

Clerk's Corner:

The following information was reported at the January 25, 2021, Session meeting, which was held electronically with Zoom technology:

- **Greetings and remarks from representatives of Mission Presbytery's Commission on Ministries:** The Rev. Monica Smith, chair of COM, and the Rev. Regina Maas, newly-assigned liaison from COM to FPC-Kerrville, brought greetings and apologies, and offers of help. The Rev. Maas will be helping to guide us through the transition into the calling our next installed pastor. Our first step is to do a church-wide mission study. She suggested doing a survey, having small group discussions, and to create a prayer team specifically for this task.
- **Correspondence:**
 - Received a letter of appreciation from the Haiti Education Foundation for a gift of \$250 made through the Alternative Gift Market.
 - Received a letter of appreciation from Gary Matthews, director of Alumni and Church Relations, at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary for our gift of \$500 from benevolences.
 - Received letters of appreciation from the Rev. Rosemary Mitchell, senior director, and the Rev. Lemuel Garcia, mission engagement advisor, PCUSA, for our gift of \$500 in support of Melissa Johnson, mission co-worker in Zambia.
 - Received letters of appreciation from the Rev. Rosemary Mitchell, senior director for Mission Engagement and Support PCUSA, for our gift of \$1440 to the Peace and Global Witness Offering and our gift of \$1000 to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance from benevolences. Also, we received a letter of appreciation from the Rev. Dr. Laurie Kraus, director of PDA.
 - Received newsletter from the Outreach Foundation giving updates on the damage to the Near East School of Theology in Beirut.
 - Received a letter of appreciation from Mark Tuschak, vice-president of Schreiner University, for our gift to the PASA program.
- **Deaths:**
 - Diana Hurst died on December 30, 2020. No services planned at this time due to the pandemic.
 - Betty Byrd died on January 10, 2021. No services planned at this time due to the pandemic.
 - Jodie Dunnahoo died on January 13, 2021. No services planned at this time due to the pandemic.
 - Rachel Whitton died on January 17, 2021. A graveside service was held on January 22, 2021, with the Rev. Dr. Jack Haberer presiding. A memorial service will be planned for some time after it is safe to do so.
 - William (Bill) Peril died on January 18, 2021, and a graveside service was held in the family cemetery on January 22, 2021, with the Rev. Matt Melton presiding.
- **Move to Inactive Roll:** Andy Anderson, Karen Anderson, Brad Crawford, Jayne Crawford, Kevin Hannay, Melissa Brady, Eddie Gaudier, and Jared Hunt
- **Removal from Rolls:** Dick and Margot Norat at their request.
- **Communion:** Communion was celebrated at the live-streamed 11:00 am worship service on January 03, 2021. There was limited extended communion served due to the COVID-19 crisis. Susan Montoya and Shannon Tuschak served Bill Hathaway and his caregiver.

- **Re-Opening Task Force Report:** With the rise of Covid-19 after the holidays, the task force made the decision to re-close the church until the first of February 2021.
- **Financial Report:** The December financial reports were reviewed. For the month of December, revenue exceeded budget by \$13,205.24 and expenses exceeded budget by \$639.83. After giving effect to an extraordinary expense credit of \$734.86, revenue exceeded expenses in December by \$12,911.48. For the year, revenue exceeded expenses by \$142,725.42, primarily as a result of the church's participation in the Paycheck Protection Program. This amount will be carried forward to the 2021 budget. Congress has enacted a second phase of the Paycheck Protection Program, but the current statute limits participation in the program to companies and nonprofits who experienced a decrease in revenue of more than 25% during a quarter of 2020 compared to the same quarter of 2019. The church does not meet this requirement.
- **Deacons:** Amy Havis is now the moderator of the deacons. She and Shannon Tuschak have been working with all the deacons with their new flock assignments. The new deacons, especially, are excited about their work. They are reassuring members that they are not alone and that the church cares about them.
- **Hospitality & Fellowship** reported that starting on Sunday, Feb. 7th, we will have a Zoom Coffee Hour after the 11 am church service.
- **Worship & Stewardship** reported that the committee is exploring ways to do Ash Wednesday services in the midst of the pandemic and invited session members to send them ideas.
- **Communications:** The theme for the next Windmill will be on the ministry teams. Chairs are encouraged to reach out and invite others to join their teams.
- **Pastor's Report:** The Rev. Dr. Jack Haberer explained why he has kept the paraments in the sanctuary white in remembrance of Epiphany rather than green for Ordinary time. It harkens back to early Christianity, and he prefers that. He expressed his joy in being able to lead worship on Christmas Eve especially with all the children from Children's Corner and our children and youth participating with reading and music. With support from the Personnel Team and the Youth and Children's Ministry Teams, he is pursuing candidates to serve as Director of High School Ministries, Director of Middle School Ministries, and Director of Children's Ministries. He announced that, after consulting with several elders, he has authorized UKirk, the PC(USA)'s Collegiate Ministries whose director is the Rev. Gini Norris-Lane here in Kerrville, to use our address for UKirk's future correspondence.
- **Business of Church Councils:** Commissioners reported that the called meeting of Mission Presbytery was held by Zoom on January 09, 2021, for the purpose of electing an administrative commission to work with Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church in San Antonio, TX, as they prepared to close their doors and be dissolved.

The following items were acted upon and approved:

- Approved the motion to adopt the 2021 budget.
- Approved the motion to call the annual meeting of the congregation on Sunday, Feb. 21, 2021, immediately following the 11:00 am worship service via live-streaming from our website.
- Approved the statistical report for 2020. We now have 489 active members.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Ferguson

Clerk of Session