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# ANNUAL REPORT

To The Congregation



# 2024

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Waynesville, North Carolina

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# CLERK'S WELCOME

Welcome to your church's annual report. To my mind, 2024 was a fine year in the life of First Presbyterian. We continued to gain new members, we operated within our budget, the choir loft was remodeled and relatively few of us suffered damage from Hurricane Helene. As a matter of fact, Miss Helene afforded us the opportunity to distribute aid from Presbyterians all over the country to folks here in western Carolina.

In this year's booklet you will read reports from our teams, committees and groups – all demonstrating that First Pres is much more than a good service on Sunday mornings. It's people coming together to do God's work. Learning, assisting and inspiring others to follow Christ.

Here's to knowing that, with God's help, 2025 will bring us the energy and inspiration to meet the challenges that may face us individually and as a congregation.



*Shalom,  
Ron Tingle, Clerk of Session*

*"The ache for home lives in all of us,  
the safe place where we can go as we are  
and not be questioned."*

*—Maya Angelou*

**WELCOME HOME !**



# PASTOR'S LETTER



Dear Church Family,

In a world full of growing anxiety and change, we long for something solid to stand on. That's one reason we are drawn to worship, where our faith is grounded in God who never changes. Perhaps that's also why folks appreciate our traditional worship with beloved hymns and ancient creeds, sung and recited by Christ followers for generations.

What a blessing when visitors say this feels like "home" and how warm and welcoming we are! **In 2024, we welcomed 13 new members, all fabulous additions to this church.** Even more exciting is to see spiritual growth as together we travel this journey of faith.

Deep appreciation goes to our wonderful staff: **Kristi Siplon**, Office Manager, **Diane Combs** and **Allison Thorp**, Co-Music Directors, **Tony Caldwell**, Sexton, and **Morgan McNeil**, A.V. Tech. 2024 was **Nancy Thompson's** last year as Church Treasurer, but she serves as consultant to **Jenny Price** our new Church Accountant. **Melonie Gross** continues as Assistant Treasurer. And we are blessed with outstanding childcare workers. Thank you all!

What a shock when Hurricane Helene landed here in September. Without power and cellphone connections, we had a difficult time checking in with one another, and quite a few of us suffered damage to homes and property. However, as you will see in our Team Reports, we had a full and productive year with folks engaged in ministry of the church as well as increased support to the community. Sometimes we need the rug pulled out from under us to see the grace of God!

Thank you, each dear member and friend, for your ongoing love for God and our neighbors. Thank you for your generous giving, as in the past nine years, giving in 2024 exceeded our budget! Let's pray 2025 will be FPCW's best year yet as we celebrate the legacy of 150 years of God's faithfulness!

Blessings & love,

Holly

# IN MEMORIAM

Doris Inbody  
April 9, 2024

Madeleine Dammann  
May 9, 2024

Pat Parker  
May 16, 2024

Lillibet Parker  
November 9, 2024

Sally Bailey (Affiliate)  
December 30, 2024





# NEW MEMBERS 2024

Robert Beard  
Marilyn Heinrichs (Affiliate)  
Eddie Hendrickson  
Lolly Kreider  
Mike Lyons  
Merry Matlock  
Marian Phalin  
Michael Rogers  
Teresa Rogers  
Brenda Sites  
Royce Spurling  
Susan Spurling  
Sally Turner



## BAPTISMS

ETHAN JAMES COUGHLIN

# OUR MISSION

*Love God and Love Our Neighbors.*

## OUR VISION

### We envision WELCOMING ALL PEOPLE

whom the Spirit sends our way that they too might find “home” in this vibrant, diverse community of faith – the old and the young, the poor and the rich, the seekers and the believers – a place to *love God and love our neighbors*.

### We envision GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

of the One, True God, knowing how much we need to keep God first in our lives. In worship we find forgiveness, hear the Good News proclaimed, know the comfort of prayer and the joy of song, empowered to *love God and love our neighbors*.

### We envision GROWING SPIRITUALLY

as we discover what it means to be a disciple of Christ, discovering a deeper love and devotion for our Lord through faithful prayer, studying Scripture, participating in learning groups, and personal spiritual disciplines. Spiritual learning equips us to *love God and love our neighbors*.

### We envision CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER

with the eyes of Jesus. Through God’s grace we will learn to love each person in a deeper and broader way, remembering we are brothers and sisters in Christ with a common calling to *love God and love our neighbors*.

### We envision SERVING BY SHARING

our hands, hearts, and resources so that Christ is known throughout Haywood County and beyond – that lives are redeemed and restored and needs are met. Working together as the body of Christ, we answer the call of Jesus to go and serve, to *love God and love our neighbors*.

# THE SESSION 2024

Our Elders serve as the governing board of the church, elected by the congregation. First Presbyterian typically has eight Elders, each serving a three-year term. The minutes of each Session meeting are printed in our monthly church newsletter. Additionally, the work of the Elders is reported in this Annual Report. A Congregational Meeting is held annually for the purpose of presenting the coming year's budget, to approve the nominating team's candidates for new Elders, and to approve the Pastor's terms of call.

In 2024 we welcomed Wes Lee as head of WORSHIP;  
Mike McKinney—FINANCE; Laura Janson—DISCIPLESHIP;  
and Melonie Gross—MISSIONS.

*Going forward into 2025 we are  
delighted to welcome Eddie Hendrickson - Building & Grounds;  
Merry Matlock - Deacons; and Pat Briggs- Missions.*

*We bow with much gratitude to Beth Johnson—outgoing Missions,  
Melonie Gross—outgoing Personnel,  
Stan Briggs—outgoing Deacons,  
and Rick Croskery—outgoing Building & Grounds.*

## Our Church Elders for 2024

Clerk of Session	RON TINGLE	828-400-6900
Building & Grounds	RICK CROSKERY (2024)	252-413-8737
Discipleship	LAURA JANSON (2026)	828-712-7938
Elder for Deacons	STAN BRIGGS (2024)	941-544-8100
Finance	MIKE MCKINNEY (2025)	828-734-7192
Missions	MELONIE GROSS (2026)	773-405-5889
Personnel	RON TINGLE(2026)	828-400-6900
Worship	WES LEE (2025)	828-400-0037

# FINANCE TEAM

## - MIKE MCKINNEY -



The role of the Finance Team is to ensure that First Presbyterian Church has the financial ability to meet its mission. It is responsible for compliance with all financial sections of the Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church USA, including budgeting, oversight of payroll and expenses, proper accounting of offerings and donations, and regular and accurate reporting of financial matters to Session and the congregation.

As we review the financials of 2024, we are again reminded of the wonderful and generous members of First Presbyterian. ***Our church ended the year in very good financial condition and with expectations of continued positive results for 2025.***

Results from work of the Finance Team in 2024 include:

- **Our annual review by CPA, Lucy Kiel, revealed a very positive annual review as required by the Book of Order.** Ms. Kiel will not be doing our review going forward as she continues her retirement. A big word of thanks for her work and the training she has provided over the years.
- **Our online giving program continues** for the convenience of our donors.
- **We developed and presented the 2025 budget to the Session for approval.** The budget is included later in this report for the congregation's information. Our team studied a different budget tool, we developed the budget without pledges believing that our congregation would guarantee the Good Lord's will be done and our offering needs met. We did ask our members to make a pledge known only by themselves and God which will be mailed back to them sometime after mid-year.
- **The balance of our loan, which was used to build the parking lot, install the elevator, build the Upper Room, etc., continues to be paid down at a good pace.** We anticipate 2025 offerings for this purpose will continue and the progress will continue as well.

- **We owe a SPECIAL THANK YOU to Nancy Thompson** our treasurer, for many years in that very necessary job. Nancy provided her time with free gratis and made our records very readable, very factual, timely, and did it all with a kind smile. She told us during the 2024 budget time that this would be her last year, and finally toward the end we identified a person to do the accounting, (an introduction later). Nancy will continue to be part of our team.
- **Our new accountant is Jenny Price** She has done a wonderful job getting started and has great qualifications as she works as an accountant in Waynesville. We look forward to working with Jenny.
- **Melonie Gross will continue her work as assistant treasurer. Roger Gilbertson** has taken on responsibility helping Melonie, Jenny and the Finance team.
- Nancy served as treasurer for our church, and with this change our Finance Chair, **Mike McKinney, will hold the corporate title of Treasurer**, as required by corporate law.

#### **Goals and Objectives of the Finance Team for 2025:**

- Monitor income and spending to ensure finances are in line with expectations and budget. Make sure our congregation is aware of the state of our finances, and they we apprise them regularly.
- Continue to advise our congregation about our progress toward paying our loan off which was used for the elevator, parking lot, Upper Room, etc.
- Plan and roll out Stewardship Program for 2026.
- Collect, organize and distribute “Time and Talent” information to Session Members.
- Prepare 2026 budget, submit to Session members prior to the end of the year for their approval prior to our congregation meeting. (By the time you have read this report, our congregation will have approved our pastor’s call and heard about our new budget for 2025. Thanks again to our congregation for allowing your Finance Team to present this report, for the great, prayerful questions, and for the consensus we felt.)

*The Year-end 2024 Financial Report,  
along with the Budget for 2025,  
can be found in the final pages  
of this annual report.*

Thank you so much to our finance team made up of Nancy Thompson, Melonie Gross, Lee Hays, Rich Downs and Roger Gilbertson. A special thank you should be given to our previous member and chair, Hughes Roberts. Hughes will be missed and certainly always maintained the church's best interest and the Lords will at heart. Hughes has moved to

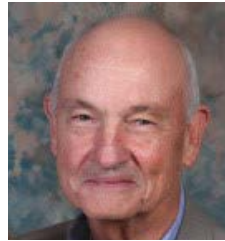
Asheville, but we can expect to see and hear from Hughes over time.



Nancy Thompson  
Treasurer

Melonie Gross  
Asst. Treasurer

Hughes Roberts



## **ENDOWMENT PROGRAM - MIKE MCKINNEY -**

Our Endowment Program is a way for members and friends to make special gifts that are invested for the long term, or possibly for one of the programs the Endowment Fund administers, or in some cases it may be money temporarily invested and to be used as requested or per Session direction. The hope would be that as funds grow the investment income could be used for the benefit of the church's finances. The gifts may come to the church in any form as described in church policy, and could be real estate, stock, bonds, or other objects of value.

The Endowment Program began in 2018, the balance as of December 31, 2024 was \$161,267.15, and we anticipate this will grow in 2025 as directed by estates and special gifts. During 2024 our goals were to maximize our earnings safely, to continue the recruitment of money to the fund, and to continue our College Education Awards.

Our Endowment Team is made up of the members of the Finance Team.

# 2024 FPCW College Education Awards



Joshua Hunt



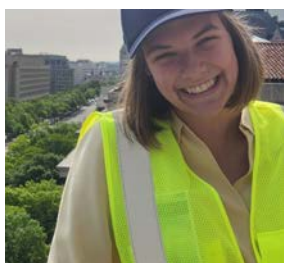
Avery Ponder



Lily Siplon



Christopher Crouch



Sydney Weeks



Trudy Brement

**Joshua (J.C.) Hunt**, grandson of Sylvia Lonnee, at Western Carolina University.

**Avery Ponder**, granddaughter of Ron & Janet Tingle, at Western Carolina University.

**Lily Siplon**, granddaughter of Kristi Siplon, at Georgia Southwestern University.

**Christopher Crouch**, grandson of Mike & Vanessa McKinney, at UNC Chapel Hill.

**Sydney Weeks**, granddaughter of Merry June Burwell, at Virginia Polytechnic Institute;

**Trudy Brement**, granddaughter of Janie and Larry Oakley, at Elon University;

One of the objectives for 2024 was to continue the College Education Awards in the Endowment Program.

This was done, and six students applied for and were each given a \$500 award for the 2024-25 school year.

It is the Endowment Team's intention to continue this program into the coming year and beyond, aiding the grandchildren of our members and staff as they walk into their futures.



# WORSHIP TEAM

- WES LEE -

The Worship Team works closely with Pastor Holly and the co-directors of music to ensure that all elements essential to worship are faithfully carried out.

Team members are responsible for such details as:

- Providing flowers, paraments, banners, and candles
- Preparing communion elements the first Sunday of the month.
- Decorating and preparing the sanctuary for Sunday and special services.
- Recruiting volunteers to serve as ushers, greeters, and communion preparers.

The church has enjoyed exciting growth, with many new members joining our church family in 2024. Each of them demonstrate their love and devotion to God and the church through their dedicated service and willingness to serve in various capacities.

The choir loft project met the approval of the Worship Team and Session. Thanks to Rick Croskery for his vision and thoughtful approach in planning this task and for the helping hands who joined Rick in the project.



Other improvements for which we are all grateful include upgrading our sound system, relocating some microphones and enhancement of our recording process for services and other events.



The baptism of Ethan James Coughlin, son of Sean Coughlin and Allison Thorp, was a truly memorable day. Allison's father, the Rev. A. Lindsay Thorp, Jr. had the honor of performing the ritual. Following the ceremony, Pastor Holly walked through the sanctuary with baby Ethan in her arms, much to the delight of the congregation.

**2025 marks a milestone in our church history with much to celebrate.** We are thankful for 150 years of God's faithfulness and what great things that are to come.

## **Worship In the Park**

Summers are beautiful here in Haywood County and especially in Waynesville. **FPCW enjoyed "Church In The Park", including guests, a picnic and live music.**

Folks brought side dishes and desserts and the church provided chicken, soft drinks and water bottle refills. Everyone wore their picnic clothes, and Cider Ridge Bluegrass provided wonderful live music.





## **MUSIC MINISTRY**

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CO-DIRECTORS:

DIANE COMBS, INSTRUMENTAL  
ALLISON THORP, CHORAL



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The Sanctuary Choir met faithfully throughout the year, singing at Sunday morning services as well as evening services during Lent and Advent. We were blessed with a variety of accompaniments including piano, organ, flute, oboe, trumpet, violin, percussion, and classical guitar. We were also joined in worship by the Songspinnners Women's Ensemble and Cider Ridge Bluegrass.

**One of the most exciting developments for the music program this year was the redesign and construction of the choir loft in the sanctuary!** Although discussions of such a reconstruction had been ongoing for over a decade, this year that dream became reality. Designed by Rick Croskery and constructed with love by Rick Croskery, Wes Lee, Van Davis, Eddie Hendrickson, and Morgan McNeil, the loft now features four rows at a 45-degree angle to the congregation.



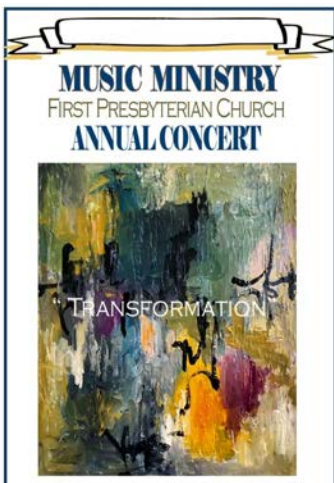


The Chimes Choir continued to enjoy the third octave purchased last year by playing full musical arrangements composed for three octaves. The Chimes Choir played during summer worship services as well as during Lent and Advent. Their warm tones added beautiful harmonies to our worship!

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**The finishes and fine details are beautiful, and the loft appears in the sanctuary as though it was always meant to be that way.** We have already noticed considerable growth in our sound, and the congregation is delighted to see our faces! We also give thanks for our sexton, Tony Caldwell, who worked extra hard to clean the sanctuary throughout the building process.



Over the summer, the Sanctuary Choir, Women's Ensemble, Men's Ensemble, Chimes Choir, and Cider Ridge



Bluegrass joined together for our annual celebratory concert.

This year, the theme was, "Transformation," and featured texts by Charles Wesley and Francis of Assisi as well as compositions by Dan Forrest, Mark Hayes, Lloyd Larson, and Mary McDonald among others.

The choir also celebrated the 50th wedding anniversary of Joel and Pam Lillethun, treasured members.



Diane Combs and Sarah Cifani presented monthly mini concerts through July, and planning has begun for the church's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, including an organ/ piano recital to be shared on May 18, 2025.

**We give thanks for our musical family and all of God's blessings in our music program!**

We are so blessed to have such a faithful music department.

Throughout all of life's twists and turns, we continually lifted up one another in God's care.

*"Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord."  
—Psalm 95:1*



# THE LIBRARY

In 2024, the library's content was catalogued into the online database *Library Thing*. The database can be accessed using the church's website without worrying about a username or password. It can also be accessed from any browser at [www.librarything.com/catalog/FPCSeekers](http://www.librarything.com/catalog/FPCSeekers). There is a "search your library" portal that can be used to find items by Title, Author or Tag (topics). There is a hard copy of the database in the library itself. Books can be checked out anytime the building is open. Check out and returns should be noted in the log book and returned books placed in the basket in the corner of the room for proper reshelving.

In May, the Discipleship Team hosted a Library "Grand Reopening" following the Sunday service. In preparation, a new sign in the style of the current wayfinding signs was posted in the hallway outside the door making it easier to spot the library's location. The decoratively carved sign previously on the door dedicating the library to Ruby Daniel was moved into the library proper and displayed on the wall with a photo of her.

The Discipleship Team acquired several books for the library through donations. These donations are being collected in a box to be sorted through by the Team on a designated workday. It was also decided to place one copy of Sunday School books in the library. Other books purchased for the library by the Discipleship Team:

*The Pilgrim's Progress: A Readable Modern-Day Version of*

*John Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress*

*Renovation of the Heart* by Dallas Willard

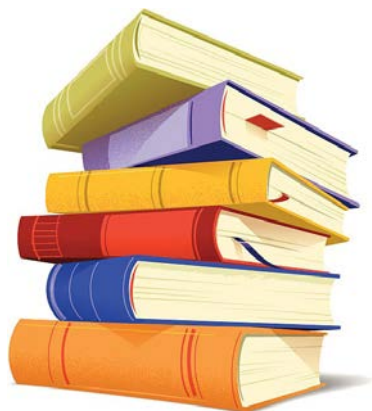
*The Interior Castle* by Teresa of Avila

*The Life of Antony* by Athanasius

*A Testament of Devotion* by Thomas Kelly

*Life Together* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Plans have been made to relabel the shelves in an easier to read way. At that time, all books will be checked for proper labeling and inclusion in the databases!



# **DISCIPLESHIP TEAM**

**- Laura Janson -**

**Discipleship:** The journey of growing in our faith.

*A huge THANK YOU goes out to team members Riley Covin, Andrea Croskery, Van Davis, Cherole Volin, Billye Simmers and Judi Crane, chair of the Earth Care Team, which was moved from the umbrella of Building and Ground to the Discipleship Team.*

**The team worked to enhance and support the faith of individuals in the congregation at FPCW.**

**The team sought to fulfill this mission** with Sunday morning discipleship classes, speakers, summer movies with spiritual intent, ongoing updates and improved access to the church's library.

**The discipleship classes offered varied opportunities for study and growth of the participants' faith journey.** The Seekers class studied *Words of Life* by Adam Hamilton, *Making All Things New* by Henri Nouwen, *Celebration of Discipline* by Richard Foster and the book of Romans. **The Isaacs class** concluded their study of the book of John in addition to Proverbs and James. They also studied *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis.

**The two classes decided to rejoin for the last quarter of the year.** We studied *Caring For Words in a Culture of Lies*, then two curricula from Thoughtful Christian, *Reformed Spirituality* by Stephen Shusset before starting an Advent study, *Finding Your Place in the Manger* by Krin Van Tatenhove.

**We had three special speakers this year.**

Two were from local agencies to increase our knowledge of the activities and availability of services in our community.

**Patsy Davis, Director of Mountain Projects**

**DeLisa Ensley, Patient Liaison at**

**Haywood County Hospice and Palliative Care.**

Our third presenter was Agness Nyanda, Principle Hospital Administrator at the Nkhoma Mission Hospital in Malawi which our congregation supports. She just "happened" to be in our area which was such

a blessing to hear first hand of the vital services this Hospital provides.

The format for our summer movies changed this year to include a light lunch and starting after the fellowship time which increased the number of people participating.

The three movies included *The Shack*, *War Room*, and *Chronicles of Narnia*.

## **LUNCH & BIBLE BUNCH - Pastor Holly -**

The “Bible Bunch” had another great year gathering each Monday morning at Noon in the Parlor. Here is an opportunity to explore the Scripture passage from Sunday’s sermon and to forge deeper relationships with some really fun friends! Bring your lunch, a Bible, and check it out!



“Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn.”  
- Benjamin Franklin

# **BUILDING & GROUNDS**

## **- RICK CROSKERY -**



**After several rather hectic years, the Building and Grounds team had a slightly quieter one in 2024.**

We began the year by completing the kitchen renovation that was started in 2023. We completed the new pantry shelving and door thresholds, repairing the longstanding broken tiles in the upstairs hallway in the process. The vendor had sent a couple of custom cabinets that were the wrong size, and after sending correct replacements, told us we could keep them, so Morgan McNeil assembled them into the attractive beverage cart we use at fellowship time. Our new dish sanitizer was put into use, allowing us to wash lots of dishes quickly. We have essentially stopped using paper and Styrofoam, furthering our mission to be earth-friendly.

**After updating the kitchen, the office hallway was looking a little dated, so it was given a fresh coat of paint.** Now everything looks nice. Thanks to “honorary” team member Wes Lee for that and for repainting all of the older cabinets in the kitchen to match the new custom ones.

**In the spring, Van Davis and Rick Croskery installed a row of LED fixtures** under the duct channel in the parlor which have really helped to brighten the dim side of that room. We also had the old incandescent fixture in the Main St parking lot light replaced when it failed with a brighter and more efficient LED fixture. Rick and Morgan completed wiring and placing security cameras so that we are now monitoring all major building entrances.

**Bo Prevost continued her faithful weeding and pruning in our garden beds,** and Rick continued to maintain our foundation plantings, mulching, and adding to the native garden behind the courthouse parking lot.

**Some of the gutter along Main Street was bent and developed leaks, including one directly over the tower steps. The bad sections were replaced in June,** and all the other gutter was professionally inspected and pronounced sound. Pretty good for a 40-year-old gutter!



**Due to the two episodes of water damage which occurred in late 2022, our insurance carrier required us to install “FloLogic” leak detection devices on both of the church water supplies. This was done in January.** Unfortunately, they were too sensitive, and a leaking toilet or dripping faucet would cause them to turn off the water completely. Though it was simple to turn the water back on, it was certainly an inconvenience. We appear to have all minor leaks fixed and the devices adjusted properly now, such that there have been no recent inappropriate shutoffs. Now that they are working properly, these devices should prevent us from having a future episode of significant water damage.

**The Russ Avenue widening project began this year, causing disruption along Walnut Street that will probably go on all year.** The brick sidewalk renovated by men of the church two years ago was removed, though we are told by the DOT that they will replace it “as was” at project’s end. The final overhead wires and utility pole over our parking lot are scheduled to be removed when the street lighting on Walnut is re-routed. We certainly look forward to completion of construction!

**Our major project this year was the removal of the old choir loft and modesty wall and reconfiguration of the choir seating.** This was started in September, interrupted by the hurricane, and completed in time for Thanksgiving and Advent. Rick, Van, and Wes did the bulk of the work, and Morgan reset the overhead microphones. We hope you like the new appearance and notice improved sound of the choir during worship. [Photos of this project can be found in the Music Ministry’s report on pg. 15]

**Our elevator was down for several weeks at the end of the year due to a blown circuit board. It is possible that this part was faulty from the beginning and responsible for the multiple brief shutdowns we have experienced since the elevator’s installation. We are hopeful that this is the end of our problems with the elevator.**

## **[More Building & Grounds]**

The inline duct heater for the sanctuary's heating system, which boosts the heat with gas flame when it is too cold for the electric heat pump to work efficiently, **required replacement at the end of the year.** The work was completed just in the nick of time to heat us through a long spell of very cold weather. **This was a major repair covered by our Asset Replacement Fund.**

Longtime member Nink Swift retired from the team this year, and we thank her for many years of service. We welcomed new member Charlotte Casey and, starting in 2025, our new chair, Eddie Hendrickson.

Van Davis, Morgan McNeil, Lee Hays, Bo Prevost, and outgoing chair Rick Croskery round out the team.

*We would be delighted to welcome new volunteers.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Rick Croskery, 2024 Chair



# **RUTH CIRCLE**

## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

### **- LAURA JANSON -**

Ruth Circle is part of the International Ministry of Presbyterian Women which focuses on Spiritual growth, fellowship, and missions both locally and around the world. We meet nine months out of the year on the first Tuesday with attendance of 6 to 8 women.

**In December we host a Christmas luncheon for all women of the church. This year the event was held at the Southern Porch in Canton which was enjoyed by 19.** This was followed by our usual two-month hiatus because of the chance of wintry weather. It also gives "seasonal women" more opportunity to participate.

**Every year a new Bible study is put out by Presbyterian Women and *Horizons*, a quarterly publication.** In May we finished "*Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts*" and then started *Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation*.

**In September, Ruth Circle hosted The Fall Gathering for WNC Presbytery which was attended by approximately 50 women. It was quite an endeavor which could not have been accomplished without the help and support of several women in the congregation.**

Each month there was a brief business meeting followed by the Bible study and sharing of prayer concerns. At the conclusion of the formal time, those who were able went out and shared a meal together which has been a long-standing tradition. Both were a fun time of fellowship and laughter for all who attended.

**Our focus on missions can be seen in part, by the four offerings collected during the year.** One of these is done monthly for the Black Mountain Home for Children which is used to buy a gift card from either Ingles or WalMart. These are given to the house parents when they need to purchase items to meet the needs of children in their care. This year our generous group of 6-8 women collected a total of \$690.

***Please know that every woman in our church is part of the Presbyterian Women's ministry. Look for the notice of our monthly meetings in the church bulletin and join us in the Upper Room on the First Tuesday at 10:00.***

# EARTH CARE TEAM

## - JUDI CRANE -



*What a successful year  
The Earth Care Team has had.*

The team is chaired by Judi Crane and its members in 2024 were: Judy Covin, Mary Hays, Lynn Heinrichs, Clair Quenzler (summers), Billye Simmers (Jan-Apr) and Nancy Thompson

The purpose of the Earth Care Team is to lead and encourage the congregation to be better stewards of God's second greatest gift to us, the earth starting with our own home, church and community. The team has done this by holding events on various topics that are relevant to each of us and presenting ideas that each person can do.

Starting in February Earth Care moved from Buildings and Grounds to Discipleship. Also, in February Earth Care acquired glass communion cups and the Worship Committee agreed to switch the plastic communion cups which are thrown away, to the glass ones that are washed and reused each month.

Our first event was a series of videos titled "Christianity and Climate Change", written and narrated by Katherine Hayhoe, a devout Christian and atmospheric scientist. The viewing and discussion on the videos took place in February, March and April. We watched 2 videos each session and discussed how they related to us personally and to the church. An example of the topics were: What the Bible says about the Natural World, What can we do as a church, and There can be a better future.

In April, in recognition of Earth Day, we once again put out the display of "Bad, Better, Best". The theme was to show the congregation how to move away from plastic and Styrofoam containers for everyday items and instead go for products that



come in recyclable or reusable containers, i.e. cardboard egg cartons verses Styrofoam cartons and reusable grocery bags verses plastic bags.

We had about a dozen examples which created quite a bit of conversation, usually starting with  
“I never thought of that.”

**On June 26 Earth Care hosted a “Help the Earth” potluck dinner and program.** Zondra Kuykendall, Recycling Coordinator for Haywood County gave a very informative presentation. Recycling is something that most people practice to some extent and despite how much anyone knew or didn’t know about recycling, we all learned something new. It was very well attended and generated a lot of questions and discussion.

**On September 25 Earth Care again hosted a “Help the Earth” potluck dinner.** This time the topic was Composting. We had a panel consisting of Sara Martin from Sustainabilities, Bonnie Refinski-Knight from Master Gardeners and Hans Hegges, owner of CompostAVL. Laura Armour from Grace Episcopal was the facilitator. **In spite of terrible weather there was a great turnout.** The idea of taking paper, food scraps, yard waste, etc. and turning them into a useful product to nourish the soil is catching on.

**In December we collected unusable Christmas tree light strands.** This type of item cannot be recycled in the normal recycling locations because it tangles up the machinery so therefore, it winds up in the landfill. Fortunately however, there is a company in Asheville that could take them. All toll we collected about 20/25 strands of lights. **Yay, one more thing to keep out of the landfill!**

Numbers can often drive home a point. Earth Care has been working on reducing the church’s footprint in our community for several years.

**We have changed from Styrofoam and paper cups, glasses and plates to reusable cups, glasses and plates.** We now use reusable water bottles at the annual picnic instead of throw-away plastic bottles and we now use glass communion cups instead of plastic ones. Plus, we recycle all paper and cardboard. So, what does all that mean?

When you calculate the number of times we, the congregation meet for after-church refreshments, have covered dish luncheons or a picnic, hold special events involving food, partake in communion and recycle everything appropriate,

it turns out First Presbyterian Church of Waynesville kept around **10,000 pieces of garbage out of the landfill.**

Way to go First Presbyterian Church of Waynesville!

**Pat yourselves on the back... you did good!!!!**

**Throughout 2024, the Earth Care Team staged a “Help The Earth” series of events on a variety of topics, including recycling, composting, plastics and the environment, and climate change.**

The events were well attended, and we all came away a little wiser, a little more caring. Plans for 2025 include a focus on sustainable gardening and landscaping, engaging the FPCW kitchen in composting and other “Help The Earth” activities.



# HURRICANE HELENE

## RELIEF EFFORTS

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*Our Mission Team and the Deacons have helped Haywood County recover from the devastation of the floods from Hurricane Helene.*

Since October, the Mission Team has received and donated over \$26,500. The money was sent to organizations in Haywood County to help people rebuild their lives. Mountain Projects' Emergency Assistance Fund, Haywood Christian Ministries' ARISE Recovery Fund, Haywood United Way Flood Recovery were given money both right after the floods and later when the true extent of the needs were known. Black Mountain Children's Home, which we have supported since it opened, was given a donation specially for flood recovery.

Physical items came from many places and people. Food, clothes, and bottled water came from South Carolina, Virginia, Missouri, Iowa, Florida and Asheville, and Whiteville, NC. Because of relationships with members of our congregation, people felt comfortable giving items to our church. The Mission Team gave the donated food to Haywood Christian Ministries. Water was given back to areas of Asheville which did not have pure water in October. Winter clothing went to Pathways, Bethel House, and the B.E.A.R (babies equipment and resources) Closet of a local United Methodist Church. The National Honor Society group from a high school in Alexandria, Virginia sent 5 boxes filled with individual bags of personal hygiene supplies which were given last week to Pathways, HCM and REACH.

The Deacons were the recipient of generous donations from individuals in Florida and Iowa which totaled \$7,000. A woman in Canton who had her private bridge washed out is being helped with funds. She is a member of the Canton Presbyterian Church which asked our church for extra help. As other people in need are found, the Deacons will be able to help them.

*The Mission Team and the Deacons thank all who have helped Haywood County recover.*

# HCM PANTRY STOCKER

## BETH JOHNSON & MELONIE GROSS



The monthly food drives for Haywood Christian Ministry (HCM) continue to be a successful Mission project that supports the hungry and food insecure in Haywood County.

2024 was a tough year where HCM saw the need increasing significantly, first due to the closing of the Canton paper mill in June 2023 and then with Hurricane Helene in September.

HCM had a harder time getting food from their suppliers. There was one positive for HCM from Helene — even though they were providing food for many, many more people, they were getting so many donations from all over the country from people wanting to help flood victims and were able to give out more food to their recipients.

### Here's the monthly breakdown of FPCs donations to HCM:

January	peanut butter	175/1 other
February	canned corn	239/22 other
March	peanut butter	154/20 other
April	baked beans	125/5 other
May	cornbread mix	181/5 other
June	peanut butter, gelatin, pudding	
	103 jars peanut butter, 106 pudding mix,	
	60 boxes gelatin mix, 8 other	
July	canned beans	254
August	Stuffing	143/26 other
September	Mac & Cheese	250/4 other
October	peanut butter	132/13 other
November	tuna	
	133 tuna, 8 salmon, 32 chicken/34 other	
	Also: non-perishable items donated from outside sources for Hurricane Helene.	
December	Mac & Cheese	233/12 Other



As only four cars were averaging driving through each month, in September we made the decision to stop the drive through aspect and changed the drop off date to the second Tuesday of the month.

***Thanks to all who donate to this worthwhile organization and Mission project.***

***You really are making a difference!***



"Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble.  
Then your light will  
shine out from the darkness".  
- Isaiah 58:10-14

# MISSION TEAM

**- MELONIE GROSS -**



The Mission Team is allocated  
10% of FPCW's budgeted income projection each year.

In 2024 that amounted to \$28,610, which allowed us to support seven western North Carolina not-for-profits, as well as the Reverend Dr. John McCall in Taiwan and the Honduras Eye Clinic.

We also distributed funds for the heat assistance programs of Haywood Christian Ministries and Mountain Projects, Inc.

**Please see the Mission Support Summary for details  
on pgs. 32 & 33.**

**We also collect donations for the four denominational special offerings:**

One Great Hour of Sharing (near Easter), Pentecost (May/June), Peace and Global Witness (September/October) and the Christmas Joy Gift (December). 40% of the Pentecost offering stays with FPCW to be used in the support of at risk children, and we used the money (approximately \$190) to purchase a variety of books and workbooks for the Pathway's family shelter. 25% of the Peace and Global Witness offering stays with FPCW and the Mission Team sent those proceeds back to Presbytery to be used for the peace effort in Ukraine.



**The monthly food drives continued for  
Haywood Christian Ministries (HCM).  
Please see the separate article regarding this  
Mission Team project. [See pg. 28]**

Smoky Mountain Housing Partnership (a division of Mountain Projects, Inc.), was the recipient of a \$20,000 grant from The Presbytery of Western North Carolina. A site "presentation" of the grant money was held on March 20 at their Bethel Village development off Jonathan Valley Road in Maggie Valley. Those in attendance also got to tour one of the new homes. FPC hopes to continue supporting SMHP at this development with some landscaping assistance in 2025.

**In May we asked the congregation for donations to sponsor the costs for 40 graduating students from Haywood Community Learning Center (HCLC). The response was overwhelming! We covered the costs of the cap, gown, tassel and diploma cover for each graduate, as well as gave each a rose as they left the stage after receiving their diploma, plus**

provided a rehearsal pizza lunch. In December we sent the remaining \$130 to HCLC to distribute to any students who were impacted by Helene. We also provided a monthly lunch during the school year for the students and staff. Many thanks to FPCW's cooks for making casseroles, salad and dessert!

**In August**, we collected money to purchase supplies for the teachers at Hazelwood Elementary School and once again FPCW came through in a big way with almost \$1,000! We purchased items the teachers requested - dry erase markers and erasers, pencils and pencil tip erasers, zipper pouch bags, colored pencils, facial tissue and 3"x3" sticky note pads for twenty-six classrooms.

**In September** the Mission Team, along with Session, sponsored Pathway's Holy Cow Food Truck for the Hunger Grant from The Presbytery of Western North Carolina. We are proud to announce that they received \$8,000. Normally Presbytery sends the check to us, and we present it to the recipient during Sunday worship. With the impacts from Helene still impacting so many, Presbytery sent the check directly to Pathways.

***September 27, 2024***— *the day Hurricane Helene hit western North Carolina and wreaked devastation and flooding over such a large area of the state. While terrible, it brought out the best in so many people FPCW received so many donations for hurricane relief— both monetary and in tangible items of food, water, clothing, supplies— it was overwhelming.* Donations came from our own congregation, as well as friends in South Carolina, Virginia, Missouri, Iowa, Florida and other parts of North Carolina.

***The Mission Team distributed just over \$20,000 in October and December*** to Mountain Projects' Emergency Assistance Fund, Haywood Christian Ministries' ARISE Recovery Fund, Haywood United Way Flood Recovery and Black Mountain Children's Home. (Money continues coming in and will be distributed in 2025.) Food, diapers and paper goods were given to Haywood Christian Ministries, bottled water was given to areas of Asheville, winter clothing went to Pathways, Bethel House, HCM and the B.E.A.R. Closet at Francis Cove UMC, and boxes of individually bagged personal hygiene items went to Pathways, HCM and REACH.

**December was a busy month.** We collected mittens, gloves, hats and scarves for the **Salvation Army's Mitten Tree**. 15 seniors and 15 children were recipients of wish list items for the **Salvation Army's Angel Tree**. FPCW volunteers rang the bell for the Salvation Army's red kettle outside the Hazelwood Ingle's on December 12. The Mission Team also sent two LARGE boxes of empty, clean pill bottles to Matthew 25 Ministries in Ohio to be used for sending medicines around the world. Thank you once again to all who supported these worthwhile projects!

*The Mission Team consisted of Judy Covin, Tempe Fussell, Laura Janson, Beth Johnson, Billye Simmers and myself.*

*My sincerest thanks to each of them for their support, ideas and hard work – it is so appreciated!*

*We're always looking for more members!*

**Mission Support  
2024 Summary**

Here's a look back at 2024 to where our mission funds went.

Our church has been very generous in our giving to local, regional, international and other mission efforts.

The funds given out came from budgeted Mission allocations, Men's Parking Fundraiser, Presbyterian Women, Crafters, 10 Cents a meal and other designated offerings.

<b>Total Paid out - General Fund Mission Budget:</b>	<b>\$28,610</b>
<b>Mission Designated Funds:</b>	<b>\$46,482</b>
(of that \$26,500 was for Helene relief)	

**Missions in Haywood County**

- \$ 12,705 Haywood Christian Ministries to provide food, heat assistance & Helene relief
- \$ 7,555 Mountain Projects to provide Helene & heat assistance to local families
- \$ 7,325 United Way Haywood for Helene relief
- \$ 6,666 Haywood Community Learning Center (an alternative high school) for benevolence and sponsored graduation costs for senior class
- \$ 4,755 Haywood Pathways Center for houseless men, women and children
- \$ 2,000 Clothes To Kids to provide clothing for needy school children
- \$ 2,000 Second Season Ministry to feed and support the hungry
- \$ 1,010 Purchased school supplies for teachers at Hazelwood Elementary School
- \$ 219 Purchased items for Layette Ministry providing new mothers with supplies
- \$ 139 Salvation Army Angel Tree

## Special Donations of Goods

- Winter hats, scarves and gloves for the Mitten Tree and Christmas gifts for the Angel Tree, both sponsored by the Salvation Army
- Peanut butter, canned goods, soup, mac & cheese, and other non-perishables for Haywood Christian Ministries through monthly Food Drives
  - Prepared and delivered lunches to Haywood Community Learning Center
- Layette Ministry provided 12 layettes (6 girl and 6 boy) to Haywood County Department of Social Services to distribute to new mothers

## Missions in other areas

- \$ 8,300 Black Mountain Children's Home, General & Hurricane Relief
- \$ 3,000 Children's Hope Alliance in Barium Springs (Hawthorn Heights Home in Bryson City and Grandfather Home in Banner Elk)
- \$ 57 Presbyterian Women of WNC for mission and scholarship programs
- \$ 3,352 Daily Change Hunger Program (formerly 5 Cents a Meal) of the Presbytery of WNC
- \$ 3,852 Nkhoma Hospital, Malawi; Presbyterian Church of Central Africa
- \$ 3,000 Honduras Eye Clinic for eye and dental service for needy Hondurans
- \$ 2,000 Missionary support for Dr. John McCall, Taiwan
- \$ 550 La Obra School in Argentina (Margaret Stockwell Endowment)
- \$ 83 Presbyterian Disaster Assistance PC(USA) for Ukraine
- \$ 44 Matthew 25 Ministry to reuse prescription pill bottles
- \$ 6,480 PC(USA) special offerings:
  - Pentecost offering to support young people
  - Peacemaking & Global Witness addresses injustice in the world
  - One Great Hour of Sharing works to rebuild after disasters, famine and injustice
  - Christmas Joy supports church leaders
  - Unified giving to support WNC Presbytery ministries

# FELLOWSHIP

## MELONIE GROSS & PAT PARKER



The purpose of the Fellowship Team is to present opportunities for every visitor, guest and member of FPC Waynesville to gather to enjoy food, fellowship and fun in an informal setting.



2024 was a tough year for the team, with the unexpected passing of our leader, Pat Parker. We miss her so much!

We are a very hard-working team that meets monthly to prepare for weekly Sunday fellowship, quarterly covered dish luncheons, the church picnic, funeral/memorial receptions and special celebrations. Members also organize the kitchen, storage closet and pantry, check on supplies and create the yellow visitor bags.

*Team members are Judi Crane, Carolyn DeGrove, Ann Kline, Mike Lyons, Merry Matlock, Morgan McNeil, Sally Moore, Marti Peithman, Janet Tingle, Sally Turner, Cheryl Volin, and me, Melonie Gross.* Since I was already a serving Elder of the Mission Team, I acted as liaison to keep Session informed of our activities.

An ongoing function of the team is our fellowship time following worship. Members of the congregation sign up to provide refreshments which are greatly appreciated. One member of the team is always present to help with set up, clean-up and any needed assistance. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board outside the kitchen if you're interested in providing refreshments!



**Covered dish luncheons are always highly anticipated events.** This year they took place on March 17, June 9 and November 10. The Fellowship Team works hard to make these events run smoothly - from decorating the Fellowship Hall, to setting up the buffet line in the kitchen, to clean-up. **Thank you to everyone who provided a dish to share for these luncheons.**



Another fun event was the annual picnic held on August 11 at Aller's Creek Park. Over 70 people attended the church service and picnic and enjoyed



entertainment by the Cider Ridge Band. The church furnished chicken and beverages while the congregation supplied side dishes and desserts. We were once again blessed with perfect weather for a fun time outdoors!



The Fellowship Team is also in charge of planning and putting on receptions and celebrations. Memorial receptions were held for **Madeline Dammann** on May 17, **Pat Parker** on June 1, **Andy DeGrove** on June 29, and **Doris Inbody** on July 3. A thank you reception was held on December 15 for **Nancy Thompson**, who is stepping down as Treasurer at the end of 2024, after many years of dedicated service.



We also said a special farewell to **Hughes and Margaret Roberts** in September.

I want to extend a special and heartfelt "Thank You" to all the members of this team. Even though we were without a Team Elder for more than half a year, we never missed a beat and we still had fun.

Serving on this team requires a huge commitment of time and energy, and these teammates contribute both with a wonderful, caring attitude to this church and the people in it, plus have fun working together.

**We're always looking for more members!**



## **DEACONS QUILT & LAYETTE MINISTRIES - STAN BRIGGS -**

The Deacons serve the church with a ministry of care and concern. We meet monthly to discuss the needs and concerns of church members who have been assigned to an ordained Deacon who is part of our team. Deacons are increasingly more important as members age and tend to be more isolated. We attempt to keep in contact with our list of members by email, phone, cards and personal conversations at church or church functions.

**Many thanks to 2024 team members Sylvia Lonnee, Merry Matlock, Kate Bailey, Sherry Blount, and Ann Kline - with Stan Briggs, moderator.**

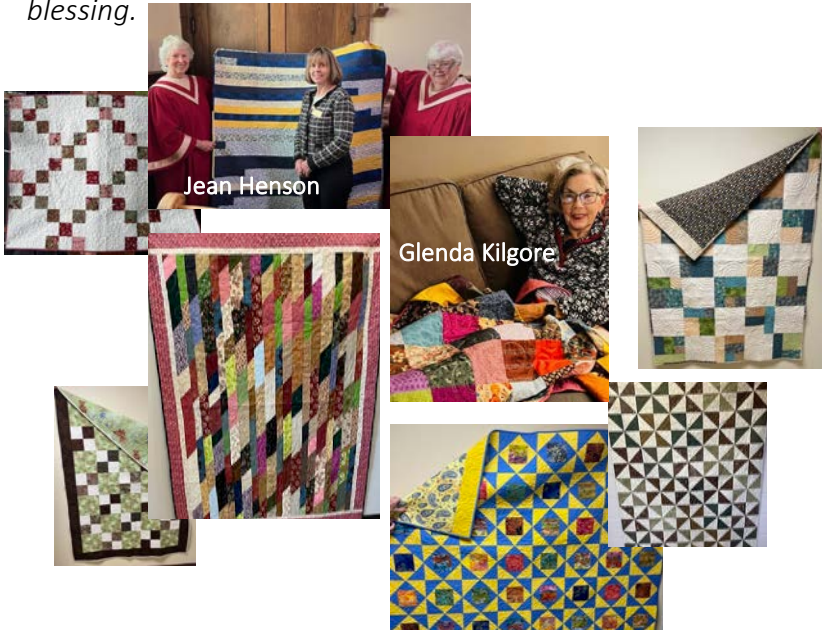
In addition to individual congregant support, the Deacons are responsible for the Prayer Quilt Ministry and the Layette Ministry. The *PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY* team in 2023 was Sylvia Lonnee, Coordinator, Janet Tingle, Debbie MacIntosh, Sarah Cifani, Gail Schaberg, Sylvia Crump, and Clare Bass. The Quilters use their creative talents to complete prayer quilts for church members that provided healing and comfort. Each quilt is lovingly prayed over before being presented to the recipient.



*Quilters—left to right: Debbie, Sylvia, Gail, Sarah, Clare, Janet*



Imagine the warmth and healing powers of a quilt handmade by your church friends which has been blessed and prayed over during a church service by more of your church friends. *What a blessing.*



The **LAYETTE MINISTRY** team of 2024 provided twelve layette sets for newborn babies in need, through Haywood County Department of Health for 6 boys and 6 girls. The Department was very appreciative of the Layette Ministry team in 2024. Each layette set contains a hand knitted sweater with knitted cap, four onesies, two additional caps, a pair of socks, pair of mittens, a pajama set with feet, a bib, a teething toy, another soft toy, wet ones, washcloth, rattle and twenty-four diapers and a blanket. The attempt is to provide the new mother with all the necessary items for care as she and her newborn transition out of the hospital.

The 2024 team consisted of Sylvia Lonnee and Melonie Gross. If you would like to participate in any of these three areas, either by personal involvement or by financial support, please contact incoming Moderator, Merry Matlock, or one of the above team members.

# MOUNTAIN MUNCHERS



Originally named “Boomers” (a nod to the age of its members!) when this group formed a number of years ago, it fell into oblivion during the two-year stretch of COVID. Happily, it came to life again in May 2022, renamed itself “Mountain Munchers,” and has been enjoying dinner and fellowship around town ever since.

The group—generally around 25 folks — gets together on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00. The choice of a local restaurant varies from month to month. It is a wonderful way to get to know your church friends and/or pew mates a little better in an informal evening of dinner and laughter.

Watch for reminders on the website and in the church calendar publications. **JOIN US!**

*“You learn a lot about someone  
when you share a meal together.”  
- Anthony Bourdain*

# FUN & GAMES

## GAME NIGHT

6:30—8:00-ish  
FPCW FELLOWSHIP HALL  
2nd & 4th Mondays

Bring your own drinks & snacks.  
We'll have popcorn & the games!  
*If you have a favorite to play,  
bring it along!!*

Bring a  
friend!

BINGO! (Prizes!)  
Bananagrams  
Rummikub  
Checkers  
Trivial Pursuit  
Password  
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Phase 10  
Hearts  
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Gin/Gin Rummy  
... and more?

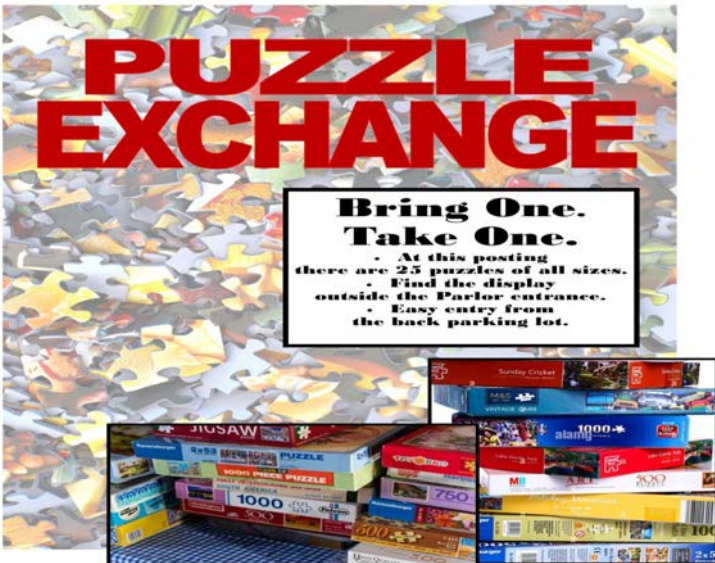
Board Games - Card Games

On-site Instruction!

## PUZZLE EXCHANGE

**Bring One.  
Take One.**

- At this posting there are 25 puzzles of all sizes.
- Find the display outside the Factor entrance.
- Easy entry from the back parking lot.



# **MEN OF THE CHURCH**

## **- VAN DAVIS -**

The men of the church, from First Presbyterian, Waynesville, continue to grow in their faith as they put into practice our church mission statement, to “love God and love our neighbors”

It may seem to some it is all about eating a hearty breakfast once a month on a Wednesday morning, but it goes much deeper than that, but oh, those breakfasts! Jeff Gower is renowned for his blueberry pancakes. They contain so many blueberries, some refer to it as “pancake blueberries!” Sometimes we are blessed with giant biscuits and sausage gravy. We always have scrambled eggs, bacon, and hash browns or grits. Anybody is welcome. And yes ladies, while this is the men’s breakfast, it really means the men run the breakfast, but anybody is invited. **And the men do the dishes too!**

One change this year has been to integrate periodically the men’s breakfasts with some presentations by the Earth Care team. This broadens the participation to more men and women. This will continue in 2025.

A big project this year for many of the men of FPCW, was the deconstruction and building of a new choir loft in our sanctuary. Perhaps you have noticed the choir now faces the congregation, and the choir has been liberated by the removal of the wall. The design and excellent carpentry work was principally that of Rick Croskery, he was assisted by Wes Lee, Morgan McNeill, Eddie Hendrickson, and myself. **[See Pgs. 12 and 15 for photos.]**

And then at the other end of the sanctuary, has anybody noticed the last two pews are now shorter allowing for wheelchair access (out of the center isle) and generally easier access? Morgan McNeil (assisted by a few others) swapped out the long pews with short pews. It was not an easy task. Thanks, Morgan.

Usually the men’s big fundraising effort is parking cars for the two October festivals. But this year’s first festival was canceled due to hurricane Helene and the destruction it brought to our area.

The Helene hurricane disaster in Western North Carolina was terrible, and yet it did allow us to see God at work here in Waynesville, North Carolina. Many, many members of our congregation and others outside of our area helped love others physically, and spiritually through this disaster. First Presbyterian of Waynesville was a focal point of a lot of the community assistance through this disaster.

And then the Apple festival was back on in late October. **With the help of the Air Force Junior ROTC at Tuscola High School we parked hundreds of cars and raised over \$1500 for local ministries.**

**Well done, men!**

## **CRAFTERS**

**- JANET TINGLE -**

Traditionally, the Craft Fairs are held on the 2nd and 3rd weekends on October. With Hurricane Helene playing such a devastating role in the Fall of 2024, we were only able to stage *one* of our Craft Fairs. We have a great team that works hard to be creative and innovative all year long. Monies raised go to support local charities and the craft fairs are always an attraction for Waynesville folks—both visitors and residents.

**Our 2024 profits were distributed as follows:**

- \$ 350.00 donated towards FPC's EPP loan;
- \$1,500.00 sent to Black Mountain Children's Home for rebuilding after Helene;
- \$1,500.00 sent to Mountain Projects, Inc. Emergency Assistance Fund for rebuilding after Helene; and
- \$1,500.00 sent to Haywood Christian Ministries for their heat program.



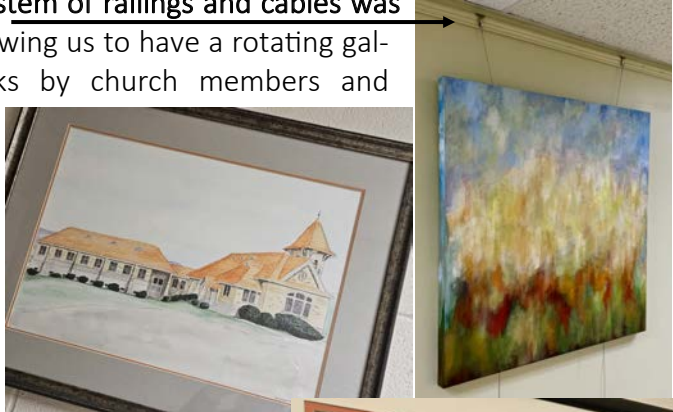


# ART GUILD

A happy result of the construction and renovation involved in the Elevator/Building Project in 2023, FPCW acquired some beautiful art adding color and warmth to the new walls and bare spaces.

THANKS TO **Andrea Croskery, Margaret Roberts and Carolyn DeGrove** for their talent and guidance.

**A hanging system of railings and cables was installed, allowing us to have a rotating gallery of works by church members and friends.**



# THE NEWSLETTER

The purpose of the church's newsletter is to keep members, friends and visitors connected and informed on the activities and events that make FPC Waynesville an involving place.

**We are so grateful to Kathi Armstrong who made the newsletter happen until May of 2024, when other opportunities required that she step away.** Thanks, as well, to all of you for sending in articles, photos and tidbits to share.



If you would consider undertaking this project on a quarterly basis, please contact the church office—828-456-3243.

We'd love to have you with us!

## THE WEBSITE *FPCWAYNESVILLE.ORG*



The current church website has been up and running since 2017 — and tended to by Kristi Siplon, FPCW's Office Manager. In 2022 it underwent a site-wide update and refresh, giving it a more contemporary look and better search positioning on the internet. You will find the full Member Directory, updated frequently, postings of live worship services, the calendar of monthly activities, and reports on many of the doings and events around the church.

*Don't be a stranger! Stay connected!*

# THE CHURCH STAFF

We are very blessed with the staff we have. We thank them for their commitment to making our church experience very, very special....a key support to our tag line of “Welcome Home.” And this starts with Pastor Holly. The Lord is certainly looking after First Presbyterian Church Waynesville. We are grateful.



Rev. Holly K. Davis—*Pastor*

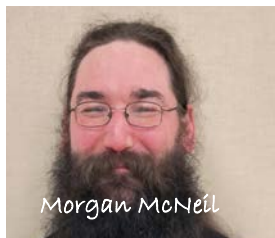
***Music Department Co-Directors:***

Allison Thorp and Diane Combs

***Church Sexton—***Tony Caldwell

***Office Manager—***Kristi Siplon

***Audio/Visual Tech—***Morgan McNeil





## Church Elders—2024

<i>Clerk of Session</i>	RON TINGLE	828-400-6900
Building & Grounds	RICK CROSKERY (2024)	252-413-8737
Discipleship	LAURA JANSON (2026)	828-712-7938
Elder for Deacons	STAN BRIGGS (2024)	941-544-8100
Finance	MIKE MCKINNEY (2025)	828-734-7192
Missions	MELONIE GROSS (2026)	773-405-5889
Personnel	RON TINGLE(2026)	828-400-6900
Worship	WES LEE (2025)	828-400-0037

## Deacons—2024

Stan Briggs, Moderator	
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Ann Kline	828-734-4310
Sylvia Lonnee	828-506-7081
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