellent presentation.

Our Helping Hands Fall Clean Up was held on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. We met for fellowship, donuts and coffee at Denny's Donuts. Sandy Groves dismissed us with prayer and we went out to our assignments. During this clean up we helped Alene Gregory, Marlene Gregor, Holly Tindall and Ardelle Deckert. We had a group of approximately 15 people helping make this day possible.

We meet at 4pm on the second Thursday of the month in the alcove across from Kim Pare's office by the north entrance. We welcome new members.

Soli Deo Gloria,  
Gene Gant  
Chair, Second Half Committee

Chair: Shelly Gant (until June 2025)  
Chair: Gene Gant (current)  
Sandy Groves  
Ken Newgren  
Jason Jennings  
John Robertson



# WORSHIP & MUSIC

## MISSION & VISION

- **Mission Statement:** To glorify God through meaningful, Spirit-led worship and music that engages the congregation and honors the church's traditions and values.
- **Vision:** To cultivate a vibrant worship experience that blends creativity, reverence, and community participation.

## ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

The committee work covers several categories of worship.

- Worship Planning
- Liturgical Calendar
- Communion

These categories are a cooperative effort with the Worship Planning group, whereby the Worship and Music committee provides support to Worship Planning; Worship preparation assistance with communion, and changes in the liturgical calendar, (advent, lent easter, ordinary time, etc.)



## MUSIC MINISTRY & OPERATIONS

- **Hymn Selection:** Based on theme, scripture, and congregational familiarity.
- **Chapel Choir Intern Program**
- **Rehearsals:** Weekly schedule for choir, band, and soloists.
- **Copyright Compliance:** Licensing for music as required.
- **Music Library:** Maintain, organize digital, and physical archives.

The committee was involved with securing the Director of Music in August, taking responsibility for choir interns. and in November approved a motion to purchase a new shelving system to better maintain the music library. This project will carry over into 2026.

## GRATITUDES

The committee thanks Ruth Gabor for her dedication as the acting liaison to the choir interns, and her continued contribution for providing communion preparations.

## EQUIPMENT & TECHNOLOGY



- **Sound System:** Setup, maintenance, enhancements, plan for updates, and other duties as needed.
- **Instruments:** Inventory and care of pianos, organs, drums, etc.
- **Projection & Livestream:** Slide creation, camera setup, streaming platforms.

A new sound system became operational during the summer of 2025. The operating budget for Equipment & Technology is reviewed by the committee and sent to Session for approval for fiscal year 2026. Updating of livestream is a topic for committee discussion in 2026.

## SPECIAL SERVICES & EVENTS

- **Seasonal Services:** Christmas Eve, Easter Sunrise, Good Friday, etc.
- **Concerts & Cantatas:** Planning, promotion, and execution.
- **Guest Musicians:** Guidelines for inviting and hosting.

Only two of the committee members continued on in June 2025; all others are new appointments. As a committee we reviewed the “Task and Responsibility” manual of operation on file (known as the MOO). The committee decided it should be updated, and reorganized. It is a work in progress. We also have spent considerable time discussing how to make worship “Deeper.” A major movement is to encourage more involvement of youth in the worship service. Plans are in the development stage now and is the committee’s goal for implementation early in 2026. Additional ideas include recruiting others to be liturgists and singing with the choir to name a few areas of worship that are open to changes or improvement. Everyone is invited to provide the committee with ideas, thoughts, and suggestions towards a deeper level of worship.

*The word of GOD below is a good representation of how the committee works to present worship as a deep spiritual connection with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

*“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and with hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.” Colossians 3:16 (NKJV)*



### Committee members change midyear

**January 2025**  
Elder: Ruth Gabor  
Rev. Trey Haddon  
Dr. Dennis Gotkowski  
Jan Harden  
David Kaeb  
Ron Kieswetter  
John Robertson

**June 2025**  
Elder: Mike Ireland  
Rev. Trey Haddon  
Brian Tanaka  
Shelly Gant  
Sandy Ireland  
David Kaeb  
Morgan Marquardt  
John Robertson  
Dale Traxler  
Ellen Wylie

**Ex Officio Members**  
Terry Fitts  
Dennis Gotkowski



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