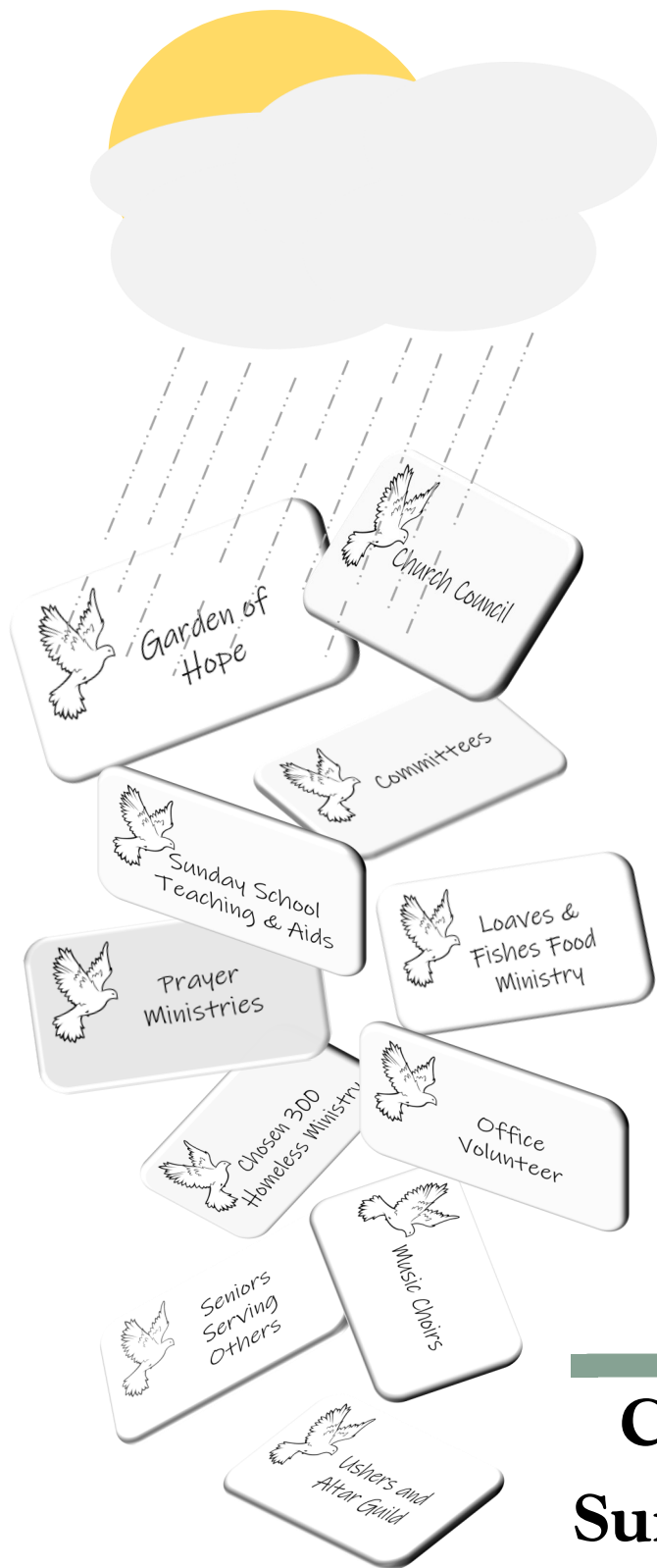

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Annual Report 2021



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Our Mission

The mission of New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church is to utilize the dedication of our church family, the strengths of our programs, the resources of our facilities, and history of our congregation to serve as a beacon of worship, welcome, peace, and support for our community.

Our Vision

The vision of New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church is to love our neighbors as ourselves, and live and serve as an example of God's Grace for our community and our world.

Agenda

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. Opening Prayer
- III. Presentation of the 2021 Annual Report
- IV. New Business
Open Period of Discussion
- V. The Lord's Prayer and Benediction
- VI. Adjourn Meeting

2021 Congregation Council

Officers

Steven Eisenhart, president
D. Martin Hauser, vice-president
Barbara Repa, secretary
Edward Becker, treasurer
Scott Geiser, financial secretary

Robin Fatzinger
Nevada Grant
James Gross
Emma Hauser
Vicki Mutter
Jeffrey Wise
Nicole Young (3/11/21-8/19/21)

Congregational Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, February 28, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 am (via Zoom) by Vice President Sally Sugita.

Pastor Scott Staub opened with a prayer.

Vice President Sugita asked for comments and/or questions about 2020 Annual Report. There being none, she noted that the congregation needs to vote by Sunday, March 7, by mailing or dropping off their ballot at the church.

Vice President Sugita also noted that the congregation needs to vote on those running for the Congregation Council by Sunday, March 7, by mailing or dropping off their ballot at the church.

A Power Point Presentation was shared by Pastor Scott Staub on NHELC 2020/2021 Ministries.

Those baptized, confirmed and received into membership in 2020 were recognized.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 am with a motion by Bryce Manthorne and seconded by Bill Lowry.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer and Benediction given by Pastor Scott.

Following March 7, the ballots were counted with the following results:

- 29 – In favor of approving the annual report
- 1 – Not in favor of approving the annual report

The 2020 Annual Report was approved.

- 30 – In favor of electing Barbara Repa to the Congregation Council
- 29 – In favor of electing Nicole Young to the Congregation Council

Both individuals were elected to the council to serve a 3-year term.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Repa,
Congregation Council Secretary

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 4:10-11

Pastor's Report

"Now to God who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine" (Ephesians 3:20, NRSV)

Dear Friends of New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church:

This past year, 2021, may be one of the most pivotal years in our 321-year history. Though this past year has been unusual and difficult, it has been a year where we have profoundly experienced God's faithfulness to us as a community. There are numerous things for which we can be grateful.

First, we have begun to see new eagerness and new initiatives as well as sustainability in our current ministries. Energizing our youth and family ministries, we created a new position, Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries. Nicole Young is focused on spiritually feeding and creating opportunities for mission for individuals and families. Deacon Carol Detweiler has transferred her talents to become our Director of Senior Faith Formation, and Patricia Nyce has come onboard as our Director of Music Ministry. Each position focused on utilizing our vast collection of talents to grow in faith and worship.

Second, we through many volunteers and staff giftedness enabled us to transition smoothly in online and in-person services and events. We have sustained our community by connecting with one another through the digital world. With a new website platform, increased Wi-Fi and rented video capability we connected our worship and events to more people in recent history. It is our plan in 2022 to install new technology in both sound and video that will increase our capabilities.

Third, we are grateful that we increased our commitment to "Loving Our Neighbors, by Healing and Feeding Them." The Garden of Hope was planted this past Spring. 3,000 sq. feet of God's Creation that produced close to 5,000 pounds and over 20,000 meals, in addition to the 70,000 meals delivered by the Loaves and Fishes food ministry! All through the sweat and dedication of the team of volunteers who make this dream work.

Another important event in the fall was our "Thriving Beyond Covid Dreamer Weekend Retreat." Armed with the scripture, "Now to God who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine (Ephesians 3: 2)", Council along with dreamers and St. Luke ELC, set forth to create our opportunities and dreams for the coming year and beyond. Key dreams were to fully utilize our property and facilities for the greater good of our community and raise revenues, in addition to expanding our focus of ministries to serve the community outside our walls.

Key obstacles and fears were also defined in our retreat. Key among them were financial stability, lack of discipleship and prayer. Financial stability keeping up with ministry growth is a growing concern; however, our leadership is focusing on new initiatives in grants, generosity and investments to overcome those concerns. Making discipleship a strength is crucial and your prayers are coveted to that end. We are growing ministries and helping our neighbors at a pace not seen in recent history, and our neighbors need it. Each of us have spiritual gifts that can be utilized in helping sustain and grow these essential ministries (Use your Spirit Card).

Therefore, a church committed to using and ministering the powerful love of Jesus is more important than ever. Considering your perseverance, resilience, and Christlikeness this past year, we are confident that by God's grace NHELCC will be the healing and feeding community that God longs for us to be and that our neighbor needs.

As I do each year, I want to thank everyone who has and is faithfully serving in our ministries and worship services. Your participation in online and in-person services and events, your connecting with one another through the digital world and in-person, your encouragement of the staff and your generous financial support were critical to our fin-

ishing the year strong and beginning the new year with hope.

And I encourage you to ask God what God is calling you to do next as we work together to offer the hope and joy of the Good News to our friends, neighbors and coworkers in the small piece of creation, God so named, New Hanover and beyond. Peace my friends.

In God's Service,

Pastor Scott Staub

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 15:5-6

Membership Statistical Report

New Members Received

**Patrick and Erica Lucas and baptized children
Elsa and Ainsley**, September 16, 2021
Dane and Josalyn Mulvihill, September 16, 2021

New Members Received by Baptism

Romy Mulvihill, May 16, 2021, daughter of Dane and Josalyn (Boyles) Mulvihill
Mason Frederick Ammarell, June 6, 2021, son of Jacob* and Jennifer (Kurtz) Ammarell
Connor Ryan Harrity, June 27, 2021, son of Curtis* and Jessica (Dugan) Harrity
Karter Louis Lehigh, July 25, 2021, son of Rebecca* and Karen (Beaver) Lehigh
Skylar Grace Harrington, October 3, 2021, daughter of Thomas II* and Natalie* (Long) Harrington
Esmee Louise Miller, October 23, 2021, daughter of Peter and Caitlin Miller
Sullivan Raymond Miller, October 23, 2021, son of Peter and Caitlin Miller
Avery Elizabeth Bealer, November 14, 2021, daughter of Steven and Erica* (Schreiber) Bealer
Colson Drew Martin, November 21, 2021, son of Jase* and Amanda* (Peterson) Martin

Confirmation on May 23, 2021

Harrison Joseph Grant
Austin Andrew Parker
Tyler James Sauers
Alexis Brianne Urbassik

Marriages

Dereck Weaver* and Elise Barlet* October 30, 2021

Funerals

Michael Andrew Stettner*, February 20, 2021
Jeffrey James Steigelmann*, February 21, 2021
George E. Greis*, February 22, 2021
Nancy Elizabeth (Bernhard) Moser, April 26, 2021
Frank Joseph LaCoy, Jr.*, May 1, 2021
Ora Doris (Brownback) Renninger, May 22, 2021, Deacon Carol Detweiler officiated
Shirley V. (Gass) Silcox, May 28, 2021
David Allen Schonely, Sr.*, May 27, 2021
Bruce James Dragish*, June 13, 2021
Darlene E. (Curtis) Wargo*, July 3, 2021
Karen Lynn (Eisenhart) Trout-Long, August 21, 2021
Jean R. (Rhoads) Boyer, September 10, 2021
Carl Eugene Smith*, October 9, 2021
Juan Reyes Alvarez*, October 11, 2021

Welcome to NHELC

Robert Jay Nester*, October 12, 2021
 Myrtle Marie (Luft) Vogt*, November 8, 2021
 Roscoe VanSkite Roos*, November 10, 2021
 Stella Fryer (Renninger) Eidle, November 16, 2021
 Richard S. Ehrie*, November 18, 2021
 Eva A. (Speilman) Ehling, November 19, 2021
 Lottie N. Bortz*, November 19, 2021
 Wade F. Miller, November 20, 2021

* denotes non-member or former member

Members Removed per Death (not listed under funeral)

James M. Steber, February 8, 2021
 Susie Edwards

Frances Marie (Edwards) Weaver, November 18, 2021
 Janet E. (Renninger) Deloplaine, November 26, 2021
 Charles David Rhoads, Sr., December 27, 2021

Members Removed per Request

Charles and Rosemary Forsythe, July 15, 2021
 Eugene and Nancy Reider, August 7, 2021
 Kevin Fleming, December 16, 2021
 Mark, Amy, Ian, Owen and Patrick Agnew, December 16, 2021

Members Removed per Council

Kurt Anthony Mickletz and communing children Alyssa and Taylor Mickletz, February 18, 2021

Membership Review

	Baptized	Confirmed
2012	1115	813
2013	988	726
2014	972	710
2015	970	714
2016	971	718
2017	969	714
2018	969	707
2019	980	717
2020	980	714
2021	985	704

Average Weekly Attendance

2012	209	
2013	197	
2014	188	
2015	167	
2016	157	
2017	152	
2018	154	
2019	163	
2020*	126	
2021**	82	

* Average weekly video and live streamed worship averages over 250 and has reached over 1,500 viewers.
 ** Average weekly video and live streamed worship averages 230.

Director of Children, Family & Youth Ministry Report

It has been a whirlwind of a few months for me here at NHEL. I began my new position in August. My first day corresponded with the Christian Education meeting so I got to start my first day and run my first committee meeting all at once. I spent the month of August gearing up to come back. This of course was not a normal back to Sunday School, but rather coming back for the first time since Covid shut things down. We worked out a new Sunday School Schedule, selected cur-

riculum and geared up to have catechism back in person. We had a Flutter pool party in August that allowed me to start to get to know the youth and had the youth come out to pick potatoes from the garden one night – we bribed them with pizza and root beer floats. After the pizza and before the root beer floats those kids and some of their families made quick work of those potatoes!

We started the month of September with a teacher breakfast on Saturday, September 11th, followed

by Sunday School Kick-Off on September 12th. On rally day we had over 60 people at the kickoff. We made kindness bags and had a scavenger hunt and the students got to visit their rooms and teachers. The catechism group met briefly to discuss expectations and how everything would work this year. We also handed out 9 Bibles on Sunday School Kick-off day to 9 third graders. At the end of September we had a painting event and we had 27 people out in the grove to paint a fall scene and raised \$405 for the Amazing Raise. Flutter also utilized the grove at the end of September and played outdoor games and made service bags for the Boyertown Multi-Service.

October was a very full month. We began the month with the Harvesting Hope Fair which was fantastic. Our kids came and enjoyed the event. We had youth that helped out with games and the bake sale. It was a perfect day and everyone enjoyed themselves. We also had First Communion classes in October which culminated in 10 students celebrating their first Communion on October 31st. We had our first Generations in Faith Together (G.I.F.T.) Sunday and had a reception for those that celebrated their first communion as well as some reformation themed activities. Flutter had planned a spooky fall activity that unfortunately got rained out. I was also able to take some time to do some training on best practices in Family ministry.

November was a quieter month that involved some planning for Advent. We had a G.I.F.T. Sunday

centered around Thankfulness. I was able to teach God and Me and God and Family to some of our scouts.

In December we had a wonderful Advent party that had over 40 people representing 14 different families. Jean Moser did a wonderful job planning a lot of fun crafts and activities for the children and their families and we thank all of those that helped at the stations! On G.I.F.T. Sunday we had a Christmas Pageant, and the children did a fantastic job! We also got to sing some Christmas hymns during the pageant as well. The catechism class met and baked cookies to go along with the Loaves and Fishes food ministry deliveries. We also had another student that was not able to attend in October complete her first communion class and receive her first communion!

Overall, I am thrilled to be here at NHELCC and I have enjoyed these first few months. I look forward to what 2022 will bring for these ministries and the church as a whole. There are lots of exciting things coming! I am so thankful for the Christian Education Board, all the Sunday School teachers and youth leaders and everyone else that has helped me these first months. As always, I am here if you have any suggestions or ideas!

Blessings,

Nikki Young

Deacon's Report

“Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul, and sings the tune without the words, and never stops at all.”

Emily Dickinson

2021 was a year of change for many of us. The pandemic never quite let us out of it's grip and so we kept adapting, making changes with what was normal in our lives. For me it wasn't only covid that shifted things - 2021 was also the year that shifted my professional life. March 17, 2021 marked my 24th anniversary of serving NHELCC as

Director of Christian Education. December 2021 brought my 43rd year as a rostered leader in the national church serving in the field of education. And it was in this past year that change was called for. It was time for someone younger to take over ministries to children and youth and their families. So on July 1 I left behind 43 years of working with

the spiritual education of all ages and turned towards a new “life”, a new ministry in which I would offer faith formation to the senior population of our congregation. It was a bittersweet moment, but our younger generations are in the capable, creative hands of Nikki Young and I am getting to work with such wonderful folks who truly are my spiritual mentors in so many ways. I have been blessed with this new faith journey!

Looking back over this past year it was divided into several parts: the DCE part, the transition period and the Director of Senior Faith Formation part. Let me share a little about what I did during those times....

From January until the end of June most of my time was spent coming up with ways to keep faith formation going in our families’ homes as we continued covid shutdowns. This meant coming up with weekly faith resources which Scott Geiser so capably posted on our website’s Faith Formation page. In addition to that we held a couple of special “drive-bys” when families could pick up bags of lesson ideas and supplies. We did one for Valentine’s Day which included materials for the beginning of Lent as well. Another was held on Palm Sunday with resources for Holy Week and Easter. Then we actually came together, outdoors, in May to celebrate Earth Day with an intergenerational event with a variety of activities. Last but not least, planning for VBS had begun with the first sessions being held the end of June. As in the previous year I worked with leaders from our sister congregations, which again was such a wonderful experience. This time we even added an Adult VBS class which I co-taught with Pastor Kay Braun.

Transitioning from DCE to my new position began. This meant working with the Christian Education Board to help them get ready for the change and to begin to plan how CE ministries would be carried out until someone began as Director of Children and Youth. I contacted previous teachers and our Sunday school families to start feeling out how they would feel about in-person learning if that would happen in the fall.

July 1 was my starting date in my new position, but much of that month was spent still transition-

ing. I still had to finish out overseeing VBS which ran through part of the month. I also needed to pack up many years of stuff so the new person could move into the office. Talk about a walk down memory lane, going through so many things! All of that, plus other loose ends needing to be tied up made July a very busy month. But August came, along with Nikki joining the staff and it was time to look towards the fall. I quickly became busy recruiting a new planning team, figuring out a budget for this new ministry and starting to get the word out, including developing a Seniors Survey. I set up a Seniors Ministry Table on Rally Day and chatted with folks that day about ideas. My new planning team helped organize a great Seniors Kick-Off luncheon held later in September. I continued the ministry of teaching the Thursday morning class. It was so very wonderful to finally come together after a year and a half! Next up was a first big project for Seniors and that was being a part of the Amazing Raise project and holding a first ever “Living History Cemetery Tour” to raise funds for cemetery restoration. Amanda Schlick and Brenda Hunsberger were key figures in this event - they were amazing! We ended up with an intergenerational cast and volunteer crew who all helped to make the event a big success. We’re already talking about plans for next year! Soon after, Christmas was around the corner and we held a fun Seniors Christmas luncheon. Added to all of these events there were other pieces of Senior Faith Formation happening. Started by Vicki Mutter who was soon joined by Jean Moser and Jo Anne Wirt, a ministry to deliver fun bags to our seniors was well along the way. These three “gift bag angels” deliver about 40 or so bags on a regular basis. These ladies have been key to keeping our older generations linked to the church throughout the isolating times we have been having. I can’t express how grateful I am for what they do. And as we move into the new year we want to expand into “Seniors Helping Others” where our older members can help with projects that benefit others. That is something a number of them noted as important to do on the returned surveys, so we want to honor that desire to serve.

As we’ve moved through the past year another important piece of my ministry which I still am doing is working with our prayer chain. This was begun early on in the pandemic as a new role I gave to

members of my Thursday class who obviously couldn't meet at that time. As of this writing we have had requests to pray for over 122 people. That's a lot of praying! I am so grateful to Lucille Powell who is my contact and the one who calls our prayer ladies to get the prayers going. We are just grateful that folks, members and non-members, entrust us with their spiritual needs. I also have continued to distribute prayer shawls as needed. From the feedback I receive each and every shawl has been greatly appreciated. Last but not least, I have kept in contact with Phoenixville Breast Care Center and see that they are kept supplied with the pillows we make - thanks to all the willing hands that put them together!

Other ministries I had the joy of being part of during the past year was attending an online Women's Retreat for five weeks, hosted by the Deacon at Trinity, Lansdale. I also was asked to preside at the graveside funeral for Doris Renninger, which was a great privilege. On July 4th I did a blessing out in the cemetery following worship to remember those buried there who had served in the Revolutionary War. Last but not least I have continued to help serve at funeral luncheons held this past fall.

I am still adjusting to my new role. It's tough going from a 32-hour work week to eight hours a week and doing all you want to do! I'm still learn-

ing how to do that. But I'm blessed to be ministering with our seniors. I also want to thank the Christian Education Board that I was so honored to work with for the last 24 years. What a team. I couldn't have done it without them. Thank you each and every one of you. And to the teachers that served so faithfully. I was blessed to work with all of you. You all made my ministry possible.

I began this report with the quote by the poet Emily Dickinson who uses the image of a bird to describe the idea of hope in our hearts. This past year has begged for hope as we all have struggled with so many on-going stresses in our daily lives. Dickinson though, wisely sees that hope never quite goes away. And I saw that over and over again in the life of NHELCC this past year. Hope kept singing that little tune, sometimes so quietly, but it was there. Not only in our Faith Formation endeavors, but in all of our ministries. I heard the melody of that tune as I began my new way of serving you - it was "sung" by those who said "yes" when asked to be a part of this new venture. And those notes of hope will be heard as together we walk into 2022.

Peace and blessings,

Deacon Carol

Handbell Choir Director's Report

The year 2021 began the way the year 2020 ended – Covid-19 pandemic, closed churches, businesses and schools, and pre-recorded worship services.

During the closure, the Handbell Choir was permitted to practice if all precautions established by the CDC and New Hanover's COVID team were followed. Consequently, the choir of eleven ringers was divided into two ensembles of six - seven ringers. This allowed for the required physical distancing and each ensemble practiced on a different day and time. From January through May, ensembles pre-recorded musical selections which provided special music for ten weeks of services. Handbell solos by Barbara Eisenhart, accompanied by

Steven Eisenhart, were recorded and inserted into the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services.

In September, the Handbell Choir was permitted to once again practice as one group. Unlike many churches who experienced a decline in church attendance and participation in activities during the pandemic, the Handbell Choir at New Hanover Lutheran experienced growth! By the end of 2021, there were 13 ringers in the choir. With the current tables already filled with bells and ringers, another table configuration and additional handbells were needed. Memorial Fund contributions given in memory of Megan Weaver were used to purchase bells in the lower fourth and fifth oc-

taves. Thrivent Action Dollars provided the means to purchase two handbell tables, pads, and covers.

During the fall months, the Handbell Choir played at three Sunday services. On Christmas Eve, the choir presented a twenty-five-minute prelude for the 4:00 and 7:00 PM services.

The Handbell Choir activated its “music on the move” ministry in 2021. On Christ the King Sunday, after playing at New Hanover’s 9:00 AM service, the group travelled to Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Pottstown, and played two selections during their 10:45 AM service. It is our hope that in 2022 the Choir will again be permitted to present programs for residents at area senior living facilities.

I would like to thank each of the following persons for their flexibility and dedication during this second year of challenge and learning new ways to “make it work.” Each one brings a spirit of joy and enthusiasm to the Handbell Choir. We have a

lot of fun making music together! A big thank you is extended to Vicki Dotterer, Lynn Fegley, Ben Fowler, LuAnne Fowler, Wayne Fowler, Marlene Hansley, Brenda Hunsberger, Donna Kehs, Jean Moser, Barbara Noecker, Carolyn Springer, Marsha Staub, and this fall we welcomed Jayne McHugh. Special thanks are extended to: Faye Weidner who filled in as a supply ringer; Brian Tracey and Steven Eisenhart, piano accompanists; Nick Trowbridge, viola accompanist; Lauren Flack, violin accompanist; and Amanda Dodge who played percussion during the Christmas Eve preludes.

The Handbell Choir looks forward to 2022 and ringing praise to our God.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Eisenhart
Handbell Choir Director

Loaves & Fishes Food Ministry Report

2021 was a very busy year for the Food Ministry. We continued with our normal Wednesday and Sunday delivery schedule. We delivered on average 700 to 800 meals a week for a total of over 43,000 meals for the year. The ministry was also involved in a multitude of other activities throughout the year. The largest of these being the Garden of Hope. It was so great to see fresh organic vegetables go from farm to table and be involved in the process. Plans are already underway for this year’s garden. We also supported the Picnic Grove Committee with the Great Swamp Picnic, Roast Beef Dinner, Soup Sale and Spaghetti Super. Other events that the ministry participated in were Camp Falckner, Harvesting Hope Fair and Dreamers Retreat and Boyertown Oktoberfest. As the new year begins, we are looking forward to the coming year and upcoming events. As of the new year, we started supplying a once a month meal to the Chosen 300 Ministry in Pottstown and continuously look for other opportunities to help those in a food deficit. This ministry has only been possible due to the generous donations by so many people.

We are also fortunate to have a great group of volunteers who keep this mission going.

Thanks to All, Chris



“In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

Acts 20:35

Garden of Hope Ministry Report



God commands us to love our neighbor. With God's blessing, a dream to feed our neighbor, which started during the Covid pandemic with our food ministry program, grew into the Garden of Hope. It began during the summer of 2020, David Ryle from Trellis for Tomorrow came to Camp Falckner to talk to our youth about food sustainability. Then seeds were planted with the idea that we could use our open space to plant a garden which would grow organic produce to support our food ministry.

At the start of 2021, a group of interested congregation members met via Zoom to discuss garden plans with Trellis for Tomorrow. Thank you to Pastor Scott, Leslie Gates, Nevada Grant, Jim Gross, Nancy Gross, Sue Lowry, Marsha Staub and Nikki Young for their commitment to the garden, willingness to ask questions, and giving of time for the planning, the congregation council heard and approved the plans and a contract was signed for NHEL C to partner with Trellis for Tomorrow as a Partner Site within the Food for All raised bed garden program. The dream was now officially a reality.

The planning group had much to do before the garden was actually created. They worked to announce the creation of the garden to the congregation. They also came up with an official name for the garden. It was decided to be named "The Garden of Hope", because it would not only grow produce which would be used to feed our neighbor, but it would also provide HOPE to those who are struggling. They then invited the congregation to participate in "The Garden of Hope" logo contest. They also discussed and came up with a list of "jobs" that would be required to maintain the garden. This was shared with the congregation and many individuals started offering to help. The youth were contacted and invited to participate in the Youth Springboard event offered through Trellis for Tomorrow. The planning group were busy little bees.

On Saturday afternoon, March 13th, more than 25 people came out to participate in the blessing of

the land which was to become the Garden of Hope. It was our hope that the raised beds and fence would be installed and we would be planting seeds on Maundy Thursday, April 1st. Soil was delivered on March 26th, and installation of the garden began on March 29th. The following day the installation continued with a trench being dug from the garden to a faucet at the shed for a water irrigation system. Unfortunately,

weather did not cooperate and planting of the seeds was postponed to Monday, April 5th. Re-



gardless, we were blessed to have many volunteers on this day. Thank you to all who came out! As the fence was being built, volunteers raked the beds, spread mulch between the rows, and began planting seeds and seedlings. By day's end, we had planted cabbage, red cabbage, Bekana cabbage, red leaf lettuce, romain lettuce, cauliflower, collard greens, kale, Swiss chard, napa cabbage, onions, beets, potatoes, carrots, and many herbs. The Garden of Hope was alive! God's work—Our hands!

Volunteers of all ages, including our Sunday School and Camp Falckner youth, maintained the garden throughout the growing season. I'm especially thankful for Janet Smithson who volunteered a countless number of hours in the garden. The volunteers harvested produce, weeded, attempted to rid the garden of squash beetles and other unwanted bugs, and also spread additional mulch. Flowers and pollination plants were added to the beds around the perimeter of the garden. Hinterhof Farm gave us a bee hive and took care of the bees which helped to pollinate the garden.



In addition to the spring planting, we had a summer and also a fall planting. We added to-

matoes, zucchini, butternut squash, broccoli, yellow and green string beans, spinach, daikon radish, bell peppers and hot peppers to the garden. Yes, as the weather grew hot, we had a plethora of hot, hotter and even HOTTERR peppers: jalapeno peppers, banana peppers, chili peppers, and habanero peppers. God provided! Overall, we harvested about 5,000 pounds of produce. Wow! God is good!

This abundance of produce was more than our food ministry could use. This abundance was shared with numerous non-profit organizations: Boyertown Multi-Service, Pottstown Cluster,

Hope Rescue Mission, Open Door Ministry, Salvation Army, Jarrett Yoder Foundation, and Trinity Food Pantry. Throughout the growing season, we shared 4,500 pounds, with our neighboring communities. What a generous way to love our neighbor.

We are looking forward to another year and seeing how God provides and helps us once again to love our neighbor. I personally was in awe as I worked in the garden. To stand in the midst of the Garden of Hope and see God at work was very humbling. The Garden of Hope fulfills the words we read in Ephesians 3:20-21 “Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!” Thanks be to God!

Respectfully,

Donna Kehs and Janet Smithson
Garden of Hope co-leaders



Committee and Board Reports

Audit Committee Report

Don Wirt, chairperson

The Audit Committee includes the following auditors as its members serving a three-year term. The following auditing action was taken during the month of January 2021 and included the auditing of the following accounts for years 2020 and 2021. Auditors were assigned to perform the audits as follows:

- Don Wirt, chairperson – General Fund
- Bill Allen – Cemetery and Building Fund
- Ed Becker – Picnic Grove
- Jim Gross – Memorial Fund

Scott Geiser - Flutter

Steve Weidner – Chris Ed and Mission Service

We are pleased to report that no omissions were found in the completed audits and the results show the records are fairly stated. We thank our treasurers for their fine record keeping and the care taken to manage our treasuries.

The committee will begin assembling the results in a form which can be presented to the congregation.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donald Wirt

Constitution Committee Report

Member: Chairperson Donald Wirt

The following are some of the projects and objectives accomplished this year. There is no doubt that the curtailment of activities, due to the pandemic, through the months of 2021 and the prioritization of tasks has slowed the committee's progress.

The larger task this year and still in progress is the revision/updating of our Church Constitution and By-laws. Our current document was last revised and published in 2014. Over the past several years there have been numerous additions recommended by the ELCA. The most recent being 2019. Our current goal is to update our document to be more consistent with the ELCA recommended constitution for ELCA Churches. The activities to accomplish this goal were curtailed since March 2020 due to the pandemic.

The revised document has been presented to the Congregation Council in January 2022 for review and approval. At the January Council meeting, the revised documents of the Constitution and By-laws were reviewed. During the review several additions and deletions were noted. The document is being revised for resubmission and approval. Submission to the Southeastern PA Synod for their review and approval will follow the Congregation Council's approval to submit the document to the Synod. Once that review is completed, final revisions will be made and the document prepared for NHELCC congregation approval.

This activity will continue in 2022.

Submitted,

Donald Wirt, chairperson

Endowment Fund Committee Report

Committee Members

Chairperson Don Wirt, Allan Care, Bryce Manthorne, Jeff Wise and Herman Richard

The committee continues the development of a new policy structure and content of an expanded policy to guide the church in managing the NHELCC Trust Fund.

The committee submitted the final document to the Congregation Council at the end of 2021 for their review and comment. The Endowment Committee recommended that if they are satisfied with the document, to approve it as a Continuing Resolution so it can be tried and tested before incorporating it into the Constitution revisions. The Congregation Council approved the policy and adopted it as a Continuing Resolution.

The Constitution revisions project most likely will be picked up in 2022 and could take the better part of the year to prepare it for Synod review/approval

and then to the congregation for approval and adoption.

The Endowment Committee and members of the Congregation Council are in the process of interviewing financial advisors to determine how they could be of benefit to help manage the Endowment Fund.

As a Continuing Resolution, the document can be revised as determined by council. The main purpose is to have something they can use going forward until such time as the Constitution is approved and adopted.

Submitted by Donald Wirt

Fellowship Committee Report

Chairperson/Council Liaison – Sally Sugita

Committee Members: Chris Fatzinger, Cathy Gehringer, Jean Moser, Barbara Noecker, Sally Sugita

The committee coordinates programs and activities that give members opportunities to get to know one another and provide fellowship for all ages. Due to the pandemic, Fellowship activities were limited during 2021. Fortunately, we were able to hold some Fellowship events with extra precautions.

In 2021 the committee coordinated the following events:

- Fellowship Hour to welcome Nikki Young as our Director of Children, Family and Youth Ministry on August 8, 2021.
- Rally Day Congregational Picnic at the picnic grove on September 12, 2021, with the help of the Swamp Picnic Grove Committee.

- Fellowship Hour on October 3, 2021, to thank Richard Thomas for his service to NHELCC as the GRACE Band Leader and wish him well.
- Fellowship Hour on October 10, 2021, in honor of Pastor Staub for Pastor Appreciation Sunday.
- Fellowship Hour on October 31, 2021 to honor the youth on their First Communion.
- Fellowship Hour for Gift Sunday on December 19, 2021.

The Fellowship Committee oversees these events, but they are made possible by the dedicated service of volunteers.

We are looking to expand our committee and provide many more opportunities for fellowship in 2022.

Respectfully submitted by Sally Sugita

FLUTTER Youth Group Report

In January and February Flutter created Valentine cards at their homes for shut-ins of the congregation and for the people receiving the meals from the food ministry.

One warm Sunday afternoon in March the Flutter youth group gathered at the Picnic woods to play Nine Square in the Air and do a service project for the shut-ins of the congregation.

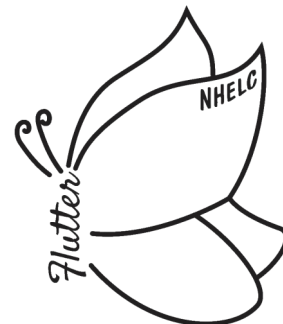
In June, after the church service on Father's Day, Flutter played Nine Square in the Air in the picnic woods with other members of the congregation.

In August, Flutter enjoyed swimming and playing volleyball at the Boyer's. Later in the month, some of our youth and family members came out and dug out potatoes from our Garden of Hope. For many it was back to school week and they were troopers. We dug out 121 pounds of pota-

toes. Afterwards we had pizza and root beer floats! Some of the garden potatoes were made into potato salad for The Great Swamp Picnic.

In September, Flutter had a lot of fun in the picnic grove! We played corn hole and 9 Square in the Air. We also started to work on a service project for the Pottstown Cluster. We created birthday gift bags and made birthday cards for children. We enjoyed socializing and having pizza for dinner.

In October, the youth helped set up and run the bake sale table at the Harvest Hope Fair. They also helped run the other games during the fair. Later in the month, Flutter Youth Group filled birthday gift bags with birthday supplies for the Pottstown Cluster. In the bags



were a cake mix, icing, plates, napkins, a birthday card, balloons, and candles.

In November, Flutter went to Wilcox's Corn Maze and had a fun time. We also collected food to make a complete Thanksgiving meal to donate to Preston's Pantry in Boyertown.

In December, Flutter had their annual Christmas party. They played Christmas themed games and unwrapped a big Saren wrap ball filled with lots of goodies! We had pizza and snacks. The youth also collected pajamas to go to the PJ Project!

Historical Research and Archives Committee Report

The Historical Research and Archives Committee responds to requests for genealogical records, collects and files media reports, old and new for future reference, and endeavors to bring to the church membership information about this three-century old congregation. History doesn't change, but new discoveries bring new understanding of historical events. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the committee has had very little person-to-person contact over the past two years. Work continues, however. The shutdown of activities has made families look inward, hence requests continue to arrive at the church for information about ancestors and about past family members at New

Hanover. Although most of the committee's activity was passive research, members of the committee did have an opportunity to connect via the Cemetery History event held in our cemetery on October 23, 2021, and the hope is that this will encourage more people to investigate the history of the congregation. History may remain unchanged, but historians age. To keep our research fresh, new, younger minds must participate in the work of the committee.

Report submitted by Lee Wesner

Memorial Fund Board Report

Committee Members

Andy Van Dyke, president

Jo Anne Wirt, secretary/treasurer

Don Wirt, Steven Eisenhart-council liaison

The Memorial Fund serves the congregation by providing a holding account for contributions donated to NHELIC in the memory of a church member. We acknowledge all contributions following the death of a loved one and apprise the family of the contributors. During this time, we also help determine the family's intention as to how they would like the church to use the contributions. These requests are submitted to the Congregation Council for approval.

In 2021, the Memorial Fund received \$8335.00 in contributions in memory of church members.

This year four handbells with a case to complete the lower 4th octave were purchased with funds given in memory of Megan Weaver. An additional three handbells, new handbell tables, and covers for the new handbell tables were also purchased. These purchases were made with contributions that were given to the Memorial Fund in memory of loved ones. Contributions were transferred to the Loaves and Fishes Food Ministry as requested by family members.

Submitted by Jo Anne Wirt

Mission Service/Social Ministry Committee Report

“Transforming lives through mission and service. Empowering the people of God to fulfill the church’s mission of promoting love, justice, freedom and peace by communally responding in organized ways to individual, societal and global needs.”

Committee members

Carol Detweiler/Nikki Young staff contact

Vicki Mutter, council liaison

Rosalie Lisa, chairperson

Scott Geiser, treasurer

Donna Kehs

Barbara Noecker

Marlene Hansley

We had incredible energy this year! Despite the ongoing challenges with Covid-19, we had participation in both old and new projects. We have new faces participating in some of our projects and the creativity, generosity and time shared by our committee and other volunteers has kept us moving forward.

New

Our committee is involved with the TriCounty Community Network and were proud to participate in the Amazing Raise during the month of October. Our church family rose to that challenge and through fundraising events and online/church donations we raised \$34,420.50 with monies distributed to the general fund, Cemetery restoration, Christian Education, Flutter, Peer Support, Loaves & Fishes and Garden of Hope (as requested by donors). Our amazing fundraisers contributing to the Amazing Raise were

- ◆ Harvesting Hope Fair What a great community event, one which we plan to hold on the first Saturday of October next year also. This fair offered great food by our own Chris Fatzinger and his volunteers, Christmas flea market, children’s games and activities, presence by non-profit groups sharing their information and fundraising, tractors, cars and emergency vehicles for children to explore. A wonderful outdoor event on a beautiful day. A huge THANK YOU to all volunteers and attendees. Special thanks to Pastor Scott, Marsha Staub,

Vicki Mutter, Donna Kehs, Nikki Young, Marlene Hansley and Barbara Noecker.

- ◆ Amy’s Artschack’s afternoon of painting was a fun event which we plan to repeat in January. Thank you, Nikki Young for organizing!
- ◆ Living Cemetery Tour organized by Carol Detweiler and Amanda Schlick and the Senior Ministry.

We supported two local businesses who were hit hard during the pandemic and were instrumental in giving back to their community. We sought assistance through the Pottstown Area Economic Development and had two businesses respond with their needs and information on how they assisted the community. \$500 was donated to Juan Carlos Fine Mexican Cuisine and \$500 was donated to J. J. Ratigans.

Ongoing Committee Activities

- ◆ Collection and donation of food and household items to Boyertown Area Multi-Service, overseen by Barbara Noecker. Thank you, Barbara.
- ◆ Paper retriever is available for recycling paper goods.
- ◆ Redner’s tape collections are counted and recorded to Redner’s by Georgann and Scott Geiser. Thank you for that service and thank you to all who collect and submit their Redner’s receipts. Monies collected support our committee projects.
- ◆ Christian Grief books are sent to our congregants/family and friends of congregants who are mourning the loss of loved ones. They are mailed four times in the first year of loss to support those who are grieving.
- ◆ Prayer Shawls are knitted by various congregants and are distributed to provide warmth and comfort to persons experiencing illness or

hardships. Thank you knitters, thank you Lucille Powell for contributing artwork, and thank you to Carol Detwiler for overseeing the packaging and distribution of prayer shawls.

- ◆ Breast Cancer Pillow project overseen by Georgann Geiser provides heart-shaped pink pillows which are distributed to Phoenixville Hospital for patients to use for physical and spiritual comfort post breast cancer surgery.
- ◆ Angel Tree This year over 150 children's gifts and eight \$25 Giant gift cards were donated on the Christmas Angel Tree by our generous and kind congregants. They were delivered to Gemma (previously Silver Springs-Martin

Luther School), the Pottstown Cluster of Religious Communities and to St. James Lutheran Church to support their holiday meal program.

This committee works together in a beautiful way to serve the needs of our church, community and world. Join us! We meet the fourth Monday of every other month. We seek and welcome new members!

God's work, our hands.

Rosalie Lisa

Picnic Grove Board Report

Chairperson – Sally Sugita

Committee Members

Chris Fatzinger	Marty Hauser
Scott Geiser	Kelly Hauser
Georgann Geiser	Barbara Noecker
Lisa Caputo	Rick Hausch
Nancy Gross	Jeff Renninger
Jim Gross	

The Swamp Picnic Grove is an historical extension of our church ministry and is available for use by our church members and affiliated organizations. The committee strives to provide fellowship opportunities, both at the picnic grove and the church. The committee works to include church members, as well as our neighbors, in our activities and events. Though the pandemic limited and prevented some Swamp Picnic activities, we were blessed to hold some events during 2021.

In 2021 the Swamp Picnic Committee coordinated the following events:

- The 14th annual Spaghetti Supper was held on Saturday, March 20, 2021, as a drive through event. Many meals were ordered, picked up, and enjoyed that day.
- Camp Falkner was held at the Picnic Grove from July 27 – 30, 2021. The youth and their leaders shared in fellowship, Bible study, wor-

ship, crafts, singing and other activities in the natural beauty of the Grove.

- The Great Swamp Picnic is an historical church event and the highlight of the year. It continues to be New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church's opportunity to have fellowship with the community and our church family. On August 28, 2021, the committee, along with many volunteers, held a successful picnic with some changes due to the pandemic. After a morning of watching the weather forecast, good food, friendly faces, and music from the Boyertown Alumni Band made the day enjoyable for all who attended.
- Once again, the Rally Day Congregational Picnic was held at the Picnic Grove. On September 12, 2021 the Fellowship Committee and the Picnic Committee worked together to provide a relaxing and enjoyable picnic for our church family.
- On November 6, 2021, committee members and volunteers worked together to rake leaves into piles at the Picnic Grove. The hard work was followed by hot dogs, hot chocolate, and s'mores by a campfire. The leaves were transported, over the next few weeks, to the Garden of Hope.

- On Saturday, November 13, 2021, the Picnic Committee held a Hot Roast Beef Dinner in the Fellowship Hall at church. Eat in and take out meals were available. Diners enjoyed hot roast beef sandwiches with gravy, potato filling, green beans, pepper cabbage, applesauce, drinks, and desserts whether they ate in the Fellowship Hall or in the comfort of their home. The delicious and relaxing evening was a success!

Maintaining the grove and its facilities throughout the year requires an ongoing commitment from committee members and other volunteers. The committee oversees grove rentals, leaf raking, stick removal, and maintenance of the buildings,

playground area, property and equipment. The NHELCC Cub Pack and Boy Scout Troops have also helped with grove upkeep. We were also blessed to have Jay Smith provide free mowing of the Grove this year.

The Swamp Picnic Committee provides our church family with opportunities for service and fellowship. We will continue to partner with the Fellowship Committee and volunteers to provide future events. We also encourage new committee members to step up and join our fun-loving committee to help plan and implement activities at our beautiful grove.

Respectfully submitted by Sally Sugita

Worship and Music Committee Report

The Worship and Music Committee plans and coordinates all of New Hanover's worship services as well as oversees the recruitment and training of all of the volunteers who participate in worship. These volunteers include greeters, ushers, acolytes, crucifers, worship assistants, cantors, communion assistants, children's sermon presenters, and sound system operators. The committee also supports the GRACE and Rejoicing Spirits planning teams as well as the Altar Guild. If you would like to volunteer for one or more of these positions, please ask. Training is provided and no prior experience is necessary – all you need is the willingness to serve. Thank you to those who already do!

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed much of what is listed above thanks to the cancellation of in-person worship services that continued into the first half of 2021. During this time, worship was pre-recorded in the sanctuary and made available on Sunday mornings for the congregation to view on-line. Beginning on Easter Sunday, worship was again held in the parking lot with the congregation in their cars, listening to the service broadcast on the radio by an FM transmitter. We returned to a single worship service at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary on July 4 with each congregant masked. These services, which have grown in attendance from an average of 50 in July, to well over 100 by year's

end, have combined both of our pre-pandemic worship styles into one blended service.

While the committee only met once in 2021, the search continued for a new Director of Music Ministry. Of the several candidates who applied, only two met all (or most of) our requirements. Unfortunately, after meeting with them, it was determined that neither would be a good match for our position. Many thanks are extended to Brian Tracey and all of the substitute organists who provided music during this time of transition. As the search enters its second year, we are pleased to report that Patricia Nyce will be assuming the position of Interim Director of Music Ministry in January of 2022. During the service on October 3, Richard Thomas, Praise Band Leader, was honored at his last service with us prior to pursuing other career goals. He will be missed, but we are grateful for the time that he served among us and we wish him the best in his future endeavors. Since his departure, praise music continues to be offered by Donna Kehs, Nicole Ewing and Lindsey Waltermeyer.

In addition to those mentioned above, the following people are to be commended for their efforts to enhance and make possible our worship services during the pandemic:

Audio/Video – Kevin Brunner, Amy Marazas,
Scott Repa, Andrew Rothermel, Marsha Staub
and Andrew Van Dyke
Hymn Soloists – Carolyn Fleming, Sue Lowry and
Lindsey Waltermeyer
Handbell Choir – Barbara Eisenhart (director)
Website Coordination – Scott Geiser

People of all ages are welcome to be involved in the workings of the Worship and Music Committee. When we are able, we will resume our regular meeting schedule of the second Thursday of each month. Please join us! The 2021 members included: Barbara Eisenhart, Steven Eisenhart, Carol Estes, Nicole Ewing, Carolyn Fleming, and Faye

Weidner. Staff members included: Pastor Scott Staub and Richard Thomas.

Those in leadership positions assisting the committee include:

Chairperson – Steven Eisenhart
Acolytes and Crucifers – Norman Hunsberger
Altar Guild – Barbara Eisenhart
Worship Assistant Coordinator – Faye Weidner
GRACE Planning Team – Sharon Tracey and Nicole Ewing
Rejoicing Spirits – Donna Kehs

Respectfully submitted,

Steven C. Eisenhart

Altar Guild Report

The purpose of the Altar Guild is to provide for the care of the altar, paraments, communion ware, baptismal ware, candles, flowers, confirmation gowns, and to decorate the worship space for special festivals in the church year. Altar flowers are delivered to hospitalized and/or homebound members after the Sunday service. The duties of the Altar Guild are vital for each worship service, and the members work closely with the pastor in preparing for all regular and special worship services plus festivals and special observances. These include Ash Wednesday, Mid-week Lenten services, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter, Blessing of the Fields, Pentecost, Harvest Home, All Saints' Sunday, Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas. Throughout the year, members also prepare for baptisms and funeral/memorial services when needed.

During the March 21, 2021 worship service, two fair linens, two corporals, and a communion veil were dedicated. Gift money given in honor of Ruth Wirt's 100th birthday was used to purchase one fair linen and the corporals. The second fair linen was purchased with undesignated Memorial Fund monies. Sue Lowry hand-crafted the new communion veil. Also, during the same service, old linens and paraments were retired.

Continuing from March 2020 when the Covid-19 pandemic closed churches and businesses, New Hanover Lutheran Church offered two options for worship. Pre-recorded services were posted on the website for Sunday morning viewing, and live services were held in the parking lot/picnic grove on Sunday morning at 9:00. During the first six months of 2021, the altar area continued to be prepared and decorated according to the Sundays in the Church year. However, this was completed by only a few essential members because of the shutdown. Then, on July 4, 2021, the church doors were opened to welcome worshipers to indoor services. Since that date, and for the first time since March 2020, the Altar Guild teams resumed serving monthly.

The Altar Guild officially reorganized at a meeting held on September 13, 2021. Two new members were welcomed to the Guild – Jo Anne Wirt and Sharon Wise. Other members who served were Sue Care, Vicki Dotterer, Barbara Eisenhart, Carol Estes, Lynn Fegley, Becky Gallagher, Nancy Gross, Brenda Hunsberger, Jane Johnson, Jean Moser, Susan Norris, Debbie Solazzo, Marsha Staub, and Nancy Wolfe. The members were divided into four teams with each team serving three months of the year. The whole Guild came together in 2021 to decorate for Harvest Home and Christmas. Thank you is extended to all the mem-

bers for giving so generously of their time and their dedication to prepare God's house according to the seasons of the Church Year. At the end of 2021, Carol Estes and Nancy Wolfe resigned having served seven years and one year respectively. Thank you, ladies, for your service.

Greatly appreciated was the help of those who assisted the Altar Guild throughout the year: Allan Care, Brian Eisenhart, Carl Eisenhart, Steven Eisenhart, Jim Gross, Rick Hausch, Gary Moser, Jeff Renninger, Rick Solazzo, and Pastor Scott

Staub. Thanks is extended to Tina Phillips for providing the beautiful altar flower arrangements. The Altar Guild is grateful to all members and friends who sponsored the altar flowers, lilies, geraniums/carnations, poinsettias, and Christmas trees to enhance the beauty of the sanctuary on special festivals and observances.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Eisenhart
Altar Guild Chairperson

Treasurers' Reports for 2020 and 2021

Building Fund

Balance December 31, 2019	28,428.07
Deposits in transit from General Fund, December 31, 2017	---
Total Balance from January 1, 2020	28,428.07
2020 Receipts	
Donations/Offerings	23,003.00
MMR Account Interest	<u>3.34</u>
Total Receipts	23,006.34
Available Funds	51,434.41
2020 Expenses	
Door Lock Automation Project	5,980.00
Bank Service Fees	<u>2.73</u>
Total Expenses	5,982.73
Balance December 31, 2020	45,451.68
Deposits in transit from General Fund, December 31, 2020	---
Total Balance from January 1, 2021	45,451.68
2021 Receipts	
Donations/Offerings	15,961.78
MMR Account Interest	<u>4.91</u>
Total Receipts	15,966.69
Available Funds	61,418.37
2021 Expenses	
Bank Fees	5.00
Bookkeeping Corrections	1,577.78
Capital Maintenance (Power Washing, Tree Maints)	<u>6,689.58</u>
Total Expenses	8,272.36
Balance December 31, 2021	53,146.01

Cemetery Fund

Checking Balance December 31, 2019	2,933.77
2020 Receipts	
Interest – Invesco Trust Fund	4,807.40
Offerings	1,438.00
Donations – Violet Moyer, Hunsberger & Leeson	250.00
Sale of Lots	---
Simply Giving	952.00
Foundations	816.00
Grave Opening	750.00
Thrivent Choice Dollars	932.00
Interments	750.00
Cancelled Check – Passmore's	<u>28.35</u>
Total Receipts	10,723.75
Available Funds	13,657.52
2020 Expenses	
Labor	8,959.91
Perpetual Care Account	---
Gas & Oil & Filters	724.70
Repairs and Parts	669.53
Concrete	650.00
Stamps	22.00
Grass Seed & Fertilizer	41.52
Spigot Repair in Cemetery	37.98
Driveway Pins in Cemetery	<u>25.75</u>
Total Expenses	11,131.39
Balance December 31, 2020	2,526.13
Investments	
Trust Fund at Invesco-Market value as of December 31, 2020	99,547.01
2021 Receipts	
Interest – Invesco Trust Fund	4,354.41
Offerings	3,054.00
Donations – Violet Moyer, Hunsberger & Leeson	1,050.00
Sale of Lots	---
Simply Giving	736.00
Foundations	1,629.00
Grave Opening	600.00
Thrivent Choice Dollars	---
Interments	500.00
Amazing Raise – Carl & Barb Eisenhart	<u>100.00</u>
Total Receipts	12,023.41
Available Funds	14,549.54

2021 Expenses	
Labor	8,420.87
Perpetual Care Account	---
Gas & Oil & Filters	1,183.62
Repairs and Parts	1,512.27
Concrete	397.50
Stamps	---
Grass Seed & Fertilizer	---
Spigot Repair in Cemetery	---
Driveway Markers	30.34
Stop Payment on Check from Violet Moyer	300.00
Service Charge for Stop Payment on Check from Moyer	<u>12.00</u>
Total Expenses	11,856.60
Balance December 31, 2021	2,692.94
Investments	
Trust Fund at Invesco-Market value as of December 31, 2021	101,293.45

Christian Education Fund

Balance January 1, 2020	11,867.83
2020 Receipts	
Camp Falckner Income	240.00
Christian Education Envelope	2,579.00
Georgianna Price Memorial	563.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	810.00
Simply Giving	1,787.00
SS Offering	<u>406.75</u>
Total Receipts	6,385.75
Available Funds	18,253.58
2020 Expenses	
Adult Education	235.46
Betty Gangaway Memorial	79.49
Camp Falckner Expense	1,287.15
Georgianna Price Memorial	960.00
Gift Sunday	109.13
Library	16.99
Staff Appreciation	400.00
Sunday School	1,365.19
Supplies	600.79
Teacher Appreciation	200.00
Vacation Bible School Expense	910.06
Women's Retreat	<u>205.00</u>
Total Expenses	6,369.26
Balance December 31, 2020	11,884.32

2021 Receipts	
Adult Education	122.00
Camp Falckner Income	650.00
Christian Education Envelope	2,525.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	90.00
Simply Giving	1,090.00
SS Offering	443.05
Study Bibles	<u>40.00</u>
Total Receipts	4,960.05

Available Funds **16,844.37**

2021 Expenses	
Adult Education	386.97
Camp Falckner Expense	1,156.18
Catechetical Curriculum	343.49
Confirmation Gifts	488.64
First Communion	63.76
Gift Sunday	155.71
Graduation Gifts	47.95
Library	40.00
Mid-week Study Group Expense	48.00
Senior Ministry	487.23
Special Events	437.21
Sunday School	1,469.00
Supplies	669.35
Teacher Appreciation	100.76
Teacher Resources	80.02
Third Grade Bibles	199.90
Vacation Bible School Expense	<u>205.27</u>
Total Expenses	6,379.44

Balance December 31, 2021 **10,464.93**

Mission Service Fund

Balance January 1, 2020 **10,528.40**

2020 Receipts	
Living Gifts Fair	65.00
Mission Offering Envelopes	630.00
Redner's Register Tapes	118.18
Rejoicing Spirits	360.00
Simply Giving	<u>1,265.00</u>
Total Receipts	2,438.18

Available Funds **12,966.58**

2020 Expenses	
Living Gifts Fair	2,450.00
Other Projects	375.51

Peer Support Group	3,000.00
Pillows	350.88
Prayer Shawls	<u>132.18</u>
Total Expenses	6,308.57
Balance December 31, 2020	6,658.01
2021 Receipts	
Mission Offering Envelopes	455.00
Other	70.00
Redner's Register Tapes	344.17
Rejoicing Spirits	280.00
Simply Giving	3,855.00
Swamp Picnic Yard Sale	<u>479.00</u>
Total Receipts	5,483.17
Available Funds	12,141.18
2021 Expenses	
Community Support	1,000.00
Global Mission	3,000.00
Other Projects	117.04
Rejoicing Spirits	700.00
Yard Sale Proceeds	<u>479.00</u>
Total Expenses	5,296.04
Balance December 31, 2021	6,845.14

Memorial Fund

Balance January 1, 2020	41,063.41
2020 Receipts	
Contributions	6,085.00
Interest	4.19
Bank Addition Error	<u>100.00</u>
Total Deposits	6,189.19
Available Funds	47,252.60
2020 Expenses	
Transfer to Food Ministry per member request	500.00
Fair Linen for Altar	245.14
Furniture for Nursery	480.00
Transfer to General Fund per family request	100.00
Correction of Bank Addition Error	100.00
Total Expenses	1,425.14
Balance December 31, 2020	45,827.46

2021 Receipts	
Contributions	8,335.00
Interest	<u>4.73</u>
Total Deposits	8,339.73
Available Funds	54,167.19
2021 Expenses	
Handbells	2,895.03
Handbell Tables and Covers	474.35
Transfer to Food Ministry at request of Member	1,500.00
Bank Service Charges	<u>30.90</u>
Total Expenses	4,900.28
Balance December 31, 2021	49,266.91

Picnic Grove Fund

Balance January 1, 2020	19,894.99
2020 Receipts	
Dep. Nov. (155) and Dec (205) Loaves & Fishes (1/6)	360.00
Deposit January Loaves & Fishes	193.00
Deposit (2/3) Soup Sale	987.00
Deposit (2/13) Feb. Loaves & Fishes	<u>254.00</u>
Total Receipts	1,794.00
Available Funds	21,688.99
2020 Expenses	
Met-Ed Electric (1/24)	44.40
Chris Fatzinger Jan. Loaves & Fishes Supplies (1/24)	130.76
Chris Fatzinger Soup Sale Supplies (2/6)	318.44
Chris Fatzinger Feb. Loaves & Fishes Supplies (2/14)	172.00
Met-Ed Electric (2/24)	43.53
Met-Ed Electric (3/25)	43.69
Met-Ed Electric (4/23)	46.70
Boyertown Bulletin (5/1) Spaghetti Dinner Ad	116.25
Met-Ed Electric (5/27)	58.47
Hetrick Enterprises, LLC (6/16) Mulch	1,384.00
Met-Ed Electric (6/24)	57.99
Thomas R. Slaymaker (6/26)	129.50
General Fund (6/26) May Lawnmowing	35.66
Vicki Mutter (7/16) Weed Killer	33.91
Levengood Septic Services (7/27)	265.00
Levengood Septic Services (7/27)	285.00
Met-Ed Electric (7/24)	80.41
Met-Ed Electric (8/24)	12.31
Met-Ed Electric	80.41
Levengood Septic Services	265.00
General Fund (9/13) July Lawnmowing	13.19

Met-Ed Electric (9/24)	89.03
Met-Ed Electric (10/23)	102.43
Met-Ed Electric (11/23)	90.13
Met-Ed Electric (12/23)	<u>56.25</u>
Total Expenses	3,954.45
Balance December 31, 2020	17,734.54
American Funds Account	6,771.41
Mark Levensgood's Eagle Project	0.00
2021 Receipts	
Spaghetti Sale	1,760.04
Soup Sale	763.00
Chicken Dinner (4/24)	880.80
DiFerdinando, Patricia (Funeral)	250.00
Little, Paul Rental of Picnic Grove (8/14)	100.00
DiFerdinando, Patricia Donation	100.00
McCormick Family Reunion	100.00
Swamp Picnic	4,541.00
10/13 Coin Deposit from Roast Beef Dinner	33.00
Roast Beef Dinner (11/26)	2,150.00
Picnic Grove Rental (11/26)	200.00
Ice Cream Reimbursement for Picnic Grove	64.00
Total Receipts	10,941.84
Available Funds	28,676.38
2021 Expenses	
Met-Ed Electric (1/25)	54.04
Met-Ed Electric (2/23)	41.32
Met-Ed Electric (3/24)	39.88
Chris Fatzinger Spaghetti Dinner	446.04
Chris Fatzinger Chicken Dinner	186.80
Freed's Supermarket	16.01
Sally Sugita Cookie Supplies (4/24)	57.43
Met-Ed Electric (4/23)	71.46
Met-Ed Electric (5/23)	100.22
Met-Ed Electric (6/24)	111.79
Levensgood Septic System (6/27)	315.00
Patricia DiFerdinando Refund of Deposit	100.00
NHELC General Fund Donation to Kevin	1,500.00
Thomas Slaymaker (7/6)	55.00
Met-Ed (7/26)	107.39
Levensgood Septic System (8/4)	275.00
Suburban Water Coliform Test (8/4)	150.00
Suburban Water Service (8/4)	418.32
Startup Money for Swamp Picnic	640.00
Glen-Alsace Farm Inc (8/28)	157.50
Boyertown Alumni Band (8/28)	750.00
Chris Fatzinger Picnic Food (8/31)	1,718.54
Met-Ed (8/24)	137.96

Levengood Septic Service 9/17)	295.00
Longacres Dairy Ice Cream for Picnic	397.25
Sally Sugita Drinks for Swamp Picnic (9/17)	122.05
Met-Ed (9/24)	165.31
Beyond the Leaf (9/18)	2,900.00
AJ Blossenski	375.00
Startup Money for Roast Beef Dinner	150.00
Met-Ed (10/25)	133.32
Met-Ed (11/23)	110.46
Met-Ed (12/27)	<u>109.52</u>
Total Expenses	12,207.61
Balance December 31, 2021	16,468.77
American Funds Account	6,993.04
Mark Levengood's Eagle Project	8,041.53

Flutter Youth Group Fund

Balance January 1, 2020	1,394.86
2020 Receipts	
Contributions	1,727.00
Interest	<u>0.00</u>
Total Deposits	1,727.00
Available Funds	3,121.86
2020 Expenses	
Teen Quest Snow Camp	2,202.00
Nine Square in the Air Force	<u>429.00</u>
Total Expenses	2,631.00
Balance December 31, 2020	490.86
2021 Receipts	
Receipts	0.00
Interest	<u>0.00</u>
Total Deposits	0.00
Available Funds	490.86
2021 Expenses	
Expenses	<u>0.00</u>
Total Expenses	0.00
Balance December 31, 2021	490.86

2022 Spending Plan

	2021 Budget	2022 Budget
Regular General Fund Income		
Envelope Offering	218,200	172,000
Simply Giving Offering	134,000	133,500
Amazing Raise Contributions		13,000
Loose Offering	5,000	5,000
Trust Fund Interest Income	15,000	15,000
Thrivent Choice	5,000	5,000
Miscellaneous Income	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>
Total Regular General Fund Income	379,700	346,000
Designated General Fund Income		
Fuel Oil Contributions	11,000	9,000
Bulletin Contributions	1,200	1,200
Flower Contributions	4,000	3,000
Facility Gratuity	5,000	1,500
Fellowship Activities	<u>4,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
Total Designated General Fund Income	25,200	16,700
Paycheck Protection Grant	<u>50,200</u>	---
Total Other General Fund Income	75,400	16,700
Total Income	455,100	362,700
Benevolence Expenditures		
SEPA Synod Benevolence	18,985	17,300
Other Agencies	18,985	17,300
Pastor's Discretionary Benevolence	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
Total Benevolence Expenses	38,470	35,100
Payroll and Related Expenses		
Pastor Salary/Housing	81,120	83,797
Pastor Social Security/Medicare Taxes	6,206	6,410
Total Defined Compensation	87,326	90,207
Pastor's Health Insurance	29,304	24,414
Pastor's Pension & Benefits Contribution	13,012	13,441
Total Pastoral Compensation	129,641	128,062
Supply Pastor Gratuity	1,925	1,225
Supply Organist Gratuity	800	750
Director of Christian Education Salary	37,705	---
Director of Senior Ministry Salary	---	10,330
Director of Children/Family & Youth Ministry Salary	---	27,519
Director of Music Ministry Salary	25,631	13,800
Office Manager Salary	35,138	36,298
Bell Choir Director Salary	3,565	5,524
Grace Worship Leader Salary	7,860	5,000
Bookkeeper Salary	3,745	3,869
Facility Maintenance Wages	6,000	6,000
Mowers' Wages	3,500	3,500
Staff Social Security/Medicare Taxes	9,421	8,556

	2021 Budget	2022 Budget
Pastoral Automobile & Travel Expenses	4,000	3,500
Other Pastoral Professional Expenses	1,500	500
Pastoral Continuing Education	700	700
Staff Mileage	500	500
Office Manager Continuing Education	300	---
Director of Christian Education Continuing Education	300	---
Director of Music Continuing Education	300	---
Other Staff Continuing Education	150	---
Staff Continuing Education	1,050	1,050
Synod Assembly/Convocation	1,000	500
State Background Checks	500	500
Workers' Compensation Insurance	1,500	1,500
Payroll Processing	2,000	2,700
Misc	---	---
Total Payroll & Related Expense	278,731	261,883
Property Expenses		
Fuel Oil	16,000	19,530
Propane	---	1,000
Electric	9,000	10,026
Trash/Recycle	600	600
Telephone	2,200	2,400
Sewer	1,200	1,300
General Maintenance	5,200	12,500
Janitorial Services	28,000	38,000
Janitor Supplies	1,500	1,800
Equipment Rental	750	750
Fire Alarm Contract	1,300	1,300
Water Testing	1,350	1,000
Snow Removal	2,500	2,500
Fire/Liability Insurance	13,000	17,350
Food Service License	100	100
Property Total	82,700	110,156
Office Equipment Expenses		
Copier Leases	6,500	6,500
Equipment Maintenance/Supplies	500	500
Equipment Purchase	4,500	3,000
Email/Internet Subscription	1,200	2,100
Professional IT/Network Support	2,500	2,500
Office Supplies/Bulletins	3,000	3,000
Simply Giving Fees	1,500	2,500
One Call (Auto-Messaging Service)	900	900
CDM+ (Membership Management Software)	1,400	1,020
Office 365 Subscription	1,200	106
Postage	2,000	1,500
Bank Deposit Box	70	70
Miscellaneous	439	---
Total Office Equipment Expenses	25,709	23,696
Total Property & Equipment Expenses	108,409	133,852

	2021 Budget	2022 Budget
Program Expenses		
Advertising	500	500
Fellowship Expenses	3,500	1,500
Historical Research/Archives	250	250
Memorial Fund Supplies	50	100
Evangelism Committee	500	250
Stewardship Offering Envelopes	1,000	1,000
Word in Season	1,500	1,500
Other Expenses	500	500
Worship/Music		
Choir Music/Supplies	700	500
Handbell Music/Supplies	400	400
Copyright License	1,400	1,400
Guest Musician Gratuity	500	500
Video Services	9,000	16,000
Organ Maintenance	1,000	1,000
Piano Maintenance	750	750
Handbell Maintenance	---	---
Supplies	1,000	500
Altar Flowers	2,000	2,000
Altar Guild	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>
Program Expenses Total	26,050	30,150
Transfers to Other Funds	---	---