

# 2021 Annual Report

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# 2021 Session

Linda Hatch, Clerk of Session

The Session of Carmichael Presbyterian Church serves as the governing body of the local church. As guided by the current Bylaws, the Session is composed of the Pastor (Minister of the Word and Sacrament) who serves as Moderator, the Associate Pastor (Minister of the Word and Sacrament), fifteen Ruling Elders elected annually by the congregation to serve three-year terms on a rotating basis and the Clerk of Session who also serves as the Secretary of the Congregation.

The Session is organized as a unicameral system which is a single board of church administration. It is responsible for the mission and government of the Congregation. The Session met during 2021 for eleven regular meetings and two special meetings. Session Highlights were published regularly in the church newsletter, *The Mission Bell*.

A quorum of Ruling Elders attended the Annual Meeting of the Congregation. CPC Pastors (Two Teaching Elders) and up to four Ruling Elders represented the Congregation at four Stated Meetings of the Presbytery of Sacramento (which became Presbytery of North Central California in July 2021) —all of which were held during 2021 via Zoom.

Ministers of the Word and Sacrament and Ruling Elders who served on other governing bodies of the church in 2021 included:

- Minister of the Word and Sacrament Keith DeVries, Administrative Commission
- Minister of the Word and Sacrament Ivan Herman, Chair of Council
- Ruling Elder Doris Beckert, Resource Center
- Ruling Elder Barbara Farley, Administrative Commission, Personnel
- Ruling Elder Mary MacDonald, Administrative Commission, Committee on Ministry
- Ruling Elder David Studer, Administrative Commission, Personnel
- Ruling Elder John Wallace, Mission Support Committee

## 2021 Members of Session

Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023	Class of 2024
Benda Beers Mock Rodney Dahlberg Julie Leporiere Mary MacDonald Karen Orlando Steve Parker Harvey Swenson	Bill Dunn Jim Hill Kathy Lewis Beth Lindley Branden Rodgers Garrett Torgerson	Clint Dahlke Tracey Dron Hal Holland Laura Janik Rae-Nani Stokes	Maria Brow Lynette Ledesma Anne Parker Terryl Summers

## 2021 Officers of Session

The Reverend Keith L. DeVries, Moderator  
 The Reverend Ivan N. Herman, Associate Pastor  
 Ruling Elder Linda Hatch, Clerk of Session and Secretary of the Congregation  
 Ruling Elder David Studer, President of the Corporation  
 Ruling Elder Tim Farley, Treasurer of the Congregation  
 Ruling Elder Sharon MacLean, Assistant Clerk

## 2021 Divisions of Session (Beginning June 1, 2021)

### Church Administration

Jim Hill, Chair  
 Laura Janik  
 Lynette Ledesma

### Education

Tracey Dron, Chair  
 Terryl Summers

### Fellowship & Nurture

Maria Brow, Chair  
 Branden Rodgers

### Mission

Hall Holland, Chair  
 Garrett Torgerson

### Worship

Beth Lindley, Chair  
 Clint Dahlke

### Membership & Outreach

Kathy Lewis, Chair  
 Anne Parker  
 Rae-Nani Stokes

### Nominating Committee

Bill Dunn, Moderator

## 2021 Board of Deacons

### Officers

Moderator: Kathy Lewin  
 Vice-Moderator: Terry Sakuda  
 Secretary: Barbara Laughton  
 Treasurer: Ernie Chard

Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023	Class of 2024
Victoria Bush	Doris Beckert	Bonnie Hard	Thamsyne Brown
Diane Instness	Ross Hewitt	Jennifer Auld	Marsha Cook
Duane Johnson	Barbara Laughton	Lisa Benadom	Misty Dunn
Osita Kamalu	Priscilla Mauerman	Ernie Chard	Bette Johnson
Lori Keeney	Hal Millering	Lillian Janik	Janet Olson
Deborah Sneed	Sharleen Millering	Kathy Lewin	Deb Sweetman
Janet Vasché	Craig Morris	Terry Sakuda	Mary Thomas
Carol Wisniewski	Clark Smith	Christina Tomlinson	John Wallace

## **2021 Journey to the Church Triumphant**

With sadness of heart we have said “good-bye” to some of our members who were taken in death. We met to affirm our faith, celebrate the hope of the Resurrection, and commit each to the care and keeping of our Lord until such day as we shall be reunited in the presence of Christ. We give thanks to God for having shared in the lives of the following people:

***Mildred Troop, January***  
***Sue Carpenter, February 2***  
***Don White, February 26***  
***Carol Piper, March 29***  
***Jack Roach, April 24***  
***John Irwin, May 28***  
***Bettye Majesty, May 29***  
***Dick Piper, June 27***  
***Nadine Hills, July 19***  
***Gary Lee, July 25***  
***Frances Messenger, August 1***  
***Lois Griffin, September 29***  
***Ruth Duncan, October 2***  
***Ron Dobler, November 12***  
***Dorothy Woodstrom, November 27***  
***Viki Tozier, December 24***  
***Tom Hill, December 26***

# 2021 Statistical Report

Linda Hatch, Clerk

## Membership Roll

Active Members December 31, 2020 514

Gains

**Total Gains 0**

Losses

Certificate of Transfer

Death 17

Other

**Total Losses -17**

**Active Members, December 31, 2021 497**

Female Members 317

Male Members 180

Child Baptism 1

Adult Baptism

Church School

Birth – 3 years 2

Age 4 10

Students 198

Young Adults 6

Over 25 20

Teachers and Officers 15

**Total Christian Education 251**

## Other Statistics

Average Sunday Worship Service Attendance 325 which includes in-person and live-stream.

Weddings Officiated by our Pastors: 1

Graveside and Memorial Services

Members: 10

Non-Members: 3

Communion Services 15

Communion Services to Homebound 33

# 2021 Staff Reports

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

## *2021—another year of pandemic ministry...*

It is difficult to fathom that two years later, we are still in the midst of a worldwide pandemic where COVID-19 and its variants disrupt our lives, bringing pain, disorientation and even death to those we love. This virus has touched our faith community as many have tested positive, some have been hospitalized, and a few have passed away. COVID continues to interrupt our lives in both small and large ways. Even as difficult as this past year has been, and with so many COVID challenges to our communal lives here at CPC, I remain hopeful and optimistic about our future ministry together.

One major step toward our future was the return to in person worship in the Sanctuary in November. Our hybrid worship service combines both in person participation and live streaming for those who prefer to worship remotely. We have been flexible in planning worship that meets the needs of this community of faith, while ensuring the safety and well-being of our sisters and brothers in Christ. Another sign of life returning to some semblance of normal is the office reopening to the public in August, meaning I no longer must pick up CPC's mail twice a week at the Post Office. It feels good to be back working with your amazing staff in the office and to see many of you who have ventured out—drop by anytime! Another indication of a hoped-for future is the beginning of planning our Centennial! In December of 2023, CPC turns one hundred years old, and we are getting ready to celebrate that momentous occasion in the life and ministry of this congregation throughout 2023.

These are all signs of life, that we as a congregation, while suffering the painful consequences of a worldwide pandemic, have not given up. If you were to ask me to describe CPC in this current season, I would use words like resilient, flexible, steadfast, prayerful, faithful, doers, and those who know how to love. And while **faith** and **hope** are key components on this journey we travel together, it is **love** that is the greatest and most important ingredient to living faithfully as the church of Jesus Christ.

So, hang in there! Keep loving God and one another. This too shall pass, leaving us stronger, more faithful, and more loving as we move forward into God's future together.

As your pastor, I remain humbled and grateful, and look forward to the ministry we will share in 2022 and beyond!

May the blessings of God's peace be with you,  
Pastor Keith

## Pastor Ivan N. Herman

<sup>3</sup> Jesus knew the Father had given everything into his hands and that he had come from God and was returning to God. <sup>4</sup> So he got up from the table and took off his robes. Picking up a linen towel, he tied it around his waist. (John 13:3-4).

I got pretty dismal grades in economics in my undergrad studies. My marks got better in grad school, but despite my grades, I was fascinated by the field of study because of what it revealed about human behavior.

The traditional study of economics relies on a mathematical model where equilibrium is the end goal of a market process. I remember my undergrad Econ course requiring me to graph demand and supply curves so that they intersect at a point of equilibrium. In grad school international economics we looked at how that equilibrium is impacted by things like exchange rates, tariffs, free trade policies, subsidies, and product dumping.

Three oft-used economic terms keep coming to mind when considering the shifting points of equilibrium that became routine during the continuing COVID-19 pandemic during 2021. *Disruption* is the idea that the usual ways of things have become temporarily unstable, but once the crisis is past, normalcy returns. *Displacement* goes a bit further and the normal way of things is pushed aside and replaced by a new way of behaving; there is no going back since a fresh way of being has emerged. *Destruction* is a shift so severe that the way of engaging has come to an end and will never return. Austrian economist Joseph Schumpeter coined the term “*creative destruction*” in 1942. He described it as a constant process of mutation always improving, innovating, and replacing the old ways of operating from within. Creative destruction is a constant renewal of structures, but rather than equilibrium being the norm, it is in disequilibrium where growth happens and entrepreneurial endeavors succeed.

As I consider 2021, there was very little equilibrium, but our innovations to ministry thrived. By the time experimental ways of worshiping, preaching, and fellowshiping became familiar, we were displaced and relocated to the outdoors, then McMillen Hall, and then back to the sanctuary, though it didn't look or feel like it once did. Restricted by the pandemic, I haven't made a hospital visit since February 2020, and I now provide pastoral care mainly by phone, email, and front porch visits. As 2020 saw the completion of my term as moderator of the newly merged Presbytery of North Central California, I continued in the role as chair of Presbytery Council in 2021 with all meetings (save one) held over video-conference platform Zoom. Sensing a need for prayer at the beginning of the pandemic, I began a noontime practice of daily prayer (with some interruptions and variations) on Facebook Live, and I continued that practice for 15 months through June 2021. As that spiritual practice came to an end, I started a Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) degree in spiritual leadership at San Francisco Theological Seminary that I hope to complete in 2024.

The way we have lived together as a church has been disrupted, displaced, and parts of it maybe even creatively destroyed, but our commitment to fulfilling Christ's mission has remained steadfast and we have adapted and carried on with hope. Scripture is filled with stories of people of faith who are displaced and a Messiah whose life was destroyed. But God is faithfully creating: leading people to the Promised Land, returning exiles home, and bringing resurrection to the many death-dealing ways of the world. Adapting and creating is a theologically faithful way of being the church in the world, for that is how God is in the world, too. God calls us into a new consciousness of being rooted in an eternal kin-dom, no longer bound to the old ways of being.

# 2021 Pastoral & Support Team

## Pastors' Secretary

Karen Gray

The Rev. Keith L. DeVries

The Rev. Ivan N. Herman

Randy Benfield, Director of Music

Jenny DeVries, Contemporary Worship Leader (through October 2021)

Tammy Sigl, Interim Mission Bells & Carillon Director

Trina Spivack, Accompanist

Lisa Torgerson, Children's Ministry Director

Mary Camozzi, Childcare Provider

Paul Camozzi, Childcare Provider

Karen Gray, Pastors' Secretary

Julie Ueltzen, Church Secretary

Paul Shultz, Financial Administrator

Ron Morris, Maintenance Manager

Christian Bolen, Custodian

Aidan Logan, Custodian (through January 2021)

Gabe Bisho, Contemporary Worship Pianist

Paul Zeman, Contemporary Worship Guitarist

Jay Leek, Contemporary Worship Bassist (through September 2021)

Will Condrey, Contemporary Worship Drummer

Lisa Levering, Wedding Coordinator

Michael Aretsky (as of August 2021), Michael Gray, Avonlee Janik (as of August 2021), Bruce MacLean, Steve Parker and Jeremy Sparks, Audio/Visual Technicians

Church office staff continued working remotely in the first part of 2021 as COVID-19 cases continued to rise. When vaccines became widely available in mid-April, the office opened two days a week. We were finally able to reopen the office Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. starting in mid-August. Since then, many of our staff members have been working staggered schedules to provide office coverage while also accommodating those who need or want to work remotely a few days per week.

The office reopening also came with a new security/camera/doorbell system thanks to the expertise of Mike Aretsky and Ron Morris. This system helps us to keep the campus secure while still allowing us to meet the needs of visitors, members, and friends.

As summer transitioned into fall, we watched the progress of the new HVAC system installation and welcomed many groups back to in-person meetings. Memorial services, mariner events, Bible studies, and group meetings began filling the church calendar again.

We are grateful for the opportunity to serve our CPC family and the Carmichael community, both in-person and online, as we seek to glorify God in all we do.

## **Volunteers:**

### **Offering Counters:**

Bob Bergsten  
Bill Dunn  
Tim Farley  
Carol Jones  
Terry Sakuda  
Len Tozier

### ***Mission Bell* Newsletter Staff:**

Amy Lerseth  
David Gray  
Stephen Gray

### **Office Volunteers:**

Lisa Levering  
Thelma Wever

## **Maintenance Manager**

Ron Morris

For a brief glimpse into a week at CPC, here are some of the projects that occur on a weekly basis:

- Attend weekly staff meetings
- Purchase cleaning and paper products for the kitchen and bathrooms
- Maintain the HVAC, plumbing and electrical throughout the campus
- Check the campus daily for trash, items out of place, etc.
- Attend Buildings & Grounds meetings
- Supervise and support custodial staff
- Contact subcontractors for repairs when needed
- On-call if needed for emergencies

Some of the larger projects for 2021 included:

- Performed repairs on lights and electrical outlets from frequent vandalism
- Ensured that any problems that interfere in the operation of the church are resolved
- Helped maintain the operation of the Food Closet when needed
- Repaired broken windows when needed
- Repaired dry rot and made structural improvements to the roof as per engineer for the new Sanctuary HVAC system
- On-site supervision for the new HVAC system installation
- Maintained sprinkler system & performed repairs when necessary
- Assisted with supervision of the county work crews
- Assisted with the installation of new security cameras & doorbell system

# 2021 Church Administration Division

Jim Hill, Chair

The Administration Division is charged by Session with the responsibility for:

- Challenging us with the privilege of responsible Christian stewardship of money, time and talents. Informing the Congregation of financial needs and presenting a Stewardship Pledge drive annually.
- Developing the annual budget and assuring that all offerings are used for the purposes for which they are contributed. Working with Session to formalize the annual budget.
- Providing the administration of the church's programs, including the employment of staff, and administer issues of day-to-day operation such as utilities, insurance, etc.
- Providing for the management of the property of the church.
- Much of the Division's work is carried out through 4 standing committees:
  - Buildings and Grounds
  - Personnel
  - Stewardship
  - Financial

The Current members of the Administration Division are:

- Jim Hill, Chair and Finance Elder (2022)
- Lynette Ledesma, Personnel Elder (2024)
- Laura Janik, Stewardship Elder (2023)
- Tim Farley, Chair, Buildings and Grounds

Session has also established several committees that report to Session through the Administration Division. Each of these Committees is making a separate report of its activities in this annual report if activities this year warrant. These committees include:

- Gifts and Bequests Advisory Council
- Heritage Committee
- Columbarium Board
- Ad Hoc Real Estate Committee

Pastor Keith DeVries provides staff support to the Administration Division and each of its committees. Our Financial Administrator, Paul Shultz, provides ongoing support and assistance on financial matters.

Brief Overview of Actions and Activities for 2021

- The 2021 CPC annual budget was submitted to Session and approved in January 2021. At the end of the 2021 fiscal year, the 2021 operating budget had a surplus because of significant cost savings in the 2021 Covid year. This surplus is added to the CPC operating reserve account.
- CPC continues its membership in the Carmichael Improvement District (CID). Under this district, our security services have improved, and many have noticed improvements in the appearance of the Carmichael area within the boundaries of the CID.
- The Stewardship Elder and the Stewardship Team prepared an outstanding 2022 Stewardship pledge campaign that was compelling in showing the quality of programs at CPC and the need for

their continuing financial support. Sufficient pledges were received to create a balanced budget with enhancements compared to the 2021 CPC operating budget.

- Our partnership with the New Wave Korean Fellowship, which met in our chapel, ended at their request.
- HART has renovated the Robertson House and had an open house in 2021 for the congregation.
- The Carmichael Water District is currently using its easement to remove and replace the water tower located behind CPC.
- The CPC Web Task Force has contracted with Landslide Creative to develop a new version of CPC's website.
- A comprehensive CPC policy on the use of CPC facilities by external groups was approved.

## **Buildings & Grounds**

Tim Farley, Chair

Covid continued to affect the B&G Committee's activities in 2021. We didn't hold any regular meetings.

We didn't sponsor any congregational workdays in 2021, but we welcomed back the County Sheriff's work crew one day each month. On the fourth Saturday, the supervised crew of about 25 individuals worked on our list of cleaning and groundskeeping tasks.

The Sanctuary HVAC system died of old age in 2020. In 2021 we oversaw the installation of a new one that has the ability to control and filter incoming outside air. The new system was completed in late fall.

Under the general sponsorship of B&G, a Parking Lot Task Force began meeting in June to develop a plan to redo the back parking lot. They hope to have something for general review in mid-2022.

Ron Morris and Christian Bolen continued to provide maintenance and custodial care during the year. Their presence and attention to issues that arose is acknowledged and appreciated.

## **Gifts & Bequests**

Bill Dunn, Chair

The Gifts and Bequests Advisory Council (GBAC) was established by Session to oversee actions concerning memorial gifts and bequests to CPC, endowments that benefit CPC, and to advise Session on the appropriate use of those gifts and bequests. GBAC publishes information in the Mission Bell regarding gifts and bequests so that our congregation will know who has been remembered with memorial gifts and how our members may use a variety of gifting vehicles to remember CPC. The current members of the GBAC are Bill Pace, Bill Dunn, ElizaBeth Phillips, Len Tozier, Glenda Perrou, and Patty Peterson.

In 2021, memorial gifts were received in memory of members of the congregation and other relatives or friends. The receipt of these gifts is published periodically, every 3 to 6 months, in the Mission Bell. In addition to the undesignated memorial gifts noted in the chart below, memorial gifts of \$6,313 in total were designated for CPC Food Closet, Music Dept, Parking Lot, Afghan Ministry, SOS, Bell Choir, and the Mission Fund.

Recommendations for expenditures during 2021 were as follows:

- Funds of \$10,000 from the Undesignated Memorial Gifts Account were recommended for contribution to Carmichael HART to be used for some of the expenses to remodel the Robertson House, which will be used as a transitional house for men.
- Funds of \$27,617 from the Undesignated Gifts Account were recommended for use to upgrade church office computers and the Sanctuary technology system.
- Funds of approximately \$24,000 were recommended for approval to be used to complete the HVAC purchase. These are funds above and beyond the funds donated by the congregation for the HVAC purchase. The Capital Improvements Account and the Undesignated Memorial Gifts Account will be used and probably be expended in 2022.

**Gifts Financial Report for 2021**

<b>Account</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Balance (12/31/20)</b>
Capital Improvements (Benson)	5,587	0	24,657
Special Speakers/Programs	2,380	0	17,275
Khoobyar, designated for Adult Education	1,453	0	26,338
Landscape Fund	175	0	3,282
Hiller Music Bequest Fund	0	0	3,537
Undesignated bequests	0	0	179,735
Undesignated memorial gifts	5,815	10,000	34,100
Undesignated gifts	24,188	27,617	21,555
CPC Reserve Fund	21,727*	0	309,466

\*Does not include fourth quarter interest as we have not received 4Q reports yet

In contemplation of CPC’s 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2023 the GBAC has created the Adobe Funds Legacy Program. The program’s objective is to provide a lasting financial foundation for the mission and work of Carmichael Presbyterian Church for generations to come. Additionally, we have established the Adobe Family Circle which will recognize those individuals who include a gift to the Adobe Fund in their estate plan. The Adobe Funds will include several different ways you can leave a gift as a legacy for CPC. The GBAC will be implementing the Adobe Funds Legacy Program in 2022.

**Personnel Committee**

Dave Studer, Chair

We continued to be blessed by a staff that responds to challenges and opportunities. The work of the church continues with a dedicated staff that supports the many missions and programs of this congregation. We understand that we provide checks each month, as needed to eighteen employees. Some full time, and some that are only needed when certain events occur.

Our office staff has returned in person when we can have them on campus safely, and many work off campus as needed. We also have had some challenges to changes in California law regarding exempt employees and meeting health and safety concerns over our two-year battles with Covid. We will continue to meet these challenges.

As a committee we are grateful to our staff that often makes our job easy. Even during these difficult years. We have a lot to be thankful for.

## **Stewardship Committee**

Laura Janik, Chair

### **Faith Comes Alive**

For the 2022 Annual Pledge Campaign, the Stewardship Committee chose the theme Faith Comes Alive focusing on CPC's mission statement. Each week of the campaign we highlighted how the church responds to God's love through Jesus Christ by welcoming all, nurturing relationships, growing in faith together, and connecting with and serving our community and the world.

The team for Stewardship this year included Allison Cagley, Keith DeVries, Laura Janik, Lynette Ledesma and Patty Peterson. With the help of our fabulous office staff, we sent letters and pledge cards to members of the Congregation, scripted and created videos for streaming services, wrote Mission Bell and Parish Notes articles, and made telephone calls.

The results have been tremendous with 173 pledges totaling \$757,455. The Finance Committee and the Administration Division used these results to plan the CPC 2022 budget.

The Committee and CPC staff thanks you for your faithful financial support.

## **Columbarium Board**

Bob Beckert, Chair

Current Board Members are Bob Beckert, Tony Perrou, and Linda Hatch.

Two (2) applications were received and approved. Our total applications to date are 89, or 47% of total capacity. Inurnments were held for Carol S. Piper and Richard K. Piper.

Expenses were for name plates and other miscellaneous expenses.

The remains of Cliff Carpenter were removed on February 5, 2021, to be interred at the family burial location.

# 2021 Christian Education

Tracey Dron, Chair

Lisa Torgerson, Children's Ministries Director

as active Disciples of Christ. Our Christian Education (CE) committee at Carmichael Presbyterian Church is committed to the following goals:

- To share knowledge of God's plan for our lives, using Bible-centered curriculum to study both the Old and New Testaments.
- To share Christ's plan for salvation, and to guide each child and adult into a personal commitment to Jesus as Lord and Savior. We trust that the Holy Spirit will lead and prepare each person to receive this gift.
- To guide children and adults to know they are loved by God and are special in God's sight.
- To help children and adults develop an awareness of their Christian responsibility to participate in the life and work of the church, and to serve God at home, in the community, and in the world.

## Current CE Division members include:

Tracey Dron, Elder Chair

Terryl Summers, Elder

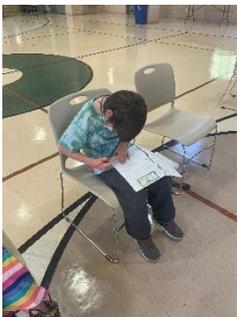
Lisa Torgerson, Director of Children's Ministries

2021 was a whole lot like 2020 except for it was a little clearer that we were not doing a whole lot! Calendars were written, but mission trips and the auction were not planned. And we still spent most of the year pivoting from anything planned and trying to figure out how to keep people connected and engaged.

## Special Events

The annual **Planting Seeds of Faith** was canceled again this year. We will be holding on to most of the items for the next time we are able to have an auction.

**Vacation Bible School (VBS)** looked a lot different in 2021. We put together "VBS To Go" bags again this year. We didn't have as many families participate as last year. With Zoom, distance learning, etc. it was just too much. We had 12 families participate. We also had small Summer Camp for 15 kids. The focus was on earth and things that we can do to make it a better place. Thank you to CJ and Robin Herman, Selah and Asher Meehan, Madelyn Sevigny, Emerson Leslie, and Claire Artesky who helped with camp.



## Ongoing Ministries:

**Infant and Child Care** was not provided for most of 2021 as we continued to try and keep people healthy, including Mary and Paul Camozzi. Mary and Paul came back in September and lovingly provided childcare on

Sunday mornings. Many of our young children have first experienced the warmth of our church through these special “friends.” We continue to be blessed with Mary and Paul – they are the absolute best and we aren’t sure what we would do without them.

**8:45 am Children’s Pull-Out Hour** for 4-year-olds through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. We did not provide a pull-out program in 2021.

**10:00 am Children’s Ministries and Youth Programs**

We are very grateful for the volunteers who make this weekly ministry so successful. I would like to make a special shout out to Mary MacDonald. She has supported Christian Education in several ways for many years. Sunday School came back in September after many months of not having it and she didn’t miss a beat. Thank you, Mary for always supporting the kids of CPC! Thank you, Paul Shultz, for your continued support and for always supporting Godly Play and being willing to volunteer year after year. Their ongoing work in teaching our children about God’s love and mercy through study of His word is a blessing to us all.

**Stepping Stones of Faith** continues to celebrate milestones in the faith life of children and their families in our congregation. We are pleased to have Michael Gray and ElizaBeth Phillips as part of this teaching team. In 2021 these classes were taught online. Not an easy task! Thank you both. On a more positive note, we were able to do senior quilts in the sanctuary this year with social distancing. This is one of our favorite things to do and we were so happy to have it back to somewhat normal. Thank you to Mary MacDonald for the beautiful quilts each year.



**Youth Group**

Lisa Torgerson stepped down in June after 8 years of leading Youth Group. She still participates with events, communication, and loving on the kids. Parents have now taken the lead. Thank you Susan Herman for helping to coordinate leadership. It was nice to be together for part of the year. The youth enjoyed talks, parties, movie nights, and community service projects together throughout the year.





**Mission Trips**

Youth mission trips have been a big part of Carmichael Presbyterian Church for more than 30 years. This was now our second year of no High School Mission Trip, and our first in a long time without a Middle School Mission Experience. We are hoping to be back on track for 2022!

**Drive-Thru Trunk Or Treat**

We had to up our Trunk or Treat game this year with the Harvest Festival being canceled for the second year. We had 40 cars decorated for over 120 families to drive thru and safely get candy and other goodies. Thank you to all the youth that helped set up, cleanup, manage traffic, and decorate their cars. Thank you also to others in the congregation and Fellowship and Nurture for helping to make this happen.



**Earth Sunday**

We celebrated Earth Sunday this year and it was a huge success! The Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) took the lead on two services and did a fantastic job. They helped write liturgy, sang, and talked about ways that the congregatoin could help make this world a better place for their generation. Thank you, YAC for a job well done.



## **Library**

Doris Beckert, Librarian

Although the library was closed throughout 2021, there were still duties to be done. I volunteered 20 hours of time from May to December by cataloging and processing sixteen books. Five were new purchases and eleven were donations. These sixteen added to last year's number of 3,619 total a current book count of 3,635.

I changed the seasonal décor for the benefit of those few groups that held in person meetings in the library when allowed. Usage of the library was made by individuals using a key obtained from the church office. There were eight checkouts.

I sent a letter to Elders offering library services.

I designed, along with Bob Beckert, an entirely new brochure for publicizing the CPC library.

I gave major assistance to the Presbytery Resource Center in its move from the previous Presbytery office in Rancho Cordova to Carmichael Presbyterian Church, by helping to purge, box, then unbox, shelve, and organize the pared down collection. Bob Beckert helped with making additional signs and shelf labels.

I was saddened at the loss of my loyal assistant, Carol Piper, who volunteered in the library for many years.

# 2021 Fellowship & Nurture Division

Maria Brow, Chair

Fellowship and Nurture Division's mission is to enthusiastically care for the diversity of ages, needs, and interests within the CPC congregation and the Carmichael community by offering programs, services, and activities that build and support Christian fellowship.

The Division meets on the second Tuesday of every month (currently via Zoom), following the All Divisions meeting. Interested persons are welcome to attend.

The Division oversees various programs within CPC. Please find the separate reports on Presbyterian Women, Art Committee, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Stephen Ministry, Men's Prayer Breakfast, Wednesday Works and the newly forming Health Care Ministry in this Annual report. Mariner groups and the *Directory of Adult Ministries* are also included in Division responsibilities.

Our 2021 regular meeting attendees included: Elders Harvey Swenson and Julie Leporiere (both attending through May 2021), Elder Maria Brow (started June 2021) and Elder Branden Rodgers; Deacon representative Kathy Lewin (through September 2021); Sharleen Millering, our Parish ("Faith Community") Nurse, who oversaw division health initiatives (through May 2021); Kathy Daigle participated as Art Committee and Presbyterian Women (PW) representative; and Misty Dunn represented both Prayer Shawl and Stephen Ministries.

F&N is currently recruiting healthcare professionals to form a Health Ministry Committee to replace the Parish Nurse solo position. The Health Ministry Committee (HMC) will plan and promote physical health and mental wellbeing opportunities. To date, Dick Frink and Jan Olson have volunteered for HMC. Plans for a Health Fair are still on hold.

The year was spent trying to provide ways to continue to assist in Fellowship and Nurture despite the continuing Covid-19 pandemic. F&N ministries continued to function at a reduced level. The Harvest Festival, the Division's largest annual project, was scaled back to a Trunk or Treat Drive-through with 40 decorated cars and about 120 vehicles driving the route. The Art Committee's videos continued to share art through the streaming Sunday worship service and art was on display in the Gathering Place once on campus worship resumed. Prayer Shawl Ministry knitted and crocheted many shawls while meeting mostly via Zoom with a few occasions of in person meetings. Stephen Ministers continued to serve those in need via phone and Zoom. PW and Mariner groups continued to meet via Zoom, in addition to some in person gatherings. The Men's Prayer Breakfast also met via Zoom in 2021. Wednesday Works continues to be on hiatus while some Bible study groups met on Wednesday evenings via Zoom.

The revised *Directory of Adult Ministries* is on hold until the worst of the pandemic is over, but we hope to have it available soon.

## Art Committee

Submitted by Priscilla Mauerman

Our Art Committee previously displayed a new art show every other month, for a total of 6 shows per year. Our 2021 began with no art on the walls of the Gathering Place. We continued our Art Shows weekly at the end of the livestream Services each Sunday. This was accomplished until October with the combined work

of Lori Keeney (along with the rest of the Art Committee, gathering new artists' work) and the church's tech team, especially Steve Parker.

Then mid-year the committee decided that we would be prepared for the reopening of live church services by hanging a special art show on the walls of the Gathering Place. The work that continues to be on display as we start 2022 is all art done by committee members and special friends of Darrell Torgerson. Highlighted in the show are three large paintings of Darrell's on loan from the Torgerson family. They remind us of his amazing energy, colorful ideas, and tender love for so many.

We look forward to the opening of the coffee hours in the Gathering Place so more folks can enjoy our present show; then we will plan for new art to be displayed in 2022. Hopefully we will find new artists in our congregation and discover more work from known artists who have had time in the last two years to get many new paintings done.

## **Men's Prayer Breakfast**

Tim Farley

Like many CPC activities in 2021, the Thursday Men's Prayer Breakfast continued on Zoom. Instead of our past routine of 7:30 meetings at Denny's, we ate breakfast at home and met online at 8:30.

Our discussions continued to be loosely based on the Upper Room lesson for the date and the related scripture passages. Our lively conversations often included sharing personal stories, concerns and needs.

Our attendance in 2021 averaged about 8 persons each week. The Zoom "door" is always open to new participants. Call Tim Farley at 916-485-4309 for details.

## **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Carol Jones

The Prayer Shawl Ministry has continued their faithful knitting and crocheting from home in spite (or perhaps because of) the pandemic. This year we met on Zoom and in person, vaccinated and masked. We take it month by month to decide the best plan of action. In 2021, 28 shawls were delivered.

## **Presbyterian Women (PW)**

Submitted by Margo Scandella

For the first part of 2021, our church grounds were essentially closed down. Zoom was used for all general church committee meetings and the 10:00 am Sunday worship services were live streamed. Circles were not meeting in small groups at this time. Our bible study continued via Zoom with Pastor Keith leading us on the second Thursday of the month until conclusion of this study in May.

As the Covid vaccines became available in early 2021, and those over 65 years old were able to be vaccinated, Mary Martha Circle held its small group gatherings at a neighborhood park in a more relaxed manner, while still following the CDC's Covid Protocol.

In May, PW's Coordinating Team made up of officers and appointed chairpersons met at the church, following Covid protocol to discuss how PW was going to function for the rest of 2021. Margo Scandella and

Marie Segur announced that they were each resigning from serving two-years as PW's Co-Moderators. Margo, as Rachel Circle leader, proposed that Rachel Circle be dissolved, and members of the circle be welcomed into the two remaining circles, Mary Martha and Naomi. This was discussed and accepted as a solution. At this time, there was no resolution as to who would volunteer to be Moderator for the coming year. (September 2021/ May 2022)

It was moved, seconded and discussed that an interim committee, made up the currently serving board officers would become the Executive Committee and meet only as needed. This was passed and is now in the structure of PW.

Through the summer of 2021, Mary Martha Circle continued meeting at the neighborhood park, following Covid protocols, greeting all members and visitors from other circles for fellowship and prayer.

Olene Chard, Secretary of the Executive Committee, and Margo Scandella worked diligently on a new 2021-2022 PW Handbook to take us into our next season of Bible Study.

By September, we were allowed to gather in-person in McMillen Hall to have our "kick off" introduction and first lesson of the 2021-2022 Bible Study given by Pastor Keith. Our new Bible Study is "What My Grandmothers Taught Me; Learning from the Women in Mathew's Genealogy of Jesus." This was our first time to meet as a complete group of PW members in over a year. Beginning in October, Pastor Keith continued to provide Zoom Bible Study and plans to continue until May of 2022. Circles began meeting at church during October and November and coveted their time together once again.

But December 2021 showed us that the Covid is still a hazard and Circles were cancelled that month and will only be able to meet again once it is deemed safe to do so in small groups.

Dorcas Circle has been active all year. Members did their sewing individually. They completed and donated 79 quilts to the emancipated youth that CPC supports.

This past year has been challenging, disappointing and yet joyful. The constant that we have has been Pastor Keith and his willingness to lead us in our Bible Study and our Lord keeping us safe during these trying times. Our church is our common strength, and we look forward to the future to serve and give, as we are accustomed.

*All women are invited to participate and help build the PW community at Carmichael Presbyterian Church.*

## **Stephen Ministry**

Misty Dunn

The Stephen Ministry program continued to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian caregiving, via weekly phone calls again this year due to the pandemic, to three individuals who have been going through some major life challenges. Stephen Ministry services are provided free of charge to CPC members as well as to others in the community. In 2021, the Stephen Ministry program provided 84 (21 series of 4 booklets) of the very helpful "Journeying Through Grief" booklets to persons dealing with the loss of a loved one.

# 2021 Membership & Outreach Division

Kathy Lewis, Chair

COVID 19 continued to affect how we conducted outreach this year. We used more technology to reach out to those outside of our church family, including NextDoor, YouTube (by boosting some services throughout the year to draw more attention to them), as well as our website and Facebook pages. And we added an Instagram account for CPC!

In October, we hosted an *Ask the Pastor* meeting at the church to offer newcomers a chance to find out more about CPC before committing to a New Member Class. Because of the pandemic, many visitors have had a harder time getting to meet people and learn about CPC. We had eight attendees who really appreciated the chance to talk with Keith and members of the church who could answer questions. Barbara Farley was especially helpful in answering the many questions about our mission work!

We also have worked hard to connect with visitors to CPC, letting them know they are welcome here and welcome to participate in almost everything we offer.

## ***Engagement Coordinator***

One of our most exciting new developments this year was the creation of an Engagement Coordinator position that Sharon MacLean agreed to fill starting in September 2021. This new position was the result of Session's work to address issues that cross-over among divisions. The purpose of the position is to help members and friends of the congregation become engaged in ministries that interest them. She has reached out monthly to the divisions and ministry leaders to identify needs and opportunities for involvement and has reached out to visitors and the congregation through development of an "Opportunity Knocks" column in the *Mission Bell*, an Opportunity Knocks table following worship monthly, social media posts about upcoming events and opportunities, and creation of a CPC Instagram account. She has done a great job matching volunteers with opportunities, including several people who first connected with CPC during the pandemic.

We undertook several projects this year to connect with the community, many in partnership with other CPC Divisions.

## ***Carmichael Founders Day***

We hosted a booth at Carmichael Founders Day on September 25 at Carmichael Park. Anne Parker chaired our involvement and coordinated involvement from a wide variety of our ministry areas. Our goal was to engage children and their families who were at the event. We had lots of visitors to the booth—and found that many children stayed to play with the crafts while their parents would check in with us. We really tried to show concern, engage in friendly conversation and be present to those who stopped by. We used the CPC pop-up canopy and one of our yard signs (We are all created in God's image) and publicized the upcoming Trunk or Treat event.

## ***Trunk or Treat***

For the first time, Membership and Outreach had its own trunk at this event, celebrating the Day of the Dead and handing out CPC brochures to 27 non-CPC families.

## ***Virtual Run to Feed the Hungry***

Membership and Outreach sponsored a CPC team for a virtual Run to Feed the Hungry event. Thirty-five CPC folks signed up to participate in our own run Thanksgiving morning near CPC organized by Anne Parker.

Pastor Keith led the team in prayer before we embarked on our walk (or run) through Carmichael. We raised \$1,573 for the Sacramento Food Bank (exceeding our goal of \$1,000 by over 50 percent) and ranked 13<sup>th</sup> in fundraising out of 350 teams! And we had a fun time supporting our community!!

### ***Family Advent Event***

We partnered with the Education Division to host our annual Family Advent event on December 4. The event was a success! Eighty-four people registered (45 adults and 30 children). To encourage members to invite friends, guests (as well as their children) attended for free. Lisa Torgerson did a great job setting up tables in family groups (due to Covid) with welcoming signs for families and family Advent devotionals on each table. Lilly Janik did a beautiful job on all the centerpieces, Beth Lindley read *God Gave us Christmas* to the children as only Beth can do (!), and Mollie Romero (a retired caterer and faithful Food Closet volunteer) prepared a delicious dinner! Lisa was also in charge of the crafts, for when families arrived and for after dinner. Everyone had the opportunity to make ornaments out of natural wood circles (with bark), and the results were beautiful!! It was nice to see grandparents and some empty nesters join the festivities! Join us next year on December 3!!

### ***Partnership with World Relief Sacramento to Help Afghan Refugees***

We are grateful to our congregation for your financial support of our work with World Relief Sacramento to undertake our Afghan Refugee Project. Outreach partners with the Mission Division in support of this partnership.

As part of that partnership, we

- Provided online classes to preschool children of Afghan women in ESL classes provided by World Relief. We used our YouTube account and a new WhatsApp chat group and dropped off craft supplies each week to the children. This ended in July 2021 with the completion of the moms' classes that school year.
- Hosted two August graduation ceremonies for the women who completed their year-long classes. These were joyous and well-attended events. Lots of children (and even neighbors of the moms) attended, and we provided preschool activity books for the children whom we served as well as crayons for all the children at the celebration. Each mom had her picture taken in a graduation cap so that she could remember the day! We provided desserts, tea, and flowers in celebration of the moms' accomplishments.
- Provided in-person doorstep visits to preschool children of Afghan women in World Relief ESL classes starting at the end of November. Eight volunteers signed up to visit one or two families each once a week, and several completed the first three weeks before Christmas vacation. (Note: Starting up again in January 2022 is on hold due to the high Covid positivity rate in Sacramento.)

The Membership and Outreach Division is always looking for CPC members and friends who are interested in working on any of the above projects or becoming a member of the Outreach and Membership Division. You don't have to be an elder, just interested in our work to support making CPC a more welcoming place. Just contact any of our committee members to get connected!

Members of our Outreach and Membership Division this past year included Kathy Lewis (Chair) and Steve Parker, Anne Parker, Rae-Nani Stokes (Elders); Lilly Janik and Craig Morris (Deacons); Sharon MacLean (Engagement Coordinator); and Dani Romais and Suzanne Pope-Mathews (Members at Large).

# 2021 Mission Division

Hal Holland, Chair

Before every decision the Mission Division makes, we first think of Mathew 25:40 "I tell you the truth, whatever you did to the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

The Elders on Mission are Hal Holland, Chair, and Garrett Torgerson. CPC Members Barbara Farley, Brenda Mock, and John Wallace also attend regularly.

## Family Promise:

Family Promise is a nonprofit organization committed to helping homeless low-income families achieve lasting independence. The families are screened by Family Promise staff and are supervised by case managers. Due to the virus, Family Promise changed their program model in 2020. They now house two families at a time in a motel. The cost of housing, feeding and all the training and assistance provided by the program costs around \$7,000 dollars a month. CPC contributed to Family Promise to help offset costs. The program includes skills to find jobs and find permanent housing which will make homelessness less likely to reoccur. Case managers provide support services such as mental health services, substance abuse counseling, physical health exams, life skills development and referrals. The children go to Mustard Seed School at Loaves and Fishes or attend the school that they were enrolled in before becoming homeless. The program banks 70% of what the parent earns while being in the program and when they graduate, they then have their first and last month's rent for permanent housing. Some families can acquire a car through a Family Promise program. Family Promise typically assists over 10,000 people with referrals to other programs. The 18-20 families that finished the program had housing, a saving account and jobs. Family Promise is collaborating with The Salvation Army to assist with families that were a part of their program, who need a rent subsidy to be able to stay in their home. Family Promise has reduced their staff due to a shortfall in funding and the huge extra expense of using motels instead of church congregations.

## Suppers on Saturday (SOS):

On the third Saturday of every month about 10 CPC and community volunteers join to provide a special away dinner for our neighbors here in Carmichael. Some guests take showers. Guest cooks, Mariner Ships and faithful SOS volunteers prepare the meal. The food is always nourishing and plentiful. The costs for an SOS dinner are paid for by the people who prepare the meal, by over \$500 in donations to a special account from members of our congregation, from donations to the Food Closet, and by a line item of \$200 in the Mission Division budget. More volunteers are always welcome.

SOS began in 2020 serving takeaway meals, and in May 2021 we felt confident that we could once again serve our guests in person in Mc Millen Hall with a hot meal served on church china and using our silverware. It has been a slow return for our guests. By December we were serving 35 to 40 people per month, whereas previously we were serving 70 to 90 people per month.

Even though our numbers are slow to return, those who come on the third Saturday each month are so grateful for the opportunity to join others for conversation and a nice meal. In addition, we have been able to enjoy piano music during our meal. Larry, who has been a guest in the past, has come faithfully each month to entertain us on the piano.

Trina Spivack and Barbara Farley are grateful for our faithful volunteers who come each month to prepare and serve the dinner. We always look forward to adding others to our team so call us if you would like to help with this special ministry at CPC.

### Loaves and Fishes:

In 2021, CPC supported Loaves and Fishes, with financial support and many hours of volunteering. A team of five volunteers serves a bag lunch on the third Wednesday of each month. Volunteers meet at the church at 9:45 am or drive on their own to arrive at orientation by 10:30 am, and begin serving guests at 11:30 am. Usually CPC volunteers serve lunch to 700-900 guests, but they do not have to prepare the food. This mission activity may need some additional volunteers to help when they start serving plated lunches after COVID-19 subsides. This is a valuable and rewarding mission for both CPC volunteers and for the guests at Loaves & Fishes. In 2021 CPC helped Loaves & Fishes with a financial gift of \$100.

### Food Closet:

With CPC campus closed, The Food Closet remains a major part of CPC's Mission involvement in our community. Brenda Mock, Tiffany Mock-Goeman and Barbara Farley work as a team directing the Food Closet with help from a Task Force that was organized in July. Donations to the food closet totaled more than \$73,000, and with those donations and reserved funds, over \$83,000 was spend on food and warehouse refurbishments. Please see the separate Food Closet report that follows for detailed information.

### Emancipation Baskets:

In April of each year, CPC members are asked to support foster care youth by purchasing new household items such as kitchen supplies, linens and personal items. Due to COVID-19, CPC did not participate in the program as we have done for many years. CPC sent financial support for the program and the supplies were purchased by the Sacramento County staff. The household supplies make up the Emancipation Baskets given to those youth who have completed the Independent Living Program, and are ready to move into independent housing. The Independent Living Program is a federally funded, county administered program designed to assist foster youth (16 to 21 years of age) who choose to participate in the 12 weeks of classes and counseling. Through these classes they are guided to resources and services which will enable them to successfully transition from foster care to independent living.

### Alternative Gift Market:

This year the Alternative Gift Market was once again held in person with the traditional social and shopping event typically in McMillen Hall in November. The Market serves as an educational and awareness opportunity about local, national and international ministries. Brenda Mock and her family did a tremendous job of decorating the hall and setting up the booths. In total, the Alternative Gift Market raised \$19,455 for social ministries.

### Special Offerings:

CPC generously supported the four PCUSA Special Offerings with \$14,267 in giving which included the following:

- One Great Hour of Sharing Offering for support of the ministries of disaster relief, hunger programs, and development aid. In 2021, CPC sent a financial gift of \$3,731.
- Pentecost Offering is for the support of at-risk children, youth, and young adults - \$1,964 of contributions were forwarded to the Synod and the remaining funds were retained at CPC to support local mission projects.
- Peace & Global Witness Offering funds are for support of peacemaking efforts and education. \$2,752 was sent to the Synod. The balance remaining allowed us to support Carmichael HART for regional needs.
- Christmas Joy Offering supports current and retired church workers who are in need and for scholarship assistance at Presbyterian schools. In 2021, \$5,820 was forwarded to our Presbytery.

### Denominational Support:

In 2021, CPC gave \$64,844 for Mission ministries and program support through our Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly, which included \$16,444 in per capita. A portion of these funds return to the Presbytery of North Center California including an allocation for a variety of mission activities.

### Winter Respite:

CPC, along with Carmichael HART, transitioned from the traditional Winter Sanctuary in McMillen Hall to Winter Respite. The COVID restrictions precluded overnight stays in local churches, but we were able to open McMillen Hall one day a week for food and warm sanctuary in January and February.

### Carmichael Homeless Assistance Resource Team (Carmichael HART):

CPC continues to join with other faith communities in the Carmichael area to form Carmichael Homeless Assistance Resource Team (HART). Other congregations who work with HART are Christ Community, Crossroads Church, Latter Day Saints - Carmichael Stake, St. Michaels, American River Community Church and Beth Shalom. HART is locally organized to help resolve and assist the homeless in the Carmichael area. Other HART groups are organized in Elk Grove, Rancho Cordova, Citrus Heights, and Folsom. New HART groups are being formed in North Sacramento, Arden-Arcade, South Sacramento, Midtown and Sac State. In addition to Winter Respite, HART sponsors a Student Buddy program for homeless middle school children. An adult meets with their buddy at least twice a month at lunch time offering support and guidance.

In 2020 CPC formed an alliance with Carmichael HART to turn the Robertson House into a transitional housing program for four men and a house manager. In 2021, the house renovations were finished, and the Robertson House will join another house at American River Community Church (the Charlotte House) that is transitional housing for four woman and a house manager. Move in will happen in early 2022.

### Shower Ministry:

Historically, three days a week from 1:00pm to 4:00pm, people in the Carmichael area were able to come to CPC and take a shower. When the church office closed in March 2020, the shower program was also closed. In late fall of 2020 the Mission Division again started the program on a more limited basis to welcome each guest and provide them with towel and toiletries so they can shower. All of the safety precautions recommended by the county were observed. The program ran two Saturdays a month with the help of HART volunteers. This continued into 2021, moving to every Saturday, supported by volunteers from CPC and HART.

Other ministries to the Carmichael homeless community have continued in modified ways throughout the pandemic. The Food Closet maintains a supply of ready-to-eat items that can be distributed to those without access to cooking equipment.

### Earth Care Congregation

CPC registered in 2021 to become a formal Earth Care Congregation. This effort is lead by the youth of the congregation, with support of a leadership team. The primary activities have been local creek clean-up efforts. However, the church renovation of the HVAC system was also influenced by the Earth Care commitment, and the revised design also came with a SMUD rebate.

## **Carmichael Food Closet**

### **Brenda Mock**

This year has seen many more changes, just as it did in the year 2020. Our requests for services improved, so we were back to on average 20 families, five days a week. We can still accommodate 25 + families on any single day.

Due to a shortage of volunteers, particularly in the afternoon shift, the Task Force decided to close for service on Wednesdays. Wednesday was chosen because that is the one day of the week that almost all Food Closets in the county were open. If and when we have more volunteers, we may reopen for Wednesday service.

The Task Force formed in July of 2020 continues to meet on a semi-monthly basis. The group continues to look at how the Food Closet can be more efficiently managed.

The Task Force consists of: Brenda Beers-Mock (general management & food purchasing), Tiffany Mock-Goeman (scheduling of volunteers, new volunteer recruitment & ordering supplies from The Sacramento Food Bank), Barbara Farley (warehouse maintenance, food purchasing & general management), Helen Magnussen (general management, food pick up, policies & procedures training, nutrition and food handling), Andrea Heckenlively (phone bank coordinator), Ernie Chard (advisor & driver), April Jacke (operations), Chris Fenstermaker (operations) and Ivan Herman (inspiration).

Packing of food bags has changed a bit. The back room is used for packing the nonperishable groceries. The front room is used to pack the perishable items. The phone bank continues to take reservations for 25 families from the corner desk. Utilizing a zero-contact strategy, guests drive up, give their name and how many in the family. Volunteers then bring the grocery bags out to their car, load them into the trunk or back seat, and then the car drives away.

The following precautions have been taken to ensure everyone's safety: one person works in the back room, and two people work in the front room maintaining 6' distancing each shift. The tables and equipment are sanitized after each shift, and volunteers and guests wear masks. Gloves are available for those that want them. Three ultraviolet HEPA air scrubbers are still running 24/7 in the 2 rooms and the doors are open to help with air circulation.

The CPC Food Closet continues to distribute canned food, fresh produce, meat, eggs, milk and other dairy products, cereal, pasta, rice, peanut butter, jam/honey for those with children, sliced bread, rolls and other baked goods. We add toilet paper for all households when we have it. Additionally, we now maintain a regular inventory of pet food, baby diapers, baby food & formula, feminine hygiene and adult incontinence products, toiletries, and dish & laundry soap for families that request them.

We continue to partner with Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services (SFBFS), Walmart, Grocery Outlet and Safeway with the federal program "Feeding America."

In addition, we continue to receive fresh fruit and vegetables from the CPC Family Garden and the Carmichael Community Garden. The following participating churches donate goods and monetary donations on a regular basis: American River Community, Celtic Cross Presbyterian, Gethsemane Lutheran and St. Mark's Lutheran. The Carmichael Kiwanis Club supports the Food Closet with diapers and assorted items for the homeless food bags. The Sacramento Kindness Campaign supplies large amounts of rice & beans. We

also continue to receive the very generous support from the members of CPC and the community at large.

Due to shortages of milk, eggs and produce from the SFBFS the Food Closet now purchases most of those items from Smart & Final in Carmichael. We spend on average \$350. a week on these items.

The freezers and refrigerators continued to run too warm, because of the heat in the warehouse, to meet the County of Sacramento standards and often required repairs. The Task Force made the decision to purchase a walk-in freezer/refrigerator to be installed in the warehouse. A cooling/heating system will also be installed. The equipment was purchased this fall of 2021 and will be installed in early 2022.

A heavy-duty pallet lifter was also purchased. This makes it possible to move pallets loaded with cases of canned goods from the van to shelves in the warehouse.

The online scheduling platform for volunteers, SignUp.com, sends auto-reminders for shifts and allows volunteers to swap or change their shifts with other volunteers as needed. The site is still being tweaked and improved. A Saturday morning shift was added that is comprised of working adults and high school students who come in to sort donations. We recruited new volunteers who joined after seeing information on social media sites, including Nextdoor & Facebook, and the phone intake form has undergone several revisions to help give better service to families. Over half of our 130 current volunteers are now from the wider community and not CPC members. WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS.

Our “Homeless Pantry” has been improved to provide better services. Each person who tells the phone bank that they do not have access to cooking or refrigeration receives flip top cans of soup, tuna or chicken, canned pasta dinners, fresh & canned fruit, peanut butter, bread & pastries, cereal, snacks, quarts of fresh milk or shelf stable milk, canned drinks, toiletries, utensils, toilet paper and a large garbage to help keep their environment clean. This has been well received by our homeless guests.

We distributed 125 complete turkey dinners for Thanksgiving in 2021. With SFBFS vouchers for turkeys and through the generosity of Carmichael Kiwanis, Assemblyman Ken Cooley, CPC members and the general community, we were able to provide full dinner boxes along with the regular food bags families would receive.

We continue to provide food supplies for the Supper on Saturday (SOS) and Carmichael HART Winter Respite. Winter Respite attendees received warm, nutritious breakfasts and bag lunches were provided during the months of January and February. Snacks were also provided for the ongoing HART Shower program.

We send all of our excess food to Crossroads Church that distributes food to the homeless across from Carmichael Park on Fair Oaks Blvd.

Tim & Barbara Farley and Randall Haight organized a Kids Can project for the 9th year. The team organized a canned food drive with 19 schools in the San Juan School District. The canned food drive brought in 20,000 pounds of canned goods – that’s 10 tons of food. The committee and numerous volunteers sorted and stored away all the donations.

A Training Program and Q&A session for Food Closet Volunteers was held in McMillen Hall. 56 volunteers turned out to hear about new procedures, ask questions and fill in a survey on their opinions of the Food Closet. Several ideas from that survey have or will be implemented.

The morning crew is responsible for getting the Food Closet stocked in preparation for filling the daily client orders. Together they: stock shelves, refrigerators, freezers, and the corner store; bag fresh produce, rice, and beans; and check and repackage eggs. The morning crew is also responsible for putting all donations and deliveries away each day. The goal is to have at least 3 volunteers each day that are familiar with the restocking tasks.

The Phone Bank volunteers work from 10 am to noon every day the Food Closet is open. They take orders for up to 25 families that call in that day. They prepare the orders and print a duplicate for the second room's baggers.

The afternoon crew is responsible for loading the bags of food and dispersing them to our guests based on the orders taken by the telephone staff each day. The afternoon is staffed by a three-member crew.

Driving volunteers pick up food from three primary sources: Sacramento Food Bank on Friday, Walmart at Madison and Manzanita four days a week, Safeway six days a week, and Grocery Outlet on Marconi and Smart & Final as needed.

The Data Entry Team tracks the number of times a client is served per year, as well as submitting the accounting reports to Feeding America and the Sacramento Food Bank.

**Break down of 2021 guests:**

<i>Total Adults (Ages 18-59)</i>	9,800
<i>Total Children (Ages 4-17)</i>	1,280
<i>Total Infants (Ages 0-3)</i>	957
<i>Total Seniors (Age 60+)</i>	2,403
<b>TOTAL PERSONS SERVED</b>	14,440

**Food Closet Three Year Statistics:**

	2019	2020	2021
<i>HOUSEHOLDS SERVED</i>	4,546	3,616	5,316
<i>TOTAL PERSONS SERVED</i>	20,028	14,851	14,440
<i>TOTAL MEALS SERVED</i>	180,252	134,069	129,960

**BUDGET**

	1/1/2021	Income	Expenses	1/1/2022
Food Closet	\$52,967.50	\$72,859.33	\$54,411.76	\$71,415.07
Food Closet MDC	\$28,866.18	\$326.76	\$29,192.94	-
Food Closet Totals	\$81,833.68	\$73,186.09	\$83,604.70	\$71,415.07

# 2021 Worship Division

Clint Dahlke & Beth Lindley, Co-Chairs

**2021** we continued to face the challenges of a worldwide pandemic. We are grateful to the Pastors, the office staff, the tech team, and music worship leaders for their extraordinary efforts to provide a meaningful worship experience for all via in-person and livestream.

**Division Membership:** Clint Dahlke (Elder Co-Chair); Beth Lindley (Elder Co-Chair); Doris Beckert (Deacon); Kathy Lewin (Deacon); Keith DeVries (Pastor)

**Division Responsibilities:** The Worship Division coordinates the activities that support and enable the worship experience at Carmichael Presbyterian Church. These include, but are not limited to:

- The Worship environment
- The Music, Drama and Liturgical Art programs
- The Tech Team
- Lay Leaders
- Special Services and special events that take place during the worship service (such as Communion, Baptisms, and the sharing of Faith Stories).

**Our Pastors:** Our pastors lead our worship services with the help of lay people. In 2021, the CPC congregation continued to benefit from the wisdom, counsel and leadership of Pastor Keith DeVries and Associate Pastor Ivan Herman. They have gone to great lengths to ensure that we, as a congregation, continue to thrive and be a blessing to others in our worship.

**Music Department:** Director of Music, Randy Benfield, has the responsibility of the choirs and providing musical assistance during the hybrid service. Randy continued to support the worship experience during 2021, playing the organ and providing special music for in person worship and live stream services.

**The Sanctuary Choir:** The choir met regularly by Zoom, and Randy brought the choir back for two special Christmas Eve services. Choir members welcomed the three rehearsals as well.

**Handbells:** The handbell choirs did not perform in or rehearse 2021. Caron Treon provided a solo handbell performance of Christmas carols, accompanied by Randy Benfield.

**Waterfall Singers:** Waterfall Singers did not meet or perform during 2021.

**The Contemporary Music Team:** After 14 years of dedicated service, Jenny DeVries retired as director of the Contemporary Music Team. Our thanks to Jay Leek who resigned as bass player from the team after many years of service. The team is composed of instrumentalists, Gabe Bisho (piano), Will Condrey (drums), and Paul Zeman (guitar), and vocalists including Claire Aretsky, Bobby Brow, Debbie Berke, Tara Calderon, Chris Cameron, Karen Gray, Laura Leek, Lori Roberto, and Julie Ueltzen. The Contemporary Music Team continued to assist the worship experience during the livestream and hybrid services.

## **Worship Environment/Worship Experience:**

Each week Steve Parker and Jeremy Sparks, with support from Bruce MacLean, Mike Gray, Avonlee Janik and Mike Aretsky, as part of our **Tech Team** manage the sound system and all recordings of our worship services. 2021 continued with livestreaming and recorded services available via the church website, YouTube, the church Facebook page, and through DVDs mailed to homebound members. Steve Parker was

instrumental in the purchase and installation of the new drop-down screen. It is vital to our worship participation.

We moved in-person worship services indoors to McMillen Hall on March 28. We welcomed from 30 to 65 worshipers each week. On November 7, we worshiped for the first time in the newly available sanctuary for our first hybrid service. Online views per Sunday ranged from 86 to 275, highlighting the importance of our continuing to livestream, even after the pandemic is over.

**Special Events:**

**Faith Stories:**

One Sunday per quarter is set aside for a member to share a portion of their faith journey with the congregation. We are grateful to those individuals who were willing to bring us into this personal experience and thank them for the lessons afforded by their faith stories.

**Worship Services:**

**Lenten Season** began with a drive-through **Ash Wednesday Service**. Cars formed two lines, and Pastor Keith DeVries imposed the ashes and Pastor Ivan Herman served communion. **Maundy Thursday** and **Good Friday** services were livestreamed. **Palm Sunday** and **Easter** services were both in-person and livestreamed.

**Youth Sunday** was livestreamed. Twenty-five youth and families attended livestream and in-person.

**All Saints Day** was observed on October 31 this year.

**The Advent Season** was greatly enhanced by our being able to meet in-person again. We had a drama on December 19, performed by Emerson Leslie, written and directed by Karen Orlando. In-person Christmas Eve Family Services were held at 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Children filled the Bethlehem village as we heard the Christmas story through Christmas carols, Scripture readings, and songs from the Sanctuary Choir. An in-person Candlelight Communion Service was held at 11:00 p.m. with special music from Hannah Ludwig and Zorana Randjelovic-Flores, the Lord's Supper, and Scripture.

This year we welcomed a new way of recognizing the loss and grief that is often felt at what should be a joyful time of the year – Christmas. Pastor Ivan Herman led a Blue Christmas service assisted by Stephen Ministers and deacons.

**Our Many Volunteers:** The Worship Division is grateful for the many devoted volunteers who contribute in so many ways to providing meaningful worship. Thank you to all who have served as **Lay Leaders and Readers** and **Ushers**.

Respectfully submitted,  
Clint Dahlke and Beth Lindley, Co-Chairs

# 2021 Deacons' Report

Having ended our second year of challenges with Covid, it is heartening to know that the Deacons have continued to reach out to members of the congregation through our Care & Share Ministry and step up for several roles since we have returned to in person worship.

Care & Share was dealt a huge blow when Lisa Benadom started having medical issues in May. After a few more episodes and many trips to doctors to diagnose the cause, Lisa has decided to step down in June with one year left on her term. A replacement will be found to fill that term. **Terry Sakuda** stepped up to take over **Care & Share Coordinator** and has agreed to continue doing that another year.

Clark Smith also had to resign due to health reasons. His term ends June 2022.

The Nominating Committee has done an excellent job of finding replacements for the upcoming term: 2022-2025 as well as filling in a few vacancies. Currently, there are 22 deacons on board.

Because we're still amid the pandemic, all the officers were asked to continue serving one more year. They are:

- **Moderator - Kathy Lewin**
- **Vice Moderator - Terry Sakuda**
- **Treasurer and Nominating Committee Deacon Liaison - Ernie Chard**
- **Secretary - Barbara Laughton.**

Other positions are:

- **Caring Coordinator – Bonnie Hard**
- **Pew Restocking Coordinator** (on hold for now) – **Craig Morris**
- **In Home Communion Coordinator – Kathy Lewin** (this ministry has been diminishing due to Covid and members passing)
- **Worship Committee Liaison – Doris Beckert**

We also have a reliable core of **note writers** for “Upper Room” booklets: **Terry Sakuda, Marsha Cook, Thamsyne Brown, Bonnie Hard and Lisa Benadom.**

**Tony Perrou and Duane Johnson** continue to be **Usher Captains for Odd and Even months** – they are life savers!

**Mike Aretsky** continued to organize **Healing Meals** through the end of 2021 (God bless that whole family).

**Terry Sakuda** did an excellent job organizing the **Christmas Gift Ministry**. Due to the continuing pandemic, we again used Sign Up Genius for the congregation to purchase gifts for the families. We also gave church members the option of buying gifts (as has been done in the past) for children under 12. Gift cards were purchased for all others 12 and older. **Julie Ueltzen** contacted the schools and lined up 37 families – including Family Promise and CPC referrals. She also set up Sign Up Genius so people could participate online. Thank you, Julie, for your organization, coordination, and computer savvy – we couldn't have done it without you! 😊

Here is the breakdown:

Adults - 63

Children 12 & over - 26

Children under 12 - 82

Type of card	Number of cards	\$ per card	Total
Walmart	26	40	1040
Target	17	40	680
Safeway (Christmas meals)	37	60	2220
Gift cards			369.97
Supplies			40.93
Total			4350.90
Account as of December 31, 2021			
2020 residual			3023
Total contributions 2021			5780
Total			5860
2021 expense			4350.90
Excess			4452.55

Deacons restarted coffee fellowship on Sundays. Fellowship & Nurture helped by providing cookies. Flower delivery began in December – another task made easy by Julie setting up Sign Up Genius for delivery. Thanks again Julie! We continue to meet via Zoom. A couple of deacons don't have computers but are able to listen in on their phones.

Finally, the Board of Deacons would like to express appreciation to Pastor Ivan Herman for the spiritual reflections, guidance, and support that he has provided at our monthly meetings and throughout the year.

Kathy Lewin, Moderator

# 2021 Nominating Committee

Bill Dunn, Moderator

The Nominating Committee is required by the Book of Order. The committee's size and composition are set by the Bylaws of Carmichael Presbyterian Church. During 2021-2022, there are five members of the congregation on the committee. Its Moderator is a currently serving Ruling Elder on Session, who serves a three-year term. Two are at-large members elected by the congregation for two-year, staggered terms. Session appoints a non-serving Elder and the Board of Deacons appoints a Deacon Representative. No member of the committee shall serve more than three consecutive years. Pastor Keith DeVries serves ex officio as provided by the Book of Order.

The committee is charged with presenting a slate of nominees at CPC's annual Congregational Meeting. The committee is also responsible for finding candidates to fill any vacancies that might occur. In addition, Session occasionally asks the committee to find candidates to serve on a board or council which assist Session in carrying out its duties. Every effort is made to present a diverse slate, taking into consideration age groups and gender, as well as their gifts and talents.

The **2021-2022 Nominating Committee** includes the following individuals:

Bill Dunn, Moderator, Class of 2022  
ElizaBeth Phillips, Member At-Large Class of 2023  
Tim Farley, Member At-Large Class of 2022  
Marti Wallace, Non-Serving Elder  
Ernie Chard, Deacon Representative  
Pastor Keith DeVries, Ex Officio

# 2021 Financial Report

Paul Shultz, Financial Administrator

Carmichael Presbyterian Church														
	2021		2020		2019		2018		2017		2016		2015	
	General Fund	21st Century Pre-School Fund	Combined Total											
<b>Assets</b>														
Cash	\$ 333,139	\$ 74,555	\$ 28,762	407,694	695,085	\$ 742,272	\$ 724,565	\$ 436,456	\$ 130,813	\$ 148,677				
Investments - Dedicated Accounts	998,080	143,651	-	1,141,731	740,770	395,802	215,015	1,141,731	638,765	559,495				
Receivables - other/prepays	38,445	15,327	-	53,772	46,254	41,585	82,874	59,772	100,765	61,516				
Receivable - pledge	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Receivable - multi year pledges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Note Receivable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Construction in Progress	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Property and Equipment, net	2,286,417	4,716,926	19,290	7,003,343	6,984,053	6,984,053	6,984,053	7,022,633	7,003,504	7,003,343				
	\$ 3,656,081	\$ 4,950,459	\$ 48,052	\$ 8,654,592	\$ 8,514,214	\$ 8,163,712	\$ 8,006,507	\$ 8,654,592	\$ 8,432,504	\$ 8,729,466				
<b>Liabilities</b>														
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 33,768	-	-	33,768	7,360	3,039	33,768	33,768	3,406	7,207				
Deferred pledges	100,492	-	-	100,492	82,700	47,105	100,492	100,492	622,456	992,879				
Long term note payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	481,371	886,330				
Inter-fund (receivable) payable	15,327	-	-	15,327	15,327	11,165	15,327	15,327	16,625	2,947				
Total Liabilities	149,587	-	-	149,587	105,387	61,309	149,587	149,587	1,123,858	1,889,363				
<b>Net Assets</b>														
Restricted	58,757	143,651	-	202,408	202,006	91,437	82,770	202,408	4,275,810	3,878,905				
Un-Restricted	3,447,737	4,806,808	48,052	8,302,597	8,206,821	8,010,966	7,818,350	8,302,597	3,032,836	2,961,198				
Total Net Assets	3,506,494	4,950,459	48,052	8,505,005	8,408,827	8,102,403	7,901,120	8,505,005	7,308,646	6,840,103				
	\$ 3,656,081	\$ 4,950,459	\$ 48,052	\$ 8,654,592	\$ 8,514,214	\$ 8,163,712	\$ 8,050,707	\$ 8,654,592	\$ 8,432,504	\$ 8,729,466				

**Carmichael Presbyterian Church**  
**Combined Statement of Activities**  
**for the year ended**

	2021		2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
	General Fund	21st Century Pre-School Fund						
<b>Revenues:</b>								
General Fund Pledges	\$ 822,494	-	\$ 828,364	\$ 843,521	\$ 803,254	\$ 779,891	\$ 772,284	\$ 750,913
21st Century Contributions	-	26,215	17,777	34,164	187,162	433,410	433,410	432,274
Pre-school tuition	-	-	-	55,902	79,233	113,742	172,377	166,950
Dedicated Accounts	464,613	-	403,115	419,660	435,712	281,963	263,309	263,309
Other Income	29,705	464	133,910	54,029	112,487	117,214	51,543	49,875
	1,316,812	26,679	1,383,166	1,404,276	1,538,615	1,726,240	1,692,923	1,671,321
<b>Expenses:</b>								
<b>General Fund:</b>								
Worship	2,018	-	1,093	2,649	3,194	2,802	1,579	3,815
Education	5,759	-	4,932	11,150	7,701	9,936	11,334	12,740
Mbrship&Outreach	145	-	-	-	1,092	-	-	-
Fellowship	393	-	1,495	600	2,442	1,350	2,087	2,272
Mission	66,298	-	66,120	68,321	68,481	68,954	71,304	71,601
Administration	701,356	-	755,424	765,995	732,588	744,619	728,192	714,139
Other	1,338	-	277	2,384	3,096	4,472	4,307	3,448
	777,307	-	829,341	851,699	817,502	832,133	818,803	808,015
<b>Dedicated Accounts:</b>								
Worship	752	-	610	18,890	8,118	11,581	7,812	8,994
Education	2,067	-	12,797	80,012	88,975	97,146	96,353	69,544
Fellowship	658	-	158,222	28,974	15,952	12,668	13,405	21,013
Mission	117,430	-	41,435	60,424	51,034	56,170	60,154	66,319
Administration	145,299	-	129,499	24,861	27,218	49,181	47,072	67,178
Gifts & bequests	42,441	-	35,154	24,928	110,252	26,849	39,092	18,128
Endowment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deacons	9,211	-	18,293	20,175	20,788	22,267	17,138	16,627
	317,858	-	396,010	258,264	322,337	275,862	281,026	267,803
<b>21st Century:</b>								
Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest	-	-	-	-	1,081	14,317	31,650	51,606
Other expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	1,081	14,317	31,650	51,606
<b>Pre-school:</b>								
Salaries	-	-	-	-	-	110,467	130,967	122,464
Operating expenses	-	-	-	-	-	40,121	42,649	38,200
	-	-	-	-	-	150,588	173,616	160,664
<b>Total expenses</b>	1,095,165	-	1,225,351	1,409,920	1,409,920	1,272,900	1,305,095	1,288,088
<b>Total Revenues in excess of expenses</b>	\$ 221,647	\$ 26,679	\$ 157,815	\$ 248,471	\$ 397,695	\$ 453,340	\$ 387,828	\$ 383,233
<b>General Fund revenues in excess of expenses</b>	\$ 74,892	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Dedicated Account Revenue in excess of expenses</b>	\$ 146,755	-	-	-	-	-	-	-