2024 Annual Report Sharon Rodney Clerk of Session

Community Presbyterian Church, Pinetop

We are a family grounded in Christ, called to glorify God through worship, discipleship, compassion, and service to one another and our community.



It's Been a Challenging Year!

- Pastor resigned, currently no paid Choir Director, Pianist, & Administrative Assistant
- Ongoing construction issues
- New Clerk of Session
- Getting a loan, and obtaining a bonded contractor
- Visiting pastors & thankfully a Transitional Pastor
- Session health issues along with rest of congregation
- The loss of congregants that have been so important to this Church.
 - WHOA I'M RUNNING OUT OF PAPER!

- Sometimes they lead us to make necessary changes.
- Sometimes they push us into improving the way we do things.
- Sometimes they make us realize that we can't do everything.
- Sometimes we take a hard look at ourselves, do a lot of prayer and know it's time to do something different.
- Sometimes we just look at things and go Yep! Issues, not perfect, but we're still standing and actually managed to accomplish some pretty amazing things.

Some of our Accomplishments

- We had enough funds to cover a good chunk of repair costs due to previous wise decisions. The CPC doors not only stayed opened but have been improved.
- We reviewed our membership role and removed many people that had moved or passed away. This reduces per capita expenses.
- The Finance Committee did an amazing job of creating a simplified and more efficient control & reporting process.
- We did something pretty amazing this year our projected deficient wasn't! We ended the year financially healthy thanks to your generosity.
- We've made a small dent in the mammoth task of creating a written
 Manual of Operations & are transitioning to a new Directory system.

Some of our Accomplishments

- Lives were saved within these walls, by our 2 successful blood drives.
- You probably got a Birthday or Anniversary Card (thanks to Sheila)
- Both the Missions and Outreach & PW Committees continued their amazing levels of service to others.
 - Food boxes, gift cards, sharing the joy of Christmas with Native Grandmothers and the Grandchildren they are struggling to raise.
- Every time you were asked to step up, or contribute your cash, time
 & talent YOU said yes.

Some of our Accomplishments

- Did we learn anything? Men & Women of the Bible, Creeds, 5 books, study of Jesus, Lord's Prayer Study & more to come. Bob Anderton & CE committee continue to amaze.
- Son Risers continues both amazing studies and exceeding attendance records. Plus you know

 Presbyterian Women (do these people sleep?) - Meals, supporting other members, crafts, fundraising & donations to numerous non-profits! Our community is enriched by these women.

Thanks to an amazing worship committee YES WE DID! Worship, praise and some new faces we are so happy to welcome.



• The Sanctuary was still beautifully decorated for special times and services, we still had meetings and fellowship, classes, communion, beautiful voices, volunteers creating wonderful piano music & leading the choir. John Hayes and the Worship Committee thank you!



 New volunteers for the sound system & Steve Rodney and Lori Block kept those videos and our web site going.



 Sunday the Sanctuary always looked like nothing else ever happened there. The picture says it all: loving, helping hands.



Our OTD group is hitting record numbers. We're currently having ~ 1/3 of our congregation at **OTD** in the Winter!



 Weekly coffee meetings, PW lunches out, SonRisers Darbi's breakfasts. We do enjoy our food!



We gather friends for supporting Fat Chance when they play, drink wine, play games and genuinely enjoy each other's friendship.



Thanks to the **Fellowship** Committee led by Becky and all the volunteers & friends for everything you do!!



The Elephant's (yes 2) in the room



Committees are still sane, but health has suffered.

Building & Grounds & Personnel Committees have had a rough year.

Elephant Status - Personnel

 We don't have a paid Pianist, Choir Director, Administrative Assistant or a Permanent Pastor.

 We thankfully have a wonderful Transitional Pastor in Bill.

Elephant Status - Personnel

 A group of dedicated and talented musicians have volunteered to lead.

- We are volunteering to staff the office, and Lori Block is busy creating the Bulletin & Express in Tucson.
- Joyce has had a lot of challenges & has ads starting this week.
- Please pray for these concerns.

- It's a story of good news/bad news. First the good (the bad is obvious, but we'll get to that too.)
- We've repaired several items at the Manse: dead tree removal, updates to the Master Bath and a new refrigerator. More are needed and in the plan.
- Normal maintenance, repairs & landscaping projects have proceeded as usual.

- We had exactly 1 bidder on our project that agreed to provide a bond.
- Decent start, then some construction issues.
- We are withholding any additional payments until completion.

- We are not currently pursuing legal action or calling the bond, as either of those actions are going to immediately do 2 things:
- 1) Stop any work or deliveries.
- 2) Incur legal expenses.

 We had recent window deliveries and a plumber, the contractor stated he will bring up a crew from Phoenix & understands no completion – no final payment. Prayers, please.

Today we are going to ask you to consider and vote on a couple of things:

1)Approve the Budget

- 2) Allow the current Elders to extend their term to June with the election of elders to be held in June.
- Why? It's the elephants, & the difficulty of finding Elders. We are working on proposing a new structure
 - fewer elders governing and more of a team
 approach involving more congregants on projects.

 Motion: To suspend that portion of the By-Laws regarding Elder Elections, allowing current Elders to remain in office through a June election at a Special Congregational Meeting.

We're still standing

Would everyone able, please stand.

Now look around you - you're the ones that have done all the work.



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THANK YOU! YOU ARE THE CHURCH.

ANY QUESTIONS? PASTOR & SESSION WILL TRY TO ANSWER.

Meeting Adjourned... Please stay for a few minutes more to hear the Church Corporation Report!