2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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John 11: 25-26

25-26 "You don't have to wait for the End. I am, right now, Resurrection and Life. The one who believes in me, even though he or she dies, will live. And everyone who lives believing in me does not ultimately die at all. Do you believe this?"

(The Message Translation)

Members who passed away in 2022

Elaine Ball July 30, 2022
Pat Johnson October 2022
Earl Thompson July 19, 2022

Memorial Services were also held for three members who died in December 2021
Nancy Mantel
Helen Marie Rogers
Jared Williams

2023 CHURCH OFFICERS

SESSION:

CLASS OF 2023	CLASS OF 2024	CLASS OF 2025
Kathy Orsi	Bob Jorgensen (2nd)	Bea Strickland
Larry Robinson (2nd)	Paul Beadleston	Jim Jeffries
Cindy vanWormer		

TRUSTEES OF THE CORPORATION:

CLASS OF 2023	CLASS OF 2024	CLASS OF 2025
Larry Robinson	Bob Jorgensen	
Kathy Orsi		

BOARD OF DEACONS:

CLASS OF 2023	CLASS OF 2024	CLASS OF 2025
	Nancy Jorgensen (2nd)	Pat Long
	Pat McAdoo	Marsha Robinson
	Crystal Newman	Cathy Hollenback

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Larry Robinson- Active Elder & Chair
Cathy Hollenback-Deacon
Marsha Jeffries- At Large
Pat Long- At Large
Dede Raisanen- At Large

2022 NOMINATION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Members of the Nominating Committee for 2022 were:
Pat Long, Cathy Hollenback, Marsha Jeffries, Julie Estes and Larry Robinson.

Committee recommended and Session approved the following:

Session:

- Jim Jeffries
- Bea Strickland

Deacons:

- Pat Long
- Marsha Robinson
- Cathy Hollenback

Nominating Committee for 2023, approved by Session will be:

- Pat Long
- Marsha Jeffries,
- Cathy Hollenback
- Larry Robinson
- Dede Raisanen

Coffee Hour Host/Hostess
Cindy Van Wormer
Linda Cristman
Cathy Hollenback
Marsha/Larry Robinson
Marsha Jeffries
Kathy Hart
Tara Estes
Julee Estes
Carol Eshom
Charletta Evans
Marcia Williams
Vicki Owen
Eve Oliphant
Pat Long

Liturgists
Nan Halstead
Printha Worthen
Jacque Moore
Bob Jorgensen
Sid Long
Isabel Rogerson
Steve Worthen
Julee Estes
Marcia Williams
Eve Nighswonger
Tara Estes
Kathy Hart
Cathy Hollenback
Paul Beadleston

Website
Gary Champlin
John Carrick
Kathy Hart

Ushers/Greeters
Paul Beadleston
Lori Cole
Tara Estes
Cathy Hollenback
Marsha/Larry Robinson
Suzanne Olsen
Deegan Olsen
Marsha/Jim Jeffries

Media Room
Kathy Orsi
Marsha Robinson
Sandra Carrick
Pastor John Carrick

Newsletter
Pat & Sid Long
Marsha & Larry Robinson
Pastor John Carrick
Sandra Carrick
Gary Champlin

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CHURCH STAFF

Pastor John Carrick	Pastor
Linda Cristman	Director of Music
Cindi Hood	Bookkeeper
Sandra Carrick	Secretary
Socorro Jara	Custodian

SUNDAY SERVICES

Morning Worship 10:00am

Holy Communion Served on the First Sunday of each month

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Deacons Meeting	3rd Sunday 11:30 a.m.
Chancel Choir	Thursdays 3:30 p.m.
Mission and Outreach	Second Tuesday 4:30 p.m.
Worship Committee	Second Thursday 3:30 p.m.
Session Meeting	Fourth Thursday 4:30 p.m.
Pastor's Bible Study	2nd & 4th Thursdays 10:00 a.m.

PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2022

2022 has been filled with both challenges and accomplishments. We are still recovering from the Covid Pandemic disruptions, but we have returned to many pre-Covid norms. Recently, we began making Communion available by intinction, even as we provide an alternative for those who are concerned. We have enjoyed returning to the social hall after worship for coffee and conversation. We continue to offer an online video version of the Sunday sermon, but in person attendance has returned to nearly normal levels. Zoom continues to be helpful in allowing people to participate in study groups or attend meetings, which has also been the case for Presbytery meetings.

We can celebrate several accomplishments this year.

- Very successful ecumenical midweek services during both Lent and Advent Seasons, rotating between our church, St. Anthony's Roman Catholic, Mendocino Presbyterian, St Michael's and All Angels, Trinity Lutheran, Grace Chapel, and Mendocino Baptist.
- Record setting Community Dinners at both Easter and Thanksgiving with hope that a return to a served meal in the Social Hall will be possible in the year ahead.
- Fundraising efforts that raised thousands of dollars to help both foreign and local needs. We raised money in the yard sale for the victims of Russia's war on Ukraine and a super successful Pie Sale and Christmas Bazaar raising monies for many local community projects.
- Another joyful Blessing of the Animals service was held outside.
- The great work of a "short staffed" Deacon's Committee in caring for the community and distributing funds to worthy organizations.
- A new mission partnership with The Yucatan Peninsula Mission (a group of Presbyterians from the U.S. and Mexico who collaborate to serve the needs of the Mayan/Mexican people in the Zona Maya region of the Yucatan Peninsula.
- A restructuring of our organization to better fit the volunteer resources of our congregation.
- The return of the choir to our services and the quality of Linda's music and leadership.
- Hosting the Vitalant Blood Drives
- Hosting the Texas 4000 and the Illinois 4000 Cyclists for Cancer Research
- A New Improved Web Page

The Challenges that we face include:

- The lack of children and youth attending or participating
- The small core group of able-bodied volunteers
- The high costs of building and grounds maintenance
- People moving away or becoming home bound
- The vacancies on our board of Deacons and Session

Despite the challenges, we have accomplished many things and impacted our community with Christ's love. ~John

ANNUAL REPORT WORSHIP COMMITTEE

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him,
so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy spirit." Romans 15:13 NIV

2022 is now behind us and 2023 lies ahead. May we go forward in hope. Looking back at these past 12 months, it's been busy and steady as we have met every Sunday of 2022, in person at 10 a.m. A big change from the previous two years!! Some highlights of 2022…

During the past 12 months the First Presbyterian Church of Fort Bragg received four special offerings that are shared locally and with our regional and national organization, Presbyterian Churches, USA. One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost, Peacemaking & Reconciliation and Christmas Joy are the special offerings we receive four times each year. This past year the four special offerings helped support the Mendocino Coast Children's Fund and Project Sanctuary.

2022 saw the upgrading of some of our a/v equipment: new hearing assistance devices were ordered and enjoyed by members of the congregation. A new sound board is coming in early 2023. The Worship team, at Pastor John's suggestion, ordered new banners for the sanctuary.

Under the dedicated leadership of Linda Cristman, Music Director, the choir resumed singing and added beautiful music to many of our Sunday services but also was a blessing at many of the Memorials and Celebrations of Life held in our church during 2022. A combined choir from local churches sang at the final all-church Advent service on December 21st. From Linda's lovely preludes, to special choir numbers and heart-felt caroling—music was a beautiful gift for our congregation.

Twice this past year, Pastor John arranged for some of our local churches to come together in shared worship for both Lent (theme: the Parable of the Prodigal Son) and Advent (theme: Hope, Love, Joy and Peace). Six or seven of our local congregations took turns hosting a Wednesday evening service and/or preaching at another one of the participating congregations. Each of the services were well-attended and very well received. This practice has been a blessing to each of the participating congregations and our community. Plans are in the works to continue this practice in 2023.

In October, the Worship Team planned our second annual Blessing of the Animals with humans and animals blessed through this experience. We also held our first annual Celebration of the Day of the Dead "dia de los Muertos". Photos, mementos and flowers along with special décor were setup in the Social Hall for a time of remembrance and honor of loved ones who have gone before us. Our second Advent Booklet was published in November, thanks to Isabel Rogerson and Sandra Carrick with the theme 'For Unto us a Child is Born.' From the Hanging of the Greens, to Sunday After Church Caroling, to a Candlelight Christmas Eve service, and finally a Hymn/Christmas Carol Sing on Christmas Morning—December was a joyful, blessed time.

Sincerely,
The Worship Team
Lori Cole, Linda Cristman, Marsha Jeffries, Pastor John, Isabel Rogerson, Marcia Williams and Claudelle Zack.

1. The following items were replaced this year:

    A. Heating furnace in the Sanctuary.

    B. The hot water heater in the Janitor's closet.

    C. Loose and broken boards on patio deck.

2. Painted walls and ceiling and removed carpet in Usher's Closet.

3. Steve Worthen reorganized the kitchen. Stainless refrigerator broke and will have to be replaced. Small freezer broke, it was replaced with one donated by Roen Mallory.

4. Fire Department "Knox Box" was installed allowing the Fort Bragg Fire Department immediate access to the building in case of emergencies, thanks Kathy Orsi.

5. Overflow parking lot is being improved by a neighbor who is allowed to park there overnight.

6. Old planter boxes in children's yard have been removed.

7. Paul Beadleston helped install borders for the wood chip area by the First Presbyterian sign.

8. Paul Beadleston designed and helped plant the small area near the mailbox slot and added steppingstones.

9. Parking lot lines and Handicapped areas were repainted.

10. Jim made and installed a new sign with Pastor John's name for the front of the church.

12. We had to give up one "green waste" garbage can as the new garbage company was charging $89 for the third can.

13. Jim Jeffries invented two new valves used to water lawns and Rhododendrons, saving the church big bucks needed to repair an aging water system.

14. We shampooed the Social Hall carpeting twice this year.

15. Regular weekly yard maintenance was completed

Submitted by Larry Robinson

MISSION AND OUTREACH REPORT 2022

As an outcome of leadership retreat/reorganization in April 2022 the purpose of this committee was clarified. It now includes international as well as local missions and oversight of the Thanksgiving and Easter meals. Specifically, it is charged with the allocation of 2022 pie sale proceeds to our local nonprofit organizations that support our community.

During 2022 members of the committee worked to accomplish the following goals:

- Conducted survey of attendees on their desired (post Covid) fellowship activities
- Invested in web designer, who worked with Pastor to optimize the site & add a "donate" button
- Researched and selected Yucatan Peninsula Mission as our international mission.
- Identified new church slogan: "Come Grow with Us."
- Updated and reprinted brochure
- Posted the church's purpose statement prominently on social hall wall
- Purchased a new banner for community events.
- Helped promote the Worship committee's Blessing of the Animals service
- Submitted articles and photos of church events published in the Advocate that touted the good work that our church does in support of our community.
- Celebrated Pedal for Protein donation to the Fort Bragg Food Bank in the amount of $5,750.
- Promoted the Appreciative Living course sessions conducted by Bea Strickland
- Identified changeable signage options for sharing inspirational messages and promoting events.
- Recently focused on creating a coordinated effort to welcome and engage visitors to our church services.

Many activities that commenced during the previous year were continued in 2022, including:

- Membership in the Mendocino Coast Chamber of Commerce
- Ongoing presence in Fort Bragg Advocate News religious directory
- Posting weekly inspirational messages posted in front of the church
- Utilizing social media to promote our worship services and events.
  Please help spread church information: like, comment, and share on Facebook.
- Engaging our youth and representing the church at the popular "Trunk or Treat" Halloween event.
- Providing "Love My Church" signs to our new members.

We welcome your ideas on how we might best to share the love of Jesus Christ and grow our church family. We invite you to join us on this journey and participate as a member of the Mission & Outreach committee.

Our current committee members include Larry & Marsha Robinson, Bob Jorgensen, Rev. John Carrick, Gary Champlin, Vicki Owen, and Eve Nighswonger, Chair. Our thanks to Julee Estes for her participation on this committee over the years. Sharing my appreciation for the leadership, devotion, and tireless efforts of Larry and Marsha Robinson.

Submitted by Eve Nighswonger, Chair

This Team was created during the May Retreat with the responsibility to oversee various activities including coffee hour, educational sessions, Labor Day Weekend Pie Sale, rummage sale, Christmas Bazaar, Spring Blossom Tea, progressive dinners, summer barbecue/picnic, movie nights, etc. Activities don't happen unless someone volunteers to Chair.

Coffee Hour has several volunteers, but we could use more. Currently everyone must serve once per month. Marsha Jeffries has been sending out the list every few months and I've been the contact person when supplies are needed.

The Church picnic was held on June 26 and was well attended.

Labor Day Weekend Pie Sale was chaired by Larry & Marsha Robinson. 260 pies were baked, approximately $5,000 was raised and it was over in about an hour.

Bea Strickland led a workshop on The Joy of Appreciative Living. It was well attended, and everyone enjoyed the workshop. It may be repeated in the future.

Kathy Hart, Cathy Hollenback, Pat McAdoo, Marsha Robinson, and I joined together to put together the Community Holiday Bazaar that included other churches and crafters. Approximately $3,000 was raised and will be used for a special project and the Church operating expenses. The plan is to do this again in 2023 with notification to vendors occurring soon so they can put it on their calendars.

Looking forward to continuing existing events and adding new events in 2023!

Submitted by~ Cindy Van Wormer

DEACONS ANNUAL REPORT 2022

Moderator...Julee Estes; Vice Moderator...Nancy Jorgenson; Secretary...Ashley Stickels; Treasurer/CentsAbility...Pat McAdoo; Deacon...Crystal Newman

"It is the duty of the Deacons first to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless and any who may be in distress. They shall assume such other duties as maybe delegated to them from time to time by the Session."

We have had a busy year being more involved in our community due to our Session asking us to disburse funds that had been earmarked for our local community. We proceeded to check out local non-profit organizations that would benefit from our church's donations. The following local non-profits were given a total of $7,500.00...Mendocino Coast Children's Fund, Fort Bragg Food Bank, Play It Forward Pantry (located at the F.B. High School) Redwood Coast Senior Center, Cancer Resource Center, Mendocino Coast Hospital Foundation, Fort Bragg Food Bank Turkey Challenge, Mendocino Coast Project Sanctuary, there still are several thousand dollars to be disbursed in 2023,

We still prepare a hearty bean dinner once a month for Hospitality House. We give special thanks to Pat Long, Cathy Hollenback and Emmett Sanderson for their help with this project. In November we made gift bags for the 23 residents staying at Hospitality House (7 women, 1 child, 15 men). The bags were filled with appropriate personal items, socks, gloves, hats, scarves, and a gift card plus some special gifts for the child.

We continue to prepare snack bags for the homeless but mid-year a new program started up and we are now providing healthy snack bags twice a month to the local Police Department who have started a program for the mentally ill. Thanks to Marsha and Larry Robinson who are the church contacts for the Police Department.

Due to Covid protocol the last few years have been challenging when we have lost a loved one. We have just resumed having services in our Sanctuary and Life Celebrations in our Social Hall after the service. Our Deacons like to support the family and be attentive to their needs in any way that we can be of service. Four of our beloved church members went to be with the Lord this year...Nancy Mantel, Helen Marie Rogers, Elaine Ball and Jared Williams. We had opportunities to meet with families to see what their needs were, line up food for the reception and participate in any way that was helpful.

We try to contact our members in our Parish List to encourage and support them as often as possible. Phone calls, visits and cards are often used to connect to our Parish List. Each Deacon has approximately a dozen members or friends on their list.

Monthly the Deacons set up the elements for communion. We often also help in serving communion. We enjoy greeting new visitors to our church service and present them with a small gift of homemade jam. Monthly we oversee the CentsAbility Offering. Thanks to Fred Hollenback and his late wife, Carletta, we received a water jug two thirds full of coins. Pastor John challenged our members to fill it. Full, the container held $1,181.51, ¾ goes to Presbytery's Hunger Program and ¼ goes into Deacon's Budget for hunger.

We deeply appreciate the generous contributions of our members and friends. When we ask for dinners or special food for shut-ins, memorials, celebrations, receptions, everyone seems to step up. Thank you for a loving, caring congregation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julee Estes, Moderator

DEACONS FUND REPORT

		Dec	YTD	BUDGET
BEGINNING BALANCE	1/1/2022		$ 1,365.21	
INCOME				
DEACONS FUND/DONATIONS			1315.25	$ 2,500.00
CENTSABILITY RECEIVED 22.79	1839.63			
CENTSABILITY TO PRESBYTERY	75%*1379.76			
NET CENTSABILITY		5.70	459.93	$ 130.00
~~TEXAS 4000 DONATIONS~~ MISC			1.00	
MEMORIAL SERVICE DONATION			200.00	$ 200.00
Tr. from General Fund			10,813.56	
TOTAL INCOME		5.70	12,789.74	$ 2,830.00
EXPENSES				
SUPPLIES - CHECKS/BANK FEE		5.00	60.00	$ 40.00
WELCOME GIFTS - Cowlicks cert				$ 40.00
COMMUNION SUPPLIES				$ 40.00
POSTAGE & CARDS & ENVELOPES			160.00	$ 100.00
BEREAVEMENT			9.48	$ 250.00
PROJECT SANCTUARY			1,000.00	$ -
HOSP HOUSE/HOMELESS				$ 1,400.00
SNACK BAGS		152.79	152.79	
BEAN MEAL			383.13	
HOLIDAY GIFTS		165.53	800.64	
SPECIAL NEEDS TVL. Card			200.00	$ 400.00
Mendocino Coast Childrens Fund			1,500.00	
Food Bank and Fort Food Pantry			1,000.00	$ 600.00
Redwood Coast Seniors			1,000.00	
Cancer Resource Center			1,000.00	
Mendo Coast Hospital Foundation			1,000.00	
F.B. Food Bank - TURKEY Challenge			1,000.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES		323.32	9,266.04	$ 2,230.00
ENDING BALANCE	12/31/2022		4,888.91	
add outstanding checks & pmt due; subtract deposits not yet cleared	OUTSTANDING		1,276.39	
	bank balance		6,165.30	
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CentsAbility	sent	927.34		
	due	6.59		

217 - 24.14
325 - 318.32
326 - 927.34

COMMUNITY EASTER DINNER

2022

Income:		
1/2 Share of Presbytery Grant	$700.00	
Donations	645.00	
Dessert Dollars @ Harvest	1,413.44	
1/2 Share of Pepper Ball donation	1,000.00	
Total Income		$3,758.44
Expenses:		
Kathy Orsi-Supplies	$1,308.08	
Harvest Market-Desserts	515.66	
Harvest Market-Food/Supplies	1,057.48	
Total Expenses		$2,881.22
Profit		$ 877.22

COMMUNITY HOLIDAY HUNGER REPORT

First Presbyterian Church of Fort Bragg has been hosting the Community Thanksgiving Dinner for 26 years! Through the decades this event has become a dependable tradition for our coastal community, volunteers, and recipients alike! It is our mission to provide a traditional Thanksgiving dinner in the spirit of love, caring and community with any of our neighbors who, regardless of finances, would not otherwise have had a traditional Thanksgiving dinner.
This year we were blessed to serve 1065 free meals from Albion to Westport!

We provided our meals by curbside pick-up, home delivery, and from our distribution hubs for those without an address or transportation. We rearranged our commercial kitchen for greater efficiency and were able to provide a full, warm traditional meal of turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, cranberry sauce, dinner roll, juice and pumpkin pie or other festive dessert! Desserts were provided our Dessert Dollar program from both Harvest Markets, Safeway, A Sweet Affair and the Fort Bragg High School Culinary Arts Dept. We are so very thankful for the outpouring of financial support from within our community from individuals and local businesses.

The success of this event would not have been possible without the support and participation of our church members and all our community volunteers sharing their time and talents… the entire week's efforts went so smoothly! Special gratitude for our lead committee members:

Lynn Derrick (Queenie) Chef
Monica Steinisch, Publicity
Gary Champlin, Volunteer Coordinator
Sandra Carrick, Dessert prep & receptionist
Steve Worthen, Facility Manager
Scott Shepley, Chief Steward
Eve Nighswonger, Dinner Reservation Captain
Kathy Hart, Donations
Vickie Owen, Dessert Dollars
Pastor John Carrick, photographer, and daily encouragement

Pastor John created a very good video that captures the energy and love of this event. You can view it on our website at www.fbpchurch.org/Community Thanksgiving Dinner 2022.

Respectfully and Gratefully Submitted,
Printha Worthen, Lead Event Coordinator

Community Thanksgiving Dinner Financials

2022 Fund Balance Forward:		**$ 6,743.41**
Income:	$ 6,590.20	
(includes Share of Presbytery Gran $ 700.00 & MCHFndation Grant $ 150.00)		
Expenses:	($ 5,268.76)	
(Includes Kitchen Equipment $ 840.41)		
Net:		$ 1,321.44
2022 Ending Fund Balance		**$ 8,064.85**

This past year was yet another financially challenging one for the church, albeit for different reasons than in 2021. The biggest impact on our financial results was our negative investment return due to the current economic environment. We experienced a reduction in the value of our portfolio of $215k, which was representative of the overall market. The results from recent months have been more positive, and we are optimistic about improvements in our portfolio. Our financial assets are invested in extremely conservative funds, and we have confidence in the capabilities of our investment advisor.

We continued to utilize our investments to fund both operating and facility improvements. We remitted the final payments ($30k) for the 2021 roofing projects, as originally planned. A further roofing project, the flat roof over the classrooms, remains to be scheduled. We replaced the heater in the sanctuary ($7k) in the fall. We also continue to fund our commitment for pastor housing ($25k) per the terms of call, and to close the gap between operating revenues and expenses ($20k).

Total operating expenses for the year approximated what was budgeted. The year's results included a 5.9% church staff increase, as recommended by Redwood Presbytery. Mission was one area where our activity exceeded plan. We distributed $10k to local organizations from funds generated by Presbyterian Women, and we received and forwarded $6K from Redwood Presbytery to forward on the Fort Bragg Food Bank. In addition, distributions were made to assist the people of Ukraine and for Australian fire relief.

In church financial operations, we implemented the capability to make online (web) contributions. This convenience was especially helpful in obtaining resources from the community for the Easter and Thanksgiving meal projects. We also upgraded our accounting software to an industry standard. This upgrade improved the timeliness, consistency and accuracy of the management reporting we provide, in addition to improving productivity. Last, the annual internal audit was completed in late summer. No major issues were identified, but several recommendations were offered and adopted.

Respectfully submitted,
Budget, Finance, and Investment Committee
Committee Members:
Gary Champlin
Eve Nighswonger
Kathy Orsi
Larry Robinson
Joel Stickel
John Carrick, Pastor
Paul Beadleston, Chair