

PUMC IN MISSION

"We're glad this church needs YOU! We're in mission together!"

What a Year! 2020 Pastor's Recap

by Pastor Jan Yandell

It is hard for me to believe that in 2020 there were for me only five Sundays I could consider normal: February 9, 14, and 23 and March 1 and 8. Being gone during January 2020 for a renewal leave and returning for a few weeks to find the world turning upside down was not at all how I planned for the year to go. Yet, life is not ours to plan!

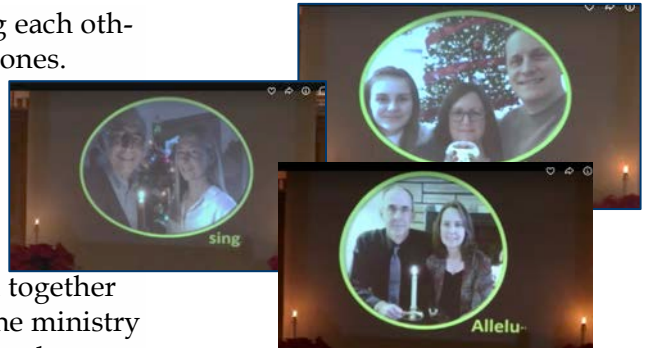
What we at PUMC developed in 2020 is a staff and group of volunteers who are incredibly flexible, tech savvy, and willing to do whatever it takes to provide a worship experience for the most people in the most places possible, in order to continue the essential mission efforts of the church.

We have learned about things that work and things that don't work. We have been patient with one another

while also pushing each other beyond our comfort zones.

I am incredibly impressed with the generosity of a congregation who cannot be together physically but is still willing to join together financially to continue the ministry and mission that this church provides for this community and the world. For you and for the Finance Committee, which continues to find new ways for us to give through technology when we can't place offerings in a plate – thank you, thank you, thank you.

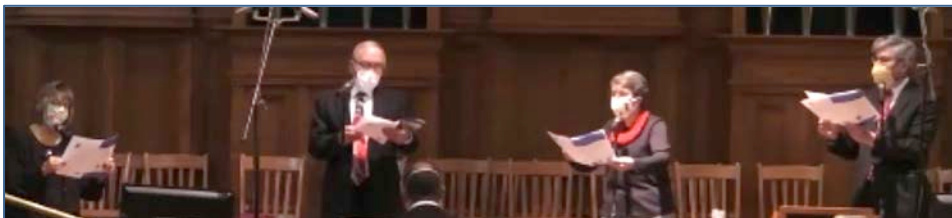
During the weeks leading up to Christmas Eve, I was working with all of the pictures many of you sent for the Silent Night slide show (some are above, right). It was such a joy to see your faces, your smiles,



and your willingness to carry the light of Christ to the world from wherever you were.

More than 300 people have viewed the service; many have said how much they enjoyed seeing their friends in the slide show. I am creating a pictorial directory for incoming pastor Rev. Jim Winkler out of the pictures and want to add to it pictures of those who were not able to share a photo for Christmas Eve. Please send a picture to the church office so our new pastor can begin to know your faces as soon as possible.

As we prepare for a time of transition with my retirement and the coming of Rev. Winkler (whom you will learn more about in the April newsletter), I assure you that you will be in good hands. I have appreciated these last six years of ministry here in Painesville. You have been *such a blessing* to me as I complete my years of service as a pastor in the United Methodist Church. God bless you all!



The 2020 videotaped Christmas Eve candlelight service was unique – but lovely. The word was preached, music played, carols sung, and candles lit to herald and celebrate Jesus as God's gift to us.



VANCO Text Giving Combines Ease and Security

More and more of you have begun to use our church's Vanco E-Giving service online at PUMCOnline.org, which allows easier, more trackable giving.

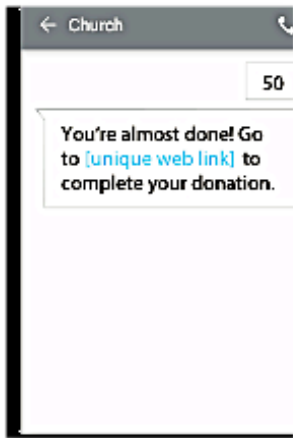
How to Use Text Giving

Giving is as easy as sending a text with Vanco.

Church Name: PUMC
10-Digit Vanco Text #: 833-918-3084

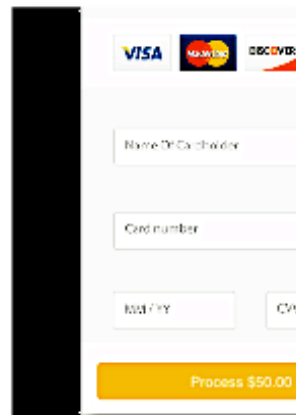
1. Get Started

Enter your 10-digit text number and the amount you wish donate, then press send.



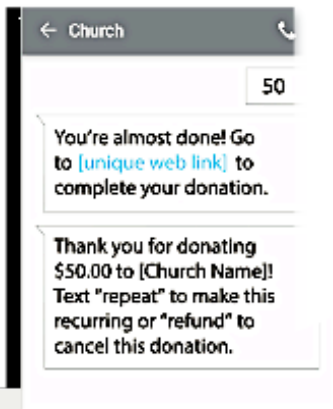
2. Register

You will receive a registration link. Click the link and enter your contact and payment information. Tap "Process."



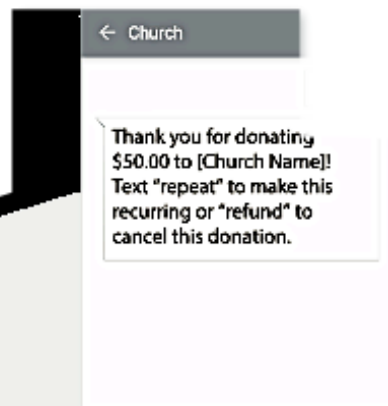
3. Give

After registration is complete, you will receive a verification text as well as a receipt via email.



4. Repeat

For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically.



Now you have the added option of giving via text from your smartphone with GivePlus. It offers the same excellent security as online giving and—after your initial registration—is very quick and easy. And there is no extra cost to the donor (other than any text/data fees from your carrier).

Just follow the instructions on the left to get started. To learn more, follow [this link](#) for a short video.

The number to text is **833-918-3084**.

You can text a single word following the amount to designate the fund where you want your gift to go (for example, \$50 Radio). The options:

- Operating
- Radio
- Memorial
- Building
- Concert
- Food

If no fund is specified, the \$\$ will go to the operating fund.



Planned Giving: We Give So That ...

by Robert Jenkins, Endowment Fund chair

For this installment, I want to highlight activity associated with the Endowment Fund for 2020.

I am pleased to report that the balance of the Endowment Fund as of 11/30/2020 was \$626,709 (see the breakout in the blue box). In February and March 2020, the church's Endowment Fund declined significantly, related to the initial impact of COVID-19 on the economy and the initial shut-downs throughout the U.S. and the world to try and contain the virus. Fortunately, over the succeeding months, the market made a robust recovery and the value of the Endowment Fund improved accordingly.

The fund also was blessed to re-

ceive \$17,806 in new contributions during the year.

We are very grateful to the generous church members who have left PUMC legacy funds to carry on the mission of the church and help to meet the needs for unexpected expenses.

One such expense occurred in the fall, when the trustees had to replace a boiler for the education wing at a cost of \$36,600. Since this was a large, unbudgeted expense, the Endowment Committee responded to a request from the Finance Committee to fund this replacement entirely from the building and

maintenance sub-account in the Endowment Fund.

If a church member would like to make a contribution to the Endowment Fund, please contact the church office or Robert Jenkins at jenkins.baun@gmail.com. A contribution to the Endowment Fund can be a general designation or can be made to a specific program area related to one of the sub-accounts.

The PUMC Endowment Fund consists of five sub-accounts:

Building and maintenance	\$412,207
Organ	\$104,675
Music	\$ 47,475
Youth	\$ 31,176
Missions	\$ 31,176
Total	\$626,709

Trustees' Update

by Josh Strickland, Trustees chair

With winter hard upon us, the trustees continue to maintain the church as needed, including work on the boilers. We are pleased to announce that the replacement of the boiler system in the education wing is complete and working well. We have also made repairs to the heating systems in the narthex and the circle room, which are also operating well.

A new sidewalk running the length of the church was installed on the west side of the church by the county as part of their upgrades to the courthouse parking lot. We appreciate the county performing that work for the church.

The trustees continue to work on our now most urgent work—the replacement of the sanctuary sound and video systems. Just in the begin-

ning stages, it will be completed in a way that does not disrupt the radio and livestream broadcasts of services. As you might expect, this is a challenging task requiring much coordination, but it is critical. We believe it will happen smoothly and the results will be dramatic both on the livestream and in person.

The capital fund will now be called the *building and maintenance fund*, to include funding ongoing maintenance of the church as well as repairs and improvements.



As has been part of this Capital Campaign from the outset, we are also doing needed remodeling on the parsonage (at left), which has taken on a new sense of urgency with Pastor Jan's impending retirement. We hope to perform this work in the spring so it is ready for our new pastor before July 1.

4th Quarter Financial Update

by Stacey Rodgers, treasurer, Finance Committee chair

What a year 2020 has been, a true roller coaster! Your church felt the effects of the roller coaster along with the rest of you and definitely experienced the ups and the downs financially. The graphic below shows each quarter’s income, expense, and net operating income or (loss).



So as this roller coaster ride came to an end, we finished on a unique high note for 2020 due to the work of the finance committee. Of the \$146,839 of income (blue bar all the way to the right), \$53,653 was due to the forgiveness of our Payroll Payment Protection loan (PPP)! God is good! Without the forgiveness of the PPP, the church would have only seen net income for the fourth quarter of \$6,637.

Rather than paying that loan back that we received in May from the Small Business Administration (SBA) as a part of the first economic stimulus package, we are able to recognize that \$53,653 as income for the church in 2020. This money has helped to ensure we were able to continue business

as usual, despite those “ups and downs,” and now it has helped us reduce our overall deficit—the amount we have borrowed against the capital fund (which from now on will be called the building and maintenance fund)—from \$(75,080) down to \$(19,359)!

While this year has been like no other and was one wild ride, we still will need to continue to stay focused and continue to practice good financial stewardship so that we can continue to reduce our deficit and get back to paying our apportionments in full. There is more work to be done!

As we have worked through the budgeting process for 2021, we have taken a hard look at expenses, challenged ourselves to think differently, and are prepared to be proactive in managing the church finances in 2021, no matter what new roller coaster ride the coming year might take us on.

Stay tuned for more discussion at the next State of the Church on Sunday, January 31.

