



2023 Annual Report

Our Mission Statement

Dedicated to Jesus Christ,
we are committed to making a difference
by caring for one another, growing in our ministries, and reaching beyond ourselves.



Second
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Staff

Gary Anderson
Director of Music and Covenant Choir

Scarlet Hall
Director of Operations and Finance

Shawn Phelps
Administrative Assistant

Martha Anderson
Organist

Jami Hart
Communications Specialist

Donna Phillips
Carillon Handbell Director

Jen Brown-Murphy
Director of Children/Youth Ministry

David Holden
Director of Outreach and Involvement

Kim Shelton
Director of Ecumenical Preschool

Marissa Carver
Assist. Dir. of Children/Youth Ministry

Jerry Huddleston
Security

Carl Soper
Building Manager

Jackie Graves
Parish Nurse

John P. Leggett
Pastor/Head of Staff

Al Wess
Security

Session

Class of 2024

Will Adams
Linda Crawford*
Violet Harrison (Youth)
David Kratt
Joanne Olson-Biglieri
Lynn Reynolds
Julia Shane
Jack Wilson*

Class of 2025

Cary Barr
Glenn Brown
Ray Davis
Melanie Gabbard*
Kathy Kluemper
Phil Maxson*
Betsy Strong*

Class of 2026

Shawn Caudill*
Becky DeHoag*
Mark Dildilian
Libby Messer*
Ricardo Ocampo*
George Woolwine
Cynthia Yeiser*

Deacons

Class of 2024

Robert Chirwa
Russ Coffey
Jeanette Coufal
Greg Leopold
Marie Garrett
Rob Kirkpatrick

Class of 2025

E Barr*
Carol Behr*
Sam Finley
Carolyn Looft
Tracy McIntosh
Kathleen Richardson

Class of 2026

Chuck Dietrich*
Tom Musgrave*
Peggy Reeves
Sally Scherer*
Rob Swayze
Vicki Wilson

Trustees

Class of 2024

Barbara Boyer
Stephen Graham*
Catherine Hunt
Barbara Taylor
Ike Van Meter, Jr.*
Carl Walter

Class of 2025

Ruth Berry
Bob Dickson
Liz Dietrich*
Ben Dycus*
Lenn Harrison*
Jana Kennelly

Class of 2026

Pam Chesnut
David Leachman*
Susan Leemhuis*
George Miller*
Jeff Monahan
Ruth Webb-Kelly

* Indicates second term.

2023 Membership Report

Membership as of 12/31/2022: 696

Membership Additions in 2023

Profession of Faith.....11
 Reaffirmation of Faith.....2
 United by Transfer of Letter.....4
 Reinstated.....1

Total Additions in 2023 18

Membership Losses in 2019

Transferred to Other Churches2
 Death.....11
 Other Losses.....6

Total Losses in 2023 19

Membership as of 12/31/2023 695

Baptisms 5



Necrology Report — 2023

Geraldine Florreich	March 13
Jean Becker	March 24
Bob Terhune	May 1
Sue Carl	June 12
Barbara Rahenkamp	June 19
Ruth Erskine	August 27
Joe Kennedy	September 8
Barbara Sanders	October 22
Dorothy Friend	November 16
Bill Hauke	November 18
Preston Farmer	December 31





From Pastor John P. Leggett

You will have the opportunity throughout this report to remember and celebrate our ministry in 2023. I hope that the pictures, words, and numbers will inspire you to pray for our ministry together. But I am also mindful that our congregation's story runs far deeper than we know — certainly far deeper than any report can capture.

In fact, our ministry together nurtures us in discipleship in ways that we sense, but never fully grasp. Here's the beautiful truth — your commitment to God's mission to extend the love of God and neighbor in the world reaches into every blessed inch of this world. You have helped us to *"build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone..."* and I am grateful for your faithfulness. I give thanks that the Spirit is working in and through us in ways that stretch our vision.

You help me understand why the Apostle Paul would write what he did to the Philippians. Speaking of the joy he felt every time he remembered them, Paul encouraged them to rejoice in the Lord as they pressed forward for what lay ahead. Near the end of his letter, Paul encouraged the congregation that he loved with these words: *"Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."* (Philippians 4:8)

Even as I give thanks for our ministry in 2023 — and for all that you offered to make it possible — I am reminded that the importance of our congregation's mission will require my best gifts — and yours. Thank you for filling me with hope as I imagine what God will do with our collective love, compassion, financial support, and service.



With joy and expectation,

PASTOR JOHN



Deacons

Your Board of Deacons heard Jesus invite them to serve — and they do so with great compassion and caring. Co-chaired by Carol Behr and Russ Coffey, the board sees to the spiritual, emotional, and social well-being of our congregation.

They faithfully stay connected to those who can't be in regular attendance in worship, keeping the sense of community with Second going. Deacons greet at doors on Sundays, welcome people for funeral services, deliver the sanctuary flowers, send cards each month, make meals, and welcome new members. We serve communion, both on first Sundays and in the home when requested.



We have been exploring ideas about offering help to those in their homes who can no longer accomplish simple housekeeping chores, like changing smoke detector batteries or ceiling light bulbs. The Deacons are looking forward to leading and implementing getting Second established as a Dementia Friendly church. This will involve education for us as well as our congregation, and making our church a welcoming, nurturing place for those with dementia difficulties.

We count it all joy to be called together to work as a team in caring for the family of Second Presbyterian Church.

"Love the Lord your God, walk in all His ways, obey His commands, hold fast to Him and serve Him with all your heart and all your soul."
-Joshua 22:5b



Children and Youth Ministry

Children's and Youth Ministry at Second recognizes and supports the way that children and youth learn and experience God with all of their senses. This year we have offered traditional and new ways for children and youth to use their unique gifts as part of our church family and to grow in their faith.

Sunday School, Confirmation Discipleship Pathway, and children's worship (WOW) have continued to be strong ways that we engage our children and youth in learning the Bible stories and building a foundation of faith and discipleship. This is continued through our Sunday afternoon fellowship programs for 4th and 5th graders (monthly Alight) and 6th through 12th graders (Youth Fellowship). Sunday afternoons we use team building and hands-on activities and service projects to explore faith topics, Bible stories, and support one another.

New this year is our weekly Children at the Chancel during the 11 o'clock service, which invites children of God of all ages to wonder and learn together about a faith topic. Children are able to come close to the chancel and the communion table and participate in the learning and praying part of worship before they continue worship in WOW. Also new this year is our children's and youth water pourers at the beginning of our worship services. Our children and youth have been proud of being able to lead and be more connected with the service in this way.

Annually we have many special events to engage our children and youth in fellowship, service, and following Jesus. Through our weeklong Vacation Bible School, summer youth camp and mission trips, and get-togethers our children and youth forge Christian friendships and learn as a faith community. Our youth prepared and led a meaningful Youth Sunday service and our children truly shone in our annual children's Christmas Pageant!

Our youth and children are welcome and encouraged to bring their joy and energy into the life of our church family all year long.



Engage: Monthly All-Age Gatherings

“And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.” -Genesis 17:7

What do a 7 year-old a 70 year-old have in common? They are both beloved children of God! They



both bring vital experiences, insights, gifts, and questions into our covenant community. Whatever their age and stage, they are siblings in Christ called together to love, to learn, to wonder, witness, and worship. That’s the premise behind the monthly Engage.

Not just across the table, but across the lifespan, we share stories to learn about the Bible, our faith, and each other. We play games, sing songs, create art, and we pray. All are welcome. All are able to participate. All are engaged in growing together in faith!

Among the topics we have Engaged:

- Cherishing all creatures great and small by Blessing Pets
- Building a Living Library of shared memories of church, school and home
- Affirming both our similarities and differences as we are all Made in God’s Image
- Journeying through Lent and preparing for Easter by creating Resurrection Gardens
- Celebrating Joy in Community as our youth recounted their summer group gatherings and service opportunities in Massanutten, VA and Montreat, NC
- Exploring our role as faithful earth stewards in Re:Creation
- Playing a rousing round of “Presby-Jeopardy” to learn how we are The Unfrozen Chosen
- Identifying and cultivating our God-given qualities in Fruit of the Spirit

God’s covenant carries from generation to generation. Join us as we Engage that calling and promise together!

Pace-Warren Sunday

We were delighted to welcome Winn Collier and John Blase to serve as this year’s Pace-Warren speakers. It was especially wonderful to have their spouses, Miska and Meredith, join us.



This endowed series was created in 1983 by Dr. and Mrs. Albert Samuel Warren, III, in memory and honor of Anne’s family members. Their generosity has made it possible for our congregation to hear from guest leaders for the past four decades.

With Winn and John as faithful guides, we explored the overall theme — *Hope Is a Dangerous Thing*. John preached for one worship service, and Winn preached the other. They also shared with us between the services, and at a wonderful meal following the late service. (Video recordings of their presentations are available on our website.)



Music at Second

It is a great joy to serve as Director of Music and Director of the Covenant Choir. The Covenant Choir provides weekly anthems at the 11:00 service, the men and women singing separately on occasion, and, together, presents major works two times each year (most recently *Magnificat* Taylor Scott Davis and *Requiem* by Bob Chilcott). The Choral Scholars, the core of the Covenant Choir, provide weekly anthems at the 8:30 service. It is my intention to foster a musical community through which dedicated members may offer their gifts and grow closer to others within the congregation.

Martha Anderson continues as Organist. In addition to leading the congregational singing, Martha is the accompanist for the Covenant Choir and she plans a variety of instrumental and vocal Preludes and Postludes. She also serves the congregation by playing for weddings and funerals.

Donna Phillips continues as Director of the Carillon Handbell Choir. She has a core of experienced ringers and she is arranging and rearranging music for an ensemble of experienced and beginning ringers. Perhaps you would like to give it a try.

Jami Hart is Director of the Kids for the Kingdom children's choir. She prepares the children to sing in worship two times each year and for the annual Christmas pageant. During W.O.W. (Worship Our Way), Jami teaches the children Bible stories through song, and they are learning to play and use instruments with their songs. Jami is also the staff Communications Specialist.



Children's Music

It's been an exciting year for Children's Music! Led by Jami Hart, children experience God through singing, dancing, and instruments each week during WOW. Students shared their music in worship in May and October, both featuring various instruments. The children, as well as the congregation, were excited to see the Orff instruments being used! Their integration into children's music at Second continues to be a goal of Jami's.

Over the summer, Vacation Bible School was another exciting moment for music. Through an opening and closing each night, students learned 5 songs, complete with motions and movement. Some of the motions included ASL hand signs for words like 'God' and 'Jesus'. We had a great time!

To close out the year, the Children put on their annual Christmas Pageant. With 54 children participating, 17 of them singing solos or duets and 25 of them having speaking parts, it was a smashing success! Jami was also able to incorporate some of our youth into the prelude and instrumental parts of the Pageant. What a fantastic reminder that all children, and really all of us, are capable of praising God through music and the arts.



Realm

With the help of our Communications Specialist, Jami Hart, we relaunched Realm in 2023! Our staff has been using the back-end of Realm for several years, but the pandemic set us back on the congregational use of it. Through Coffee & Conversations, Moments for Mission during worship, newsletter articles, and how-to-videos, we offered education and assistance in using Realm and all its functions. We were also able to offer training to staff members to ensure the full integration of Realm here at Second.



Realm gives us the ability to easily share events, volunteer teams, an online directory, online giving, and various groups. Realm can be used on the computer at onrealm.org or on a device using the Connect App. We have been able to track attendance more effectively for Sunday morning worship, classes, and events. While Realm does give you the ability to control privacy settings, we want to encourage you to consider sharing your contact information with everyone so we have an updated directory.

Please note that when we say everyone, we mean everyone at Second.

Realm is a secure, private domain that requires an invitation to create an account and a strong password to access all its functions, including the directory.

Realm has proven to be an important communication tool in the life of the congregation. It allows us to easily find information to contact others, connect us via groups and committees, and let us know about events in the life of the church. We are very excited to continue using this platform and educating the congregation further about its capabilities in 2024!

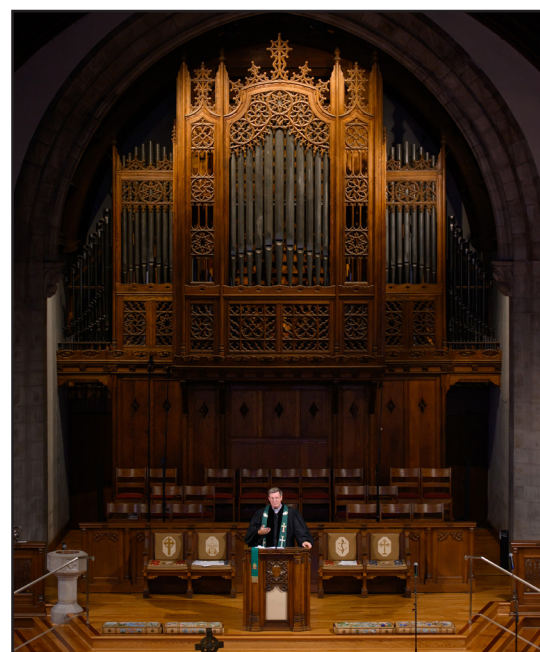


Our Sanctuary — 100th Anniversary

Dedicated in late December of 1924, our beautiful sanctuary is where our congregation has gathered to worship the God who calls us. Can you sense how the very walls bear silent witness to the generations of prayers and hymns once lifted by the faithful who came before us? And by us today?

We plan to mark this 100th dedication in 2024 — and you won't want to miss it! During worship on **Sunday, November 17, 2024**, we will remember our congregation's vision and sacrifice from a century ago. We will also re-commit ourselves to living with the same trust in the God who calls us now — seeking to extend God's love in the world.

So, mark your calendars! Let's celebrate the ways our sacred space sustains our worship — and everything else we do together.



Here are some of the things the *Who We Are Becoming Capital Campaign* has made possible!



Sanctuary Audio-Visual
Upgrades and Replacement



New flooring in the
Children's Music and WOW
Rooms



The new chiller for the
boiler/chiller system



Repaired walls and
painting in the Children's
Music Room, WOW Room,
Sanctuary, and stairway

Who We Are Becoming Capital Campaign Update

Needed to Fully Fund the Campaign — \$2,546,500

Current Campaign Commitments — \$2,335,836

Total Given — \$1,379,486

Remaining Needed to Fully Fund the Campaign — \$1,167,014

2023 Annual Ministry Budget Year-End Report

January 1, 2023 — December 31, 2023

Accounts	2023 Budget	2023 Actual
Revenues		
Contributions		
Pledges - Current	1,137,628	1,022,444
Pledges - Prior Year	7,095	8,914
Pledges - Next Year	2,305	28,200
Plate - Identified	149,671	258,348
Plate - Unidentified	3,705	3,716
Other Revenue		
Interest Income	1,575	1,024
Misc. Income	1,000	1,000
Meals on Wheels	3,705	3,000
Total Revenue	1,305,979	1,326,646
Expenses		
Personnel	761,794	707,027
Benevolences	225,277	225,276
Deacons	815	222
Community Life	20,000	10,468
Children's Ministry	13,550	8,803
Youth Ministry	9,300	7,945
Faith Formation	1,250	858
Music and Worship	42,260	32,656
Administration	73,200	67,141
Building Maintenance	293,500	256,795
Transfer from Missions (MOW and Preschool)	(30,000)	(30,000)
Total Expenses	1,410,946	1,287,191
Net Total	(104,967)	39,457

Restricted Accounts

January 1, 2023 — December 31, 2023

	Beginning Balance	Revenue	Expenses	Ending Balance
Christian Education				
Forum Fund	172			172
Library	274			274
Adult Bible Study Memorial Fund	4,022			4,022
Youth Mission and Retreats Fund	9,008	248		9,256
Total Christian Education	13,477	248		13,725
Fellowship				
Equipment - Fellowship	206			206
Mission				
Habitat for Humanity	5,229	500		5,729
Ministry Candidate Support	131			131
Mission - Special Gifts	22,241		2,250	19,991
INT Mission Trips - Escrow	4,882			4,882
Buckhordn - Special Gifts	17,864	180	3,258	14,786
Tambu Memorial Scholarship Fund	2,111	1,300		3,411
Refugee Resettlement	2,008	25	225	1,808
Total Mission	54,466	2,005	5,733	50,738
Trustees				
Archives Committee	3,852		685	3,168
Equipment Replacement Escrow	18,364	208		18,572
Emergency Maintenance Escrow	7,161			7,167
Paint Escrow	2,848			2,848
Emergency Utility Account	5,268			5,268
BF Escrow - Organ	22,618	83		22,701
Tuckpointing - Escrow	7,666	333		7,999
Housekeeping	9,202			9,202
Special Gifts - Misc/Bequests	8,558			8,558
Building Use Account	27,830			27,830
Custodial Equipment	1,178			1,178
Bus Acquisition Fund	28,225	167		28,391
AV Sanctuary Team Escrow Fund	464			464
Total Trustees	143,235	792	685	143,342

Restricted Accounts (cont.)

January 1, 2023 — December 31, 2023

	Beginning Balance	Revenue	Expenses	Ending Balance
Music/Worship				
Hymnals	0			0
Chancel Choir Benevolence Fund	380			380
Worship Equipment/Supplies	848			848
Memorial Gift - Music	1,477			1,477
Handbells	1,264			1,264
Special Music Programs	14,812	300	2,335	12,777
Total Music/Worship	18,781	300	2,335	16,746
Pastors/Session				
Children & Youth Dir. Cont. Ed.	1,842	330		2,171
Pastor/Head of Staff Cont. Ed.	(4,092)	1,887	40	(2,245)
Asst. Dir. Child & Youth Cont. Ed.			445	(445)
Music Director Cont. Ed.	1,800	100		1,900
Parish Nurse Cont. Ed.	362	38		400
Director of Finance Cont. Ed.	3,000	200		3,200
Parish Nurse Discretionary Fund	4,666	2,000	70	6,596
Communication Spec. Cont. Ed.		1,200		1,200
Outreach Director Cont. Ed.		221		221
Session Discretionary Fund	17,099		361	16,738
Pastor Discretionary Fund	1,601			1,601
Staff Training	3,801	50	254	3,597
Continuing Education - Office		500		500
Special Gifts or Grants	14,111			14,111
Surplus Reserve	54,075			54,075
Total Pastors/Session	98,256	6,526	1,169	103,621
Total Temporary Restricted	328,430	9,871	9,922	328,378

2023 Mission Giving Report

January 1, 2023 — December 31, 2023

	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>% Used</u>
BENEVOLENCES			
DENOMINATION			
051110 - Unified Giving	57,571	57,571	100.00%
051120 - Denom. Per Capita	27,058	27,058	100.00%
Total DENOMINATION	84,629	84,629	100.00%
SECOND CHURCH			
051321 - Benevolence/Emergency Aid	2,000	2,000	100.00%
051520 - Mission Discretionary	1,043	1,043	100.00%
051522 - Mission Closet	280	280	100.00%
051523 - Prayer Shawl Ministry	200	200	100.00%
051611 - Earth Care Ministries	700	700	100.00%
051665 - MOW & PreSchool bldg support	30,000	30,000	100.00%
Total SECOND CHURCH	34,223	34,223	100.00%
LEXINGTON			
051320 - Meals on Wheels	2,000	2,000	100.00%
051322 - Canaan House Fellowship	1,900	1,900	100.00%
051510 - Canaan House	12,000	12,000	100.00%
051530 - Hope Center	4,000	4,000	100.00%
051533 - Hope Center-Special Meals	2,150	2,150	100.00%
051534 - Hope Center C & C	2,475	2,475	100.00%
051565 - The Nest	2,500	2,500	100.00%
051570 - Black Church Coalition	4,000	4,000	100.00%
051585 - ROSM	1,800	1,800	100.00%
051590 - Westminster Village	4,750	4,750	100.00%
051637 - BUILD	7,000	7,000	100.00%
051650 - Ronald McDonald House Mnthly Dinner	1,200	1,200	100.00%
051655 - The Well at Lexington	3,750	3,750	100.00%
051660 - Girls on the Run	1,200	1,200	100.00%
051670 - Step by Step	2,300	2,300	100.00%
051672 - Interfaith Counseling Center	1,000	1,000	100.00%
051673 - Pre-School	2,000	2,000	100.00%
051675 - Arbor Youth Lunches	1,900	1,900	99.99%
Total LEXINGTON	57,925	57,925	100.00%
KENTUCKY/REGION			
051620 - KY Refugee Ministries	2,000	2,000	100.00%
051627 - Independent Transp. Network	2,400	2,400	100.00%
051640 - Central KY Radio Eye (CKRE)	800	800	100.00%
051715 - Buckhorn	8,750	8,750	100.00%
051730 - Louisville Theological Seminary	2,000	2,000	100.00%
057123 - Maxwell Legal Clinic	4,000	4,000	100.00%
Total KENTUCKY/REGION	19,950	19,950	100.00%
INTERNATIONAL			
051634 - Honduras	6,000	6,000	100.00%
051926 - Unified International Mission Fund	12,800	12,800	100.00%
051970 - Freedom thru Friendship	4,250	4,250	100.00%
051974 - Forman Christian Scholarship	5,500	5,500	100.00%
Total INTERNATIONAL	28,550	28,550	100.00%
Total BENEVOLENCES	225,277	225,277	100.00%

2023 Special Giving and Flow Through Accounts

January 1, 2023 — December 31, 2023

<u>IN/OUT Flow through Accounts</u>	<u>Beg Bal</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>End Bal</u>
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION				
081087 - Advent Devotional	580	-	-	580
081485 - Pace-Warren Lecture Serie	4,322	-	3,017	1,305
Total CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	4,903	-	3,017	1,886
MISSION				
081180 - Buckhorn - Meals	260	-	-	260
081230 - Hope Center Blankets	70	360	373	57
081235 - Men's Breakfast Fund	398	280	100	578
081258 - Honduras Mission Trips	41,066	7,300	-	48,366
081320 - God's Pantry	5	-	-	5
081360 - Joy Offering	300	-	300	-
081423 - Hope Center Coffee	91	60	70	81
081551 - Equal Exchange Coffee	14	211	151	75
081552 - West.Min. Village Op & Reserve Fund	11,976	3,133	1,595	13,514
Total MISSION	54,180	11,344	2,588	62,936
DEACONS				
081278 - Easter Lilies/Blankets	370	-	-	370
081486 - Poinsettias/Blankets	110	765	400	475
Total DEACONS	480	765	400	845
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN				
081511 - CANDLELIGHT CIRCLE	204	-	-	204
081514 - Beth Wachs Monday Cir.	395	47	-	442
081538 - Least Coin	8	3	-	11
081539 - Thank Offering	385	-	385	-
Total PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN	991	51	385	657
SPECIAL FUNDS				
081310 - Flower Fund	295	100	-	395
081586 - Parents Morning Out Program	18,135	2,542	2,522	18,155
Total SPECIAL FUNDS	18,430	2,642	2,522	18,550
Total IN/OUT Flow through Accounts	78,983	14,802	8,912	84,873
<u>SPECIAL FUNDS</u>				
081440 - Memorials Income	11,696	1,805	10	13,491
081525 - Richardson Memorial Fund	936	-	-	936
Total SPECIAL FUNDS	12,632	1,805	10	14,427
<u>SPECIAL OFFERINGS (received & disbursed)</u>		<u>MTD</u>		<u>YTD Actual</u>
		<u>Actual</u>		
041401 - One Great Hour of Sharing		-		4,492
041403 - Joy Christmas Offering		2,006		2,106
041404 - Peace Offering		-		1,895
041405 - Habitat for Humanity		-		500
041409 - Christmas Baskets-Westmin		8,252		9,252
041412 - Pentecost Offering		-		1,216
041435 - Buckhorn		-		200
041447 - God's Pantry		10		60
041450 - Hope Center		10		60
041465 - Refugee Resettlement		-		25
Total SPECIAL OFFERINGS		10,278		19,806

2024 Ministry Budget

January 1, 2024 — December 31, 2024

Accounts	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Budget
Revenues			
Contributions			
Pledges - Current	1,137,628	1,022,444	1,022,444
Pledges - Prior Year	7,095	8,914	8,914
Pledges - Next Year	2,305	28,200	28,200
Plate - Identified	149,671	258,348	258,348
Plate - Unidentified	3,705	3,718	3,718
Other Revenue			
Interest Income	1,575	1,024	1,024
Misc. Income	2,000	1,000	1,000
Meals on Wheels	3,000	3,000	3,000
Total Revenue	1,306,979	1,326,648	1,326,648
Expenses			
Personnel	645,051	707,027	761,796
Benevolences	219,632	225,276	224,139
Deacons	36	222	815
Community Life	6,254	10,468	20,000
Children's Ministry	10,493	8,803	13,550
Youth Ministry	5,513	7,945	9,300
Faith Formation	578	858	1,250
Music and Worship	28,759	32,656	42,260
Administration	68,943	67,141	73,200
Building Maintenance	292,000	256,795	278,500
Transfer from Missions (MOW and Preschool)	(30,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)
Total Expenses	1,247,259	1,287,191	1,394,810
Net Total	59,720	39,457	(68,164)