

# Annual Report

## 2022



**NOWTHEN  
ALLIANCE  
CHURCH**

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## Annual Meeting 2022 Minutes

**Thursday, April 21, 2022**

**Open:** Pastor Nate Kemper called the meeting to order at 7:00pm (quorum of 50 members present).

**Scripture and Prayer:** Isaiah 6, Holy, Holy, Holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of His glory. The message here is that NAC is not at 60 or 70 or 80 percent. God has our church sized and resourced at 100% of what is needed to do His will. Prayer for God leading of ministry at Nowthen.

**Adoption of Agenda:** Motion, Seconded and Passed.

**Adoption of minutes from the 2021 Annual Meeting and Membership List:** Motion, Seconded, and approved as printed.

**Appointment of Tellers:** It was recommended that Bruce Powers and Scott Jones be appointed Tellers. Motion, Seconded and Passed.

**Honoring of Leaders:** Pastor Nate honored Rob Bergfalk, Cheri Morgan, and Cindy Jacob for past service to Nowthen. Pastor Nate also honored Julie Guimont, Tom Greenberg, Jenny Kemper, and Tawny Thompson.

**Election of Elders, Deaconesses, and Officers:** Nominating Committee Report received and reviewed. The Tellers passed out Ballots. Ryan Hinson and Terry Petro were elected to three-year terms. Nathan Hunter was elected to fill a vacancy. Terry Petro was elected as Secretary. Sheryl Fischer, Jenny Kemper, Dorene Russell, and Becky Wilson were elected Deaconesses.

**Election of Nominating Committee Members:** Leah Burquest, Mary Jones, and Brent Pringle were nominated. Leah Burquest and Brent Pringle accepted nominations. Don Nydam moved that discussion be closed and that the two nominees be unanimously approved. Motion to close discussion seconded and passed. Motion to elected Leah and Brent to the Nominating Committee seconded and passed.

**Review of 2021 and Staff Reports:** Pastor Nate was ordained and is a member of DexCom. Nowthen planted a church in Anoka. We had eleven salvations and seven Baptisms. Pastor Nate shared the story of two teen girls. Reports were received from Pastor Nate, Pastor Bruce, Pastor Hunter, Student Ministries, Children's Ministries, Finance, Deaconesses, and both Alliance Women's groups.

**Hopes for 2022 and Commitments from Pastor Nate:** The priority for Nowthen will be that God is glorified and that congregants would enjoy fellowship. Pastor Nate shared that he will be taking a Sabbatical during the summer. Pastor Nate is committed to: Celebrate and prioritize Jesus; Follow the leading of the Holy Spirit; Remain under God's authority; Care for his own soul and personal growth.

**Adjournment:** Motion made to adjourn at 8:35pm: Seconded and passed.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bruce Powers, Associate Pastor and Acting Secretary

## **Nowthen Alliance Church**

### **Active Membership**

**113 Members as of February 16, 2023**

Bagwell, Brian	Greenberg, Tom	Lorenz, Liz	Powers, Laura
Bagwell, Tanya	Hall, Dennis	Manske, Carol	Pringle, Alissa
Berg, James	Hall, Julie	Manske, George	Pringle, Brent
Berg, Jan	Hannah, Donna	Moore, Linda	Russell, Dorene
Blake, Dennis	Hanson, Brooke	Moore, Robert	Russell, Maurice
Blake, Lynda	Hanson, Joshua	Morrell, Brenda	Schulz, Jerri
Brand, Rick	Hinson, Ryan	Morrell, Trent	Selander, Gladys
Brand, Susan	Hinson, Sharon	Morrison, Patricia	Selander, Stan
Bremer, Donna	Hollinger, Mike	Morse, Cliff	Snaveley, Kathy
Bremer, Jim	Hollinger, Natalie	Morse, Wilma	Snaveley, Rob
Brown, Bruce	Hunter, Becky	Mucha, Jana	Snead, Grace
Brown, Elizabeth	Hunter, Nathan	Mucha, Jon	Snead, Lee
Burquest, Aaron	Ingalls, Karen	Murdock, Jeannie	Stenzel, Debbie
Burquest, Leah	Janiga, Dave	Murdock, Kent	Stenzel, Paul
Cervin, Craig	Janiga, Kara	Nordhausen, Jan	Stoesz, Peggy
Danielson, Roger	Johnson, Debra	Nydam, Don	Sundstrom, Eric
Edgar, Eric	Johnson, Keith	Nydam, Sharilyn	Sundstrom, Meagen
Edgar, Sarah	Jones, Mary	Ohman, Karen	Thompson, Carolyn
Fischer, Sheryl	Jones, Scott	Olson, Barbara	Thompson, Nancy
Frame, Cheri	Keeney, Paul	Olson, Cliff	Tong, Jan
Frame, Tim	Keeney, Virginia	Palmer, Elizabeth	Vovk, Abigail
Fredell, Lois	Kemper, Jennifer	Palmer, Mark	Vovk, Noah
Fredell, Scott	Kemper, Nathan	Palmquist, Gary	Watson, Donald
Gerdes, Sharon	Kern, Linda	Palmquist, Robyn	Watson, Maude-
Gerdes, Terrance	Kirkpatrick, Todd	Petersen, Jan	Ruth
Goodrich, Cindy	Kirkpatrick, Nicole	Petersen, Randy	Wilson, Becky
Goodrich, Wayne	Kiser, Jack	Petro, Donella	Wilson, Harry
Greenberg, Betty	Kiser, Mary	Petro, Terry	
Greenberg, Ruby	Lorenz, Ben	Powers, Bruce	

## **Nominating Committee Report**

**(Leah Burquest, Sheryl Fischer, Nate Kemper, Terry Petro, Brent Pringle)**  
**2023 ANNUAL MEETING (April 13, 2023)**  
**NOWTHEN ALLIANCE CHURCH**

### **ELDERS:**

#### **Nominees Election until 2026:**

**Trent Morrell**  
**Jon Mucha**  
**Brent Pringle**

#### **Continuing until 2025:**

Ryan Hinson  
Terry Petro

#### **Continuing until 2024:**

Jim Bremer  
Ben Lorenz

### **OFFICERS:**

#### **Dave Janiga (Nominated for term until 2026 )**

Terry Petro (Continuing until 2025)  
Stan Selander (Continuing until 2024)

#### **Treasurer**

Secretary  
Assistant Treasurer

### **DEACONESSES:**

#### **Nominees Election until 2025:**

**Donna Bremer**  
**Mary Kiser**  
**Alissa Pringle**  
**Gladys Selander**

#### **Continuing until 2024**

Sheryl Fischer  
Jenny Kemper  
Dorene Russell  
Becky Wilson

**PLEASE NOTE:** The names of nominees are in **BOLD BLACK LETTERS**.

### **BYLAW:**

“After the slate has been posted, members of the congregation may nominate for any position by submitting the nomination in writing signed by at least two active members to the Nominating Committee at least five calendar days prior to an annual meeting. These names shall be added to the posted list.”

## Lead Pastor Report

For the last seven years, we've organized ourselves around equipping people to find life and faith in Christ. God remains faithful in working in our lives and community and we are privileged that He invites us into partnering in that work with Him. We often evaluate our role in how we are doing by navigating how we are helping people **connect** with other believers, **grow** in their own relationship with God and encourage others to do the same, and **participate** in what God is doing in their lives and the world around them.

One of the clearest ways we see fruit in people finding life in Christ is through people making first time decisions to accept Jesus as savior or rededicating their lives to Him. We had 6 people in 2022 celebrate that new step with us. As a step of expressing their faith in Christ, we had 5 people go public with their faith in baptism last year as well.

We saw some success with new or returning connection events last year as well. The Wild Game Feed and fishing league connected some around common interests, Sunday Family Fundays continued to grow in attendance as a shared engagement time, and an all-church Christmas party bonded people around both Christ and soup. We are hoping these opportunities move from just being events to forming bonds of relationship with others that encourage our faith practice as well.

We had many grow in their faith through ministries together as well. A yearlong Sunday School class through the Bible had some read through it in a year for the first time. Small groups helped many engage in deeper conversation of faith in their trusted relationships, and our women's ministry continued to see connections throughout a variety of opportunities both in person and digital that have an undeniable momentum. These organized events aren't the point though. Many others grew in their faith through worshipping together, spiritual disciplines and family experiences. A personal highlight for me was growing together by reflecting on ancient and sacred expressions of corporate worship.

We also participated well in what God is doing in our world. Many continue serving faithfully with the gifts God has given them. Many give generously to the work that goes on at our church and through our partners and international workers. We continue to be encouraged by people's response to what God has done in their lives. If you haven't been responding by joining God in His work in some way, I'd love to help you do so.

Personally, I was thankful for a 10-week sabbatical over the summer. It provided me an opportunity for great rest, care for my own soul, time with my family, and growing opportunities for my own leadership and giftings. It was great to visit many of our partner churches and to have many from our staff and retired pastors share their preaching giftings with our church body. I returned with a full tank and am excited to continue serving as God has called me to.

I'm trusting alongside you that we will continue to see God be faithful to us in the next season and hoping we will continue to join Him in the work that He is up to in our community and to the ends of the earth as we have opportunity.

Pastor Nate Kemper

## Associate Pastor Report

**Introduction:** This is my tenth year on staff at Nowthen. My primary tasks have included: facility management, administration and communications, missions, and general pastoral care. While most of my responsibilities have been “behind the scenes,” I continue to experience a taste of teaching, visitation, counseling, and preaching. It continues to be a blessing to serve at NAC.

**Administration & Communications:** In 2022 we regained a substantial proportion of our congregation back to in-person worship. On a typical Sunday we now have 240 in the pews plus another 40 joining us remotely. We hired Paula Neu and Tawny Thompson to replace Cindy Jacobs (who moved to Iowa). We continue to use Elexio and our website to meet the communication needs of our busy congregation. We pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide our Elders in these matters – understanding that while methods may change the message is constant!

**Facilities:** Soon after completing the remodeling project in 2022 we began to experience problems with our fire suppression system. After testing we learned that we had to replace both fire pumps. During the installation process we discovered two additional issues: an empty water tank and leaks in the dry side of the system. Fortunately, the empty water tank was due to a bad sensor unit. In addition to repairing the dry side leaks, we installed a nitrogen gas generator to mitigate any future corrosion in the dry side piping. We continue to monitor cracking stucco on the south-east portion of the building and carpeting needs. In 2022 Denny Coons retired as our custodian and chef. As a budget cut, we hired a part time building cleaner (Madeline Roper). In 2022 I organized a Facilities Team to assist me with building maintenance needs to help fill the gap that was left when Denny retired.

**Missions:** In June of 2022 our Ecuador 2022 team was enroute before the airline cancelled the flight due to political issues in Quito. (Because of Covid we needed to cancel our trips in 2020. We are hoping to send a team to Ecuador in 2023.) While the Missions team continues our three-tier approach to missions, we have transitioned our global tier. In 2023 we sent a team from Nowthen to assist with an English Camp in Taiwan alongside the O’Dell family. In coming years, our plan is to rotate between the O’Dells in Taiwan, the Kohls in Germany, and the Thranes in Africa. We implement our local tier via monthly Missions Partners including: Elevier, Young Life, CAER, Samaritan’s Purse, Compassion International, The Alliance Women, CAMA (Compassion and Mercy Associates), GFC (Great Commission Fund), and local giving ministries.

**Pastoral Care:** Members of the CARE Team continue to assist the Pastoral Staff with visitation ministry. I appreciate the dedication of these individuals and the care they provide for our widows, the sick, and those in need. Our congregation was witness to the miracle of God healing John Snavelly from Covid in 2022.

In conclusion, I want to thank Laura, my bride of 42 years, for her faithful support and constant love. Laura and I thank each of you for your encouragement to us this past year. Blessings to each of you!

Sincerely,

Pastor Bruce

## **Worship Pastor Report**

Hello church family. In preparation for Sundays, I've sensed that you really long to connect with God more in meditative ways, so we brought in smaller teams in the contemporary service and brought in more solo orchestral instruments in the traditional service, which has been wonderful! Welcoming more meditative music has been welcomed and received well. We did a hymn sing which we need to do again soon. Thank you, Natalie, for leading that. I preached two sermons. Nate was gone for over two months, so I needed to lead more during that time. I served once per month at the Elk River Senior Living Center in a sermon and worship time and I enjoyed seeing Roger Danielson there faithfully. I led two small groups in the spring and led and attended two small groups in the fall while being the Small Groups Director. Small groups are still a great resource to connect with people. Find a small group and connect with a community of believers. I've found many friends in small groups. I was asked to lead our district conferences worship time for their yearly meetings at Gateway in Elk River for 3 days. I was the song evangelist at Iowa Holiness Camp in University Park, IA for a week. I was able to lead a few students in playing guitar to encourage their talents for Jesus. Christmas was a treat and a lot of work as the whole church came together to celebrate Jesus in the first NAC Christmas Party. So many people engaged by bringing soups, cookies, frosting, set-up and tear down, and that being only what happened on the floor. Then there was a stage full of excellent musicians with kids, youth and adults leading 15 songs of worship and fun. It was a great event! Pastor Nate and I led the Growth Track in the spring which encouraged connection, growth, and participation at Nowthen. I hope to bring this back for fall of 2023. I led a 6-week fishing tournament called "Let's Fish" where we had 22 boats confirmed to compete. Cabela's supported us in \$1000 worth of prizes, so no money came out of the church funds for this. I hope to do it again in 2023 all for the hope to enjoy one another and get outside and celebrate life with others. I led the greeters for the majority of 2022 and was encouraged to see so many of you loving on people coming into the church. Great job! We got our espresso machine running again, so I'm hoping you take advantage of that more and connect with others as you enjoy a cafe latte in the cafe. Thank you, Cully, for helping with that!

A few more personal notes. I finished five seasons of leading the Elk River High School spring musical. The goal of simply being light in the dark. And believe me, the world is very dark. Keep your light shining in your world sharing Jesus with them. Don't shy away. Let Him shine through you! I've had to fight more for my kidneys as I have a genetic issue with my kidneys. Please pray they heal. Becky is teaching math at Avail Academy this year and continues into 2023. I'm grateful to have her alongside me in so many ways in ministry and life! She is amazing! Daniel and Sam participate in so many ways as well. Grateful for you, boys!

My hope is that personally I can walk closer to Jesus every day, making every decision surrendered to Christ. My hope is that you meet with Jesus on Sunday and don't just come and sing, listen, put on your happy face and leave. I long for you to place your hope in Jesus, lift your head to Him, find your identity in Him and worship Him for the praise that He is worth! Expect great things as He is all that you need in this life and the life to come.

Pastor Nathan Hunter



## **Student Ministries Report**

2022 has been one of my favorite years that I have had in all my years in ministry. I have seen growth throughout all of Nowthen Student Ministry. There has been great spiritual growth as well as numerical growth throughout the year. I thoroughly enjoy getting to come alongside the students of Nowthen and use my God-given gifts and abilities to love and support their growth in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I love partnering with each and every one of my co-workers both on the church staff and volunteer leaders in the Youth Ministry. I love the relationships I have built with Pastor Nate, Nathan, Bruce, as well as strengthening a relationship with Abby. The Youth Volunteers are all phenomenal people who love your students and more importantly love serving God in our Youth Ministry. Their devotion makes my ministry here very easy, enjoyable, enriching and challenging in the best ways. It is truly iron sharpening iron and I have been challenged to grow and have been enriched through my two years serving here. I look forward to many years of this here at Nowthen Alliance.

### **Events and Outings of 2022**

Nowthen Student Ministry has events and programs throughout the year that are structured around our church's three core values: Connect, Grow, and Participate. The summer "after-Corner-Ball-hangouts" are not only a great way to connect students with other students, but also see where they live, and get to connect with their families and surroundings. We met at 12 different youth students' homes last summer just to hang out, connect, and play.

2022 was also a Life Conference year so a lot of the spring and early summer consisted of fund-raising events. Nowthen Alliance Church played a huge part in allowing our students to attend and grow at Life Conference. Your financial support through the Pizza Ranch Fundraiser, Easter Pancake Breakfast, Parents' Night Out, Chili Cook-off, and the church garage sale, helped nineteen students and four leaders be able to attend and grow at this phenomenal conference. A special thanks to the organizational skills provided by youth volunteers Leah Burquest, and Karen and Randy Kleinman for this trip.

We had 13 students come with us to Camp Shamineau's Fall Fling this fall. This was a great group and a great time of spiritual growth as well as relational growth. I do believe that every one of our students (and leaders) all cried that weekend because of what the Holy Spirit was doing in our hearts through the speaker. We had a memorable time hearing from the Iversons during the missions conference and having a Taiwanese themed night. The students didn't want to stop asking questions to the missionaries at our normal ending time. We had a fun time serving at Feed My Starving Children and watching part of the new Chosen series in theater back in November. We had 37 students and six leaders attend the Winter Retreat at Big Sandy Camp! We have worked through some typical relationship issues that all great youth groups have gone through. Relationships are hard, even as adults!

### **Looking into the Future**

We are planning a local youth mission trip for this summer, more fun and connecting through hangouts, as well as some new youth Bible studies.

### **Other Duties as Assigned**

I would like to say that I thoroughly enjoy coming up with graphics for events and social media posts. I am very excited to be helping organize a church softball team for the men of this church. It is another one of my passions and I look forward to being active this way while connecting with other men from the church. I look forward to serving this amazing body of believers for many years to come in any way that I am able.

Thanks, and God bless!

Josh Hanson

## **Children's Ministries Report**

Nowthen family, I am so thankful that the last year has been full of joy and experiencing God's blessings. The previous 12 months has not been a typical calendar year with things such as my maternity leave in early May and then for Pastor Nate to go on sabbatical just a few weeks after my return. However, we could continue ministry well because of amazing volunteers who stepped in to oversee and run programs and events.

### **2022 celebration points**

The last year has brought great joy to our typical programming and ministry time. Once again, we hosted Corner Ball Club, weekly Sunday school classes, and launched a new mid-week ministry called Bedrock Bay. None of these things would be possible without the heart, dedication, and time of volunteers who care deeply to help raise the next generation of leaders.

#### **Sundays:**

Most weeks during the 9:45 hour, we have the blessing of having three Sunday School classes alongside the nursery. While we have seen the nursery utilized more during our early service than last year, we have struggled to keep the nursery fully staffed with volunteers to care for the littlest of our church family. Students from 3rd to 6th grades have attended the older elementary Sunday School class as they dig into scripture, growing their understanding of God and faith foundation. Also, the addition of a Parent-Child Room has allowed us to care for our families in a new and unique way, as the value of worshiping alongside children of all ages is immense even when, at times, it feels impractical. By having this space open and available, parents can engage with the service or take a moment to relax with their children at any point in a more comfortable and private way. Sunday Family Funday events have been mostly consistent in attendance and have allowed families who may not have otherwise connected to grow in the community. The largest attended Sunday Family Funday event was held in February when we internally geared the event for our whole church community to come and get to know our pastoral staff better.

#### **Wednesdays:**

Over the summer we had the joy of running another successful season of Corner Ball Club. We had over 200 students registered and over 60 volunteers. In August, we hosted summer family nights again but acknowledged that change might be on the horizon as we saw significantly lower attendance. The spring of 2022 brought about the final semester of hosting an Awana program. Through much prayer, discussion, and discernment, we chose to embrace change to meet our children's needs to grow in their faith rather than continue a program simply because that is what we had done in years past. September brought a fresh start to our new, in-house program, Bedrock Bay: building faith foundations one verse at a time. Although lower in numbers than previous years of Wednesday evening programming, we started Bedrock Bay with 28 students registered before our launch night and have experienced the growth of an additional 18 students registered since the first night, as well as many friends brought to visit along the way. The increased faith understanding has become evident among the students as they discuss and learn in their small groups.

### **2023 Goals, Mission and Vision**

Finishing out 2023 will bring a new season of Corner Ball Club this summer. In place of a VBS or an August family night, we will be hosting a large one-time end-of-summer bash where we will be inviting community members, as well as our church family, to volunteer and participate in games, activities, and more. By the end of the year, we will have begun minor updates to the kid's ministry space to make it a warmer and more welcoming environment, tackling organization and making the best use of all the rooms and areas we have been blessed with. This fall, we will be heading into our second year of Bedrock Bay and continue to help our students grow and learn as they strengthen their faith and what it means to be a follower of Christ.

In Him,

Abby Vovk- Director of Children's Ministry

## **Audit Summary**

The Audit Committee has reviewed the financial records for 2022 and have again found the financial records and process to be well organized and in good condition with no abnormalities.

We reviewed financial statements and the internal controls. This included the regular contributions, invoices, bank statements and corresponding documentation.

- Samples of deposits were matched to bank statements and to deposit summaries prepared by the offering counters. We found that monies were deposited in a timely manner and distributed correctly to the accounts designated by the givers.
- Invoices and payables were reviewed and found to be paid accurately and timely.
- Time sheets for part-time paid positions are reviewed and approved and payments made in a timely manner.

Weekly deposits are counted by two individuals each Sunday morning. The counters verify the deposit amount, reports are prepared and signed by each individual. Deposits are promptly delivered to the bank each week.

From the audit we performed, we feel confident that the financial records of Nowthen Alliance Church for 2022 are in satisfactory order.

We would like to commend those involved with the financial activities of the church for the exceptional organization and hard work. Their time and efforts are greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Bremer  
Ben Lorenz

## Financial Reports

### Statement of Activities 2022

Years Ended December 31, 2022, 2021 and 2020

	2022	2021	2020
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>			
Worship Service Offerings:			
General Operating Fund	719,539	718,637	695,690
Mortgage Principal Reduction	13,725	15,909	19,650
Other Income	6,575	217,311	3,346
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>739,839</b>	<b>951,857</b>	<b>718,685</b>
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>			
Worship Services	6,453	6,992	7,302
Adult & Family Ministries	6,427	2,684	3,679
Youth Ministries	12,058	9,936	10,434
Children's Ministries	5,488	7,144	15,509
Personnel	406,705	398,046	375,259
Denominational Assessments	34,643	35,568	33,246
Building and Grounds:			
Maintenance & Insurance	152,979	120,872	78,100
Utilities	36,704	34,313	29,861
Interest on Building Loan	19,481	20,511	29,765
Donation to Compassion Church	17,515	20,000	
Other Operating Expenses	65,522	69,557	58,971
Amortization & Depreciation	89,769	114,748	89,924
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>853,746</b>	<b>840,373</b>	<b>732,051</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>(113,907)</b>	<b>111,484</b>	<b>(13,366)</b>

**Notes:**

Our building loan with Bank of the West was refinanced in April. The interest rate on the prior loan was 4.87% while the rate on the new loan is 3.55%, a reduction of 1.32%. The monthly payment was reduced from \$4,461 to \$2,579. The new loan began with a balance of \$496,000 and has a term of ten years. It is estimated the balance of the new loan in April, 2031 will be about \$350,000 and a new loan will need to be negotiated at that time.

Capital Improvements made during year 2020 include: A computer to offer our services online and live-streamed; two large screens for the sanctuary.

Capital Improvements made during year 2021 include: Ten new rooftop HVAC units and an elevated audio/visual booth including new audio/visual equipment.

No Capital Improvements in year 2022.

### Statement of Cash Flows - 2022

	Local Activities	Designated Funds	YTD Total
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Change in Net Assets	(113,907)		(113,907)
Depreciation Expense	89,769		89,769
Prepaid Expenses	(4,243)		(4,243)
Accounts Receivable	100		100
Accounts Payable	12,355	3,327	15,683
Net Cash From Operations	(15,925)	3,327	(12,597)
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Building & Improvements			
Furniture and Equipment			
Net Cash Used For Investing			
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Building Loan Principle Reduced	(29,131)		(29,131)
Net Cash Used For Financing	(29,131)		(29,131)
Net Cash Increase (Decrease)	(45,056)	3,327	(41,729)
Cash at Beginning of Year	268,096	6,550	274,646
Cash at End of Year	223,039	9,877	232,917
Accounts Payable	43,087		43,087
Building Loan Payment Due Jan 8	2,579		2,579
Other Restricted Funds		9,877	9,877
Cash Available	177,374		177,374

### Statements of Financial Position - December 31, 2022, 2021, and 2020

	2022	2021	2020
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash In Bank	232,917	270,526	231,134
Accounts Receivable		4,220	4,900
Prepaid Expenses	13,075	8,832	7,271
Buildings & Improvements (Net of Depreciation)	1,512,005	1,590,069	1,606,087
Furniture & Equipment (Net of Depreciation)	23,856	33,734	44,347
Loan Costs (Net of Amortization)	7,917	9,744	11,571
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>1,789,769</b>	<b>1,917,124</b>	<b>1,905,310</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts Payable	43,087	30,731	97,564
Interest Payable			2,089
Designated Giving	9,877	6,550	11,858
Arvid/Fern Anderson Memorial	40,000	40,000	40,000
Audrey Anderson Memorial	41,354	41,354	41,354
Building Loan	444,490	473,621	497,946
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>578,808</b>	<b>592,256</b>	<b>690,811</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>1,210,961</b>	<b>1,324,868</b>	<b>1,214,499</b>
<b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>	<b>1,789,769</b>	<b>1,917,124</b>	<b>1,905,310</b>

## Designated Contributions - 2022

### Breakdown of Designated Contributions

	2022	2021	2020
<b>Designated Giving Categories:</b>			
<b>C&amp;MA Great Commission Fund</b>	48,677	54,886	61,624
<b>C A M A Services</b>	300	650	600
<b>Benevolent Fund</b>	12,685	18,178	14,750
<b>Memorials Fund</b>	510		270
<b>Alliance Women - Day Group</b>	4,603	3,907	2,130
<b>Alliance Women - Sunday Group</b>	1,460	2,816	1,150
<b>Adult Missions Trip</b>			3,535
<b>Youth Missions Trip - LIFE</b>	14,122		100
<b>Sunday School/Bedrock Bay</b>	2,243	2,245	2,700
<b>Love Offerings</b>	4,195	32,620	5,690
<b>Total Designated Giving Contributions</b>	<b>88,793</b>	<b>115,301</b>	<b>92,550</b>

### Notes:

During 2011, a contribution was received from the Audrey Anderson estate in the amount of \$41,354 for supporting our Nowthen Missionaries. On January 1, 2012, these funds were used to reduce the loan balance. Each month the amount of interest that would have been paid on this portion of the loan is set aside to support our Nowthen Missionaries.

During 2006, a contribution was received from the family of Arvid and Fern Anderson in the amount of \$42,000 to support the Big Sandy Camp Scholarship Fund for our children and youth. Initially, \$2,000 was placed in the Big Sandy Camp Scholarship Fund and \$40,000 was invested. The investments were redeemed and on March 1, 2012, the loan balance was reduced an additional \$40,000. Each month the amount of interest that would have been paid on this portion of the loan is set aside in the Big Sandy Camp Scholarship Fund, and the money is used to reduce the cost of attending camp for those who complete a scholarship application.

## **Deaconess Report**

Those serving this past year as deaconesses have been Donna Bremer, Sheryl Fischer, Cindy Goodrich, Julie Hall, Liz Lorenz, Jenny Kemper, Dorene Russell and Becky Wilson.

We met the third Sunday of almost each month to pray over the many needs in our church body, as well as to discuss other areas of service where we could be of help. Our regular areas of service include ministering to our widows, sending cards of encouragement, get-well or sympathy cards to the congregation, and sending holiday greetings and encouragement cards to our college students and those serving in the military.

We held two events for the widows of the church, a luncheon in July at Pizza Ranch and a soup and salad luncheon at Guardian Angels in March 2023. These events have a good turnout and each of us enjoy our time spent with these lovely ladies.

Debbie Stenzel and Sheryl Fischer have been coordinating Take Them a Meal. As in past years, this is a much needed and appreciated ministry. We want to thank the many in our church family who have provided these meals.

In this past year, we have had the privilege of serving a meal for the following funerals/celebrations of life for the following people and their families: Ellen Greenberg, Ed Stone, Lloyd Allrich, Jeff Price, Braydon Danielson, Schuyler Wallace, and Jennifer Hendricks. We want to thank our church body who volunteer their time and service during these times of providing a service to the families that have had a loved one pass.

The deaconesses would like to thank Denny Coons who has served as our meal coordinator for many funerals over the years and has retired this year. We will miss him, but we wish him many great years ahead to enjoy retirement to the fullest. Thanks for going above and beyond in this role. A thank you to Julie Guimont who serves as the Nowthen funeral coordinator and makes our role much easier as she works directly with the families.

Serving the congregation of Nowthen is a calling and a blessing, and many hands lighten the load. It has been my pleasure and a blessing to serve with these women over the past year, they each have a servant's heart.

In His Service,

Cindy Goodrich, Chairperson, on behalf of the Deaconess Committee

## **Alliance Women Day Group Report**

### **Director**

Our Alliance Women (AW) group meets for the purpose of praying for and continuing to support the International Workers (IW) who serve the Christian & Missionary Alliance and other missionary organizations. Our group is the only group functioning in this capacity now. The AW Group meets on the second Thursday of the month at 9:30 am in the church conference room. Our monthly attendance typically averaged eight people, with a high of 14. Sharon Gerdes has taken over the reins of directing our group. Carol Manske still combines a summary of current updates when the missionaries submit them to her prior to our meeting. An area of local ministry that the women also do includes providing small gift bags one month per year for each person celebrating their birthday at Guardian Angels Care Center Birthday Bash.

Our meetings continue to follow a similar format but are less structured. We begin with clever ideas that stretch us to get to know ourselves and one another better. Then we follow with devotional prayer, simple snacks, IW updates, and prayer for the IWs and their families. Prayer for the IWs continues to be our primary concern. We were blessed to hear from Jamie O'Dell and Sarah Guyatt this year. The business part of our meeting is held to consider available funds collected at our meeting and how we may best use the resources to support our IWs.

The IWs we continue to pray for represent the Christian & Missionary Alliance, Navigators, Child Evangelism Fellowship, Reach Beyond, Pioneers, REI (Resource Exchange International), Open Air Campaigners, YWAM, Wycliffe, and individuals from Nowthen Alliance Church who served on short term mission trips.

Meeting Notes on 2022-2023:

**April**-prayer

**May**-prayer

**June**-prayer

**July**-Jamie O'Dell was our special speaker, prayer (combined group)

**August**- Sarah Guyatt was our special speaker, prayer (combined group)

**September**- combined with August near the end of August when Sarah could be present

**October**- prayer

**November**-prayer, Sharon Gerdes b/c President

**December**-prayer

**January**-prayer & Birthday Bash gifts delivered to Guardian Angels Care Center on 1-31-2023 for the staff to disseminate for the February birthday party there.

**\*February**-prayer

**\*March**-prayer

We are thankful that our church still values the Alliance Women and the role they play in supporting our IWs through prayer and giving.

We look forward to another year of serving the Lord by praying for our IWs.

Respectfully submitted by Joni Aspengren



## Alliance Women Day Group Report

### Treasurer

<b>Balance Forward</b>	\$158.00	
<b>Meeting Offerings</b>	\$4,602.50	
<b>Total</b>		\$4,760.50

### Disbursements:

Speakers	\$200.00	
CMA International Workers	\$1,420.00	
Other Nowthen International Workers:	\$3,000.00	
(CEF, YWAM Montana, Pioneers, Reach Beyond, YWAM Akron, REI, Wycliffe, Open Air Campaigners)		
Third Culture Kids Christmas Gifts	\$100.00	
<b>Total Disbursements</b>		\$4,720.00
<b>Year End Balance</b>		\$40.50

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheryl Fischer  
Treasurer

## Alliance Women Sunday Group Report

We are called to **edify** one another as believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. One small way we, as women at Nowthen Alliance Church do this, is by encouraging and supporting missionaries.

Romans 14:19 says, "Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith on may edify another."

We strive to come along side missionaries and edify them by:

Encouraging them with *hugs and smiles* when they visit our church and by connecting with them in any way we can.

Directly *giving* to the Great Commission Fund or by giving to their individual mission organization (see financial report).

Identifying their many needs through letters received and read, *PRAYING* for each need/request.

Faithfully supporting missionaries by *inviting* them to our meetings or events.

Yearly, making it our intention to bless the heart of God by blessing those who faithfully serve Him on US and foreign soil.

This past year, Carol Manske resigned as our Alliance Women leader. I, Julie Hall, have volunteered to take over this responsibility as leader of our group. I do not have records of each meeting that was held, but we did meet several Sunday mornings throughout the year. Carol did a fantastic job of leading us at each meeting and typically gave us a "take-home" prayer reminder. She encouraged us to pray often for our missionaries. We greatly appreciate Carol for her service, and I will strive to carry this ministry forward as she has faithfully done in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Hall

## **Alliance Women Sunday Group Report**

### **Treasurer**

Money received	\$1,459.50
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#### **Money Spent:**

Ukraine Relief CAMA	\$600.00
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Thrane	\$400.00
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Speakers Honorarium	\$400.00
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Year End Balance	\$472.56
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Carol Manske