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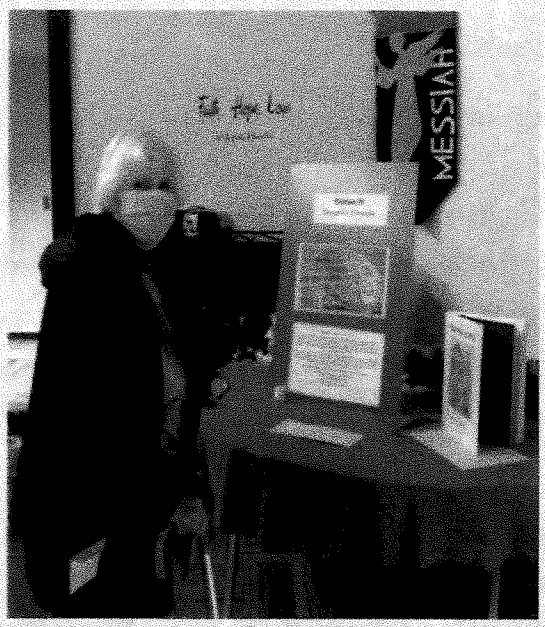

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ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 19, 2020

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In Loving Memory

John 11:25-26 Jesus said [to her], "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

The Following Members Joined the Church Triumphant

Norman Mallory	March 22, 2020
Monte Moore	December 11, 2020

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2020 CHURCH OFFICERS * SAME SLATE AS 2019

DUE TO PANDEMIC CHURCH CLOSURES

SESSION

CLASS OF 2020	CLASS OF 2021	CLASS OF 2022
Jacquelin Moore*	Ian Sanderson	Sid Long (2nd Term)
Marcia Williams*	Kathy Orsi	Bob Jorgensen**
Mary Sue Rhoads	Larry Robinson*	Eve Nighswonger

Clerk of Session: Marsha Jeffries

**President of Corporation, *Trustee

TRUSTEES OF THE CORPORATION

CLASS 2020	CLASS OF 2021	CLASS OF 2022
Jacquelin Moore	Larry Robinson	Bob Jorgensen**
Marcia Willams		

BOARD OF DEACONS

CLASS OF 2020	CLASS OF 2021	CLASS OF 2022
Printha Worthen	Cathy Hollenback	Julee Estes
Marsha Robinson	Cindi Hood	Crystal Sanderson
		Nancy Jorgensen

2021 NOMINATING COMMITTEE (ALL EXTENDED FROM 2020)

Chair, Rep: Sid Long
Session Rep: Larry Robinson
Deacon Rep: Marsha Robinson
Representative at Large: Nancy Jorgensen
Representative at Large: Holly Lanigan
Representative at Large: Isabel Rogerson

2020 OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the Nominating Committee did not meet in person this year, but 2020 chairman Larry Robinson contacted the Elders and Deacons in the Class of 2020 to see if they would serve another year if re-elected. They all agreed! Sid Long contacted the 2020 Nominating committee with the same question. None resigned.

At its November 2020 meeting Session voted to present to the congregation at its Annual Meeting (or its virtual counterpart) the following slate of nominees:

ELDERS Class of 2021
Ian Sanderson (Extended 2020 term)
Kathy Orsi (Extended 2020 term)
Larry Robinson (Extended 2020 term)

DEACONS Class of 2021
Marsha Robinson (Extended 2020 term)
Printha Worthen (Extended 2020 term)

2021 NOMINATING COMMITTEE (All Extended from 2020)
John Carrick, ex officio
Nancy Jorgensen, representative at large
Holly Lanigan, representative at large
Sid Long, Elder representative, chair
Larry Robinson, Session representative
Marsha Robinson, Deacon representative
Isabel Rogerson, representative at large

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Robinson and Sid Long

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Lay Leaders

Lori Cole
Julee Estes
Tara Estes
Nan Halstead
Cathy Hollenback
Bob Jorgensen
Sid Long
Jacque Moore
Eve Nighswonger
Isabel Rogerson
Marcia Williams
Printha Worthen
Steve Worthen

Greeters & Ushers

Charletta Evans
Cathy Hollenback
Roen Mallory
Jim and Marsha Jeffries
Emmitt Sanderson
Joden Stickels
Printha Worthen
Marsha and Larry Robinson

Coffee Hour Hosts

Colleen Cleary
Julee Estes
Charletta Evans
Marsha Jeffries
Pat Long
Roen Mallory
Mary Sue Rhoads
Marsha and Larry Robinson
Crystal and Ian Sanderson

Media Room

Kathy Orsi
Gary Champlin
Pastor John Carrick

Newsletter

Sid and Pat Long
Pastor John Carrick
Larry and Marsha Robinson
Gary Champlin and Eve Nighswonger

Website

Gary Champlin
Pastor John Carrick

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CHURCH STAFF

Pastor John Carrick	Pastor
Sylvia Burns	Director of Music/Bookkeeper
Vicki Hautala	Secretary
Socorro Jara	Custodian
Jessica Ferguson	Nursery Care

SUNDAY SERVICES

Morning Worship	10:00 a.m./video worship
Church School	10:00 a.m.

Communion is served on the First Sunday of each Month

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Facilities Committee	1st Sunday 11:30 a.m.
Deacons Meeting	3rd Sunday, 11:30 a.m.
Chancel Choir	Sept-May) Tuesdays 4:00 p.m.
Budget and Finance	Second Wednesday 4:30 p.m.
Christian Education Committee	Second Thursday 2:00 p.m.
Worship Committee	Second Thursday 3:30 p.m.
Cultural Exchange/Intercambio	Second Thursday 6:00 p.m.
Session Meeting	Fourth Thursday 4:30 p.m.
Presbyterian Fellowship	1st & 3rd Thursdays 1:30 p.m.
Pastor's Bible Study	2nd & 4th Thursdays 10:00 a.m.

The church was closed on March 15, 2020, due to the global Covid pandemic. Following that date, worship was by video and meetings were held by Zoom

Pastor's Annual Report 2020

The Covid19 Pandemic transformed our world this past year and continues to change all that we do as a church. As of March 15th, we stopped meeting in person at the church for Sunday worship. We quickly transitioned to having a "Virtual Worship Service." The first few Sundays these services were posted on our website in segmented video clips that had to be played individually. For Good Friday, we had our first Youtube video and for Easter Sunday we started having regular services posted on Youtube that were also available as embedded video on our website and posted on Facebook.

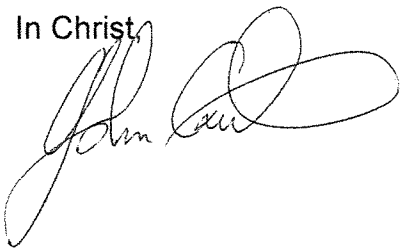
2020 became a year of videotaping, photography, sermons preached with a teleprompter, hymns and liturgy videotaped and uploaded to video-editing software to create an image rich and tightly edited video to upload to Youtube. All of this required a lot of technical adaptation and learning and a great deal of time. I am pleased with how these virtual services provided a means of worship through this pandemic and how well the congregation was held together as a result.

The congregation continued to give faithfully through the year so that we did not face financial hardship as a church. We did lay off our secretary and custodial staff as the building was not being used much at all. Thanksgiving dinner was still possible in a completely new format, while the Easter dinner had to be canceled. We were able to provide a walk-through Advent program and video version as well as a video service for Christmas Eve.

People who would have rolled-off of Session and Deacons graciously accepted the call to continue in these unprecedented times. The Pandemic continues unabated at the end of 2020. The Political situation in our nation has brought deep division and a sense of great uncertainty. This has been a difficult time for everyone, but thanks be to God that we have not lost anyone in our congregation due to the pandemic. A few of our saints have joined the church triumphant for other causes, but our congregation has stood together to care for one another. The Deacons have done a tremendous job throughout the year in keeping care ministry going.

Making plans for the future is difficult under these circumstances, but we are hopeful and committed to being ready to serve when and where we can. God bless this congregation as we move faithfully forward.

In Christ,



Worship Committee Annual Report: 2020

"For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations."
Psalm 100:5

What a year this has been...

January, February, March 2020:
The Worship Committee met monthly to plan the work of the church around music and Sunday morning worship: resuming choir rehearsals, using the 'old' bulletin format with the order of worship, discussing plans for Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Easter and the Petker choral workshop. Plans were discussed, decisions made, Lenten themes developed and the palms were ordered. And then Covid-19 reared it's ugly head.

At our March 12th Worship meeting we canceled the upcoming potluck, cancelled the Petker choral workshop and discussed how to go forward safely with the virus. And then on Sunday, March 16th Session along with Pastor John made the decision to cancel all upcoming events, activities and in-person worship. And in that moment, worship at First Presbyterian Church changed to an on-line, virtual experience.

What a change; what a challenge; what a learning curve...

Pastor John assisted by Sylvia and the music team of Printha, Steve and Sandra quickly jumped on board and we all found ourselves in a new world with different ways to worship.

Worship has continued every Sunday in this new format, with music, monthly communion, fun, creative messages for the kids, beautiful photos and committed lay leaders. In October we enjoyed a couple of Drive-In services and at least got to see one another—masks and all.

In December (with approval of Mendocino County Public Health) Pastor John put together an in-house event called Stations of the Nativity. Church members and friends could call ahead, make a reservation and enjoy a Covid-safe time of reflection and meditation during the Advent season. The facility was transformed utilizing the sanctuary, Sunday School classrooms and social hall with scripture, music and candlelight. It was a blessing for everyone who was able to attend. For those unable to attend, the Stations were also video-taped and could be viewed on-line.

Another special gift to the congregation was the beautiful candle-light Christmas Eve virtual service written and presented by Pastor John, Sandra and Sydney.

For the foreseeable future, our virtual worship will continue with hopes that sometime in 2021 we will be able to meet together in-person for worship. In spite of the pandemic, our virtual services have been a blessing and a joy and a way to stay connected through our love for Christ, for one another and for our community.

In grateful appreciation,
Marcia Williams, Sylvia Burns, Lori Cole, Marsha Jeffries, Isabel Rogerson and Claudelle Zack

Christian Ed Annual Report 2020

The Christian Ed Committee consists of Mary Sue Rhoads, Chair, Marcia Williams, Pat Long and Pastor John Carrick. Mary Sue and Marcia share teaching Sunday school, usually September through June. Pat Long helps in the Nursery when our regular nursery worker, Jessica Ferguson is unable to attend.

2020 started strong. We were meeting monthly and had quite a few events on the calendar...

*Friday, January 17th Pizza & Game Night
*Adult Morning Bible Study, 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 10 a.m.
*An evening Lenten series on Wednesday evenings, beginning February 26th, Ash Wednesday. The series is based on the writings of John Baille around confessional prayer.
*Confirmation Retreat for our older youth and interested adults, March 21st.
*Kid's singing a Hosanna Round for Palm Sunday.
*Saturday, May 2nd a proposed Hay Ride & Campfire at Colleen Cleary's home.
*Sunday, May 31st scheduled to recognize our graduates.
*A July Outdoor Games & Picnic at Larry & Marsha Robinson's home.

Our last scheduled meeting before the Covid Shut Down was Thursday, March 12, 2020. On March 19, 2020 everything shut down due to the rising Covid cases and the worldwide pandemic. All of our plans were cancelled or put on hold. We did recognize our graduates with a Bible and a lovely personal message from Pastor John. Our graduates for 2020 were: Wesley Humecky, Jesee Estes, Jon Summers and Lacey Cummings.

We had zoom meetings and virtual Sunday Services. In November Christian Ed met one more time in the Fellowship Hall, wearing masks and all socially distanced from one another. At that meeting we agreed to rollover our 2020 budget into 2021. Pastor John shared his Advent plans for the Stations of the Nativity. It was decided to give each of our Sunday school children a gift card to Cowlicks and a personalized Christmas card from our Sunday school. And we scheduled Saturday, November 21st at 1 p.m. to meet together and put up the sanctuary Christmas tree and do some decorating in order to have some Christmas décor and cheer for our virtual services. We did not meet again until 2021.

Challenging, frustrating, lonely are some key words from Christian Ed when we think about 2020. The year ended with a beautiful and moving Stations of the Nativity that members and friends were able to share in a Covid-safe manner.

Looking ahead to 2021 some key words are **hope** for an end to this pandemic and **joy** when we can meet together and enjoy Sunday School and some game nights in person with our children and teens.

FACILITIES REPORT by Larry Robinson

This is my story and I'm sticking to it!

Mutiny, yes mutiny at the First Presbyterian Church. The entire Facilities committee, with me being the only exception, decided to sell the church property. Lead by Rick "Doc" McMillen and Gary "Numbers" Champlin they developed this plan: Take the deed to our church property and place it on the roulette wheel "00". Being 2020, this number seemed appropriate. If they won the money would provide for a maintenance crew whereby saving Jim "McGiver" Jeffries, Tim "Electric" Humecky, Ian "Waterman" Sanderson, and Marsha "wife" Robinson (yes, my wife) from working on the church property ever again.

They kidnapped me, put me in the trunk and drove to Reno. This committee left me in the cold, cold trunk and proceeded to gamble with the church deed.

Within an hour they were back at the car and released me. They had lost. But being a great gang of hard workers, they quickly developed another plan.

If you see any of these wonderful church members selling chocolate chip cookies in front of the church, buy a couple. With luck before the next Pandemic hits the church will be ours again. 2020 what a year!

Truly, besides all the regular maintenance, we changed the water service from the City from a two-inch Commercial water line to a one-inch water line, saving the church approximately $150.00 a month on the water bill.

Being 2020, a pipe broke in the water pump house connected to the well water we use for landscaping.

Someone stole the faucet off the outside pipe by the kitchen. Rendering the kitchen waterless. A plug was inserted. We have a replacement faucet handy if needed. The kitchen is back to normal.

Some of the outside electrical problems were corrected and made the church property much safer.

2020 End of Year Report: Mission & Outreach Committee

This committee was approved by session and commenced work in July 2019. It is tasked with:

1. Overseeing and implementing the church's various mission activities:

   - Compassion International, sponsoring of (3) children
   - Hosting Pedal for Protein team of cyclists, raising funds for regional foodbanks
   - Easter Community Dinner + Community Thanksgiving Dinner
   - Coordinating with the county to host our homeless neighbors by providing winter shelter

2. Outreach: Developing and implementing strategies aimed at increasing the church's visibility, building community relationships, and growing our membership.

   Pandemic or not, this committee realized that there was much we could and should be doing, resuming our work and meetings via Zoom in July. Results of our work this year include:

   - Our church is now a member of the Mendocino Coast Chamber of Commerce
   - Our church has an ongoing presence in Fort Bragg Advocate News religious directory
   - Weekly inspirational messages are posted in front of the church
   - Social media is being used to promote worship. Please like, comment, and share.
   - Thanksgiving and Christmas decorations/lights were displayed at the front of the church, including a recently purchased nativity scene
   - Developed and purchased a large banner inviting the community to join us in virtual worship
   - Church web site is being kept updated with links to virtual worship services
   - Developed and purchased 200 brochures providing information about our church
   - Designed, purchased, and distributed "Love My Church" signs
   - Designed and purchased ongoing ads twice monthly in the Fort Bragg Advocate News inviting community members to join us in our virtual worship services
   - Ongoing dissemination of pastoral letters and church brochures (over 100 sent) engaging the occupants of newly purchased homes in Fort Bragg, welcoming them, and inviting them to join us in our virtual worship services
   - Partnered with Rotary and Mendocino Community College Foundation to leverage a $500 contribution (from 2019 pie sale funds) into a $1,000 scholarship to a deserving child through the Adopt a 5th Grader program.
   - Church members are providing testimonials of faith at our virtual worship services

Our Work is Guided by the 2018 Mission Study: Goals + Challenges

- Improve our outreach + evangelism.
- Practice better, more open + clear communication
- Ensure everyone feels comfortable in worship sharing their gifts and talents
- Welcome + mentor youth, young families + new members.
- Honor our history of meaningful events + projects, recognize fewer able to accomplish them

We welcome your ideas on how best to serve our mission and grow our church and invite you to participate on the Mission & Outreach committee.

Committee members:
Larry & Marsha Robinson, Julee Estes, Bob Jorgensen, Rev. John Carrick, Gary Champlin, Eve Nighswonger, chair.

2020 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Committee Members: John Carrick (ex officio)
Gary Champlin
Sid Long, chair
Mary Sue Rhoads
Isabel Rogerson
Steve Worthen

The Personnel Committee met on January 7, 2020 to finalize wording on several sections of the Session Personnel Policies. Pastor John is our only full time employee. All other employees are part-time.

Highlights from the Employee Benefits section include:

FULL TIME EMPLOYEES

VACATION

Full-time employees are entitled to one full month (22 working days) vacation per year.

HOLIDAYS

The following paid holidays will be observed: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday, President's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and the Friday following, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day. Any changes will be recommended to the session, by the session Personnel Committee, at the end of each year. In addition, each employee may elect to observe one "floating" holiday of his/her choice with approval of the supervisor.

SICK LEAVE

Full-Time employees will receive 10 working days of sick leave each calendar year, cumulative up to 60 days, to be used in case of illness. Leave taken over three consecutive days must have a doctor's written authorization. Sick leave entitlement during the first year of employment will be prorated according to length of employment. At the time of termination of employment (either voluntary or involuntary) an employee shall have no claim for pay in lieu of unused sick leave.

SALARY

Salary increases as recommended by the Personnel Committee to the Finance/Budget committee, approved by Session, and voted upon by the congregation.

PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

VACATION

Employees shall accrue 5 days paid vacation per year in proportion to hours worked each week to a maximum of 10 days.

HOLIDAYS

Employees shall receive the same paid holidays as full-time employees.

SICK LEAVE

Employees shall receive two weeks sick leave in proportion to hours worked per week and may accrue up to four weeks. At the time of termination of employment (either voluntary or involuntary) an employee shall have no claim for pay in lieu of unused sick leave.

SALARY

Salary increases as recommended by the Personnel Committee to the Finance/Budget committee, approved by Session and voted upon by the congregation.

Personnel Committee, socially distancing and masked, met on October 5, 2020 to write a job description for our pastor as Head of Staff. We perused three sample Presbyterian Church USA pastor job descriptions provided by Eve Nighswonger as well as the 2003 description written for Pastor Dan Fowler. After discussing the pros and cons of adapting one of the sample descriptions, Gary and Sid volunteered to revise the Fowler description including suggestions from the PCUSA and email it to the other committee members for their input with the final job description approved by Session in October.

Our social distancing and masked committee, with Gary joining via phone, met again to discuss staff compensation for 2021 on November 9, 2020. Presbytery of the Redwoods recommended a 1.6% cost of living increase for salary and housing for Pastors with their other expenses remaining at the 2020 level. After a short discussion, the committee recommended:

1) a 1.6 cost of living increase for the Pastor for salary and housing PLUS a $1,000 bonus for Pastor John's extraordinary work in preparing and presenting weekly Distance Worship Services during the COVID-19 pandemic.

2) a 1.6 % cost of living increase for the Secretary, Bookkeeper, MusicDirector, and Custodian.

Amounts of these compensations can be found in the 2021 budget.

We will miss Gary Champlin's expertise and good humor in 2021. Due to his many other commitments, he has resigned from the Personnel committee. Thanks, Gary for all the help you have given the Personnel Committee!

Respectfully submitted, Sid Long

Presbyterian Fellowship Report for 2020

Presbyterian Fellowship ended its meetings and committee oversight several months prior to the Covid pandemic shut down in March 2020.
A binder was provided to the Mission & Outreach committee with past minutes and records of traditional activities.
Substantial funds had been raised by the 2019 pie sale and some funds from the sale of pie fruit in 2020 (around $9,000) that have not yet been allocated to local nonprofit organizations serving our community. The exception was partnering with Fort Bragg Rotary club to "sponsor" a scholarship for a 5th grader. $500 was devoted to do this, with Rotary contributing $200 and the Mendocino Community College Foundation committing to grow this to a total of $1,000 for this student's scholarship upon his/her graduation from high school.

We are looking to session to provide guidance and leadership as to the future of Presbyterian Fellowship. Should this be reimagined? If so, what should it look like and who should it serve? Who may we identify to lead this effort?

Respectfully submitted,
Eve Nighswonger
Chair, Mission & Outreach

2020 Deacon'sAnnual Report

Moderator: Nancy Jorgensen
Vice Moderator: Cathy Hollenback
Acting Secretary: Printha Worthen
Treasurer: Cindi Hood
Additional Deacons: Julee Estes, Marsha Robinson, Crystal Sanderson

"The ministry of a Deacon is set for in Scripture is one of Compassion, Witness and Service," and we have helped those in our Church and Community in the Service of Christ during this unusual Covid19 Pandemic.

Responsibilities:

- Contacted members of our Parish to encourage and support them with cards and phone calls.
- Marsha had jelly/jam for the Visitors..once we had Services in the Church.
- Took charge of Hosting Memorials, and the Elements for Communion.
- A Deacon attended Session Meetings, and reported back to the Others.

Service:

- Delivered the Food Gathered for the Food Bank, and gave them Funds.
- Provided ingredients for Pat Long and Emmet Sanderson to make a big bean casserole for the Hospitality House the last Saturday of the Month
- Prepared the Thanksgiving Bags for the Hospitality House, with Marsha's handknitted hats and mittens, Bibles, Bookmarks with 10 Commandments,Lord's Prayer, and personal items.
- Provided our Project Sanctuary Family (Mom, boy and girl) with birthday and Holiday gifts, and Gift certificates, and goodie bags
- Deacons filled gift snack bags for the Homeless on the Streets
- Distributed Prayer Shawls to comfort those in our Congregation
- Prepared and Delivered meals to Our Congregation Members who needed them in times of Stress.

Please be Generous with Donations to the Deacons: envelopes in the Pews!
Respectfully Submitted, Nancy R. Jorgensen, Moderator

DEACONS FUND REPORT

BEGINNING BALANCE	1/1/2020		$ 2,456.59	BUDGET
INCOME				
DEACONS FUND/DONATIONS			$ 4,576.00	$ 1,200.00
CENTSABILITY RECEIVED		$ 300.00		
CENTSABILITY TO PRESBYTERY	75%*	$ (225.00)		
NET CENTSABILITY	1st qtr		$ 75.00	$ 200.00
MEMORIAL SERVICE DONATION			$ -	$ 100.00
TOTAL INCOME			$ 4,651.00	$ 1,500.00
EXPENSES				
SUPPLIES - CHECK ORDER			$ -	$ -
WELCOME GIFTS			$ -	$ 50.00
COMMUNION SUPPLIES			$ -	$ 50.00
POSTAGE & CARDS & ENVELOPES			$ -	$ 100.00
BEREAVEMENT			$ 130.62	$ 50.00
PROJECT SANCTUARY			$ 474.48	$ 600.00
HOSP HOUSE/HOMELESS				$ 250.00
SNACK BAGS			$ -	$ 250.00
BEAN MEAL			$ 424.53	$ 400.00
HOLIDAY GIFTS			$ 655.70	$ 250.00
SPECIAL NEEDS				
YOUTH UNLIMITED			$ 200.00	
FOOD BANK			$ 900.00	
COMMUNITY GARDEN			$ 300.00	
FIRST PRES, ASHLAND			$ 200.00	
NDOCINO CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION			$ 500.00	
GLASS FIRE VICTIMS			$ 500.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES			$ 4,285.33	$ 2,000.00
ENDING BALANCE	12/31/2020		**$ 2,822.26**	
	OUTSTANDING		$ 183.29	
		***	$ 3,005.55	
	*			
	sent	$ 225.00		
	due	$ -		
		$ 225.00		

DEACONS FUND REPORT

PROPOSED BUDGET - DEACONS 2021			
INCOME			
DEACONS FUND/DONATIONS			$ 1,200.00
CENTSABILITY RECEIVED		$ 500.00	
CENTSABILITY TO PRESBYTERY	75%*	$ (375.00)	
NET CENTSABILITY	1st qtr		$ 125.00
MEMORIAL SERVICE DONATION			$ 100.00
TOTAL INCOME			$ 1,425.00
EXPENSES			
WELCOME GIFTS & FLOWERS			$ 40.00
COMMUNION SUPPLIES			$ 40.00
POSTAGE & CARDS & ENVELOPES			$ 55.00
BEREAVEMENT			$ 40.00
PROJECT SANCTUARY			$ 500.00
HOSP HOUSE/HOMELESS			
SNACK BAGS			$ 200.00
BEAN MEAL			$ 200.00
HOLIDAY GIFTS			$ 400.00
SPECIAL NEEDS			$ 250.00
TOTAL EXPENSES			$ 1,725.00

Thanksgiving Dinner 2020

Opening Fund Balance:			$ 5,370.37
Income:			
Donation-Mendo Coast Healthcare	$ 300.00		
Donations Before Dinner	$ 3,090.00		
Donations at Dinner	$ 1,313.74		
		$ 4,703.74	
Expense:			
Expenses-November	$ 2,088.53		
Expenses-Rossi's	$ 55.18		
Harvest Market	$ 636.80		
Waste Management	$ 308.46		
Expenses-December	$ 818.50	$ 3,907.47	
Net:			$ 796.27
Ending Fund Balance:			$ 6,166.64

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER ANNUAL REPORT

There were a number of "firsts" during our 24th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner, all generated by our need to stay safe during the Covid 19 pandemic, yet still celebrate our gratitude and thanksgiving with our community. The theme of this year's event—"Together in Spirit"—spoke to the enduring sense of community during a time when family, friends and neighbors are prevented from gathering around a table together.

This was the first year we offered a Picnic Box Lunch rather than a communal traditional meal. Our "box lunch," included turkey, a roll, cranberry sauce, potato salad with a seasonal twist, colorful 3 bean salad and a traditional dessert.

This was the first year we provided compostable containers and utensils.

This was the first time we distributed our meal for curbside pick-up at the church.

This was the first time we decorated outdoors to inspire our harvest festivities.

This was the first time we expanded our "home delivery" to include distribution sites along a predetermined outreach route to connect with those who do not have homes.

This was the first time the Community Thanksgiving Dinner committee, which consists of folks from Fort Bragg, Mendocino, Little River and Elk, met regularly for several months in preparation of the event via Zoom.

This was the first time we had to limit the number of volunteers on each shift and designate specific assignments and locations. Nevertheless, we hosted 113 volunteers who worked a combined 152 shifts (food prep, setup, decorations, delivery, etc.) leading up to, and including, Thanksgiving Day.

This was the first time all workers had to arm themselves with full disposable PPE gear, masks, hair nets, gloves and aprons, thanks to a grant from Mendocino Coast Healthcare Foundation.

This was the first time we were not able to accept home made desserts provided by church and community members; instead, we created a Dessert Donation Program in partnerships with local stores Harvest Market, Safeway and A Sweet Affair Patisserie, who collected "Dessert Dollars" toward the purchase of desserts from their bakeries.

This was the first time the spirit of our effort was captured in a documentary video, accessible on the church website: www.fortbraggpresbyterian.org/CommunityThanksgivingMeal.

This was the first time we received a record number of monetary donations from recipients, supporters and volunteers: over $4000 and over $5500 in donated goods and services.

This was the first time we served a record number of 800 meals to the North Coast community!

Despite the challenges of having to restructure the event, we are grateful to have been able to continue our tradition of the Community Thanksgiving Dinner. We were able to continue to feed a diverse portion of the coastal community, from food insecure households to those who, regardless of finances, would not otherwise have a traditional Thanksgiving meal.

This year, the response from businesses, volunteers, Mendocino Foundation, Food Bank and other agencies was overwhelming, ensuring that everyone who needed or wanted a meal received one. The spirit of Thanksgiving has never seemed stronger than this year, when our small but determined community truly came "Together in Spirit."

And of course, we humbly extend gratitude to our First Presbyterian Church congregation for their continued support and encouragement!

2020 Community Thanksgiving Dinner Committee:
Printha Worthen, Steve Worthen, Gary Champlin, Eve Nighswonger, Lynn "Queenie" Derrick, Scott Shepley, Ellen Persa, Monica Steinisch, Sandra Carrick, and Pastor John Carrick.

Budget, Finance and Investment Committee

The 2021 budget was based on pledge income of $85,000, plus draw from the Funds held at Edward Jones Investment Company, of $59,363.

The Community dinner Thanksgiving are was very well received. Please see the report for details, and note the support by the community in the form of donations.

The Edward Jones Investment accounts totaled $1,464,331 at year-end 2019. At the end of 2020, the value of the accounts was $1,530,791. This is after paying the housing support for the pastor ($24,000) as well as the amounts to supplement the budget ($27,188). The amount to supplement the budget in 2020 was about half of that budgeted ($55,670).

The budget, finance and investment committee thanks you for your support.

Sylvia Burns, Bookkeeper

2021 Committee Members: Jacque Moore, Chair, Pastor John Carrick, Sylvia Burns, Bookkeeper, Kathy Orsi, Larry Robinson, Eve Nighswonger.

January 29, 2021