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who faithfully
proclaims and lives the
Gospel of Jesus Christ.

2022

ANNUAL REPORT

Sewickley Presbyterian Church



JANUARY



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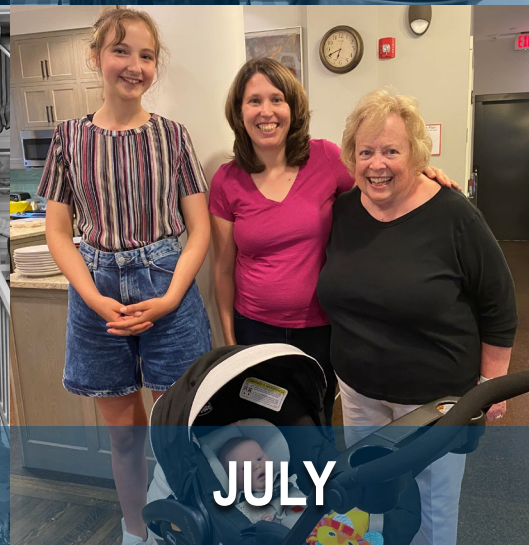
APRIL



MAY



JUNE



JULY



AUGUST



SEPTEMBER



OCTOBER



NOVEMBER



DECEMBER



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Our Mission

To live as a church family, grow as disciples of Christ,
and serve in God's mission.



From Our Pastor



What a year!

As you'll see in our report, this has been a remarkable year.

In our life together, we completed our congregation-wide study of scripture. We've celebrated baptisms, welcomed new members, and watched as our programs returned after several unusual years. We welcomed a new pastor. We watched our care ministry take off as we visit, pray for, and care for one another. It's been a joyful year in the life of our church.

It's also been a year of exciting growth. We've seen several of our staff grow into new positions. We've seen our building and space used in new and exciting ways, from the Robinson room to the Campbell room to the video studio. Our full worship schedule returned, and we saw our attendance grow as a result. It's been a year of joyful growth.

Of course, we've also continued to serve our neighbors. We've fed the hungry, provided school supplies to the children in our community, and supported ministries in our community. We welcomed visitors from around the area and even partners from around the world. It's been a year filled with joyful service.

As a congregation, this past year has been filled with life, growth, and service. Those words should sound familiar – that's who we are. We are a church that lives, grows, and serves.

As we look ahead, we see that God has a lot in store for us in this coming year. We will welcome a new musician, explore updates to our worship space, and continue moving ahead in our pastoral transition. The work we have done has laid the foundation for another year filled with life, growth, and service.

God is doing so much in and through this congregation. This past year has been a wonderful one - I can't wait to see what God has in store for us next!

In Christ,

Rev. Derek R. Davenport



Fun Facts

800

church members

30

new members

64

FriendShip Preschool students

26,836

visits to our website

12

baptisms

8

members who entered
the church triumphant

795

social media followers

46,715

live stream & recorded service views



OUR MOST POPULAR INSTAGRAM POST

Kids' Night Out, October 18 | 125 views & 28 likes



OUR MOST POPULAR YOUTUBE VIDEO

Rev. Davenport Makes an Announcement | April 7 | 361 views



OUR MOST POPULAR FACEBOOK POST

May 23 | 95 likes



Finances

\$1,815,692 2022 Total Income

\$1,810,752.....2021
\$2,132,724.....2020

INCOME DETAILS

Tithes & Offerings..... \$ 1,365,427
Miscellaneous Income*..... \$ 450,265

SPECIAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS

Total for Year**..... \$ 22,651

\$1,758,729 2022 Total Expenses

\$1,817,141.....2021
\$1,806,042.....2020

EXPENSES DETAILS

Administrative..... \$ 137,292
Facilities..... \$ 276,098
Ministries..... \$ 40,657
Mission..... \$ 244,176
Personnel..... \$ 1,001,974
Capital Expenses..... \$ 58,532

MAJOR EMERGENCY REPAIR FUND

2022..... \$ 266,710
2021..... \$ 330,215

UNRESTRICTED ENDOWMENT

2022 End of Year Balance..... \$ 5,236,491
4.5% Draw..... \$ 233,269
2021 End of Year Balance..... \$ 6,060,028
4.5% Draw..... \$ 215,091
2020 End of Year Balance..... \$ 5,450,488
4.5% Draw..... \$ 212,029

STEWARDSHIP

2022 Pledges 225..... \$ 1,181,213
2021 Pledges 239..... \$ 1,188,889
2020 Pledges 212..... \$ 1,155,473

WAYS TO GIVE

Website



Text



Sunday Offering



Planned Giving





Mission Giving

\$212,091
GIVEN TO

46
ORGANIZATIONS
& INDIVIDUALS

Floyd Faulkner, YMCA/Quaker Valley
Disaster Relief
Pittsburgh Presbytery Mission
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Student Aid
WORK
Center for Hope
Czech Republic
Del Ray Ministries
Off the Floor
Urban Impact
Pittsburgh Women's Shelter
Southwestern Baptist Scholarships
Eastern Mennonite University
Bethlehem Haven
Brother's Brother Foundation
Camp Crestfield
Center for Justice & Peacebuilding
Citikidz
Dar Al-Kalima School
Deep Spring International
Faith in Action
Genesis House
Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh
Jewish Family & Children's Services
Ligonier Camp/Conference Center
Locking Arms Men
Medical Benevolence Foundation
Meals on Wheels
Meeting God in Missions
Northside Common Ministries
Pittsburgh Food Bank
Samaritan Counseling Center
Sojourner House
Tent of Nations
The Blessing Board
Open Hands Ministries
The Ladle
Union Aid Society
Schenley Heights for Youth
Global Links
Lancaster Bible College
Water Mission
Tarrant County College
The Center, Midland
First Presbyterian Soup Kitchen
Montreat Conference Center



Adults

SUNDAY DISCIPLESHIP TOPICS

The Story
Living Faith: Caring for Others
A Conversation with Rev. Emily Miller
Wisdom of the Minor Prophets, Dr. Steven Tuell
Everyday Ethics, Dr. Tanner Capps
Living Our Faith in the Community, Floyd Faulkner
Light in the Dark/Grief
Breakfast Club: Coffee & Conversation

SMALL GROUPS & STUDIES

Women's Book Study
Koinonia
Men's Huddle
Journeyman
Bible Basics
Knitting for Mission



CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

In November of 2019, 36 members of our congregation took part in the *Caring Congregations* training with the hopes of creating a team who could support our pastors in providing care to members of our congregation. Due to the COVID pandemic, our efforts were stalled until the Fall of 2021.

Assessing the care needs of our church family, creating a system to track needs, revising our weekly prayer list, clarifying roles of our Deacons and Congregational Care Ministry team (CCM), assigning contact and visitation roles for senior living communities, surveying our church family to gain knowledge about care needed, designing a CCM training class, and recruiting new CCM members were accomplished by the CCM team in 2022.

After this long journey, 17 CCM team members were commissioned on November 6, 2022 to officially begin this valuable ministry.





Youth

62
Youth Participated

HIGHLIGHTS

Youth Sunday
Confirmation Class
High School Laurelville Retreat
Fall Kick-off
High School Breakfasts
Sunday Youth Group
Contemporary Evening Services
High School Senior Recognition
Outdoor Movie Night
Camp Fire
Middle School Pool Party
Crazy Mocha Coffee Hour
Middle School Lock-In
Can I Ask That? Bible Study
All Youth Bowling Night
Christmas Party

SERVICE PROJECTS

Center for Hope Christmas Stocking Project
Quaker Valley Food Relief
Little Pantry Project
Open Hands Ministry
College Care Packages

A SPECIAL VISIT

In July, we hosted Czech Republic student Hana Slamova. Hana is a member of the Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren, one of our mission partners. Hana brought great perspective to our church and our teens especially, blessing us with her voice during worship and helping to lead children's church. She also gave presentations to our staff and a group of us who had previously traveled to the Czech Republic, teaching us about church life in the Czech Republic.





Kids

HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday School
Children's Church
Club 345
Nature Hikes
Vacation Bible School
Parents'/Kids' Night Outs
Christmas Pageant
Fall Festival
S'mores & Movie Night
Family Summer Event

100

Kids Participated

ADJUSTING TO A DIFFERENT WORLD

The year started out in the throes of trying to manage the COVID pandemic, world-wide. This still had an effect on our programs. Thankfully, in the summer months, we saw a big increase in participation and by the time school was back in session events, classes, and activities for our kids were able to resume.

After a two year hiatus, we welcomed back our Christmas Pageant. "A Very Mixed-Up Christmas Pageant" was held on Sunday, December 18 at 10 AM in our dining room.



Highlights

WORSHIP SERVICES RESUME

Prior to the Fall of 2022, we held one morning worship service at 10 AM due to the COVID pandemic. We also held six contemporary evening worship services from February to May. With great joy, we resumed all three church services on September 25 which included: 8 AM in our chapel, and 9 AM and 11 AM in our sanctuary. This was a big step after having gone 30 months of not being able to meet as we had in the past.

CAMPBELL ROOM MAKEOVER

In order to make our meeting spaces more welcoming for people of all ages, the Campbell Room had a small makeover where conference tables and chairs were replaced with couches and comfortable seating. High-top tables with stools were also added along with a coffee pot and new artwork on the walls. This room was used during our Sunday Discipleship hour for the *Breakfast Club: Coffee & Conversation*, a new group for 20, 30 and 40 year olds, as well as for meetings during the week.



JANUARY TO DECEMBER AT A GLANCE

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| Biblical Storyteller visit | Annual Church Picnic |
| Word Sung | Day on the Lawn |
| Marianne Cornetti visit | Center for Hope Monthly Dinners |
| Mardi Gras Pancake Supper | Neighbors in Need collections |
| Lent Suppers & Study | The Ladle Dinners |
| Contemporary Evening Worship Services | Bhutanese Refugee Reunion |
| Sewickley House Tour at the Faith House | Amigos |
| Blanket Sunday | Caring for College Kids |
| Women's Retreat | New Member Orientations |
| Montreat Music Retreat | Christmas Food Baskets |
| Backpacks in July | Advent Lessons & Carols Service |
| Lemonade on the Lawn | Longest Night Service |

SPC TECHNOLOGY

Live streaming our worship services, weddings, and funerals continued to be a popular way to connect our church family and friends. Due to the lack of practical space in our sanctuary to properly manage our live streams, we moved the equipment just below the sanctuary in a room formerly used by Samaritan Counseling Center. Our Video Studio has been a welcome change for the staff members who manage our technology needs.





Staff

(F) Full Time, (P) Part time

OVERVIEW

Our Director of Music Ministries, Craig Dobbins, retired in June after being at SPC for 35 years. Interim organists filled in for the remainder of the year and Ray Blackwell, our Bass Soloist, stepped in to direct our Chancel Choir and music programming for our 8 AM and 11 AM services.

Rev. Barb Kennedy finished up her time with us in March. In May, we welcomed Rev. Emily Miller as our Temporary Associate Pastor.

Mike Creamer was hired as our Director of Youth Ministries in August of 2016. Due to additional responsibilities and the need to adapt to our needs, his position was changed to Ministry Associate for Youth and Young Adults in 2022.

Elizabeth Szuba also had a role change this year. Her focus shifted from being the Youth Program Coordinator to the Director of Congregational Care.

Hanna Mellor and Julia Weicht came our way in the summer of 2022 to get our Children's Ministry program up and running again as co-coordinators. Julia completed the role in August.

In May, the Personnel Committee created a task force to search for a new Choir Director. A lot of time was spent assessing our music needs, including surveying the congregation and staff, creating a job description, and interviewing candidates. As of December 31, the committee completed interviews and auditions.

PASTORS

Rev. Derek R. Davenport, Designated Associate Pastor, Acting Head of Staff (F)
Rev. Emily I. Miller, Temporary Associate Pastor (F)
Rev. Barb Kennedy, Interim Director of Discipleship, (9.2021-3.2022) (P)

ADMINISTRATION

Sharon Barber, Assistant to the Pastor (F)
Laura Mikush, Business Administrator (F)
Tom Lockwood, Custodian (P)
Gretal Tomales, Housekeeper (P)
Joey Tomales, Custodian (F)
Nick Thompson, Custodian (5/7.2022)(P)

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRIES

Mike Creamer, Ministry Associate for Youth & Young Adults (F)
Hanna Mellor, Children's Ministry Coordinator (P)
Elizabeth Szuba, Director of Congregational Care (P)
Julia Weicht, Children's Ministry Coordinator (6/8.2022)(P)

COMMUNICATION & TECHNOLOGY

Dave Breit, Media Engineer (P)
Rici Brockinson, Broadcast Producer (P)
Jennifer Johnson, Director of Communications (F)
Stephanie Smith, Administrative Assistant (F)

FRIENDSHIP PRESCHOOL

Bethany Barber, Classroom Assistant (P)
Dawn Borres, Classroom Assistant (P)
Jessica Carlson, Assistant Teacher (P)
Susan Fox, Teacher (P)
Nancy Friskhorn, Teacher (P)
Erin Leghorn, Director of FriendShip Preschool (P)
Sharon Liberty, Classroom Assistant (P)
Erica Lyons, Classroom Assistant (P)
Gretchen McAdams, Teacher (P)
Sherry Romano, Classroom Assistant (P)
Ashley Raymond, Assistant Teacher (P)
Ann Wood, Teacher (P)

MUSIC MINISTRIES

Ray Blackwell, Interim Choir Director & Bass Soloist (P)
Craig Dobbins, Director of Music Ministries (r. 6.2022)(F)
Jeremy Fisher, Praise Team Director (P)
Xui-Ru Liu, Alto Soloist (P)
Rosie MacKenzie Wyche, Praise Team Vocalist (P)
Anna Singer, Soprano Soloist (P)
Paul Yeater, Tenor Soloist (P)



Leadership

OFFICERS

Ann Strong, President
Dwight Howes, Vice President (left 8.2022)
Hayes Stover, Co-Vice President

Mary Weber, Co-Vice President
Keith Boyer, Treasurer

RULING ELDERs

Deborah Ash
Tim Bingman
Don Birnie
Keith Boyer
Bob Burnham
Annie Geinsheimer
Dorothy Getty
RC Hayden
Nancy House
Dwight Howes
Jana Joseph

Glenis Levine
Beth Rom
Kimberly Safran
Jane Shadle
Jenna Stevenson
Hayes Stover
Ann Strong
Mary Weber
Ray White
Don Zier

BOARD OF DEACONS

Gretchen Burnham
Ron Charles
Syliva Dallas
Debbie Day
Kim Roberts Ference
Eric Fulmer
Tom Getty
Rita Hoepp
Courtney Jones
Carlton Leeper

Jim MacDougall
Gretchen McAdams
Devon Murdoch
Ollie Rea
Natasha Schuyler
Kelly Stover
Tina Thomas
Jenny Valente
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