

**VALLEY COMMUNITY  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
(VCPC)**

**2022 MISSION STUDY  
REPORT**

Valley Community Presbyterian Church PC(USA) – 46 East 200 South, Richfield, UT 84701

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## VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 2022 MISSION STUDY REPORT

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Valley Community Presbyterian Church (VCPC), a small 20+/-congregation, is located in Richfield, a rural community in Central Utah in the midst of the Sevier Valley. We are seeking a new pastor to serve our congregation 20 hours a week. As we have reflected, prayed, discussed with our congregants, and worked through the Mission Study process, we are certain we are seeking a pastor who can reach people of all ages, from children to teens to families to the elderly. We desire a pastor who wants to nurture a small flock and can positively impact a rural community in the midst of a predominantly LDS (The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints) faith. VCPC has a long and historic past in the community and works in harmony with various faiths in the area.

VCPC is proud of its reputation as an open and welcoming church. We welcome anyone to join us in exploring our faith in Jesus Christ. As our mission statement reflects, "We are a family; loving, listening, learning and believing as Jesus taught." We are committed to each other, our neighbors, and our community. We are small in numbers but mighty in perseverance and have a fierce desire to see VCPC continue to succeed, to enjoy and celebrate worship, the sacraments and the fellowship that comes from being a family. More than half of our members have been with VCPC for over twenty years.

VCPC has struggled as many churches have, with the effects of the global pandemic and the busyness of life and families in general. There have been discussions and ideas on how to increase the viability of VCPC. We have looked at ways to bring the community to VCPC, and to take better care of our own flock. We recognize these things need more exploration. We are excited to work on these aspects and are committed to work with a new pastor to find new ways of doing things with compassion, mutual respect, and love for each other as the Holy Spirit guides us all in this journey. Our giving to the church has remained steady, even as our membership has declined. Our church leadership has affirmed there is sufficient money in investment/endowment revenues to supplement giving as necessary. We have also discussed this with the congregation as a whole.

This Mission Study has been conducted with much prayer, thoughtful reflection, and a goal to define the essence of VCPC. We believe our new mission and vision statements reflect VCPC's essence. We strive to be a continued valued presence in Central Utah and wish to grow our family with the presence of Jesus Christ in our lives and our community and world. With this faith and trust in God's presence throughout this Mission Study, we respectfully submit it to the Presbytery of Utah for approval.

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## INTRODUCTION

Our Mission Study began in October 2021 and was completed in March 2022, as the first step in the process of calling a new part-time Pastor. The study has been an effective tool to define who we really are at Valley Community Presbyterian Church and what we need in a Pastor to move forward in our community and our church.

The congregation voted to approve the Pastor Nominating Committee composed of Kathy Allen, Kelsey Ames, Renate Preiss-Anderson, Pat Jerome and Nancy Jerome (chairman). We have been prayerfully working through each section of the Mission Study and the vast majority of members have given their input in various ways as well. Components of this report – per the Presbytery of Utah’s Committee on Ministry Manual -Section IV, Mission Study – are included as follows:

- A Look at Valley Community Presbyterian Church Currently
- A Look at Valley Community Presbyterian Church Historically
- A Look at Valley Community Presbyterian Church Theologically
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  - VI. VCPC Fellowship Lunch and Mission Study Meeting Notes

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### **MISSION STUDY PROCESS**

In the spring of 2021 prior to our pastor retiring, a committee was organized to put together a survey for the congregation members and friends of VCPC. The committee members were Kathy Allen, Judy Clonts, Nancy Jerome and Pat Jerome. The survey included our previous mission and vision statements and asked nine additional questions. Thirty-five emails and hard copies were distributed, and 14 surveys were completed for a 40% rate of return (see Appendix I for the survey and compiled results.) We asked questions like “How does VCPC fulfill your needs?” and “How may VCPC serve you better?” as well as “What would you consider to be priorities in VCPC’s ministry?” We also asked for some qualities or personality traits vital in a pastor. One interesting thing from the survey is that only four of the respondents were raised Presbyterian. VCPC is a mixture of people being brought up in many denominations including Methodist, Lutheran, Catholic, Congregational and LDS.

After the PNC was formed, we had a congregational gathering with a potluck lunch after worship. We had a heartfelt discussion about who we are, what makes us tick, what brings us together and keeps us connected and coming to this church. We talked about what is God calling us to be and what God is calling us to do. We wanted to know what each person wanted to see in a pastor. We discussed some things we can do while we do not have a pastor. See Appendix VI for the Luncheon Minutes.

Some recurring themes include participating in our local community and finding service projects. We believe we are a welcoming church and have an extended family atmosphere. We recognize that many social practices we have had in the past have slowly declined. We would like to find ways to bring back more social/community activities to our church.

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### A LOOK AT VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CURRENTLY

As with an elderly congregation, we have lost many long-time members in the last several years. Although it is difficult when we lose our members, we are grateful for the love, support, wisdom, and commitment they have made to our little congregation. We mourn their loss as we would for a beloved family member. As part of the Mission Study, the PNC has also read a book titled “Canoeing the Mountains” by Tod Bolsinger. A quote from his book concerning the congregation really hit home. The book states, “A local congregation is not just a collection of individual people but *also* the love, commitment, values and mission they share.” Indeed, we are:

- A family – sometimes conflicted but united in the love of Christ and each other
- Committed to the church
- Sharing compassion and concern for each other
- Sharing a deep-rooted tenacity to keep the church open
- Learning to live with COVID around us and finding ways to be more connected with each other
- Loving our church and its rich history in the community
- Recommitting ourselves to the work of and running of the church
- Seeking ways to increase the “health and well-being” of our congregation through Bible study, social activities, meaningful worship, etc.
- We have hosted AA and NA group meetings for approximately 15 years. The NA group has recently found another meeting place, but AA still meets three times a week.

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### **A LOOK AT VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HISTORICALLY**

In 1880 the Presbyterian Board of Missions bought a small house in Richfield. The house served as both a school on the weekdays and a place for worship on the weekends. Phillip D. Stoops began preaching in 1881 and the Presbyterian presence in the Richfield area was born. In 1887, \$1800 was granted to construct a Victorian Eclectic stone chapel. The church was formally organized by November 5, 1890. In 1916 a Community Agreement combined area churches and the old chapel was completely renovated, refurnished, and redecorated.

In 1936 the Board of National Missions sold the Church property. The 46-year-old building was taken apart and rebuilt where the present church stands. The new church was dedicated in November of 1938. The Richfield Presbyterian Church continued in a period of slow growth enjoying its new building. Until the end of World War II, it was the only organized Protestant church in the area. After the war, the Catholic Church and several other Protestant denominations were formally established but Valley Community Presbyterian Church (VCPC) is the oldest continually functioning Protestant Church in Sevier County.

In 1954, to integrate Native Americans into public education, a group of Navajo Children from the Navajo Reservation in Arizona were sent into the neighboring states to attend schools. Due to the increase in attendance at the church, a new fellowship hall was added to the existing building.

In the last thirty years VCPC has continually updated its buildings and worship services. We have been the foundation for the first female elders in Utah in 1931 and the first female pastors in Sevier Valley. We have had many minority members who felt welcome within our walls. VCPC has always worked well with the other denominations in the area. The beautiful grand piano in the sanctuary that provides music for each service and the beautiful Stations of the Cross artwork were gifts from various community members. The people of Richfield have worked cooperatively together, regardless of their religious faith. They have been united to build Richfield as an ideal place to live. The local food bank, thrift shop, and community help line all started within VCPC and they are continued services within our community today.

Our Church has played an important part in the history of the community and is continually filling an important need in the lives of many people in this area. As the oldest continuously functioning protestant church in Sevier Valley, VCPC continues to serve and care for the people of Sevier County, Utah, to the best of its abilities as God directs it. The original sandstone forged right here in Richfield still stands as a memento of days of the past. The bell ringing on holidays and every Sunday is a welcoming sound to those in town and serves as a reminder of our cherished past. Our church history is rooted deep in the community, even though life seems to keep moving into the future, our small family church has remained a welcome beacon of our treasured past for those that are raised in this ever-changing community.

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**A LOOK AT VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH THEOLOGICALLY**

- VCPC Theologically
  - We believe in a Triune God – Three distinct beings, sharing one essence: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit
  - We have faith that God is present with us always, and we are reminded of this through the sacrament of Holy Communion.
  - We celebrate the sacrament of Baptism, recognizing God’s covenant with us as his beloved children.
  - We believe God calls us to love and serve others as Jesus loved and served.
  - We believe the Bible is the inspired word of God and are guided by its words, but recognize it is subject to human interpretation.
  - We listen for God’s direction and seek strength through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
  - We believe it is through Christ’s sacrifice on the cross that we may be saved through God’s grace and mercy. We are not saved by any works or deeds of our own, but by God’s grace alone.
  - We believe Jesus Christ is our teacher and redeemer. We seek guidance, understanding and forgiveness through Jesus Christ.
  - We seek to live better lives through worship, and through community with each other.
  - We seek a compassionate Pastor who will nurture and care about this flock and will interpret and share God’s word with us.



## **VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 2022 MISSION STUDY REPORT**

### **A LOOK AT VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH DEMOGRAPHICALLY**

Valley Community Presbyterian Church (VCPC) is rooted in Central Utah in the Sevier Valley just off I-70 and is surrounded by beautiful mountains, and a wonderful combination of red rock, volcanic rock, and clay hills. We are located within two and a half hours of all five National Parks in central and southern Utah (Arches, Bryce, Canyonlands, Capitol Reef and Zion). We are surrounded by hiking opportunities and mountain biking trails. We also have an extensive paved multiuse path for walking and biking throughout the valley. The closest ski resort is Brian Head located just over an hour away, but Park City is within two and a half hours as well. We have a plethora of ATV trails (including the Paiute Trail system), horseback riding and hunting opportunities. Snow College Richfield is an extension of their Ephraim campus providing many courses and technical training. Utah State University and Southern Utah University also have extension courses in Richfield. The Sevier Valley Center also provides many statewide sporting events as well as community functions and concerts. In addition, Sevier County boasts a symphony orchestra and various choral groups. Richfield's high school has a Career and Technical Education (CTE) program that all the area high schools utilize. Our community offers a swimming pool and an extensive youth and adult recreation program.

Our church is in the heart of Richfield and is surrounded by businesses and residential housing. We draw people from the entire county (current members reside in Annabella, Elsinore, Glenwood, Monroe, Richfield, and Venice.) We also draw from surrounding counties. One member currently resides in Piute County, and we have had members in the past from Sanpete and Wayne Counties.

The population in Sevier County in 2020 was just over 21,500 people. 90% of these are white and 4.8% are Hispanic. See appendix for more details including the entire six county area. In 2010, almost 84% of Sevier County identified themselves with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (LDS).

Valley Community Presbyterian Church is primarily an older congregation who has two families with children providing a nice mix of both young and old. Our church family enjoys fellowship together as well as worship and faith exploration activities. Statistically speaking, our membership unfolds like this:

- We have 17 active members, of which 76% are over the age of 55; 12 members are women. Nearly all members have at least some college. Nine members of our flock have been members for at least 20 years.
- We have three to four pre-teen children and four to five teenagers who regularly attend worship services.
- We have an additional four adults who are friends of the church who regularly attend.
- Average weekly attendance for 2021 was 17.
- Although our congregation is older, it is very important to our church family to have a pastor who relates well to people of all ages, including children, teens and their families.

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### A LOOK AT VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH'S MISSION AND VISION

As part of the Mission Study, we spent a lot of time reviewing our old Mission and Vision statements and updating them to be who we truly are. Our church is small, but we feel it is mighty. We are generous and caring. Our congregation is really a family, and we want everyone to know this. We are not perfect, but we have each other's backs and want what is best for the people in our congregation. We believe this accurately reflects who we are.

- **MISSION STATEMENT:** We are a family; loving, listening, learning, and believing as Jesus taught.
  - We are a family; united in our belief in the Triune God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – three distinct beings sharing one essence.
  - Jesus is our guiding light, teaching us how to live. We learn what he taught through worship, scriptures, Sunday school and Bible study.
  - We listen for the Holy Spirit in our daily lives.
  - We trust in God's unmerited favor.
  - We are saved by grace alone, not by our actions in this life, but through Jesus's death on the cross and his resurrection.
  - We are all God's children, loved and accepted equally by him and all are welcome.
  - We serve because of our love of Christ.
  - Our church provides fellowship, a beautiful sanctuary to worship our Lord where healing and growth take place.
  - We participate in community activities and do charitable work for our community, the nation, and the world.
  
- **VISION STATEMENT:** Valley Community Presbyterian Church (VCPC) is a place where faith and real life intersect. With God's help and the guidance of the Holy Spirit:
  - We want to expand our presence and increase our vitality within the community.
  - We want to expand our mission work in positive ways in our community, the nation, and the world by actively participating in charitable organizations.
  - We want to grow in faith to be better disciples of Christ.
  - We want to continue our long history of groundbreaking endeavors and grow our church and expand the programs available including: youth programs, Bible study, and fellowship.

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### A LOOK AT VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH'S LEADERSHIP, ADMINISTRATION & FACILITIES

#### Leadership:

- We are working on trying to share the workload of the church and to reduce the burnout of the few who do the majority for the church. Our congregation is so small that most everyone contributes to the success of our church. We have had difficulties in the recent past with enough people willing to serve on Session and as Deacons, but currently we have five Session members and four Deacons. Since the previous Pastor retired, our small, but willing congregation has been preaching three Sundays each month with other members being liturgists. We have continued our special services throughout the year, that have been attended and supported by our congregation and the community at large.

#### Administration:

- We do not have any paid staff for administration. We have one person who has volunteered and mainly done all the administration duties for the church for the last several years. It is too much for one person to do alone. We are working to change that and get more people involved in the daily administration duties for the church. We are looking for the Deacons to give more support as well for the well-being of the church and its members.

#### Facilities:

- Church: Our beautiful church has a rich history that we all love. The church is built from rock and has a bell tower with a beautiful bell. We start every worship service by listening to the amazing sound of our historic bell. However, age comes with its own issues and needs for restoration. Much has been done in the last 15 years to renovate the church facilities. A small parking lot was built in the back of the church, the corners of the foundation of the church have been stabilized with piers, it has a new roof and the rock has been repointed, the bell tower was painted and screened to protect it, the bathrooms have been tiled, the floor has been refinished, an alarm system installed, doors to the sanctuary have been refinished, walls in the annex have been refinished and painted, the pastor's office has been renovated, a storage unit has been built for chairs and tables, new furnace and air conditioning systems have been installed, and the electrical system has been updated. We are working to renovate one of the restrooms to a handicap restroom and replace some sidewalks and the ramp into the church.
- Manse: The manse is a two-story bungalow with three bedrooms, and two baths. In the last 15 years a new roof has been installed, bathrooms updated, back porch rebuilt, new electrical system installed, wood floors refinished, inside painted, new carpet, new kitchen countertop, new appliances, a new furnace, and air conditioning units. A new awning for a car port was completed, and an outside shed placed. Plans are underway to repaint the outside, and possibly re-stucco, and replace some sidewalks and steps to the manse.

## **APPENDIX I: VCPC MISSION STUDY SURVEY AND RESULTS 2021 SUMMARY**

### Valley Community Presbyterian Church (VCPC) Vision and Mission Statement Review and Survey

In anticipation of Reverend Nancy Holve's retirement in June, we are trying to gather some information from members, friends and interested individuals of VCPC. This survey is important to help guide the direction of our church for the future and will be used to begin the process of finding another pastor for Valley Community Presbyterian Church.

We would like to have the surveys back to us by **Easter Sunday (April 4<sup>th</sup> 2021)**. You can return them by email, or bring them to the church, or mail them to the church at VCPC, PO Box 818, Richfield, UT 84701.

We would love to have some feedback on our current Vision and Mission Statements. They should be current and meaningful for what we want our church to be and the direction we want it to go.

#### **VISION STATEMENT (Existing)**

Valley Community Presbyterian Church is recognized as a growing dynamic group of Christians, young and old, who serve the Sevier Valley area as a leading protestant church bonded together by our belief in the Triune God.

Please give us any thoughts you have on our current Vision Statement:

*Options (for Vision Statement):*

- *Valley Community Presbyterian Church is recognized as a dynamic group of Christians who serve the Sevier Valley area as a protestant church bonded together by our belief in the Triune God.*
- *Or*
- *Valley Community Presbyterian Church is recognized in the Sevier Valley area as a group of dedicated Christians preserving the values and traditions of the protestant faith, contributing to meeting the spiritual needs of the community at large.*

#### **MISSION STATEMENT (Existing)**

Valley Community Presbyterian Church offers a variety of programs and facilities where people gather in fellowship to:

- Participate in inspirational worship services

- Aid those of all ages to further an understanding of the scriptures and Christian traditions
- Participate in serving others as disciples of Christ locally and throughout the nation and the world
- Bring an understanding of our Christian beliefs to the people of the Sevier Valley area

Please give us any thoughts you have on our current Mission Statement:

*Option 1 (for Mission Statement):*

- *Valley Community Presbyterian Church offers a variety of programs and facilities where people gather in fellowship to:*
  - *Participate in inspirational worship services*
  - *Aid those of all ages to further an understanding of the scriptures and Christian traditions*
  - *Participate in serving others as disciples of Christ locally and throughout the nation and the world*
  - *Bring an understanding of our Reformed Christian beliefs to the people of the Sevier Valley area*
  - *Participate in Community activities as representatives of Mainline Protestant adherents*

*Option 2 (for Mission Statement):*

- *Valley Community Presbyterian Church provides the facilities and a variety of programs where the citizens of the Sevier Valley area can*
  - *Participate in inspirational worship services*
  - *Develop an understanding of the scriptures and Christian traditions*
  - *Participate in serving others locally and throughout the nation and world.*

## **SURVEY PORTION**

Gathering some statistics from friends, non-members and members can help guide and define who we are as a congregation and help lead us to find a good fit in a pastor.

*There were 14 Respondents out of 35 emails and hard copies given*

## **APPENDIX I: VCPC MISSION STUDY SURVEY AND RESULTS SUMMARY**

(Continued)

- How old are you?
  - 5 80+
  - 5 60+
  - 1 40+
  - 1 30+
  - 2 20+
- Do you have family members who attend VCPC? If yes, what are their ages?
  - 2 14
  - 2 12
  - 2 9
  - 1 6
- Can you give a brief description of your education background (i.e. number of years of education), what is/was your career path?
  - 1 *Master's degree*
  - 8 *Bachelor's degrees*
  - 1 *Associate's degree*
  - 4 *Some College*
- Were you brought up in the Presbyterian Church faith? If not, what has drawn you to attend VCPC?
  - 4 *Presbyterian*
  - 3 *Methodist*
  - 2 *Lutheran*
  - 2 *Catholic*
  - 2 *Congregational*
  - 1 *LDS*
  - *Most people described it as being the closest in faith to their existing faith*
- What are 3 – 5 qualities (personality traits) you think are vital in a pastor?
  - *Compassionate, Progressive, Knowledgeable, Organized, Congenial, Commitment, People Person – have a relationship with all ages, Leadership, Funny, Inspiring, Honest, Set of Morals, Approachable, Confident, Vitality, Passionate, Inclusive, Responsive, Kind, Vision, Charisma*
- How does VCPC fulfill your needs?
  - *Similar beliefs among group*
  - *Improve understanding of God and faith*
  - *Extended family atmosphere*
  - *Socialization*

## **APPENDIX I: VCPC MISSION STUDY SURVEY AND RESULTS SUMMARY**

(Continued)

- How may VCPC serve you better?
  - *Be more visible in the community, provide more activities*
  - *More youth friendly and younger families*
  - *Improve understanding of faith and how it relates to individuals as well as community and outreach*
  - *More pastoral care and support*
  - *Provide inspiration through heartfelt sermons and more familiar hymns*
  - *Push to evangelize surrounding localities in Sevier Valley, Salina, Monroe, Elsinore, etc.*
  - *Encourage members to participate in local community and volunteer entities*
  
- What would you consider to be priorities in VCPC's ministry? The following are some examples. Please prioritize these in the lines provided with 1 being the highest priority and offer any additional thoughts/ideas you may have.
  - 1   Offer meaningful worship services and music ministry
  - 4   Grow a loving and faithful ministry for children, youth and families
  - 5   Develop a culture of hospitality, welcoming all
  - 2   Encourage deep, caring and loving relationships in our church family
  - 6   Help our members discover and develop their individual gifts
  - 7   Engage members in service in the church, community and the world
  - 3   Provide high quality discipleship and educational opportunities for all ages
  
- What are our challenges as we begin this new chapter in our church's life? The following are some examples. Please add others you see.
  - Aged membership
  - Lack of members from all ages
  - Decline in numbers
  - Decline in those willing to be a part of leadership
  - Decline in income
  - Aged building *and not enough space for classrooms*
  - *More youth involvement*

## **APPENDIX II: VCPC ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS**

### **MEMBERSHIP CARE, FELLOWSHIP AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Prayer Chain	Presbyterian Women
Sunday Bulletin	Coffee Hour after Worship
Church Website	Potluck once a month
Bingo/Game Night	

### **WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION**

Worship at 11:00 am every Sunday	Special Services
Holy Communion once a month	Advent – wreath lighting
Baptism	Christmas Eve - Candlelight
Advent	Epiphany
Lay and Guest Pastor preaching	Ash Wednesday
Lay liturgists/greeters	Palm Sunday
Weddings	Maundy Thursday
World Communion	Good Friday
Memorials/Funerals	Easter
Scout Sunday	
Monrovia Park Worship Service	

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Classes and Zoom

### **OUTREACH/MISSION AND SERVICE**

Special Offerings:

- One Great Hour of Sharing
- Christmas Joy
- Presbyterian Disaster Relief Fund
- Central Utah Food Bank
- Ronald McDonald House
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday offering (Christmas boxes and Heifer International)
- Collecting stamps for Veterans

Interfaith Council

### **ADMINISTRATION, STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE**

Volunteer Counters	Volunteer Treasurer
Endowment Fund	Paid Tax service

### **BUILDING USE AND PROPERTIES**

AA Meetings – Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday	Paid Custodial and Volunteer Building Care
Paid and Volunteer Lawn Care	Interfaith Council Meetings
Clean-up Days	Shared Parking Lot with Central Utah Health



### **APPENDIX III: VCPC MEMBERSHIP PROFILE**

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2021</u>
<u>VCPC MEMBERSHIP</u>			
Total	24	28	17
Female	15	18	13
Male	9	10	4
Ages of Members			
0-25	4	4	1
26-45	0	5	3
46-55	5	4	1
56-65	8	4	5
65+	7	10	7
Ethnic Background			
Asian/Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Black/African American	0	0	0
Middle Eastern/North Africa	0	0	0
Hispanic/Latino	1	1	1
Native American/Alaska Native	0	0	0
White	23	27	16
Multiracial	0	0	0
<u>CHURCH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE</u>			
Youth	4	7	7
Adult	6	6	6
<u>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</u>			
Average Weekly	35	27	17

## **APPENDIX IV: VCPC FINANCIAL VIABILITY PROJECTION AND 2022 BUDGET**

Projected Economic Viability of Valley Community Presbyterian Church with a new Part-Time Pastor:

Contact VCPC for more information at (435) 896-6631.

## APPENDIX V: VCPC NEIGHBORHOOD DEMOGRAPHICS

### Six County

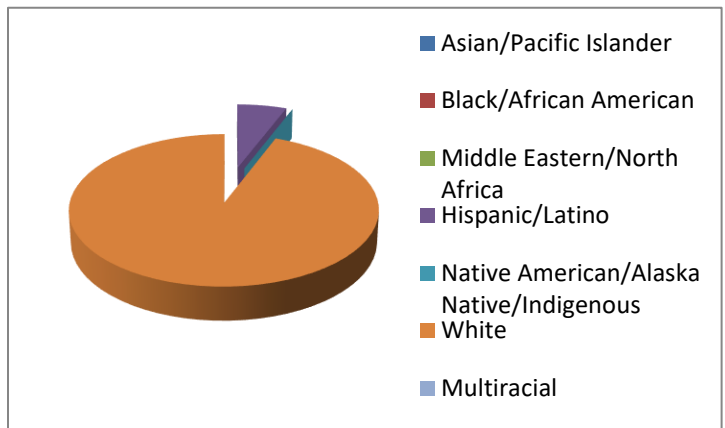
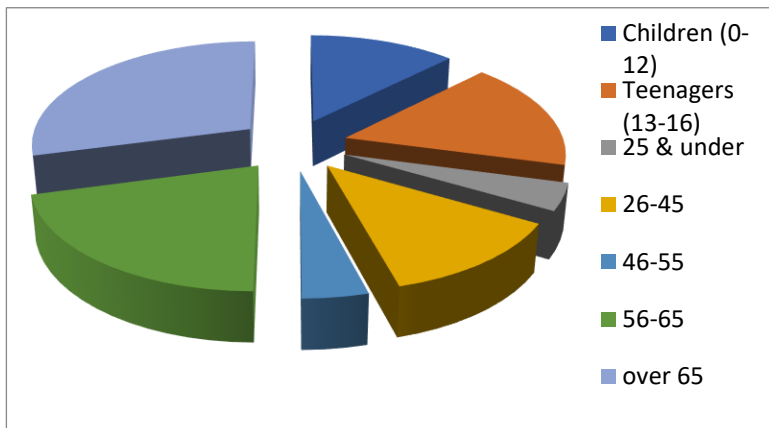
County	population 2010	LDS 2010	LDS %	population 2020	population increase	population increase %	White	Hispanic	2+ ethnic
Juab	10,246	8,373	81.72%	11,786	1,540	15.0%	91.40%	4.80%	2.10%
Millard	12,503	9,909	79.25%	12,975	472	3.8%	81.90%	13.60%	2.00%
Piute	1,556	1,036	66.58%	1,438	-118	-7.6%	88.70%	8.60%	2.20%
Sanpete	27,822	21,957	78.92%	28,437	615	2.2%	83.20%	10.70%	2.60%
Sevier	20,802	17,392	83.61%	21,522	720	3.5%	90.10%	4.80%	2.50%
Wayne	2,778	2,158	77.68%	2,486	-292	-10.5%	91.10%	3.80%	3.10%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>75,707</b>	<b>60,825</b>		<b>78,644</b>					

### VCPC Age Distribution

Children (0-12)	3
Teenagers (13-16)	4
25 & under	1
26-45	3
46-55	1
56-65	5
over 65	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>

### VCPC Cultural Distribution

Asian/Pacific Islander	0
Black/African American	0
Middle Eastern/North Africa	0
Hispanic/Latino	1
Native American/Alaska Native/Indigenous	0
White	16
Multiracial	0



## **APPENDIX VI: VCPC FELLOWSHIP LUNCH AND MISSION STUDY MEETING NOTES**

### VCPC Congregational Luncheon Meeting Minutes 11/21/21

We had a nice potluck lunch with fellowship and then general discussion about our church.

We discussed needing to be able to clearly identify who we are as a church. What makes us tick? What brings us together and keeps us connected and coming to this church? The following are the responses we received:

- Family!
- Friendships created and expressed
- Big hearts!
- We have input on things
- Intellectual discussions
- Inclusive
- Understanding
- It's home
- Resilient, push forward, never give up
- Strong

We asked what do you think God is calling us to be and what is he calling us to do? The following are the responses we received:

- More adult bible study
  - Discussed briefly the church is open on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings
- The need to find space for bible study for both youth and adults on Sundays
- Do some book study
- Youth night
- Get together with other churches and with their youth
- Stay family oriented
- Be a haven for those wanting a church family
- Welcome everyone, including LBGTQ and be welcoming
- Service – find service projects we can do/be a part of in our community
- Look into putting something in the paper about our worship
- Find projects to volunteer with
- Find ways to bring the community to us
  - Advertise for a lecture on a subject
  - Game night once a month
- Find a family needing Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner and give them food for the dinner

## **APPENDIX VI: VCPC FELLOWSHIP LUNCH AND MISSION STUDY MEETING NOTES**

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We asked what you want to see in a pastor, we received the following responses:

- Someone engaged in their calling
- Someone wanting to be part of the family
- Someone wanting to join and engage in our community
- Sincerity
- Approachable
- Grab your attention with their sermons
- Wanting to make a life here while they are here
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Additionally, there was some discussion about what things can we do while we do not have a pastor:

- Utilize the manse as a bed and breakfast. They can preach on Sunday and explore our area for a few days.
- Purchase more resource books for us while we do not have a pastor to help leadership
- Need to check on our members/friends more and keep in better contact