

Westminster Presbyterian Church Annual Report 2020



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BUILDING AND GROUNDS ANNUAL REPORT 2019

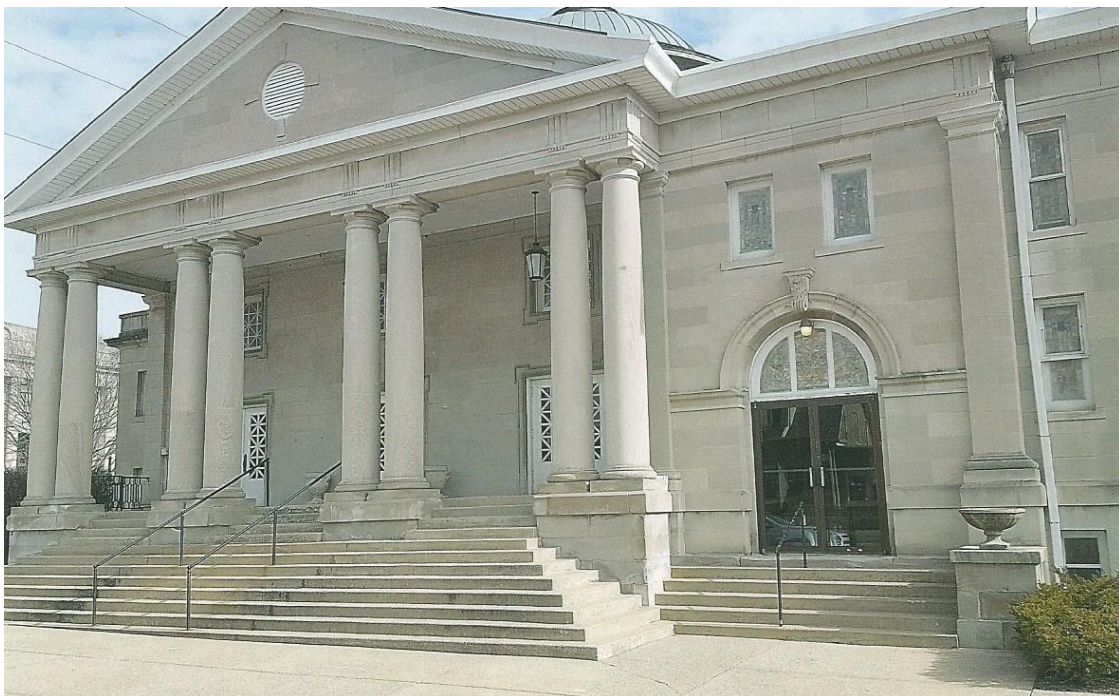
Building and Grounds members: Elder Steve Norris, Mark Jones, Jim Norton, Troy Norris, John Vanderbeck and Wade Leighty, Joyce Highsmith, Ellen & Mike McKittrick.

So many special blessings this year in the maintainance of our wonderful building.

- This year due to the Covid 19 Pandemic we have very little to report.
- We repaired the furnace this year a sending unit.
- Early on we had the sump pump in the basement directly draining and battery backup system in place. No more flooding since. Praise be to God.
- We replaced the batteries in the smoke detectors, had our annual fire inspection and had the extinguishers filled.
- We had a special visitor this year, and Angel Lebron helped to get it out of the church. It was a bat!
- No other animals were detected by our wornderful security system that was perchaced by the Ellefsons prior to their move to Florida.
- Many thanks to Jake BEdwell and Lawns by Jake, for keeping our lawns manicured and our snow -which was hefty this year from causing injury and allowing our ministry of Helping Hands to continue on an as needed basis.
- Many thanks to our custodians who have kept us disinfected and safe between gatherings. The Davis family and Rebbeca Davis. And our substitute custodians this summer, Danielle Baham, and Angel & Trish Lebron. They did a bang up job.

Many thanks to all who have helped this year keep our church beautiful.

Respectfully submitted, Elder Steve Norris



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ANNUAL REPORT 2020

Sunday Morning Bible Study:

- For the first 2 months of 2020 we had adult theological conversations happen every Sunday at 9:30AM. We have about 10-15 people with some of the most interesting questions. They bring their questions, doubts, thoughts, and faith to bare on the Word of God made real to us. Many times, our conversations turn very political. But we have been known at the end of all discussion to realize we may not agree on all aspects of our conversations however we respect each other's viewpoint and learn from one another. As with every year this is best conversations this pastor has ever been in.
- Baptism – This year was the first year in the 8 years I have been pastor here that we had no baptisms.
- We continue to utilize the website for adults, children, and youth. We are encouraged to visit the website for a seasonal page of faith formation resources they can use with the whole family at their convenience. Devotionals, children's activities, and even spiritual retreats were all shared on these pages. Over 700 hits were received on these pages throughout the year.

Many thanks to all who volunteered or helped in anyway with the spiritual nurture of our congregation.

CHILDREN & YOUTH ACTIVITIES & MISSION ANNUAL REPORT 2020

Easter Egg Hunt: This year we had no Easter Egg Hunts and all our Easter worship services were on Facebook live from Pastor Cheryl's living room.

Youth Events: We began the year with confirmation class in person and then moved to Zoom meetings as the pandemic took hold. Shortly after this we put Confirmation class on hold, students were tired of meeting on Zoom as they met everyday for school. We wanted to wait till we could be back together in person. This did not happen in 2020.

Central Christian Women's Tea:

The Women's Tea was canceled for 2020 due to the pandemic.

Mission: Our kids love to serve.



In January 2020, we began by taking an offering of emergency care items for our Presbytery to send to Disaster Relief efforts of the PCUSA. Many people donated items like soap, toothbrushes, combs, nail clippers, a hand towel and washcloth and other items needed. Eli and Jaden Rohrer and Joyce Kim Rohrer put together the kits that we brought to presbytery at our March meeting. To the left Eli, Jaden Rohrer, and Joyce Kim Rohrer.

Because of the pandemic Helping Hand's Distributions was reduced to by appointment only as we could open safely wearing masks. Students could not attend in person. They also volunteer at the feed

my sheep this year in January we were able to serve, little did we know this would be the last time we could provide the meal for the volunteers, covid-19 stopped the distribution from in person to drive through and the open served meal to individually wrapped food to keep everything germ free. To the right Hunter Hanson working potatoes.



CHILDREN & YOUTH ACTIVITIES & MISSION

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Jubilee Christmas:



Jubilee Christmas was also done very differently this year and the youth volunteers were not used this year. What a group it was not for the lack of interest or desire that we served this year with limited capacity! We look forward to next year when things open up and we can serve face to face. To the left Angel Lebron organizing the toys at Bethany Christian Church, Also in another room Mike and Ellen McKittrick.

Camp PYOCA: Camp PYOCA along with so many ministries had to think outside the box.

Literally thy thought of “camp to you” for all the kids who could not come to camp this year due to the pandemic. What a year! The kid’s received a box of camp memorabilia, bible meditations for each day, craft activities, and games. There were also online YouTube videos that explained the craft, making banana boats, and so much more. There were lots of opportunities to meet emails from the directors and ways to connect with your friends. Many thanks again, to our generous members, to the Presbyterian Women who helped half of the cost of the boxes and to the Presbyterian Smock foundation that helped fund our Presbyterian youth for the rest of the fee. I know the kids cannot wait to see the awesome campground in person next year. To be there is like standing on sacred ground, remembering all the new friends and old friendships made through the years. The kids are extremely disappointed but will be so blessed next year to get back there in person.



Community Choir: For the month of January and February we were able to do fundraising by providing food for the Catholic church Bingo games on Sunday evening. Emma, Lane, and Kenzie helped out and so many other adults from the choir.



We were all extremely disappointed, however, when the trip was postponed to a future date. Travel was stopped and everything shut down due to Covid-19. To the left pastor Cheryl, Trish Labron and Lane Kern working the Bingo food.

**AS always, we Cannot Wait to see what's
in store for next year!
Happy New year Y'all!**

DEACONS ANNUAL REPORT 2020

Deacons this year were: Jane Norton, Rossine Foddrill, Paige Rohrer, Mary Lou Gotwald, Mark Jones, and Joyce Highsmith

Each deacon is given about 15-20 families in the church to care for and to pray for. Many thanks to Mary Lou Gotwald who keeps us informed and sends out all the cards for the congregation's birthdays, anniversaries, and all other occasions including get well, and bereavement. It is our mission to see that all who God sends to us are looked after and prayed for daily. This year, though we tried to meet regularly monthly on Zoom, we had many projects that we performed for the care of our congregation as we sought to think outside of the box due to Covid-19:

- Through the deacon prayer blanket ministry, we have continued to comfort many members and friends. This year we have done virtual prayer blankets over email since we are unable to meet in person or lay hands of the blanket itself. ("Even the rocks will cry out" Jesus say's our reach out ministry will not be silenced to do a pandemic)



- We have helped many of our members and several members of the community with the help of the compassion fund. This year we have helped with hot water heaters, new stairs on the front of a house, car repairs, utilities in the coldest weather, and hotel for a night when it got to below zero. There were others needing gas for trips to work or doctors. We have been able to help this year more than ever thanks to the generosity of our congregation, the smock foundation, and to our Presbytery who gave us grant money to help were needed in this pandemic.



- Deacon Jane Norton and Pastor Cheryl made hand made Cloth masks for Feed my Sheep and for the church.

- The deacons also help with the fellowship of the congregation. My personal favorite is the Souper Bowl lunch. Mary Lou & Dr David Gotwald (on right) does a bang-up job decorating and organizing this event. Pictured to right the Norton family and Rossine Foddrill.



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- We also had to think outside the box on how we would foster fellowship. An idea thought of by Trish Lebron, we started the Connection in the Park walks this year to see one another and to commune together in safety.



Left-Pastor Cheryl, Zack and Kaitlyn Lacy, Right-Mark & Bonnie Jones, Phillis Alford, Trish & Angel Lebron, and Jan Smith.



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- The deacons helped the worship committee deliver red balloons for Pentecost, Valentine's day gifts and meditation material, and at Easter helped assemble Holy



Week bags that we both mailed and brought door to door. This was a great way to help keep us connected and catch up with each other. (To the right Deanna Price with her Pentecost balloons delivered by the deacons.)



- While we did not have Hanging of the greens this year the Deacons did help us provide lunch for the Lighthouse men who helped Pastor Cheryl bring the decoration down and set the up. And many thanks to Trish Lebron for her assistance in bringing the nativity downstairs. We are so sorry though that she fell coming down with Joseph and broke her leg. She is fully recovered thanks to all your prayers.
- This year we had a special treat, the deacons helped with a wedding reception for our new members Trish and Angel Lebron. This was the first Sunday dinner in March.
- We had a couple bereavement dinners this year one for the Hanson family at Goodwin's Funeral home and the other for the Emmons family at Gills. Even these dinners had to be done in accordance to the CDC guidelines in bringing food for a group of people. All the food had to be prewrapped, covered, and sealed for safety. All sharing the food had to be family. Things are so different this year. We have learned much.



- When we were able to come back to the sanctuary for worship, Deacons continue to reach out to worshipers and guest. We even provided cookie decorating for the children. We bag every donut and keep all cups and plate covered. All food is prepared wearing masks and gloves. And Hand sanitizer is everywhere you look around the church. Amazing!



- This has been an interesting year. This year on the hottest day in the summer some of the elders and deacons concerned for both justice and safety, provided a safety station as protests for George Floyd's death gathered across the street from the church. We provided ice



cold water and shade, to some overcome by the heat, and necessary PPE for those who may have forgotten theirs. We provided water to all including our police officers keeping our community safe as they circled the block several times during the very peaceful protest. To the



right, Bud & Chrissy Barker, Joyce Kim Rohrer, & Melody Rohrer. And not pictured Pastor Cheryl.

It has been a blessing to serve the members of WPC.
We continue to work with you and pray for you daily. Deacons of WPC

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Helping Hands Ministry: 2020 WPC Mission Commission with Westminster volunteers had to work on an appointment basis this year due to the restriction of Covid-19. Anyone donating items or coming to shop would call the office and our volunteers would meet them here. No more than 5 fully masked people were allowed with the volunteer downstairs at a time for no more than a half hour at a time. Disinfecting spray and hand sanitizer were used in excess, thanks to Ellen McKittrick. Many thanks to Ellen McKittrick, Joyce Highsmith, Bonnie Jones, Jim Norton, Pastor Cheryl, and Mike McKittrick for always taking out our recycling and trash.

We utilized the help of the Lighthouse ladies, and men to help us again this year with heavy lifting and hanging and organizing our donations. We could not do it without them.

We have been able to pick up several estates again this year and for all who have been using covid time to clean out those closets and garages it has been a very generous time for donations.

- We continue to see a good number of guests referred sporadically by social workers, schools, jails, CONNECTIONS, drug/alcohol rehabilitation programs and even friends or relatives of Westminster members. We are committed to meet these urgent needs for clothing and household items promptly. There has been as many as 5-10 appointments per week during the year, which includes the Lighthouse men and women. Many thanks to our volunteers for all your help during an exceedingly difficult year.
- We cannot wait until we can return to open distributions with over 100 people in one morning. With the space restraint and the unknown vaccination rate we will wait until we all feel safe enough to be in the space together without Covid transmission.
- We have continued to give to our Haitian churches and to the Appalachian ministries here in Washington. We have also given clothing to the Vincennes St. Vincent DePaul and had many donations this year from them as well.

Change for Change: Much of the change for change this year has gone to HHM and to Feed my Sheep. It has not been much though due to the lack of in person worship.



Feed My Sheep: Westminster pledges financial support annually, our 2020 donation being \$750.00. This year due to Covid 19 our Presbytery, the Presbytery of Ohio Valley gave us a grant was given for Feed My Sheep of \$2000.00. We had our Souper Bowl offering before covid hit and collected \$ We provided and served a meal for 60 volunteers on January 18th. After January all of the food distributions went to drive through and no food other than prepackage foods could be brought in for the volunteers. (to the left



Marylou Gotwald, to the right, Nikki Dixson and Trish Lebron helping out) Those not pictured, Mary Lou & Hunter Hanson, his friend, Angel Lebron and Pastor Cheryl.

Shoe Ministry: This ministry was impacted by Covid this year with diminished times children were in school there were no requests for shoes this year.

Baby Bottle Boomerang: No bottles were distributed this year.

Habitat for Humanity: A house started in 2019 was finished in 2020. There were no other homes started. We continue to donate every year \$250.00.

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PYOCA Camp: Even Camp PYOCA was affected by the pandemic. Thinking outside the box they did “Camp to You” Camp in a box. The kids received items from the canteen, a camp t shirt, water bottle and other items, the devotions for the week, craft items, and cooking ideas like Banana boats. There were You Tube videos on how to do all the projects, emails to the directors, and opportunities to connect. Once again, the Presbyterian Women fund were used to help our kids get these kits, our very generous members, and the smock fund helped too. (I should also mention that these kits were heavily subsidized by our Presbytery of Ohio Valley as well) They cannot wait to get back to Camp next year God willing.

Denominational offerings: Another annual denomination offering is the Christmas Joy Offering that helps many retired pastors and their families in times of need and much more was \$ 467.00 this year One Great Hour of Sharing: This donation helps with things like disaster relief and other great missions around the world. Due to virtual giving and mail in donations we have extended the time for one great hour of sharing, so donations are still coming into 2021. Westminster gave \$500.00 this year. Theological Fund: We donate every year \$500.00 for theological education of our future Pastors.

Jubilee Christmas: Jubilee Christmas, our local holiday assistance program of CONNECTIONS, works with churches, businesses, and the community to provide presents for children birth through age 15 in Daviess County. Children are referred to Jubilee Christmas by someone who knows the family such as a school, church, Day Care, Social Service Agency etc. Jubilee Christmas served 126 families with 362 children in 2020 with over 400 volunteers helping to make the event possible.



Jubilee Christmas for birth through age 10 is held at 12 at a specific site which for this year was at Bethany Christian Church. Usually, families are assigned to a site and shop for three gifts for each child age 1 through 10; babies under one receive a gift and diaper vouchers. The families were not able to wrap their gifts and take them home this year, but they were given plenty of wrapping paper, tape and bows so they could take them home and put them under their tree.

The Jubilee Christmas teen event is for children age 11 through 15. The children are taken shopping with a set amount of money to spend. They may purchase items that can be worn on their body such as clothes, shoes, and personal hygiene items. Each child has a mentor with them to help choose sizes and keep track of their spending, so they don't go over the set amount. The mentor helps them with comparative shopping and budgeting while making the outing fun.

Families also receive a voucher from a local merchant to be used for food, personal hygiene and cleaning supplies. As with all things Covid this year Jubilee Christmas was different than other years. This is the 14th Year of Westminster Presbyterian participation in the program. While it was not hosted here in our



building, we still participated with donations of toys through monetary donations given by our members and friends.

Many thanks to Ellen McKittrick who shopped all the



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toys, sorted them, and with Mike McKittrick delivered them to Bethany Christian Church where the event was held. (To the right Angel Lebron setting up the 7-8 grade room left the great organizing of Ellen.)



The church is large enough to house the different age levels of toys in different rooms, and the youth room served as a large family gift bag/stocking stuffer room. It was very well done with lots of PPE, and everyone wore their mask keeping us all safe during the program. The Program lasted for three nights rather than one night to accommodate fewer families at a time. And only one family per room at a time.

Connections: Every year we contribute \$1000.00 to Connections. A central resource clearinghouse and informational call center connecting families in Daviess County Indiana to resources to meet their needs. This has been invaluable to us so that our donations to help the community go to the most people in need.

Powerhouse: Tracy Cook the director of the powerhouse has been doing an amazing job in these exceedingly difficult times of the pandemic. They have been providing meals to the homes of the youth attending. They also provided homework help for those falling through the cracks due to the online learning curve. We continue to donate our annual donation \$250.00 in hopes that it will help provide a special blessing to these great kids.



WPC Mission Commission: Ellen & Mike McKittrick, Mary Lou Gotwald, Joyce Highsmith, Joyce Kim-Rohrer, Willard McGavic, Kathy Cummins, and Diane Gill wish to sincerely thank the congregation of Westminster Presbyterian Church for their time and financial gifts supporting our mission projects and mission giving. It is truly a blessing to extend the pragmatic and person love of Christ to those in our community most in need.

NOMINATING COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT 2020

Nominating Commission 2020 Elder Jamie Petty, Karen Blubaum, Jan Smith, Deacon Jane Norton, Jeff Rohrer, Elder Steve Norris



Slate of officers 2020: as presented by the session were as follows:

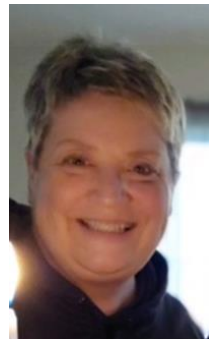
Elder Class of 2023: Jamie Petty and Darrell Highsmith (Virtually taking their vows on Facebook live)

Deacon Class of 2023: Angel Lebron and Trish (Patricia) Labron (pictured to the left also picture Elder Clerk of Session Jeff Rohrer and Pastor Cheryl)

Many thanks to all who have served faithfully, Elder Jim Norton, Deacon Jane Norton, and Deacon Rossine Foddrill.



Elder Darrell Highsmith



Elder Jamie Petty

Many thanks for all willing to serve and answer God's call to ministry.

Respectfully submitted: Jamie Petty, moderator

PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2020



Greetings in Christ,

WOW! What a YEAR!!!

This is perhaps the most challenging of all the 19 years of my ordained ministry. 2020 started out as a normal year, running by the lectionary, preaching God's Good News. Starting a new year with hope and anticipation in our hearts to see what God will create next in our ministry together. We never anticipated what would happen next. God sure surprised us in a big way.

Starting the year ordaining and installing officers as Jesus calls His disciples is a highlight for me. And it went off with out a hitch. Taking in new members right from the start again another highlight and an awesome service and reception followed. February

brought one of my favorite meals the Souper Bowl Lunch hosted by the Gotwald's again an extraordinarily successful day. And we all had joy and anticipation for the wedding being planned by the Lebron's as they became part of the church family and now will give one to the other in marriage, things could not be going better.

THEN IT HIT!! Covid-19- the pandemic that changed our lives perhaps forever!

But looking back on our year together there were many highlights that were amazing. Even though things were locked down, church was totally virtual, and I want to say Old dogs can learn New tricks. This old dog learned how to do Facebook live from my living room. I learned how to take video from Dropbox and google docs and a few other software programs. I had to figure out with the help of our worship team and some very techy teachers (Joyce Kim Rohrer, Jeff Rohrer, and Paige Rohrer.) So many thanks to our friend from our Haitian ministry Bendy Saint Martin for setting me up with home tech to live stream. God supplied the means, the know-how and equipped this saint for the call of ministry we would now need to keep the Word flowing and Alive. (device to stream from my phone on the right)



We definitely had major challenges! How will we reach all our members who did not have technology to connect them? How will we be the church in this time of lock down and disconnect? The Elders and Deacons were incredible! We did everything according to CDC regulations to keep us all safe from this terrible virus. We began to think of ways to connect and care for our congregation in new ways. Immediately our Presbytery Executive The Reverend Susan McGhee, began meetings online with our Clerk of session Jeff Rohrer and all the other clerks and pastors of the Presbytery. Every week for a year we have met to share innovative ideas and connect in ways we have never done before.

Let me also put this in perspective this started as Lent and all the preparation to celebrate the Resurrection was upon us, and during this time I was personally quarantined 4 times with the only thing to do is work and learn from home. (every time I would be exposed to someone with possible symptoms, they made me stay home for two weeks.)

The Center for Congregations thanks to the Lilly foundation began running all their training seminars for free and on Zoom (online). I attended a couple a week, learning how to stream, how to connect, what to do or not to do. I learned quickly that learning online is just as exhausting as learning in person, maybe even more so. I understand why our confirmation class did not want one more class online for the day.

This is the same center for congregations who awarded Tech Grants to all the congregation who asked for them to upgrade the technology in our churches so we could connect. Many thanks to Jeff Rohrer for helping to write this grant. This was another of those amazing gifts from God. Our Presbytery also extended grants to congregations that missed this opportunity, and it has meant the world to the number of small churches like ours to have these special gifts.

During the pandemic, God brought to us Zack Lacy, the owner of a local business in Washington, yes, a techy person OMGoodness! Zack (CPU Fixup) and our sound tech we have used for years Josh Staffeld (Staff Audio Visual, LLC) looked at what we needed to streamline our online presence and it happened. We started worship from church with a few people. Our music ministers: Sharon Carie, and Joyce Kim Rohrer. And our new minister of Technology: Zack Lacy. We are so blessed to have such a team. In a matter of days, we were up and running streaming to Facebook and picking up over 100 new followers a week. Some services over 500 views. It was incredible. We even did a small family wedding (no more than 10 in worship) but had over 3000 watching online for all the grandparents and relatives who could not come in person do the restrictions of the pandemic.

Session has chosen to do hybrid worship services from now on, as we have entered the 21st century thanks be to God.

We still have a long way to go. With the help of the Deacons, Elders, and Members of the church we have begun new ministries to connect in safe ways like "Saturday connection in the park" (thought up by the LeBron's), and prayer rock ministry. And I am looking forward to new and innovative ways to have outdoor services and picnics this summer.

This may have been a challenging year, but God is still creating new life around us, through us and despite us, if we only have ears to hear, and eyes to see. I am looking forward to meeting these challenges together with this congregation who looks with the eyes of faith to partner with God through what ever this world will send us next.

Pastor Cheryl

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Members of the Personnel Commission are Elder John Vanderbeck (Here to the left), Elder Harry Hanson, and Deacon Rossine Foddrill.

- Each year the Personnel commission recommends a salary increase for cost of living and brings the Pastor's terms of call to the treasurer. This year Pastor Cheryl had to accept the increase in order to stay in the Presbytery Minimum required pay. Terms of call were approved by the session and accepted at the December Congregational meeting.
- Our sexual misconduct policy was signed by all officers, staff and volunteers working with and around our children and youth.

We thank our outstanding staff: Organist, Sharon Carrie; Choir Director, Joyce Kim-Rohrer; Pianist, Andrew Brown; Minister of Technology: Zackery Lacy, Custodians, Rebecca Davis and all their grandkiddos and children who help when they can--it is truly a family affair, and a few substitute custodians: Danielle Baham, and Trish and Angel LeBron. We also thank Pastor Cheryl Thorne who has been both the church secretary and the pastor again this year. We deeply appreciate all the hard work and talents our staff share with the church.

Respectfully Submitted, Elder John Vanderbeck

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLE ANNUAL REPORT 2020

Members attending: Moderator, Myriam Staser; President, Rossine Foddrill & Kathy Cummins, Sue Pinnell, Rebekah Price, Pastor Cheryl, and Ellen McKittrick,

While we still do not meet on a regular basis there are still things we enjoy doing together and a legacy from our past to continue to uphold as Presbyterian Women. This year our events included:

Camp PYOCA:



While Camp PYOCA did not have Camp in person this year due to the Pandemic, they did think outside the box and send camp home to all our kids. This heavily subsidized program by our Presbytery was a way to keep the kids thinking about camp, the relationship they formed there and the God they came to know. The same kids in the picture received these kits, that gave them devotions for the week, crafts, cooking ideas, ways to connect with each other and with God. The Presbyterian Women's fund paid for half of these kits, our very generous members, and the

Smock fund paid the other half. The kids, staff and church cannot wait for the time we can return in person and enjoy a little piece of God's heaven on earth in Brownstown, Camp PYOCA.

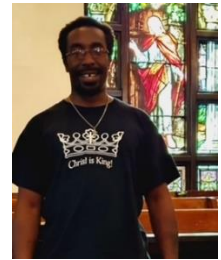
(Nate Davis, Emma Davis, Emma's Friend Darin Tolliver, Lane Kern, Hunter Hanson, and his friend to camp PYOCA). Again, it is Thanks to the generous gift of Linda Ashmore's estate.

Central Christian Women's Tea: Due to the Pandemic the Tea did not happen this Year. The kids and adults who attend every year were very unhappy but will look with great anticipation and joy for next year when we can gather safely.

WORSHIP COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT 2020

Baptisms: This will be the first year in 8 years that Pastor Cheryl has been Pastor that we did not have a baptism. We have two adult baptisms scheduled for 2021 something to look forward to in an Historical Year like this.

Blessing of the Backpacks: This year as every year we like to get our children and teachers off to a good start back to school. We are so blessed to have a generous congregation and a Smock Grant that helps us provide all the supplies needed for the beginning of the school year for each of our children, these were supplies were delivered to the homes of our children by Pastor Cheryl. Gift certificate were given for each of our teachers returning to school. This year our special music during the service was Andrew Brown (Drew) who wowed us with his playing and singing.



Installation of Officers: Every January we have new officers to install and Elders and Deacons to thank.



This year while we had limited numbers who could attend church, we ordained in person our Deacons: Trish and Angel Lebron, and virtually our

Elders: Jamie Petty and Darrell Highsmith.



Martin Luther King Service: The Martin Luther King Service Is a cherished favorite of our congregation.



We love to participate in any way we can. This year Pastor Cheryl was able to say the opening prayer and prayer of dedication after the offering. We always feel so welcome and blessed as we worship God together.

Lent & Easter: Our Lenten services are always a wonderful time of preparation and renewal as we prepare for the glory filled day of Resurrection.

- Ash Wednesday - We always begin with our Ash Wednesday service. During Lent this year we were blessed with lots of special music both instrumental and choral.
- Our first virtual service was March 22, 2020 from the sanctuary with Jeff Rohrer as liturgist, special music Joyce Kim Rohrer. We used Pastor Cheryl's Cell phone and the portable speaker from the fellowship hall to live stream the service. We were limited to the numbers who could gather at this time.
- Palm Sunday worship was moved to Pastor Cheryl's house. And Indiana was on lock down due to the pandemic. This is when Pastor Cheryl learned how to receive live videos from Joyce Kim Rohrer as she recorded her special music and sent it each week with the help of Jeff Rohrer her photographer/Video man.
- This year the Maundy Thursday Service was held online from The Rev. Susan McGhee's kitchen table, shared on YouTube. It was the first time we shared virtual communion together as a church and as a presbytery.

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- Good Friday service was done this year again on You Tube by our Executive Presbyter, The Rev. Susan McGhee. What a blessing it was to know we were worshipping with the entire Presbytery and we were not alone in all of this.
- The Easter Service – Doing our Easter Service virtually was nowhere near the excitement and joy of the Breakfast, egg hunt, and resurrection cross. But just knowing that all who were able to attend online could be brought together around the Word. The special music by Madison Petty opening up our worship with “Where you There” and Joyce Kim Rohrer on clarinet playing “Holy City,” and playing all the music on her piano at home. All of this and then to celebrate together with shaker egg closing with “Celebrate Jesus.” We did the best we could to make this Easter celebration uplifting and wonderful, and it was just know you were all there.



Advent and Christmas: We always begin the season with Christ the King Sunday service and then Hanging of the Greens but this year there was no hanging of the greens done together. This year we had the Lighthouse men help Pastor Cheryl bring out all the decorations and she and Trish Lebron arranged them. (Note the large nativity was brought down by Trish and Cheryl however, Trish fell and broke her leg carrying Joseph down the stairs. She has fully recovered, and Joseph was unharmed. Many thanks for her help and for the Lighthouse men as well.

It is our tradition to have a family for every week of advent light the advent candles.

The Emmons



John Vanderbeck



Joyce Kim Rohrer



Sharon Carie



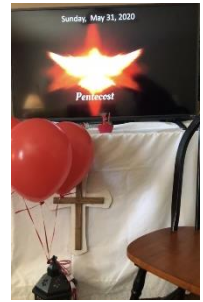
Christmas Eve Service: This was a very special and interesting service because we had to do worship virtual, we passed the light at our Christmas candlelight service virtually as well. All members and friends took a picture holding the candle and pastor did a slide show with each candle coming in. It was amazing!



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Special Service:

Pentecost Service: Pentecost is always such a festive time in our church with our red balloons and congregation in red. We love to celebrate the Holy Spirit in our church, and this was a grand birthday for the universal church. This year our deacons delivered red balloons to each member's home to connect us and the church stairs had the balloons displayed letting everyone know we are all connected by the same Holy Spirit we celebrated this day.



Veterans Day Service: Special Music by Vincennes University Band directed by Joyce Kim Rohrer (photo to the right).

Our color Guard for the day was our own Lane Kern ROTC member. (photo to the left)

Once again, this year honoring our veterans: Jan Smith, Jim Norton, Steve Norris, Bob Ellefson, Tom Staser, and Willard McGavic.



Community Choir Christmas Cantata: The Community Choir could not meet this year due to Covid 19. Our trip to New York to sing at Lincoln Center was also postponed till 2023. We did however, continue to do fundraising for the trip until Bingo was canceled at the Catholic Church. And we had an amazing Art lesson by Melody Rohrer to raise money for the trip. Pictures to the right show the great time we had. (Melody Rohrer on the left, Marylou Hanson and her sister, Pastor Cheryl and Sue Pinnell on the right)



New Members: This year Patricia Munyon, and Angel Lebron joined our membership and shortly after joining became husband and wife during our March 1st worship service. Members of the church stood up with them and the deacons help with a reception for the couple after the celebration. What an amazing time. (to the right, Elder Willard McGavic (acting Clerk), Pastor Cheryl, Angel Lebron, and Patricia Munyon (Lebron).)



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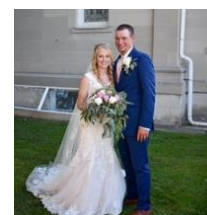
Weddings: We performed six weddings this year even in the middle of a pandemic. All weddings were done to CDC requirements and were amazing.

February 29, 2020 Jamie and Alihan Bilal. Pre covid wedding done with only the immediate family in our sanctuary. It was small be great!



March 1 Patricia and Angel Lebron- our second pre-Covid Wedding well attended by the membership and friends of the church and as pictured. Several members stood up with the couple who had just moved to town with no family able to attend. It was a joyous occasion for one and all.

Sept 5 Jake and Jenna Bedwell – here in WPC sanctuary, with immediate family (10) attending with masks. Our first ever live streamed wedding. In this way Grandmother, Great Grandparents, and so many more were able to enjoy the special love of this couple. Over 3000 Views by friends and family. Amazing!



Oct 17 Jane and Jim Rothrock – In Rotterdam NY Outside in the back yard of Jim & Janes Home. Pastor Cheryl's Sister. Only in Covid- would you go a couple days before the wedding to pick up the license and find out they are only doing licenses on appointment basis. And no license could be given until Monday after the physical wedding. The original date was Oct.3, wedding was done virtually for the purpose of the signing of the license. ONLY IN COVID!

Oct 24 Justin and Lindsey Lang This wedding was in the thick of Covid and done at a park in Evansville. The family members wore masks and for the ceremony which was outside and very chilly no masks were needed. A very beautiful day and celebration.



Oct 31 Joshua and Deanna Blubaum (Reynolds) Halloween Wedding outside in Linda Blubaum's yard masks were worn when 6' social distancing could not be met. The couple dress as the bride and groom in the Beetlejuice movie. (This is Karen Reynolds Blubaum's son)

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Graduates: Celebration of Graduates is another joy for our congregation each year this year, we were blessed to recognize Tim Gotwald and Evan Gotwald (Marylou and David Gotwald's Grandson's) and Kendalyn Vanderbeck from HS heading off to College, and Katrien Vanderbeck graduated from college (John Vanderbeck's Granddaughters). And Pastor Cheryl's niece Emily Quick, Cathy Quick's Granddaughter. A gift card was sent to each of our grads this year and we recognized them virtually due to the pandemic. Congratulations to all!



Tim



Evan



Kendalyn



Katrien



Emily Quick



Celebrations of Life celebrated this year.



Just a note while we celebrated the life of Todd Emmons the only member who passed this year, there were many more of our church members who had experienced losses, who were not able to celebrate in person, many family members were affected by this pandemic and unable to be comforted by their families during the great losses experienced this year. Our thoughts and prayers continue to go out to all.



Todd Emmons
April 14, 1977-September 2, 2020

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Special Covid 19 Worship Story

Many thanks to Joyce Kim Rohrer, she serves as Deacon, has held office of Elder and has been our choir director, Worship Moderator, and minister of music for a very long time. In 2019, Joyce retired from teaching music at South Knox, however, she has failed miserably at retirement. She is now working with Vincennes University (VU) department of music and continues to utilize the incredible gifts God has given her.



When Covid-19 hit, it not only shut down business, and churches it shut down our schools as well. Classes were taught online, and life began some incredible challenges. One of the biggest challenges, when able to meet, was mask wearing and physical space to keep each other safe. A very new and present danger when thinking about musical instruments, the ones you blow air through.

Joyce and her colleagues had to come up with a way to keep themselves and their students safe. Covid bags were the answer. Two-layer filtered cotton cloth bags to cover the woodwind and brass instruments and masks that allow room for a reed instrument through its cover.

While Joyce did not invent these bags or mask, she did the research and found them on the internet before they were patented. Asking Pastor Cheryl and Mary Lou Hanson who she knew enjoyed sewing in their limited spare time, Cheryl and Mary Lou agreed to make the bags and masks for the classes at VU. Many thanks also to the Session of Westminster Presbyterian Church for backing this project. We ordered 40 yards of polypropylene fabric for filters, 72 yards of black material (of which was at short supply due to everyone making masks) 15 yards of Velcro, elastic, and notions. This would make, two bags and two masks per student. Each bag was custom fit to each instrument. There were no patterns for many that we created. They turned out better than we could have imagined.

All of this so that you would know the struggles and the blessings of this year. The VU students were so grateful they continue to do special music at Joyce's request to enhance our worship experience at WPC. We are so blessed to have had this music during a year when voices could not sing in worship and only a limited number of people could gather.

Thank you so much Vincennes University staff and administration for keeping the students and teaches safety above all else and for your pledge to teach these students. Well done good and faithful servants.

