

2020 Annual Report

White Lick Presbyterian Church



Living into Christ's call for us and our neighbors

Annual Congregational Meeting
Annual Corporation Meeting
White Lick Presbyterian Church
January 31, 2021

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Moderator: Rev. Beau Brown

Attendance: Call for a quorum

Clerk of Session: Ginny Sheets

Meetings of the Congregation

Moderator: Rev. Beau Brown

Purpose of the Congregational meeting

The session shall call an annual meeting of the congregation each year to receive reports of the past year's activities and for the transaction of any business to include but not limited to:

- a) Receive annual reports from the church's ministries (information only)
- b) Receive financial report for the preceding year (information only)
- c) Receive budget for the current year (information only)
- d) Grant permission for the corporation to sell cemetery plots during the ensuring year.

Purpose of the Corporation meeting

The White Lick Presbyterian Church corporation shall be maintained under the laws of the State of Indiana, to receive, hold, and transfer property and to facilitate the management of its temporal affairs on behalf of the congregation.

The Board of Directors, including its officers for the corporation shall be active ruling elders serving on session. The session shall elect officers for the corporation prior to the annual meeting of the congregation. The clerk of session shall serve as secretary for the corporation.

Board of Directors for 2021 as elected by the session on January 17, 2021 are. Erik Johnson President; Vice President Annetta Davis, Ginny Sheets Secretary, and Beth McGuire, Bryan Ruppel and Gerald George Directors.

2020 Annual Report

Moderator Beau Brown

Clerk Ginny Sheets

Copies of the annual report are available at the meeting and were sent electronically to members and friends who have email addresses registered with the church office. Hard copies will be available at the church and mailed upon request.

Annual meeting agenda continued

2020 Financial Report and 2021 Annual Budget

Treasurer Ron Hoke

Budget summaries are included in the Annual Report document of pages 4-5. The session has the responsibility for review of the financial status of the church and the approval of the annual budget. Details of final income and expenditures and the entire annual budget are available for review. Treasurer Ron Hoke shall make the presentation on behalf of the Finance Team.

Recess the Congregational Meeting

Moderator Beau Brown

Convene the Business Meeting of the Corporation

President Erik Johnson

The congregational meeting is recessed to conduct the business meeting of the corporation as follows:

Sale of cemetery plots:

Cemetery Plots were sold to the following individuals during 2020:

- Lynn Turner on behalf of her father, Richard Johnson

The Buildings and Grounds Team recommends:

The congregation of White Lick Presbyterian Church grant permission to sell cemetery plots at White Lick Cemetery for the year 2021. Approval will enable the Building and Grounds Team, acting under the authority of the session to sell cemetery plots without calling a special meeting during the year. Notification of any sale shall be recorded with the Board of Directors of White Lick Presbyterian Church as well as Whitewater Valley Presbytery.

Receive the 2020 annual financial statement as recorded in the Annual Report.

Receive the 2021 annual budget.

Adjourn the Corporation Meeting.

Reconvening the Annual Congregational Meeting

Moderator Rev. Beau Brown

Adjourn the Annual Meeting with prayer.

Financial Report

December 31, 2020

INCOME:

Giving Cards (pledges)	\$116,060.36
Non-pledged (regular givers)	21,446.28
Loose/plate offering	367.00
Per Capita share	1,439.56
Flowers (lily & poinsettia)	20.00
Kitchen Luncheon Jar	150.00
Youth Group	65.70
Stewardship envelopes	38.60
Special Mission (PAL)	500.00
Miscellaneous income	65.53
TOTAL INCOME	\$140,153.03

EXPENSES:

Pastoral staff	\$ 64,021.29
Clerical support	2,127.00
Contracted staff (organists)	8,400.00
Employer payroll expenses	231.59
Administrative	3,378.61
Buildings and Grounds	23,615.71
Worship: Bridge Pastor	2,328.75
Worship	546.40
Education	57.50
Outreach	4,600.93
Hospitality/Deacons/Session	858.49
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$110,166.27

INCOME over expense \$ 29,986.76

Fund Balances

December 31, 2020

01 General	\$68,778.20	36 Easter Sunrise	223.06
05 Deacons	2,309.45	39 Celebration Sunday	2,128.09
10 Pastor Benevolence	780.74	40 Music	152.58
15 Pastor's 403B	1,000.00	41 Weddings	1,039.77
20 Offerings (pass thru)	125.50	50 Capital Projects	18.00
21 Denny Mission	8,085.59	70 Bldg Maintenance	2,202.99
28 Church Pentecost	434.00	73 Kitchen	138.24
29 Church Peacemaking	702.50	80 Memorial	10,314.62
30 Youth	1,354.92	81 Cemetery	3,845.69
35 Special Mission	430.14	TOTAL	\$104,064.08

Technology Project: \$12,308.52 (funded by Presbytery Grant \$1,750.00, Center for Congregations Grant \$4,228.00, Technology Fund \$100.81, Memorial Fund \$6,229.71)

New Covenant Mutual Funds \$ 1,196.82

PILP Mortgage Balance \$51,546.30 (interest rate 3.5%, payoff Sep 2022)

2021 Budget (Session approved 12/15/20)

INCOME:

Giving cards (pledges)	\$125,730
Non-pledge (regular givers)	26,788
Loose/plate offering	2,000
Per Capita share	2,000
Flowers	300
Kitchen Fund	600
Study books & materials	150
Youth Group	1,500
Stewardship envelopes	150
Miscellaneous	100

TOTAL INCOME **\$159,318**

EXPENSES:

Pastoral staff	\$ 69,294 (Apr-Dec)
Clerical support	4,500
Professional contracted staff	8,400
Employer TAX	345
Administrative	5,350
Buildings and Grounds	57,006
Worship	1,350
Pulpit supply	4,000 (Jan-Mar)
Education	1,700
Outreach	5,473
Hospitality/Deacons/Session	1,900

TOTAL EXPENSE **\$159,318**

Finance Team: Annetta Davis, Shirley Halterman, Erik Johnson, Ron Hoke, Treasurer

Proposed Terms of Call for a new Pastor

Salary	
Housing	
Effective Salary	55,000
Self Employment Tax (7.65%)	4,208
BoP Pension & Insurance (37%)	20,350
BoP Dental plan	1,000
BoP Vision plan	100
Mileage reimbursement	2,800
Continuing education	1,500
Moving Expense	4,500
Total Pastor Expense Budget	89,458

4 weeks annual paid vacation, including four Sundays
 2 weeks annual paid professional development leave

2020 Officers

Deacons

<u>Class of 2020</u>	vacant
<u>Class of 2021</u>	Mary Ann Hoke Diana Temple Jeanette Blackstone
<u>Class of 2022</u>	Sara Edwards Lynn Turner Jackie Rosales

Elders

<u>Class of 2020</u>	Diane Buxton Virginia Sheets
<u>Class of 2021</u>	Annetta Davis Gerald George
<u>Class of 2022</u>	Erik Johnson Beth McGuire

Nominating Committee - 2020

Erik Johnson, Moderator
Mary Ann Hoke, (Deacons)
Carol Johnson, (PW)
Shirley Halterman (member-at-large)
Amy Chambliss (inactive ruling elder)

2020 Corporation Officers

Erik Johnson, President
Diane Buxton, Vice President
Virginia Sheets, Secretary
Session members

Pastor Nominating Committee

Cassie Brooks
Amy Chambliss
Annetta Davis
Sara Edwards
Beth McGuire
Cara Miller
Bryan Ruppel

2020 Membership Report

prepared by Shirley Halterman, clerk of session emeritus

Active Membership as of 12/31/2016		104
Active Membership as of 12/31/2017		93
Active Membership as of 12/31/2018		87
Active Membership as of 12/31/2019		85
Active Membership as of 12/31/2020		78
Gains:		0
Losses:		7
Deaths:		
R.E. Tom Jackson – 5/2/2020		2
Gretchen Peterson—11/29/2020		
Removed from the rolls:		4
Evelyn McKee		
Susan and Tim Moore		
Amber Steele		
Members transferred:		1
Sarah Hofmann		
Active Membership as of 12/31/2020		78



Session Report Living into Christ's Call for Us and Our Neighbors

Remembering Saints who passed in 2020:
Ruling Elder Tom Jackson passed away on May 2, 2020.
Gretchen Peterson passed away on November 29, 2020

Pastoral Changes

Rev. Dr. Galen Schwartz served as Bridge Pastor from November 24, 2019 to February 2, 2020.

Rev. David A. Choate transferred from Cincinnati to White Lick on February 1, 2020. He served White Lick as Interim Pastor until December 24, 2020.

COVID impacts our church

- March 15 was the last worship service conducted in the sanctuary until September 13.
- Zoom was used to broadcast worship until equipment was purchased for livestreaming through Facebook and YouTube.
- Session meetings were held via Zoom.
- Congregational gatherings were held via Zoom during the summer.
- Beth McGuire instituted online giving through the church's website with the assistance of the Presbyterian Foundation.
- Session approved submission of two technology grants. (See Tech Team for details)
- With the assistance of Lynn Turner, the Carrier Corporation donated an Opti Clean Air Scrubber for use in the church to assist in reducing potential air born infections.
- The Pastor Nominating Committee met throughout the year but was unsuccessful in procuring a potential candidate due to the uncertainties of the coronavirus.

It took us a couple months to determine how to maintain our connection within the congregation and with our neighbors when the "Stay at Home" orders were first implemented in mid-March. No one could have anticipated that the church would be closed until September and would open only with great caution as the virus continued to spread throughout the year. Luckily, few members were infected and no deaths although everyone felt the impacts.

However, our church remained active and by late summer our schedule was beginning to look like our normal cyclical events that everyone enjoys. White Lick is blessed with a wonderful congregation which continued to support financially and with their time throughout a very difficult year.

The session is proud to present to 2020 Annual Report with thanks to all who continue to witness to the love of Jesus in a very disrupted world.

Board of Deacons



2020 Deacons l-r: Jackie Rosales (Secretary), Sara Edwards, Jeanette Blackstone, Mary Ann Hoke (Moderator), Diana Temple and Lynn

Turner (not pictured). During this year of the pandemic, we held our monthly Deacon meetings in Brownsburg Library, Arbuckle Park, and a restaurant.

“Deacon’s hearts go out to those in distress, to members who have suffered loss; to neighbors in the hospital; to prisoners; to friends who have lost their jobs; to new parents who are confused by a wonderful, sudden, and challenging change in the responsibilities of life; to new members who need a word of welcome; to members who are shut-in and lonely and cannot leave their homes; to people in the community who have lost their way and can no longer find God; to those who are economically depressed and do not have adequate places to live or enough to eat; to any people who need to experience the love of Christ in concrete ways.” Earl S. Johnson, Jr. The Presbyterian OUTLOOK

CARE GROUPS

- assigned all 63 church families to a care group;
- introduced new deacons to their care group members;
- discussed care group joys and concerns at each monthly deacon meeting;
- focused on building relationships with care group members throughout the year;
- provided personal contacts with care group members (at Sunday services and by telephone, emails and texts);
- sent greeting cards to care group members (Birthday, Anniversary, Valentine’s Day, St Patrick’s Day, Easter, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Sympathy, Get well, Thinking of You, etc.);
- addressed special needs of care group members throughout the year

COMMUNION

- because of the pandemic, the liturgist and Pastor conducted communion during in-person and online church services. Prepackaged communion elements were used during the pandemic.

FUNERAL LUNCHEONS

- funeral services were not conducted during the pandemic and there were no funeral luncheons

MEMORIAL GIFTS AND PRAYERS

- made memorial gifts and offered special prayers in memory of Tom Jackson, Richard Johnston, Cathryn McBride, Clarece Owen, and Gretchen Peterson.

PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

- conducted the Women’s Retreat in August for 20 people; -served a light breakfast and box lunch; Deb Mitchell was the program leader.

- planned a *Maskerade* Bingo night for 23 people on the last Saturday in October; participants encouraged to decorate a COVID 19 mask and a pumpkin; played bingo; provided prepackaged refreshments for the event and prizes for the best mask, best pumpkin and bingo.
- collected and sold aluminum cans (\$51) to help fund deacon projects and activities.
- due to the pandemic, the Family Game Night and the Mission Quartet events were canceled but the other activities were successful even during these difficult times.

Scenes from August Women’s Retreat:



Buildings and Grounds

prepared by Bryan Ruppel

Cemetery

Interments: David Bowman. Non-member. Decorated WWII veteran and Richard Johnson, Father of member Lynn Turner. The cemetery was maintained this year by the Brooks family. Thanks to Eric, Cassie, Mason, and Owen for keep this peaceful place so beautiful.

June 13 workday

17 church members participated in a workday. The group cleaned, weeded, power-washed, and got the church grounds and cemetery looking nice for the summer. We receive many comments from those passing the church regarding how nice it looks. It is not uncommon to find that our outdoor worship center being used by bikers, walkers, and others looking for a quiet, meditative space.

September 19 workday

“Paint the church” was the work chant as members took paint brushes to the shutters and south entrance of the church. The handrails were given a fresh coat of paint and the pillars on the east entrance. A new mailbox was installed to complement the new front yard signage.



Church Signage

Thanks to Cassie Brooks work who purchased new signage from Schaefer Sign Works for the church yard and nearby road crossings. The new look not only replaces the old worn signs but gives an updated look.

Church yardwork:

- The prayer trail was upgraded with fresh paint and new scripture verses provided by church members.
- The outdoor worship center was cleaned and the deck re-stained. Unfortunately due to the continuing restrictions from COVID, we were unable to use the center this summer.
- The front of the barn was painted and the inside re-organized (again).
- Outdoor lighting at Christmas time gave the church a friendly and welcoming appearance on our dark corner.
- Re-caulking of expansion joint between ADA ramp and church building was completed to prevent water damage.
- The flower beds were weeded and added plants which kept the beds blooming all summer.

Indoors

- A new AC unit was required.
- An air cleaner was installed in the sanctuary thanks to Lynn Turner and Carrier Corporation.
- Sisters of Shine continues to provide cleaning service.

Christian Education and Discipleship

prepared by Mary Mitchell and Ginny Sheets

Seasons of Life

Singles and Seniors Saturday morning seminars were held in February and March:

Becoming a Caregiver

Final Arrangements

Who is in Charge? (Legal)

Hendricks Senior Services center, a local elder care attorney, and an enforcement officer (fraud/scam) provided expertise on the subjects presented.

Sunday School: Children

From March to Sept. Mary Mitchell recorded "Social Distancing Sunday School" videos that were shared on the White Lick Presbyterian Facebook group and are available on YouTube. Once the church opened and services started being live-streamed in September, Mary Mitchell started offering a children's message during the worship services. Sunday school hand-outs are made available for students to do during worship as well.

Sunday School: Adults

White Fragility book study led by Pastor Choate

Why Christianity Must Change or Die led by Pastor Choate

Monday Study Group

Met at Neighborhood Care retirement center and transitioned to Zoom due to COVID. This group has a regular attendance of around twelve spread from Downers Grove and Peoria, Illinois; locations around Indianapolis and Hartford City, IN. This year the group studied:

Jesus Before the Gospels by Bart Ehrman

Mere Christianity by C. S. Lewis

Book of Genesis led by Rev. Katherine Rieder

Annunciations: Disruption and Invitation prepared by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Wednesday Advent Study

A small group met during Advent via Zoom to study *Annunciations: Disruption and Invitation* prepared by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. The study featured multiple video clips of current disasters and related those victims to the scripture studies of Zechariah, Elizabeth, Joseph and Mary.

Virtual Gingerbread House decorating contest: Due to COVID, the annual Gingerbread House decorating event was done virtually. Participants were given gingerbread house kits and submitted photos on the church's Facebook group. Winners were given gift cards to a local restaurant.

Physical Fitness @ WLPC:

Core Strength Fitness was led by Cassie Brooks prior to the closure of the church.

During November and December Mary Mitchell offered 3 yoga classes on Saturday mornings and yoga sessions on the 4 Sundays of Advent. Advent Yoga was offered both in person and via Zoom.

Hospitality

Prepared by Sara Edwards

MISSION STATEMENT: *To serve God by encouraging our faith community and welcoming everyone with love, friendship and care. This includes working with other teams to create a welcoming atmosphere in and around the Church.*



FOCUS: The year 2020 was certainly a challenge for the Church and its congregation! Although the main responsibility for this team has been the planning, preparation and cleaning up of Fellowship Lunches on most Sundays during the year, that stopped the middle of March, due to COVID restrictions. Consequently, the purchase of kitchen staples and supplies almost stopped. With church closed and committee meetings switched to virtual, there was no reason to keep the kitchen stocked and open.

The cleaning service that does the Church suspended their visits briefly, until there was more activity at the Church. When they resumed, they began sanitizing handles, light switches and furniture in the sanctuary. Some changes were made to their routine to include emptying all wastebaskets, changing paper towels and bathroom tissue. These additions were needed due to the loss of our dear Tom Jackson, who was volunteer custodian for many years.

Seasonal flower arrangements continued to be updated, especially in the Welcome Center. When the Presbyterian Women's group decided to continue the annual Chili Supper, adjustments were made in the kitchen and Fellowship Hall to accommodate the newly- envisioned Chili Drive- Thru.

HANGING OF THE GREEN (as I prefer to call it, since "greens" sounds like spinach or kale) was certainly different this year. It was decided that we should decorate only the front of the Church, since the back of the Church was virtually closed. Rather than the usual Y'all-Come- Sing-and-Eat event, the limited decorations were assigned to specific individuals who did their area and left. The one area of decorations that expanded was outside the Church. Session applauded Beth McGuire's idea to light up the Church as a message to all that, no matter how grim the circumstances, White Lick spirit was ALIVE! Solar-powered candles were placed in several windows. The South and East entrances were decorated with greenery, lights and bows. Timers turned on the lights after dark, including a spotlight on our manger scene. The effect was beautiful! Dismantling and storing décor was done in assigned stages to limit the number of people working at the Church at the same time.

As a new year begins, we look forward to the time when the Church Family can be together again in a more normal way.

Mission and Outreach Team

prepared by Shirley Halterman

Wow, what a year! The COVID-19 shutdown slowed our roll a bit mid-year, but White Lick came through strong by year end.

In January, the Turners served lunch at Good News Mission. As COVID hit we were unable to participate any longer. We look forward to discovering how WLPC might be able to continue to serve the folks at Good News Mission in 2021.

We supported PAL with a donation of \$500 in August.

In early September, we collected hygiene products for Family Promise. I delivered several boxes packed with your donated items and then offered to help stock their shelves. That experience started my desire to volunteer at Family Promise. I truly enjoy representing WLPC every week. The need in Hendricks County is great and this is a fine organization with a dedicated staff.

At Christmas, we decided to support the Family Promise Santa Shop to make our giving a little simpler. I was overwhelmed with your response. Week after week you kept filling the bins in the Welcome Center. We packed my SUV with 6 extra-large tubs of toys, gifts, hats, gloves, etc. I was so proud to deliver the items on behalf of White Lick. Thank you very much for your generosity. We also were able to give \$500 to the FP Thrive 365 Program.



Treasurer, Ron Hoke and I worked together to determine the past amounts in the designated funds that need to be released to the PCUSA Presbyterian Mission Agency. In the future, the Mission Team will be responsible for promoting and reporting on the four special offerings (One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost, Peacemaking and Joy Offerings.)

The Mission Team is looking for folks who would like to join Deanna, Diane, Cara and me to focus on Mission Outreach in Hendricks County. Please let me know if you are interested. We will meet via Zoom on the second Tuesday of the month.

If you are looking for more hands-on volunteer opportunities. Family Promise now has locations in Plainfield and Brownsburg. You can volunteer to work a 2-3 hour shift, weekly, monthly or as you are available. I have performed a lot of different tasks since I joined up: stocking the supply room with donations, helping clients select needed items, cleaning the kitchen and bathrooms, addressing thank you notes, answering phones, and scanning assistance requests, etc. I am sure they can find something that interests you. If you would like to pursue volunteering, just let me know or contact Lisa Ochoa, Family Promise Volunteer Coordinator, directly at 317-296-3742.

P A L

Parents of Addicted Loved Ones

Prepared by Diane Buxton and Jeanette Krohne

Diane is pictured in back row; far left; now serving as a regional coordinator for PAL.

Jeanette is center front. Picture taken at the annual golf fundraiser.



MISSION: PAL provides hope, through education and support, to parents of addicted loved ones.

Last year we could not believe we passed 8 years at the end of October 2020 meeting at White Lick 😊

A lot of growth not only nationally but here in Indiana continues to happen.

- Nationally we now have 162 meetings in 40 states versus last year 136 meetings in 35 states.
- Here in Indiana, there are 15 meetings (Up 2 from last year)

PAL at White Lick

With God's help we continue to give hope, support, and education to 10-30 members every Thursday night.

As everyone else, it has been a challenge with COVID. We did meet by Zoom in the beginning. We are now meeting in-person; mandatory masks; staying 6 ft apart and wiping down all chairs and tables after meeting.

We have raised money for PAL for the past 3 years with our PAL Indiana Golf Outing in the fall (It costs \$250 to start a new meeting).

Overdoses and suicides have increased 50% from last year and EMT's have used 62% more Naloxone, a reversal drug for an overdose. (The church does have Naloxone in the office)

Please pray for those that suffer from this disease and their families and please let people know about PAL and they are not alone.

We are humbled that God is using us and thankful we lived it so we can help others. We are thankful for our White Lick Family that continues to pray and support us. We are thankful for PW and Mission Team for their generous gift to help start new PAL meetings in Indiana/U.S. and to be able to purchase the books needed for our group.



White Lick Presbyterian Women (PW)

Prepared by Deanna Ruppel, Moderator

PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

Chili supper preparations to support the drive-through carry out meal.



PW – Our Purpose (source PCUSA.org)

Everything we do as an organization and as a community is guided by our PW Purpose, and that includes ministry, resources and relationships. Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves

- to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study,
- to support the mission of the church worldwide,
- to work for justice and peace, and
- to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

All women are invited to participate in White Lick Presbyterian Women. Prior to COVID, we normally met the third Monday of the month, at 7:00 pm, at the Church. This year, while dealing with the COVID obstacle, we would meet outside when needed (to plan particular events) or

converse via email to make needed decisions. At our final meeting (of 2020) we agreed, going forward, the secretary or the moderator would send out an email (to all) at the beginning of each month. The object of this email message will be to reach a consensus on whether or not the PW group needs to meet that month or not. We will continue to conduct business this way, one month at a time, while COVID continues to pose a threat.

PW Activities and Projects:

- Collected and delivered Mother’s Day gift bags to the women of Sheltering Wings.
- Organized the annual Chili Supper (this year with a COVID “twist” = drive thru pickup) on November 7th .
- Assembled and delivered Christmas Cheer Baskets on December 13th .

PW Donations:

Pittsboro Church Food Pantry (\$200)	Least Coin Offering (\$120.90)
Good News Mission (\$800)	Sheltering Wings (\$400)
PAL Donation (\$200)	

PW Officers: *Deanna Ruppel* ~ Moderator, *Sara Edwards* ~ Secretary, and *Lynn Turner* ~ Treasurer



WLPC Tech Team

Prepared by Ginny Sheets

Members: Shirley Halterman, Annetta Davis, Bryan Ruppel, Amy Chambliss, Ginny Sheets



The onset of the coronavirus, forced our church to address some technology issues long overdue to keep us current with the demands of a modern church. Technology upgrades have enabled us to maintain contact with our church community and neighbors.

When we closed the church to comply with the “Stay at Home” orders in March, we were able to immediately go to Zoom to provide worship and hold vital meetings. Thanks to Pastor Choate and Jacob Pruis for adapting to the demands of Zoom as we all stayed home until September.

Recognizing that many churches needed help with technology, both the Center for Congregations and the Whitewater Valley Presbytery announced grants to congregations in April. White Lick applied for and received a \$4,228 grant from the Center for Congregations and a \$1,750 grant from the presbytery to purchase equipment. We ended up using slightly more than \$6,000 of church funds as we replaced the dysfunctional sound system in the sanctuary since we needed a robust sound system for live streaming.

All the needed components came together in September as we transitioned from Zoom worship to worship through Facebook Live and YouTube, the two major platforms all churches use. It took longer than we thought as once we entered into the project, we realized the complexity of the equipment needed and the worldwide competition to purchase equipment for livestreaming. Final sound components—the microphones were installed in December, having been backordered for months.

Besides upgrading the sound system in the sanctuary, a new projector displays the order of worship and announcements since we have gone paperless.

A computer, camera, and vMix software were purchased for the livestreaming. We also upgraded our music licenses for livestream broadcasting to cover copyright requirements. Our prize purchase is the antique rolltop desk that is now the center for our Sunday morning online efforts. We are most thankful for the technical assistance of Brad Douglas from Designed Sound and Craig Shaw from the presbytery who taught us the capacity of the vMix software.

During 2021, the team welcomes others who would like to be involved in learning the technology and software. We are still learning the capabilities of the system that will allow us to do much more than the basics of Sunday morning worship.

Worship Team Annual Report

Prepared by Amy Chambliss

Deuteronomy 31:8

“The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged”.

Team: The Rev. David A. Choate, Mary Mitchell, Diane Buxton, Jan Farnsley, Amy Chambliss



Meetings were held on the following dates and met primarily via Zoom. February 16, April 24, May 17, July 26, August 30, September 20, October 25, December 6.

Ash Wednesday service was cancelled due to inclement weather. March 15 was the last service in the church. Zoom began March 22 and continued until September 13 when in-sanctuary worship was resumed. In September we began to livestream our worship services to Facebook Live and YouTube which continued for the rest of the year.

World Communion Sunday October 4. Members of the worship team and congregation participated in the Call to Worship by saying the phrase, “Praise the Lord” in different languages. Mary Mitchell-Sanskrit, Diane Buxton-Italian, Amy Chambliss-French, Israel Rosales-Spanish, Rev. David Choate-Hebrew. Betsy Spencer loaned several items from around the world, to be used as a display on the Communion Table.

The Longest Night Service was held December 20 and was taped after the 10:30 Service. The service was livestreamed at 5pm. The Christmas Eve service was held at 5pm. The people in attendance were the Tech Team, the readers, the pastor and his wife, the organist, and a few members and friends of the congregation. It was requested that people stay home, stay safe, and watch the service with their loved ones.

The December 27 worship service was provided by the presbytery. This service was a blessing and a gift for weary ministry teams, Tech Teams, musicians, and pastors in need of a break from a year that has been a strain on everyone.



Our Church @ Worship, Work & Service





