

First Presbyterian Church Conroe, Texas

Annual Report
2019-2020



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Annual Meeting of the Congregation

March 1, 2020

Let's Get Connected

In this *Annual Report*, you have read the vision of many ministries, and learned about many mission projects that our church members conduct. Our church's vision is to **“Love God, invest in people, live generously.”** The following table lists the Session ministries, all of which are looking for participants. With each ministry or team, the phone number and email address are given for a contact person. If that ministry or team interests you, or fits your gifts and passions, please contact the lead person and talk with them. Get *connected*, put your gifts and passions to use, and you will be blessed for it.

**First Presbyterian Church – Conroe
Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, March 1, 2020**

AGENDA

Distribution of Annual Reports for 2019-2020

Determination of a Quorum

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

Purpose of Meeting

Financial Results for 2019

General Budget for 2020

Change in Terms of Call

Election of Nominating Committee for 2020

Highlights from Annual Report

Adjournment and Closing Prayer

Call for Adjournment

LETTER FROM DAVID GREEN

2019 FINANCIAL RESULTS

	Budgeted	Actual	Change
Revenue	\$727,686	\$747,257	+2.7%
Expenses	\$727,239	\$729,511	+0.3%
Restricted Funds Revenue Received (excl. FF)			\$98,950
Mission Related: \$53,104			
Restricted Funds Revenue Disbursed (excl. FF)			\$87,378
Mission Related: \$39,389			
Restricted Funds Balance (end 2018)			\$62,921
Restricted Funds Balance (end 2019)			\$74,493
Checking Account(s) Balance (end 2018)			\$109,030
Checking Account(s) Balance (end 2019)			\$180,656
Committed Funds (end 2019)			\$106,793
Forever Fund (Contributions in 2019)			\$112,787
Forever Fund Current Market Value (end 2019)			\$117,150
Forever Fund Earnings Delivered to Church (2019)			\$299
Year-End Total Loan Principal Outstanding			\$2,530,428
Loan Principal Repayment in 2019			\$85,773

2020 GENERAL BUDGET

	2019 Budget	2019 Actual	2020 Budget
Total Revenue	\$727,686	\$747,257	\$751,840
Pledges	579,436	569,567	622,940
Freewill	110,000	140,726	91,500
Other	38,250	36,964	37,400
Total Expenses	\$727,239	\$729,511	\$751,834
Operating Expenses	\$481,439	\$492,495	\$510,127
Building & Grounds	145,000	154,936	148,200
Administration	24,500	26,588	27,300
Personnel	311,939	310,971	334,627
Debt Reduction	\$209,150	\$208,212	\$204,857
Loan Administration Fees	1,330	2,080	2,100
Loan Interest Payments	127,811	127,799	126,883
Loan Principal Payments	80,009	78,333	75,874
Program	\$36,650	\$28,804	\$36,850
Worship	8,400	4,692	8,400
Discipleship	15,300	14,227	15,300
Fellowship	6,500	6,333	6,500
Health & Wholeness	200	0	200
Caring & Prayer	1,350	1,011	1,350
Membership/Inviting	3,000	2,097	3,000
Presbyterian Women	1,700	120	1,700
Session	200	323	400
No. of Pledges	120	131	

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
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Mission: Lead the personnel, stewardship, financial health and legal compliance of our church, so that we are sufficient to be the hands and feet of Christ in our community and the world.

Members: Ron Bailey, Joanne Deaver, Mickey Deison, Todd Harrell, Fred Kate, David Perciful, Cara Wood, David Green (Pastor), Jay Swoboda (Chair)

Overview and Plans

We continued to expand the use of the Acceptiva online tool for income, fundraising and event scheduling, making it easier for people to connect and to give of their time and gifts.

Through generous financial support we took in 2.7% more revenue than planned; an additional \$19,571.

We were able to keep our spending within 0.3% of budget through diligent cash management.

We rewarded our staff, who have not had any adjustment in compensation for three years, showing recognition for their efforts and dedication.

Presbytery provides many services that support our ministry. In 2019 we were able to resume our contribution.

After a successful stewardship campaign, we able to present a budget for 2020 that is a 3.3% increase over last year or an additional \$24,595 towards God's work.

Streamlining our administrative policies while maintaining control and accountability is a focus for 2020.

Another focus is stewardship education – why we give, what our gifts do in the church and the community, and why pledging is important. Too often, we take these for granted and assume everyone understands the purpose and mechanisms of stewardship, but this is not always the case.

Ongoing efforts include the evaluation and development of our personnel and continuing assessment of the best use of our assets and resources.

We thank you for your support and ask for prayers for wisdom and discernment.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS
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Columbarium

Steve Tibbetts and crew have done an exceptional job of building a support structure for the urns and stained-glass windows. The Columbarium itself has been installed, securely anchored, and the individual urns installed. The major pieces of remaining work consist of fabricating and installing the decorative trim around the Columbarium and mounting the stained-glass window panels.

We need to build or purchase an awning over the exit door next to the Columbarium. We still need to improve drainage in that whole area.

PDS Pantry / Worship Ministry Seasonal Storage

This room was emptied and expanded in conjunction with the Columbarium project. We have located floor tiles that are a near match, and the Utes have installed them and returned the shelving and contents.

Gutter Maintenance

A crew from Gardenmania cleaned all the gutters around the entire building. They will return on a semi-annual basis.

Irritation System Issues

Many thanks to Paul Evans (again) this time for figuring out why the sidewalk on the street-side entry by the circular driveway was always wet and slippery, and finding a contractor to fix it. Paul contacted Gardenworld Landscaping and they installed sections of 4" pvc pipe that extended the drains downhill well past the mailbox toward Loop 336 at a cost of \$410.

Old Water Heater for Old Kitchen

Actually, in addition to the old kitchen, this water heater serves the two restrooms in the hallway nearest to the Sanctuary and the sink in the Break Room in the Office area. There are several issues with this water heater, but none seem to be serious enough to warrant a replacement. We will continue to pursue this with the ultimate goal being to restore hot water to all the areas served by this unit.

Hot Water Heater in Family Life Center

One of the complaints concerning the FLC water heater related to a poor flow rate in the showers. Gary Weinburger determined that the shower heads had been fitted with flow restrictors (possibly because people were running the showers at full blast, thereby exceeding the capacity of the floor drains causing flooding outside of the shower area). Gary removed the flow restrictors and so far, there have been no complaints about either low pressure or flooding. We will continue to monitor this.

Commercial Dishwasher in Old Kitchen

This dishwasher is seldom used anymore and would probably not pass an inspection for food service use. It will be removed and if necessary, replaced with a consumer grade unit.

Re-waxing Floors

Cindy Watson's crew took advantage of the period between the end of the VBS program and the beginning of registration for PDS to strip and wax the hallways, classroom floors, gym floors, and all other tile surfaces they could find. They did a beautiful job.

(B&G Continued)

Repainting the Leaning Cross

Kevin Simon was scheduled to prep, prime and paint the cross (with marine-grade primer and paint) on Sunday, August 11 and Monday, August 12. Kevin is providing the materials and supplies. Tom Lowery made arrangements with Sunbelt Rentals to deliver a lift to enable Kevin to reach the uppermost parts of the cross. Unfortunately, the lift malfunctioned, and the painting had to be postponed.

Repainting the Hallways

Many thanks to all who helped paint the hallways and the Choir Room, each other, and probably some other spaces I haven't heard about.

CARE AND PRAYER MINISTRY

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Mission:

To provide encouragement, comfort, prayer, and assistance to FPC members in times of bereavement, illness and crisis. To promote health and wellness of the congregation and to offer opportunities to receive and pray for one another and for the concerns of the church.

Members:

Deck Yates (Chair), Betty Blott, Cora Diamond, Martha Haines

Accomplishments:

This committee was newly formed and recognized at both the 2/16/2020 worship services.

This committee will deliver communion to shut-ins.

The list of those eligible for delivered communion is being updated.

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY

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Mission: To encourage people to meet in Small Groups and Sunday School classes for fellowship, encouragement, edification, training, prayer, and study of the Bible and to aid people in developing meaningful interpersonal relationships, and to experience the love of God as manifested within the Body of Christ through such fellowship.

Discipleship Ministry Team: Anne Spinks (Chair), Dena Sowden, Mark Sowden, Glenna Lang, Yvonne Rose, Mike Garrison and Virginia Tamborello

Youth Ministry Team:

(Reports to Discipleship for oversight and approval of their recommendations and decisions) through discipleship.

Volunteer Youth Director: Mark Sowden

Youth Parent Advisory Committee: Mark Sowden (chair), Dena Sowden, Jr. & Sr. High Parents

Vision: To empower, equip, and train youth to be the future leaders of the church

Children's Ministry Team:

(Reports to Discipleship for oversight and approval of their recommendations and decisions)

Vision: To create a safe place for parents to bring their children where the little ones will be given the opportunity to encounter God, learn faith and Biblical essentials, and experience a loving community that cares about their spiritual and emotional growth.

Essentials to achieve this vision:

To teach a love for the Bible.

To teach how to talk to God through prayer.

To make children aware of what God is doing in their midst.

To model God's love to each other through Christ.

2019 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Children's Ministry

1. Sunday School Attendance Averages:

- Nursery - 3
- Children - 4
- Youth - 8
- Adult - 81

2. Continued using Gospel Light Sunday School curriculum. Teachers report that they are pleased with the curriculum.

3. Coordinated a successful Easter Egg Hunt for elementary children with the help of the Youth.

4. Coordinated and participated in a successful VBS July 8-12. The theme was *“ROAR!: Life is wild * God is good”*. In attendance were 107 children and 60 volunteers. Thursday Family Night included a showing of “Madagascar 2” and Kona Ice. VBS included a Day Camp for 13 incoming 5th and 6th graders that lasted until 3 pm. With Anne and David Spinks leading, the students participated in VBS Curriculum and presented the snack lesson for the younger children during VBS then participated in several mission projects in the afternoon.

In September, sent emails to all PDS families and VBS participants inviting them to Sunday School and upcoming events.

1. Offered a Drop & Shop with Gingerbread House Party on December 14th. 8 children attended with 15 Youth and 2 Adult volunteers.

2. Began Family Movie Nights serving hot dogs and popcorn on third Saturdays beginning in October, average attendance around 40 people. Shirley Dukes and Donna Stewart help with refreshments and desserts.

Coordinated the annual Children's Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 15. In an effort to build bridges between FPC families and PDS families, the tradition has become to invite PDS Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten to join FPC Sunday School children in telling the story of Jesus' birth. The pageant was held during the Sunday School Time. It was broadcasted on Facebook Live.

1 Youth Ministry

1. Conducted confirmation class for 4 youth – Confirmation Sunday was held on May 5th.

2. Monthly Youth activities for JH and SH students.

3. Began “The Spark” Wednesday night meetings for fun, fellowship, and service. Average Youth attendance is +/- 17 Youth.

4. Coordinated the annual Chili Cook-off on Jan 27. Over \$6,000 was raised for the Youth Mission Trip expenses.

5. Participated in Conroe area wide DNow on January 18 - 20. 19 FPC Youth and 2 adults participated.

6. Participated in the Youth Presbytery Conclaves. 9 Youth participants, 3 Youth PYCC staffers and 3 Adult Chaperones.

7. Four people served on the PYCC (Presbytery Youth Connection Council): Collin Pattillo, Matthew Green, and Kyle Williams and Mark Sowden.

8. Coordinated the annual Youth Live and Silent Auction on May 1. Over \$9,000 was raised for the Youth Mission Trip expenses.

9. Recognized graduating seniors during worship on May 12. The graduates received a gift.

10. Conducted a successful SH Mission Trip to Colorado Springs, CO. 11 Youth and 4 adults made the trip.

11. Conducted a successful JH Mission Trip to Moore, OK. 7 Youth and 2 adults made the trip.

12. Youth lead worship Services on Youth Sunday, September 29th. The sermon was delivered by several youth.

13. Participated in several service projects: Assisted Building and Grounds Committee; Planted trees (donated by Roy Kessler) in public areas of Point Aquarius; served at the Soup Kitchen; decorated church Christmas Trees; assisted Children's Ministry with Easter Egg Hunt, Christmas Pageant, Fall Festival & VBS

14. Celebrated Christmas with JH and SH lock-in.

Helped in countless ways on countless projects.

1 General Discipleship

1. Continued the concept of an 8-week Wednesday Night Live in the spring. We had another session in the fall beginning with guest speaker Rand Henderson.

2. Conducted background checks on all teachers, VBS Volunteers, and Youth leaders.

3. Recognized Sunday School teachers in appreciation of their faithful dedication.

Continued the Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) program that meets monthly during the school year with childcare provided. It began in October with one morning and one evening meeting. Meetings have averaged 2 attendees each month.

2020 OBJECTIVES

Children's Ministry

1. Continue to move in the direction of family ministry resulting in spiritual transformation in the children, and find ways to involve parents in the discipleship process for the glory of God.
1. Plan more family events, gatherings and seminars. Possibly potluck lunches the first Sunday of the month.
2. Collaborate with PDS for programming events.
3. Grow and strengthen the Sunday School and WNL programs to the point where splitting classes into smaller age ranges is necessary.
4. Conduct an Easter Egg Hunt.
5. Conduct a Confirmation Class and dinner.
6. Support and participate in VBS.
7. Continue the Drop & Shop, possibly more dates, Gingerbread House decorating and Family Movie Nights. Coordinate the annual Children's Christmas pageant, including the PDS Kindergartners and Pre- Kindergartners.

Youth Ministry

1. Strengthen Youth Ministry through prayer, engaging curriculum, focused time, energy, parent involvement, and inviting new youth.
1. Continue to build relationships with other church youth groups in the area.
2. Coordinate fundraisers for Youth Mission Trips: Chili Cook-off, Youth Auction.
3. Fund and coordinate a combined Mission Trip to Milwaukee. Second Mission Trip to FPC Conroe.
4. Recognize graduating seniors.
Conduct Youth Sunday on the last Sunday in September.

General Discipleship

1. Complete OPS assigned to the Discipleship Committee.
2. Rebuild Children's Ministry/Sunday School Team.
3. Continue the development of additional WNL studies and Adult Sunday School classes.
Place brochures and maps to Sunday School Classes at the three entrances from the parking lot.

Church Bus Usage

- January -D-NOW, Soup Kitchen
- February - Conclaves I
- March - Conclaves II, Soup Kitchen
- April – Easter Lock-in, Soup Kitchen
- May - Soup Kitchen
- June – Sr High Mission Trip
- July – Jr High Mission Trip, VBS Day Campers
- August – Soup Kitchen, Youth Event
- September – Soup Kitchen
- October – Youth Event, Soup Kitchen
- November - Youth Tree Planting at Point Aquarius; Lock-In, Soup Kitchen
- December – Youth Event, Soup Kitchen.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

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Mission: To provide fellowship opportunities throughout the year and to provide opportunities for FPC members to participate in activities that build a foundation and relationships within our Christ-centered church.

Fellowship Committee: Shirley Dukes (Chair), Suzie Reese, Suzie Reese. Liz Kessler, Audrey Christie, Robbie Ganek, Neva Hammond, Donna Stewart, Dana Corbitt, Penny Bell, Barb Barton, Carolyn Schack, Pat Voorhees

2019 Activities and Accomplishments:

Participated in the Chili Cook-off, a Youth Fund Raiser. Worked in conjunction with Discipleship and WNL Kitchen Crew to provide cornbread and beverages.

Taco Sundays promoting Fellowship. One was in conjunction with a Congregational meeting with a presentation regarding the introduction of the *Forever Fund*.

Offered the first Easter Sunrise Service Breakfast after the early Easter service.

In May, provided for the Senior Recognition Sunday reception and dinner for the new confirmands.

Lunches for the Ministry Teams were provided monthly on the first Sunday of the month.

Brunch items were provided for the September Session Workday.

Provided refreshments for the October, November and December Family Movie nights sponsored by the FPC Youth.

Provided breakfast a few times during the year for FPC Youth when they had their lock-ins.

Introduced and arranged Day Trips to sites of interest which included The Brookwood Community in Brookshire, The George Bush Library in College Station and the Lanier Theological Library in Houston. We utilized the FPC Van as well as private vehicles and served 20-26 FPC members.

Organized, provided and served refreshments (cookies, hot chocolate and punch) for the annual children's Christmas pageant.

Provided cookies and cocoa for the 7 o'clock Christmas Eve Service.

2020 Goals and Objectives:

Continue to assist and support our Youth Ministries events.

Facilitate and assist with Graduation Appreciation dinner for FPC graduating high school seniors.

Coordinate and assist with Confirmation Class dinners

Present an evening Mystery Dinner Theater as an intergenerational event.

Continue with monthly lunches for Ministry teams.

Participate in church-wide activities in conjunction with other ministries, e.g. Prayer breakfast(s) with the Prayer and Care Committee, future Mission Committee fund-raising events, etc.

Promote participation in the Wreaths Across America event.

Increase participation in events involving other Ministry teams.

Continue Day Trip events.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley M. Dukes, Fellowship Ministry Chair

MEMBERSHIP MINISTRY

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Mission:

- To initiate new approaches to bring people to First Presbyterian Church, Conroe
- To assimilate new members into the body of Christ at First Presbyterian Church of Conroe through New/Prospective Member “First Steps” Orientation classes, New Member Gatherings, and mentoring.
- To track new member participation in worship, Sunday school, small group activities and volunteer opportunities.
- To collect attendance at worship services, and record information for record keeping.
- To join in fellowship with one another. To respect each person's differences and opinions and to encourage each other through interaction and prayer.

2019 Membership Committee Members : Muffy Crowl, Michael Dwyer, Gordon Juhl, Judy Weinburger, Susan Young, Sharon Walker, and Donna Stewart (Chair)

Accomplishments 2019:

- Held “First Steps” Prospective/New Member Orientation class. Dr. Green was present to give an overview of the Christian faith, the Presbyterian tradition, and the mission and ministries of FPC Conroe. Numerous “church involvement” opportunities were explained to the participants by the leader of each ministry.
- Hosted a new member event in the home of Muffy Crowl.
- Each new member was paired with a mentor (church member) to provide an instant connection to the church.
- Attendance sheets from each worship service were collected for recordkeeping.
- Birthday cards were sent monthly to children at Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services.
- The Welcome Center in the Narthex was maintained for the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service.
- Greeters assisted individuals entering the Narthex for worship services.
- The new Pictorial Directory for Church Members was issued.
- The First Presbyterian Church of Conroe Interests Form was redesigned to reflect additional opportunities for new members to get involved at FPC.
- The following Membership Policies were approved by Session:
06.03 – Membership Records, Reporting of Deaths and Record Keeping
06.04 – Membership Records, New Members

2019 Member Statistics: New Members-17 (6 Confirmands); Deaths-11; Baptisms-3

Goals for 2020:

- Schedule “First Steps” Prospective/New Member Orientation classes, as needed.
- Schedule quarterly New Member Gatherings.
- Continue to collect attendance sheets at worship services for record keeping.
- Take pictures of New Members. These pictures will be added to the Link each month, along with a shot bio of the new member.
- Provide Visitor Information Cards at the Welcome Desk, as well as in the attendance pads, to gather the contact information of our visitors.
- Continue to send cards to shut-ins, those who are sick or facing traumatic situations.
- Continue to send birthday cards to the children (250) at Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services.
- Continue to maintain and staff the Welcome Center for the 11:00 a.m. worship service
- Continue to recruit greeters for both worship services.
- Update the Church Membership Roster for Church Windows
- Identify various ways to make FPC, Conroe recognized and known in the community in order to bring new members into the church.
- Lighting the church steeple by Easter or April 12th.

MISSION MINISTRY
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Purpose: Our Mission Ministry is dedicated to serving God, putting our faith into action, spreading the Gospel with generosity and compassion, and helping those persons with physical, spiritual, emotional, and hunger issues.

Objective: To develop hearts for Mission at FPC Conroe.

Our Mission Ministry remained successfully active in 2019. Some of our efforts:

One Great Hour of Sharing - This Easter special offering supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and their worldwide responders, as well as supporting the Presbyterian Hunger Programs nationally. Our efforts added \$1,700 to this nationwide PCUSA campaign.

Mission Sunday – In 2019, our focus for this Special Offering was to provide financial support to our Salvation Army Soup Kitchen volunteers. We were more than successful...raising over \$7,500.

Presbytery Grant - We applied for and won a Social Justice grant for \$2,000. to support our work with Freedom Place... providing shelter, hope, and life skills training to victims of human trafficking.

FPC Homeless Project – We successfully maintained our goal by providing 8,000 meals this year to the local homeless population: Family Promise lodging, training, and meals, Salvation Army lunches, Conroe House of Prayer breakfasts, and Freedom Place refuge and training.

Christmas Joy Offering - On behalf of retired Presbyterian Church workers in need because of natural disasters or illness, and on behalf of students in need while attending Presbyterian schools, we made special efforts to publicize this Christmas Eve tradition, resulting in our being able to donate \$2,341. for PCUSA to use for these causes.

Special Contributions - We are blessed to be supported by our congregation in ways not shown above. For these “extra” contributions, we are indebted to the work of our Youth, our Mission Sewing Group, the Seafarer’s Ministry Team at Christmas, and those individuals, Small Groups, Women’s Organizations, and Sunday School Classes who provide funds, food, and hours of volunteering to the unfortunate homeless and displaced.

Our specific goal for 2020: In addition to striving to attain the objectives and purposes stated at the top of this page, we specifically wish to dedicate 2020 to finding more volunteers in our congregation willing to dedicate their time to hands-on volunteering with our local citizens in need of food and shelter.

2019 MISSION PARTNERS

Benevolent Missions International – We provide volunteers to this local agency that supplies eye surgery, medications, eye exams, and glasses to the underserved in Fiji and Belize. (For more information, contact Tom and Susan Young, Chuck and Janet Pohla, Glenn and Anne Elms, or Pat Vorhees.)

Conroe House of Prayer – We provide financial assistance to our volunteers to purchase, prepare, and serve break fast at this local outreach to the homeless. (For more information, contact Team Captains Henry and Betty Blott, Ron and Margie Bailey, Bobby and Patricia Ezell, Gordon and Susan Juhl, Jerry and Ine Webb, or Tom and Susan Young).

Family Promise of Montgomery County – We supply volunteers to organize our church building for 4 annual visits where we provide shelter, meals, transportation, training, and compassionate assistance to homeless families with children. (For more information, contact Jean and Danny Ball, or Donna and John Fisher.)

Freedom Place – We provide funds, Mission Sewing Group Love Bags, and volunteer hours to this effort to find, retrieve, and restore victims of human and sex trafficking in the Houston area. (For more information, contact Sally DeStefano.)

Salvation Army Soup Kitchen – We supply financial assistance to our volunteers to purchase, prepare, and serve lunch for the Salvation Army’s outreach to the homeless. (For more information, contact Team Captains Roy and Liz Kessler, Bobby and Patricia Ezell, Ron and Karen Hethershaw, Larry and Cindy Bailey, or Dana and David Corbit)

Salvation Army Bell Ringers – We supply volunteers to man a Salvation Army collection stand during the Christmas Season. (For more information, contact Donna and John Fisher)

The Seafarer’s Shoe Box Ministry – Our Presbyterian Women organization sponsors the collection of funds for goods to be packed in shoe boxes and delivered to merchant seamen docking at the Port of Houston during November and December (For more information., contact Susan Buckley)

Mission Sewing Group - see separate report for complete representation. (For more information, contact Joan Lowery.)

**MISSION SEWING
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For First Presbyterian Church:

- 7 Knitted/Crocheted Prayer Shawls for seriously ill FPC members
- 3 Receiving Blankets for the newborn children/grandchildren of FPC members

Held a “silent auction” and sale of handmade, or donated, items in conjunction with the 2019 Sew-a-Thon which raised approximately \$1,800.00 to benefit the Mission Sewing Group.

Made and delivered one receiving blanket

30 Pillowcases for the youth and sponsors who went on mission trips

For the Community:

Conroe Regional Medical Center

9 Knitted caps for newborns

Conroe Animal Shelter

12 Doggie Pillows (stuffed with small scraps of batting and fabric)

“It’s My Very own Bags of Love/Bags of Love”

Held a Quilt-a-Thon on Feb 23th in which 105 people participated

Donated 89 children’s quilts

Collected \$430 at the 2019 Sew-a-Thon for “Bags of Love” to purchase needed items for the bags

Collected several bags full of toys and other items to be used to fill the “Bags of Love”

Project Linus

Donated 24 Fleece blankets for children

First Baptist Church Conroe

Collected plastic bags for the women at First Baptist Church, who crochet them into mats for the homeless

Beyond the Community:

Texas Children’s Hospital (Butterfly Bereavement Room)

30 Butterfly Blankets

11 Baby layettes

9 Crocheted baby blankets

World-Wide Missions:

Children’s Emergency Relief International (CERI)

1163 Knitted/crocheted Caps

641 Knitted/crocheted Scarves

25 Knitted ear warmers

Seamen’s Christmas Boxes

101 Knitted caps for the Seamen’s boxes.

Submitted by Joan Lowery

Mission Sewing Coordinator

**PRESBYTERIAN DAY SCHOOL
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Purpose: The purpose of Presbyterian Day School shall be to minister, educate and nurture preschool and Kindergarten children of the church and the community through a weekday program with a Christian emphasis. The school’s concern shall be for the total development of each child, spiritually, creatively, emotionally, intellectually, physically and socially. In addition, we strive to help each child grow in independence and social development, considering his or her own unique abilities and talents.

PDS Ministry Team/Board of Directors: Session Representative: Karen Clark, **Teacher Representative:** Carrie Smith, **Parent Representatives:** Lindsey Jackson-Halstead, Katie Kirbow **Congregational Representatives:** Cherry Perciful and Yvette Smith **Property and Grounds:** Tom Lowery, **Director of P.D.S.:** Janet Klem, **Director of Christian Education:** Dena Sowden and *ex officio* member **Pastor:** David Green.

Student and Staff Population: Currently Presbyterian Day School has approximately 120 students and 21 staff members. We currently have openings in our Pre-Kindergarten program, both 3 and 4 days. Kindergarten has 15 students. We have waiting lists in our Toddlers, Two’s and Three’s. Teachers must complete 24 hours of continuing education yearly, required by state licensing. All staff will be complete by February 2020. Director is required to complete 32 hours of continuing education yearly with an emphasis on leadership, management and business skills. Substitute teachers are also required to complete 24 hours of training yearly.

2019-2020 Accomplishments:

Over the summer, we were able to renew our climbing structure on our large playground. New paint and a little cleaning of the canvas coverings made it look brand new. Parents were invited to help spread mulch and add new sand to the sandboxes. This was a success! We will now make this an annual event at the beginning of each school year. Our parents seemed to enjoy helping out.

PDS continues to offer Spanish, Music and Movement to our Toddlers-Kindergarten. Our Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten classes Science on Wednesdays.

We continue to have “Praise and Worship“ with FPC Music Director- Brandon Folts on Wednesday mornings. Our Kindergarten class continues to be part of the FPC Christmas Pageant, sharing the story of the “Friendly Beast”. Our older children will be participating in a worship service in the Spring, the date has not yet been decided.

We are using a new program for our record keeping. Childpilot was chosen and it seems to be a good fit for our day school’s needs.

Facebook is being monitored by staff member Janice Kuhl. This source of media seems to work well with our families.

This year our staff voted on sponsoring “Samaritan’s Purse-Operation Christmas Child” for our Christmas philanthropy. We collected a large number of boxes in conjunction with FPC.

We continue to sponsor a child through Compassion International - Philanthropy Project

Scholastic Book Fair continues to be a huge success for our day school. This year the money we raised will be used for classroom/teacher needs. Our parents and children love shopping for books.

(PDS Continued)

Lonestar Community Center of Montgomery will once again be our venue for our “Fiesta 2020”

“Boots and Bling” will be our theme this year and barbeque will be served. We will place an announcement in the “The Link” to invite and encourage FPC participation. Save the date- **Friday, February 28th**.

PDS curriculum and special programs continue.

- PDS is still offering Spanish and Music/Movement to all children.
- Science Lab continues Wednesdays for Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten
- **“Happily, Ever After”** has been a success in our Pre-Kindergarten reading readiness program. Teachers were trained to use the entire program during this school year and found it to be very successful in the classroom.
- Paul Evans (Master Gardener) volunteered again this year to teach our children about gardening. He has come up this year to plant seasonal vegetables with all classes. Our children love “Farmer Paul”.
- Kindergarten continues to visit P-6 Farms for their annual field trip.
- Kindergarten celebrates 100th day of school with special activities.
- DRA (Developmental Reading Assessment) continues in Kindergarten.
- “Kinder Camp” is still part of our Kinder program. Teachers and students meet in the summer prior to the start of the school year. Children, teachers and parents enjoy this time for introductions.
- Mother Goose Curriculum was added to our Three-Year-Old Program

Special programs are still an important part of PDS. We start the year off with “Blessings of the Back Backs“ continue with Donuts with Dad for Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten, Fellowship Mall/ Open House, Scholastic Book Fair, Fire Truck visit for **Fire Prevention Month**, Thanksgiving programs and Feasts for Pre-Kinder and Kindergarten, Christmas Program and participation in FPC Christmas Pageant, visit from Santa, FPC Drop and Shop, Story Teller and Pajama Day, Texas Cowboy Hoedown and Pony Rides, Mad Science Week and Science Fair for Pre-Kinder and Kindergarten, Wonders of the Woodlands, Patty the Puffin / Dental Health Month, Vision and Hearing Screening provided by Conroe Service League and Conroe Noon Lion’s Club for Pre-Kinder and Kindergarten, Parent Appreciation Breakfast, Staff Appreciation Luncheon provided by our wonderful parents, Mother’s Day Luncheon- Kindergarten, and a Basketball program led by Coach LaTaunya. This year we added “Soccer Shots”. The children and parents raved about it!!

“Stay and Play”, our afterschool program, is still under supervision of Kathy Haines.

“Wiz Kids” is no longer part of our day school program due to the fact that we decided to extend our Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten school day on Wednesday to 2:30 in order for our classroom teachers to cover curriculum and activities.

2020 Goals and Objectives

Continue to work with Dena Sowden/Director of Christian Education to welcome our families to come and worship at FPC. Invite families to participate in FPC special events. Information about the church will continue to be included in the registration packets this year.

Offer classes and provide programs that meet the needs of families in our community.

Encourage more FPC members to attend “Fiesta”, our annual fundraiser.

Place PDS stories and announcements in FPC **“The Link”** when needed.

Lastly, I want to make sure that our staff continues to realize their importance as a member of this day school family.

Principles of a Christian Day School

Teachers shall be willing to teach the principles of a Christian Day School.

Classes (3’s-Kindergarten) attend Chapel on Tuesdays and Thursdays to learn about the Bible and about the love our Father in Heaven has for all of us.

Pre-Kinder and Kindergarten join on Wednesday mornings to sing Praise and Worship songs with Brandon Folts.

Staff at PDS will be role models to our children at PDS and teach them how to be *Disciples of Christ* through their acts of kindness, patience and forgiveness. ***It is the goal of PDS to glorify God in all that we do and learn.***

2019-2020 Accomplishments:

Over the summer, we were able to renew our climbing structure on our large playground. New paint and a little cleaning of the canvas coverings made it look brand new. Parents were invited to help spread mulch and add new sand to the sandboxes. This was a success! We will now make this an annual event at the beginning of each school year. Our parents seemed to enjoy helping.

PDS continues to offer Spanish, Music and Movement to our Toddlers-Kindergarten. Our Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten classes Science on Wednesdays.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S TEAM
2019-2020 ANNUAL REPORT**

Present: Pam Walker, Susan Buckley, Jean Ball, Dana Corbit, Robbie Ganek, Sally DeStefano, Marty Taylor

Prayer concerns: Prayer concerns for health and loss of family members were provided

Minutes: November meeting were approved as there was no December Team meeting.

Treasurer's Report: November treasurer's report was emailed to the Team from Linda Harshbarger, as she was absent from the meeting.

Standing Committees:

Membership: New members joined in December, Matt and Danielle Samples. Danielle is the daughter of D'Lynn Keathley Coop, a former member.

Funeral Receptions: nothing to report

Spring Gathering: We are serving as Host Church for the Presbytery Spring Gathering to be held March 28, 2020. Pam Walker went over detailed plans for the event.

Volunteers are needed and some were assigned to include the Registration table, Communion, Breakfast, Lunch, Hostesses, Greeters, Ushers, and set up.

The PW Birthday Offering, which is dedicated to women's and children's mission projects, will be collected in circle meetings in February and March. Checks should be made payable to this church and given to a circle leader or Linda Harshbarger. "PW Birthday Offering" should be noted on the check.

Days for Girls: Every year at the Presbytery PW Spring Gathering, the host church is allowed to collect donations for a local mission project. This year the Team selected Days for Girls and donated items will be brought to the Gathering.

Honorary Life Membership: Marty Taylor reported that no nominations have been received as of yet.

Annual Report: The PW Annual Report was sent to Roy Kessler and copied to Sally DeStefano.

Circle Attendance for January: 47

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Walker

PW Moderator, FPC Conroe

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT KITCHEN CREW
2019-2020 ANNUAL REPORT**

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WORSHIP MINISTRY ANNUAL REPORT
2019-2020 ANNUAL REPORT

The Worship Ministry aspires to provide an opportunity for all to worship God, to learn and know Jesus Christ and the character of God; and to declare His mighty works, gospel and our love for Him through song, prayer and inspirational words.

Accomplishments 2019:

- *Observed all special and Holy Days with services of music, prayer and words of inspiration.
- *Provided an opportunity for Communion with gluten free bread each month on the first Sunday.
- *Provided an opportunity to honor loved ones with flowers at Easter and Christmas.
- *Purchased new candles and holders for Christmas Eve Candle-light services.
- *Acquired choir interns from Conroe High School.
- *A successful summer worship schedule.
- *Senior High youth responsible for a worship service.

Goals for 2020

- *Review and adopt a funeral brochure for services that will simplify the procedure.
- *Coordinate Christmas decorations with sermon series.
- *Consider placement of Christmas Tree in the Sanctuary and providing kid friendly exhibits and trees in the Narthex.
- *Provide an opportunity to remember members who have died during previous year at a service in early November.
- *Continue to find ways for our youth to be actively involved during worship.

Acknowledgement:

The Worship Ministry gratefully acknowledges the gift of Bethlehem Nativity Village in memory of John and Sondra Look by their daughter, Kara Berlehner.