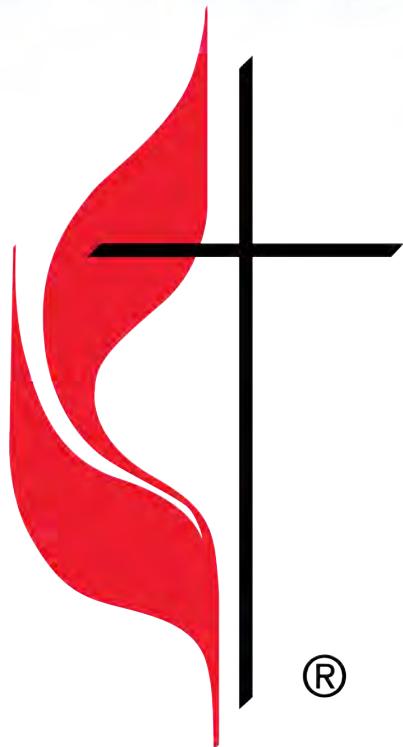


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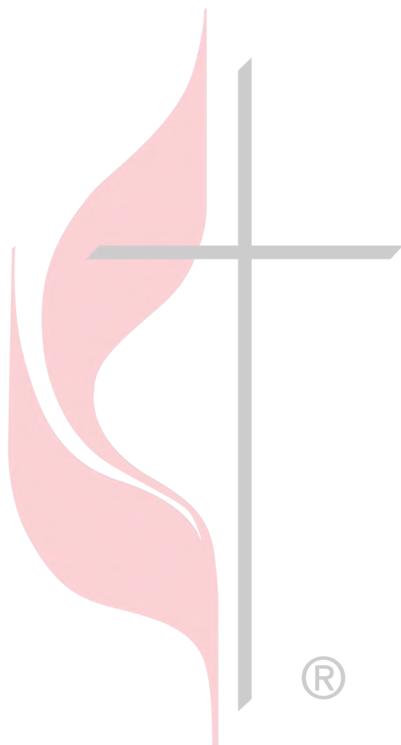
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# OUR MISSION

The mission of Prescott United Methodist Church  
Is to make disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the transformation of the world.

**Adopted by Church Council, November 23, 2010**



PRESCOTT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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# Minutes

## Charge Conference

### Saturday, Oct. 2, 2021



**CAROL CLAYTON**  
Recording Secretary  
2021 Charge Conference

Rev Javier Olivares, District Superintendent called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and, as new District Superintendent, welcomed us with a brief recap of his ministry. Carol Clayton was selected as recording secretary.

Opening Prayer was read by Jeannie Ward, West District Lay Leader followed by Rev Olivares showing how PUMC is Accountable, Transparent and in Covenant.

Pastor Dan Hurlbert reflected on the past year stating how hard it is to "restart" after months of the pandemic. The staff had to pick up extra load during this time of cancelled committees and additional hardships. Many thanks to Lay Leader and their committees for calling many of our members during this time and kudos to Zoom classes and committee meetings which kept us connected.

Paul Murphy updated us on the Trustees and Bruce McKeeman discussed the Finance and Stewardship report.

Membership report was reconfigured, and Dan will take some time to review its accuracy. A vote was taken to accept report with necessary revisions.

Dan's visions for the new year include accessing our membership and who is still there, a strategic plan for our campus including Ester Hall. Dan is hopeful for help from the congregation and need for them to fill out blue forms received in the Stewardship letter. No leadership nomination will be available until the forms are reviewed and slate will be voted at a Church Council meeting.

Staff compensation package was reviewed by SPRC chair Al Sargeant. Additional duties accepted by Jacob Gilbert to include Director of Technology. SPRC Package for the pastoral staff was unanimously accepted. Adjustments are needed for staff compensation in a competitive market.

Michelle Olivares was introduced as our candidate for ministry. She shared her story of her call to ministry and a written vote accepted her candidacy.

Jeannie Ward presented information on classes available for Lay Servant Ministries being held via zoom.

Pastor Dan closed the meeting with prayer at 12:25 p.m..

Carol Clayton, *Recording Secretary. 2021 Charge Conference*



# Prescott United Methodist **CHURCH CONFERENCE**

OCTOBER 9, 2022  
Saturday, 3:30 pm - Agape Hall

Call to Order - Rev. Javier Olivares, DS

Affirmation of Recording Secretary - Acceptance Vote

Opening Prayer and Reflection

Accountable, Transparent and in Covenant

- Reflection of the Last Year in Ministry
- Finance and Stewardship Report
- Membership Report

Preparing for a New Year of Ministry

- Ministry Plan for the Year Ahead
- Leadership Nominations Report
- Clergy Compensation
- Candidates for Ministry
- Lay Speakers, Certified Lay Servants, Certified Lay Ministers Report
- CLLD Resource List on Leadership and Reminder Invitation to Nominate for Conference Committees

A Charge and a Blessing

*I came that they may have life and have it abundantly, Jesus (John 10:10)*

# Senior Pastor



**REV. DAN HURLBERT**  
Senior Pastor

**H**eartiest greetings of joy in Jesus Christ! In 2022 I have found myself sharing this story multiple times.

In the late 1990's I took the Prescott UMC youth on a field trip to tour the Bagdad copper mine. It was a fascinating trip as the guide showed us every step in the mining process from digging the dirt to finished copper plates and wire. The most impressive thing to the youth was that the mine runs constantly twenty-four hours a day. Seven days a week. Some of the youth could not get their minds around it and kept asking, "why?" Finally, the tour guide, a retired miner, rather gruffly said, "because it would cost too much to restart if we ever shut down."

The lesson has not been lost on me. While we never fully ceased operation of the church we did go to all streaming worship and only staff in our buildings. We have been adding ministries back little by little. First was worship outside then inside with temp checks, reservations, distanced seating and a serious air cleaning plan. Then we started in person business meetings of the church, then Sunday school, and study groups. Some groups have found it easier to continue to meet via Zoom and others use a combination of in person and remote attendance. Restarting these and other ministries has been a massive effort on the part of volunteers and staff. While not full speed, or full attendance, we are running nearly all of the program ministries we had pre pandemic.

**W**e have experienced several staff changes this year. Our custodian, volunteer coordinator, publisher, and office manager all retired. Our receptionist and AV coordinator moved to New Jersey. We are pleased with our new hires who are liked by the congregations and have been trained up in the servant leadership model that makes PUMC special.

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While the church ran a financial surplus in 2020 and 2021 much of this was due to being eligible for government grants such as the paycheck protection program and employee retention payments. We are grateful for that help and aware that we will not receive it forever. Going forward this means we will once again rely entirely on our congregation to fund the mission and ministry of Prescott United Methodist Church. This has worked for the last 152 years. We expect it can also take us into the future.

The looming question regarding our facilities remains what shall we do with the old buildings? Meanwhile they are getting a lot of use. We have welcomed Habitat for Humanity into the old office space, Northern Arizona's largest scout troop will continue to use our space and we have recently become the host to Prescott's largest A.A. group where we welcome well over 100 people to our campus who are getting better one day at a time. We host, low vision groups, Parkinson's groups, Alzheimer's groups, quilt sewers, card makes, and yarn twisters. We need to find a way to make our older buildings sound, safe, and secure for our community partners and our congregation.

There is also the matter of the slow-motion splintering that our denomination is undergoing. I believe this will have little lasting impact on PUMC. Since our very beginning when the North and South churches came together in our town, we have had God's own Spirit of unity that has pulled us together. One of my favorite things about serving here is that we have differing opinions (many deeply held) about politics but we are of one mind regarding our faith. That is the way I like it and I hope you do too.

What I want you to know is that it is a pleasure for me to serve among you. I thank God that I am called to be in this place even at such a time as this. There is so much I love about Prescott. The natural beauty, the pace of life, the flora and fauna. Above all, I thank God for you. Each of you who make this church such a special place to live out my vocation. It may be difficult but together we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.

Blessings,

**Dan Hurlbert, Senior Pastor**



# Associate Pastor



**REV. EFRAÍN ZAVALA**  
Associate Pastor

This year has been a remarkable one for me. It has had its joys and its challenges, and both have taught me important lessons. Most importantly, I tried some new things and, as scary as that can be sometimes, I believe this has helped me grow. Here are some of the things I have done this last year:

At the local church level, I have challenged the church to appreciate and celebrate diversity: I have led in organizing Hispanic heritage events, such as our Taco Dinner, our Panel Discussion, and a Las Posadas service.

As I move forward, however, I will be focusing more on rebuilding our Youth Ministry. I am excited about this, as some of my most memorable church experiences took place in my Youth Group. I believe this is an important stage in a disciple's life.

At the conference level, I have trained others to make our churches more inclusive. I participated in Diversity and Inclusion training, which prepared me to train others on this subject.

This year, I trained pastors at our conference retreat, and church leaders for our congregations in the Quad-City area. In July, I started a new role as chair of the Conference's Hispanic Committee. I also facilitated a Basic Lay Servant Course focused on Hispanic congregations.

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**R**egarding my work in the community, I have reached out to different to explore partnership opportunities. A few months ago, we created the “Hola Prescott” Coalition, which will focus on serving the Hispanic Community in the Quad-City area. In fact, this year we will have our first annual Hispanic/Latino Festival at Yavapai College!

In addition to this, I continue to be a member of the MLK March organizing committee, I attend the Quad-City Interfaith Council meetings, I have participated in a few Interfaith events focusing on reconciliation and peace, and I continue to serve as chaplain for the Yavapai Regional Medical Center once every month.

Finally, this year I finally had the opportunity to attend the Wesley Pilgrimage in England. It was a wonderful experience and I was glad to share some of my experience with the congregation. In this pilgrimage, I made some new friends and learned more about my Methodist heritage.

One of the lessons that will stay with me relates to one of John Wesley’s journal entries. Wesley, who for many years believed the church to be the only appropriate place in which to preach the Word, decided he would take the Lord’s message beyond the church walls. He started preaching wherever people would listen.

On April 2, 1979, he wrote, “at four in the afternoon I submitted to be more vile, and proclaimed in the highways the glad tidings of salvation...”

As I read these words, I am challenged. I believe that through this testimony, God is inviting me to be more creative and bolder in sharing the Good News to all people. Moving forward, I will continue to look for opportunities to serve, work, and learn, knowing God is with us always. I cannot wait to see what God has in store for us this coming year!

**Rev. Efraín Zavala, Associate Pastor**



# Minister of Congregational Care



**REV. PATTI BLACKWOOD**  
Associate Pastor

This year has been a remarkable one for me. It has had its joys and its challenges, and both have taught me important lessons. Most importantly, I tried some new things and, as scary as that can be sometimes, I believe this has helped me grow. Here are some of the things I have done this last year:

At the June meeting of the Desert Southwest Annual Conference, I was appointed by Bishop Grant Hagiya, to serve as Deacon in Retirement at Prescott UMC. I am appointed as Minister of Congregational Care and Grief Support, a position I have filled for the past seven years.

As a Deacon, I am called to Word, Service, Compassion, and Justice. Since much of my previous work background and my life experiences have revolved around caregiving in one form or another, especially in the field of grief and bereavement, I consider my appointment to be a perfect match to my call. I am able to provide a “bridge” between the church and the community, connecting the ministries of the church with the needs of the congregation and the community.

Over the past year, Prescott UMC has returned to more and more of our pre-COVID activities, including worship, programs, committee meetings, and ministry areas. I have begun meeting again in person for one-on-one grief counseling and also offering adult grief groups. I am passionate about working with individuals who are grieving a loss, and to that end, I provide one-on-one bereavement support to congregation members and members of the community who are struggling following the death of a loved one. Although most of the grief support that I provide is for those grieving a death, I can also assist with many kinds of losses, for example, divorce, difficult family relationships, unemployment, illness.

In addition to meeting with individuals, I provide literature, support, and information to assist in the grief process. In November, as I have for the past nine years, I will offer a workshop at PUMC called “Navigating the Holidays After Loss.” This year I attended two continuing education courses via zoom -- one on complicated grief and one on ambiguous grief. I have also provided input for a book about grieving the death of a sibling.

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In my role as Deacon, I assist the Senior and Associate Pastors in serving Communion, performing baptisms, and in bringing new members into the church. I lead the congregation in corporate prayer in all three weekly worship services.

I enjoy preaching and am honored to lead worship and preach when the opportunity arises. Each year, I conduct funeral/memorial services for church and community members or their families. I responsible for “dressing” the altar table each week for worship and for scheduling and overseeing hanging of the seasonal paraments in Agape Hall.

As part of my work as clergy staff at PUMC, I serve on the Adult Education Committee, attend SPRC and Church Council meetings, lead seasonal and small group book studies, and make needed hospital and home visits to parishioners. I lead the PUMC Stephen Ministry group (see separate Stephen Ministry report) and assist in facilitating two women’s Bible studies (on zoom).

Pastoral Assistant, Leigh Downing, and I choose and deliver the beautiful prayer quilts and squares provided by our talented and dedicated quilting group. With the help of a great leadership team, I have assisted in organizing and preparing for PUMC’s 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Women’s Retreat, which will take place on October 22, 2022, in Agape Hall.

In July, I was privileged once again to co-lead PUMC’s “Shoes from the Shepherd” ministry program. We welcomed over 300 families who received gift cards, books, Bibles, socks, pencils, and bookmarks. This ministry is possible due to the generosity of one major donor from PUMC and the help of many other gifts of money, time, and talent from members of our congregation.

In addition to my work at PUMC, and to further fulfill my call as a Deacon, I serve as chaplain for a local hospice and volunteer as a chaplain at Yavapai Regional Medical Center. I also serve on the Board of Directors of the Yavapai County Free Clinic, the county agency that provides needed health care, especially for the lower income and primarily uninsured population.

At the Conference level, I continue to serve on the District Committee on Ministry (DCOM). As Secretary of DCOM, I am responsible for working with the DCOM Chairperson and the District Superintendent to schedule and conduct interviews of candidates for ministry, Licensed Local Pastors, and Certified Lay Ministers.

It is my honor and privilege to continue to serve at Prescott United Methodist Church. My thanks to the staff and congregation for your continued support and encouragement as we serve God and this church together.

**Rev. Patti Blackwood, Associate Pastor  
Minister of Congregational Care**



# Retired Ministry



**REV. IVAN BURNETT, JR.**  
Retired Ministry

This report is submitted in accordance with the requirement of *The Book of Discipline*.

## Covid-19 and Family Health Issues

Covid and other medical issues have continued to impact us this year. Yet, after continually delaying a memorial service for our son, the Rev. David Burnett, who died of Covid-19 in December of 2020, we finally were able to have a glorious celebration of his life on Saturday, June 4th. Joanne's Parkinson's dementia is now also slowing robbing her of cognitive and physical capabilities, requiring her continued care in a dementia facility. But thankfully our elder son and his wife have moved from outside of Atlanta to Prescott and are providing wonderful support.

## Ministry

For the majority of the year, I've still only felt it safe to worship online — due to Covid; but thankfully, I've been able to worship online both with First United Methodist Church, San Diego, and here, with my own Charge Conference. When time has allowed I've continued to fulfill my ministerial calling by writing sacred music — hymns, hymn tunes, anthems, preludes, etc.

This summer one of my preludes was played by Janet Tolman, organist at Christ United Methodist Church, Tucson, and several of my numbers were played at St. George's United Methodist Church in Fairfax, VA. In addition, at least five of my compositions were used here at Prescott United Methodist Church.

Despite the virus and family issues, I have been able to complete and self-publish *Volume V* of my music and am now working on *Volume VI*. *Volume V* included the following, some of which were earlier numbers, reworked or adapted for different instruments: **Anthems:** *Be Still and Know that I Am God; In the Bleak Midwinter; The Lord Is My Shepherd; Though Death Claims Us, Death Can't Hold Us;* **Preludes Offerteries, or Postludes for Organ, Piano, or other Instruments:** *Sixty different numbers*, most of which were based on different well-known hymn tunes. Obviously, that is too many to list!

### Ivan Burnett, Jr.

Captain, Chaplains Corps, U.S. Navy *retired*  
Member, Desert Southwest Annual Conference, *retired*.

The year 2022 has been a much brighter year Covid-wise! I've been able to make more in-person visits. Nola Burkhart's Cards of Caring Committee continue to shower me with beautiful handmade cards which I send to folks experiencing illness, surgery, grief, spiritual or emotional challenges.

Thanks to our talented PUMC Prayer Quilters, I've been busy delivering lovely quilts and prayer squares as well.

Rev Patti Blackwood and I meet every Tuesday to talk about ways in which we can help care for our congregation.

I continue to assist with memorial services and I assist Rev. Patti with the annual Hotshots Memorial Service and the Service of Solace and Hope.

In addition to my work at PUMC, I serve as a volunteer chaplain at Yavapai Regional Medical Center.

Another year has gone by and I am so grateful for my work here! I am especially grateful to the Pastors and staff.

**Leigh Downing, Pastoral Assistant**

# Pastoral Assistant

## Home and Hospital Visitation



**LEIGH DOWNING**

Pastoral Assistant,  
Home and Hospital Visitation

# Music Ministries



**JACOB GILBERT**  
Director of Music Ministries

The music ministry here at PUMC offers many opportunities for anyone interested in serving our church with their musical gifts. Our mission is to spread God's Word through music and song during our Saturday and Sunday worship services and during our music presentations throughout the year.

Last December, approximately 75 people from the music department, congregation, and community presented our annual *Christmas Cantata*. Unfortunately, I got COVID and was unable to be there for the concert. Dr. Joshua Harper, director of choral activities at Yavapai College, stepped in and directed in my place. This year, we will be doing a Celtic-themed Cantata and will incorporate projection mapping into the concert. Lawrence Digges will be doing the content creation for the projection mapping. You won't want to miss it!

A brief description of the musical ensembles we currently have at PUMC include:

**Gospel Band** — This group of dedicated people helps support the Saturday night Gospel Service by providing music for our Saturday night service.

**Celebration Choir** — This choir supports the Saturday night Gospel Service by providing a variety of choral music several times a month.

**Chancel Chimes Handbell Choir** — This handbell choir is an intermediate group composed of 7 members. This group plays once a month during our Sunday morning worship services, and at special events at the church.

**Chancel Choir** — This choir supports the Sunday morning worship services every week and even during the summertime. There are approximately 15-20 singers every Sunday morning to provide choral music at the 9:00 and 10:30 services.

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**W**e are so blessed to have so many wonderful volunteers who give many hours each week to the music ministry here at PUMC. We are fortunate to have such a loving congregation that supports the music ministry and all that we do.

We are also blessed to have our wonderful accompanist, Janet Moore, who provides a wide variety of music during our worship services and piano accompaniment for our choirs. She has been an incredible addition to the music ministries at PUMC.

In addition to our Janet, we have a group of talented people that serve as the organist during our Sunday morning worship services. Patty Newton, Scott Rhyner, Mark Achuff, and Janet Moore rotate weekends each month to provide our worship services with organ service music, solos, and special music.

We also have two Audio/Visual Technician that run sound for all events at PUMC. Lawrence Digges and Adam Dokos do an incredible job at providing our worship services, memorial services, Wednesday night presentations, and special events with audio and visual support. We would not be able to have all these functions without these two people.

**Jacob Gilbert, Director of Music Ministries**

*A specialty performance by the Quartz Ensemble was a featured presentation of the music ministries as the group did performances during services and a concert in August 2022, to a packed Agape Hall.*



# Church Council Report



**Julie Huck**  
Church Council Chairperson

The Church Council meets bi-monthly on the fourth Tuesday. Its membership includes the Pastors, the Music Director, the Volunteer Coordinator, the Church Treasurer, Lay Leaders, the chairpersons of SPRC, Finance, Trustees, Worship, Church and Society, Missions, Education, Legacy, Stephen Ministry, Evangelism, and Endowment committees, the presidents of UMM and UWIF, and both the chairperson and secretary of the Church Council.

The mission of the Church Council is to "Provide for the administration of the church's organization and its temporal life, so that we envision, plan, implement and evaluate annually the mission and ministries of the church."

In 2022, the Church Council convened in person to conduct our Lord's business, including:

- Receive and approve written reports from its members of their personal and/or committee activities since their last report and forthcoming plans. Individual committee Action requests are reviewed and approved.
- Receive and approve the annual Budget prepared by the Finance Committee (individual members generally assist Finance in this development). This typically occurs in December for the upcoming year.
- Individual Council members also generally assist the Pastoral Staff and Finance Committee in planning the annual October Pledge Campaign.
- Receive and approve the annual disbursement of the Endowment Fund. A subcommittee, the Endowment Distribution committee, solicits/reviews requests for these funds, and then makes recommendations to the Finance Committee.

On Finance's approval, recommendations go to the Council for final review and approval, so that disbursements can be made the following February. Council also evaluates status and progress of those fund requests that are approved during the forthcoming year.

- Review and approval of the Special Offerings that are conducted monthly. The Missions Committee develops a list of monthly offerings for the upcoming year that is approved by Council, usually by December.
- Review and approval of, and scheduling of, all fund-raising activities conducted at the Church. Initially fundraising requests and/or applications are submitted to the Finance Committee for review and then forwarded to the Council for final review and approval.

The Church Council is also active in suggesting ways to expand our local outreach into our community.

**Julie Huck, Church Council Chairperson**

# Church & Society Report

Church and Society members prepared a delicious Lenten Souper Supper the first Wednesday in April to accompany their Earth Day presentation on birds of the Southwest.

The Church and Society Committee has initiated an ongoing letter-writing campaign to senators and representatives to thank them for supporting legislation to curb gun violence and to encourage them to do more.

The Hispanic Celebration, kicked off on September 7<sup>th</sup> with authentic decorations, a very good band, and Spicey Streets catering providing food for the Taco Dinner. Approximately 100 attendees enjoyed the celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. Prof. Ernesto Mireles of Prescott College offered, as a community service, four free classes focused on Mexican/American history and culture. The reference book for his classes is *So Far From God* by Ana Castillo.

A panel on "Justice At The Border: Access to information for the Hispanic Community" was held Tuesday, October 4, and featured panelists Prof. Mireles and Lisa Raygoza of Yavapai College, with Rev. Efraín Zavalas serving as moderator.

We continue to assist subsistence farmers, primarily in Central and South America, with our sales of Equal Exchange products at cost and also recently participated in the collection of goods for The Inn of Southern Arizona that helps new immigrant arrivals at our border with food and clothing.

A celebration of Native American culture with speaker and flute player is currently being planned for *Wonderful Wednesday* in February. We hope to accompany this presentation with food from a fry bread truck or a meal of our own making with Three Sisters Soup and Acorn Bread.

**Kris Holt, Church and Society Committee Chairperson**



**KRIS HOLT**  
Church and Society  
Committee Chairperson



# **Education Committee**



**LARRY CHRISTENSEN**  
Education Committee  
Chairperson

Picking up where last year's report left off, the last quarter of 2021 included the return of in-person meetings for Men's Bible Study; a successful well-received in-person or by-Zoom Advent Study based on the weekly sermon; and recommendations for undertakings in 2022. These included a Lay Servant Ministry Program and presentations on aging and end of life issues, not yet on our agenda.

Co-chairs, Peggy Rambikur and Georjean McKeeman, reached the end of their tenure and deserve a rousing round of applause for their competent and devoted guidance.

Since Covid required us to "do church" through the use of technology, the success of Koinonia as a hybrid class inspired us to explore using this technology for other classes, meetings, etc. This format would give people the option of participating in-person or via Zoom. The bottom line is that this issue was bigger than our committee and needed to be addressed by the church as a whole. It appears the process is underway, one step at a time.

We extend voluminous thanks to Jacob Gilbert, Rick Goller, Scott Rhyner and Paul Wolfe for their exploration and input regarding the technology needed to transform Douglas into a facility for hybrid meetings and classes. Interested leaders and facilitators would be introduced to user-friendly equipment through a one-session training that explains color-coded connections and procedures outlined on an instruction sheet. We'll keep you informed as the plan materializes!

Our Lenten Study followed the format of 2021's Advent Study. Upon review, we concluded that Zoom was not the best platform for open study, but might be workable with

some tweaking and some participation guidelines. We did see a decline in participation from the first week through the last, both in-person and via Zoom. This led to discussion on how to obtain feedback from online participants, not only regarding studies, but also worship and prayer times. So far, we haven't devised a practical method.

Based on positive feedback regarding the availability of sermons in print, we considered the possibility of having printed sermons obtainable after Sunday's worship services. I discussed this with Pastor Dan, and we will be offering this to worshippers before the end of the year. Details will be forthcoming in "*The Preview*."

"Beginners Bible Study For Women" ("Bible 101") was offered in April conducted by Christie Couts and Kay Keely. (Kudos for fulfilling this need!) Ten women joined the successful initial offering, and a "101" class on the book of Esther is underway this fall!

In September, we initiated an Adult Education Book Review in the "*The Preview*." These concise reviews will be presented by volunteers (this could be you) who want to share a read that has left an impression.

AEC will be revitalizing a past event that highlights the magnitude of PUMC's missions, ministries, and opportunities for fellowship, fun and education. We envision a "walk-through fair" format although the event is still lacking a name. Council has given their blessing to this venture scheduled for January 21-22, 2023. Watch for details!

New items on future agendas include the need for a "stand alone" (*i.e.* one theme each time) interactive discussion class on Sunday mornings, and our newly assigned responsibilities for the library.

If you have questions, comments, or an interest in participating in our AEC activities, please call or email me.

**Larry Christensen, Adult Education Committee Chairperson**



# Evangelism Report



**MARCI HURLBERT**  
Evangelism Committee  
Chairperson

As COVID restrictions lessened, our Evangelism committee charted a course to reconnect with the Prescott community. Our plan included ways to invite, welcome, engage and connect (see graphic below).

We began going to community events with Lincoln School, Western Heritage Museum, PUSD Foundation, Prescott Farmers' Market, Prescott Chamber of Commerce, Prescott Blue Grass Festival and others to increase awareness of our church.

We relaunched the "mug" welcome gifts.

We partnered with the Church publisher to update such marketing collateral pieces as PUMC beliefs, PUMC history, business card sized service times, welcome popcorn sticker "Thanks for Popping in,"

We created a nametag holder and are working with church staff to get updated nametags/lanyards for the congregation.

We look forward to doing even more in 2023!

*Marci Hurlbert, Evangelism Committee Chairperson*



**O**ur task force has met monthly, generally on the second Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. The list of members, current and past, include myself as chairperson, Cathy Englekirk (secretary), Phil Clayton, Becky Franklin, Kris Holt, Rich Poynter, and Rev. Efraín Zavala. Meetings were to organize these events, most of which for the first time:

- Las Posadas service and more in PUMC sanctuary, mid-December of 2021
- Three Kings Day, January 8, 2022 in Prescott Valley
- Hola Prescott committee was begun in April 28, 2022 to plan the first annual Hispanic Heritage festival at Yavapai College. We met monthly and then weekly at PUMC
- Taco Dinner celebration for Hispanic Heritage month on September 7 on the grass downstairs
- PUMC provided a craft table for the Hispanic Heritage festival at Yavapai College
- Justice at the Border Immigration panel highlighting education and access to resources with Lisa Raygoza of Yavapai College and Dr. Ernesto Mireles of Prescott College on the panel, with Rev. Efraín Zavala as moderator
- Hispanic Heritage class for multiple sessions by Dr. Ernesto Mireles featuring *So Far From God* and Mexican history by decades
- Church and Society Committee has been supporting our task force with their time and budget.

This task force could not have done what we have without Church and Society and we offer our thanks to them. And this task force could not have done what we have without Rev. Efrain Zavala and Michelle Olivares, candidate for ministry.

**Kelley Poynter, Hispanic Ministries Chairperson**

# Hispanic Ministries Report



**KELLEY POYNTER**  
Hispanic Ministries  
Chairperson



# Finance Committee Report



**ARETA HEARD**  
Finance Committee Chair

In years 2019-2021, total giving from pledged, unpledged, and loose plate offerings that fund church operations has declined. Total giving in these accounts went from \$721,933 in 2019 to \$671,802 in 2021.

This trend has continued into 2022 with both pledged and unpledged contributions below 2021 year-to-date giving (through August 31).

To help mitigate this decline in giving, PUMC has received government assistance from an Employee Retention Credit, as well as support from the PUMC Endowment Fund.

With inflationary pressure on expenses, 2022 expenses have exceeded 2021 expenses through August 31. Therefore, the PUMC Financial Statement YTD through end-August, 2022, reflects a net operating loss of **(\$18,514)** for the period. This means PUMC is funding a portion of its operations for 2022 using operating reserves.

As the Finance Committee starts the budgeting process for 2023, all these factors are considered relevant to planning for the coming year activities and ministries.

*Aretha Heard, Finance Committee Chairperson*



**Prescott United Methodist Church**  
**Statement of Income and Expense - Operating Fund - Modified Cash Basis**  
**Current Year to Date vrs Prior Year to Date**

	Jan - Aug 2022	Jan - Aug 2021	\$ Change	% Change
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
4100 · Pledged contributions	\$ 283,031.92	\$ 291,418.07	\$ (8,386.15)	(2.88%)
4200 · Unpledged contributions	97,191.56	119,909.43	(22,717.87)	(18.95%)
4250 · Christmas offerings	50.00	50.00	0.00	0.00%
4251 · Easter offerings	6,295.00	6,171.00	124.00	2.01%
4300 · Loose plate	7,523.46	4,476.95	3,046.51	68.05%
4400 · Utility reimbursements	5,636.00	815.00	4,821.00	591.53%
4600 · Interest income	4,927.94	461.44	4,466.50	967.95%
4900 · Other Income	1,889.65	937.56	952.09	101.55%
4910 · Support from Endowment	45,295.36	0.00	45,295.36	100.00%
4970 · Employee Retention Credit	36,746.14	35,754.97	991.17	2.77%
4971 · Grant - PPP loan forgiveness	0.00	85,100.00	(85,100.00)	(100.00%)
4950 · Transfers in from Restricted	23,085.95	30,156.39	(7,070.44)	(23.45%)
Total Income	511,672.98	575,250.81	(63,577.83)	(11.05%)
<b>Expense</b>				
5100 · Ministerial Support	126,796.38	122,460.86	4,335.52	3.54%
5200 · Staff Support	154,553.78	127,491.65	27,062.13	21.23%
5300 · Payroll Taxes	12,780.08	10,060.12	2,719.96	27.04%
5400 · Health Insurance	23,594.38	19,001.14	4,593.24	24.17%
5500 · Pension	15,418.68	16,587.44	(1,168.76)	(7.05%)
5600 · Reimbursable Expenses	8,850.29	1,876.86	6,973.43	371.55%
5900 · Miscellaneous SPRC Expense	14,041.30	14,091.81	(50.51)	(0.36%)
6000 · Building and Maintenance	55,895.96	49,351.96	6,544.00	13.26%
6100 · Office	20,898.48	16,446.67	4,451.81	27.07%
6150 · Technology	7,580.91	6,669.21	911.70	13.67%
6200 · Worship	1,013.36	5,365.97	(4,352.61)	(81.12%)
6300 · Music task force	671.83	1,338.77	(666.94)	(49.82%)
6400 · Ministries	3,881.19	1,908.87	1,972.32	103.32%
6500 · Finance and Administration	10,864.63	5,598.00	5,266.63	94.08%
6900 · Apportionments	73,345.50	89,847.36	(16,501.86)	(18.37%)
Total Expense	530,186.75	488,096.69	42,090.06	8.62%
Net Ordinary Income (Loss)	(18,513.77)	87,154.12	(105,667.89)	(121.24%)
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Other Expense</b>				
9999 · Transfers Between Funds	1,958.00	309.94	1648.06	531.74%
Net Income	<u>\$ (16,555.77)</u>	<u>\$ 87,464.06</u>	<u>\$ (104,019.83)</u>	<u>(118.93%)</u>

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Substantially All Disclosures Required by the Modified Cash Basis Are Not Included.

# Lay Leaders Report

Lay Leaders have een meeting monthly most of the year with the three ministers and the Volunteer Coordinator (presently Lawrence Digges who replaced Mary Bauer at the end of April). We have been discussing ways to encourage people to attend church services and meetings. Most committee meetings, Bible studies and Sunday School classes have been meeting in person with one Bible Study still meeting virtually.

The Lay Leaders have discussed ways to support each other. Communication is a key factor for these discussions.

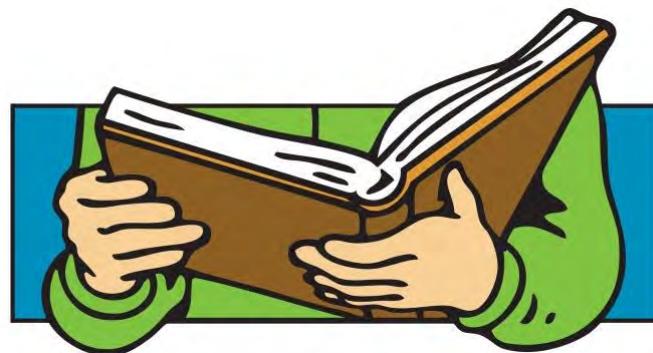
There have been several staff positions that have changed this past year. Again, communicating what the new job description for these personnel has been a learning curve for everyone in the church.

We are thankful for the dedicated service of those who are now completing their committee terms and to those who have accepted nominations to committees for the upcoming terms.

**Rick Gollhofer**

**Randy Holt**

**Linda Tredway, Lay Leaders**



**O**ur January 2022 meeting was held in person except for Drew from Vanguard who attended via zoom.

Members: Pastor Dan Hurlbert, Julie Huck, John Barton, Maggie Allen, Bob DeLong, Dan Bullara, Areta Heard, Linda Treadway and Carol Clayton.

Discussed the history of our Legacy Funds. First disbursement was 2011. We continue to disburse 4% of average Unrestricted funds over the past 3 years. Endowment funds for 2021 were not used for committee grants due to Covid so \$67,843 was transferred to 2022 budget for operating expenses. 2022 funds of \$80,255 will be transferred to National Bank and the Endowment committee for this year's grants.

A gift of \$800,000 will be put into unrestricted Endowment Fund used for grants each year. This is per their request to support the PUMC mission.

Funds were received from a member who signed an intent form in 2014 asking her gift of \$10,000 be used in Building improvement fund.

Drew from Vanguard joined to review past performance and future expectations. We are on a moderate risk path and should not expect to be greatly affected by future economic turns. We continue to meet or exceed our goal to provide the annual funds for PUMC purposes. Balance 9/8/22 \$3,914,864.

**Carol Clayton, Legacy Chairperson**

# Legacy Committee Report



**CAROL CLAYTON**  
Legacy Committee  
Chairperson



# Missions Committee Report



**RICH POYNTER**  
Missions Committee  
Chairperson

Following two intense years of COVID concerns, the Missions Committee was able to reach out to more people and groups. 2022 started with an email from Pastor Dan stating that his friend Pastor Piukula had asked for help in securing gas-powered power washers to remove volcanic ash from an eruption on the Tongan island. The committee agreed to purchase two power washers which Dan took to Pastor Piukula in Mesa who loaded them on a shipping container headed to Tonga.

We received an email from the Prescott Valley Methodist Church asking for help in collecting new and gently worn shoes to be given to an organization which sells the shoes to micro-entrepreneurs in some of the poorest countries in the world. The micro-businesses mark up the price before selling the shoes to their countrymen at a still low price. PUMC contributed four full boxes of shoes.

We made a valiant effort to match those in the congregation in need of help with lawn care and clean-up outside the house with volunteers willing to work. When no one signed up needing help, we quickly changed gears with the guidance of Dr. Dan Bullara of Trustees who found a project for all those who had signed up to help. About ten us pulled weeds in the parking lot landscape islands, as well as giving haircuts to several shrubs.

We went to the well again asking parishioners for food and clothing for The Inn of Southern Arizona in Tucson which houses asylum seekers for short stays. Over four boxes were delivered to The Inn.

Four boxes overflowing with food requested by the pantry coordinator at Yavapai College were delivered on September 19. Food insecurity among college students is on the rise. On October 12 a group will drive to Rainbow Acres in Camp Verde to spruce up its campus prior to Family Weekend. Recall that RA is home to developmentally delayed adults. RA's choir put on a well-received concert for us in early May.

We will provide food to Prescott Community Cupboard to assist with its Thanksgiving outreach. We pray that PUMC's well of generosity will still be full. For two weeks in December we will provide dinners to the Salvation Army to feed the homeless of our community.

Missions wants to thank Sandy Hester, PCC board member, as well as Lawrence Digges and Ken Leja who informed us about their roles.

**Rich Poynter, Missions Chairperson**

The main emphasis for Trustees in 2022 has been directed at replacing the carpet in Prince Hall and Douglas and replacing the old waterfall in the Columbarium. Other major projects were the replacement of the window coverings in Douglas, cleaning the carpets in Agape and having the tile in the entry and Kitchen deep cleaned.

The Committee also updated the system that records solar panels. In the parking lot, the sign needed replacement parts and thanks to our talented Paul German, Head custodian, the sign is now secured and should last for many years to come.

Other items of repair included the repainting of the chairs used in Sunday School (Thank you Michelle), fixing the sidewalk trip hazard near Douglas (thank you Mark Anderson), and checking and replacing, where indicated, the illuminated exit signs throughout the campus (thank you Ron Mitchell and Paul German).

Another project of interest is the updating of our Servers and camera systems to allow faster and more reliable “online” engagement of our congregation. Thanks to all who have helped in this endeavor. As we are in the mist of our internet analysis, this project will be ongoing for the next month or so with an outcome I am sure will benefit our staff and congregation.

Finally, many thanks to the committee members for their time and expertise: Paul Murphy, Karen Rauls, Rod Bauer, Paul German, Rev. Dan Hurlbert, Rev. Efrain Zavala, Marty Nelson (thank you for taking notes at our meetings), Althea Alderson, Michelle Olivares, and Steve Karstens: it has been my honor to serve on this committee with you!

**Dr. Dan Bullara, Ph.D., Trustees Chairperson**

# Trustees Report



**DR. DAN BULLARA**  
Trustees Chairperson



# **Staff Parish Relations Committee**



**AL SARGEANT**  
Staff Parish Relations  
Committee Chairperson

This has been a busy year for the SPRC Committee. Retirements resulted in significant changes to our staff. We welcome Sonia Villarreal as the new Office Manager after Gena Soileau re-retired this year. Good news – Gena is not going anywhere and will use her new found time to sing more and volunteer more in other areas where she brings great inspiration and value to all of us. If you have not met Sonia yet, please stop in and say hi!

We also welcome Laine Murphy as our receptionist. She is doing a great job and again – if you have not yet met her, stop and say hi. She is getting to know everyone quickly. Thank you to the volunteers who stepped in while we were recruiting this harder than expected fill.

With Kathie and Ron Mitchell retiring, the committee decided to reimagine the duties and responsibilities of the Publisher as well as the Custodian. We created new job descriptions. Ken Leja was brought aboard with the goal of expanding the role into web publishing and expanded on-line capability coupled with a change in way we publish to save steps and make on-line/hard copy publishing more integrated and complete. He is also working to improve our web-based services. This will take some time but he is on it.

In a difficult job market, the committee decided to evolve the custodian to a full-time position in order to attract the talent we needed. In order to accomplish this, we altered the work week for this position to Sunday through Thursday. This improves our ability to meet PUMC needs. In the past, this has been a 4 day a week job augmented by part time custodian when we could find them. Paul German is doing a great job. We welcome his wife Randee as well and she is fully in as a volunteer greeter, coffee provider and so much more!

Mary Bauer re-retired as well as Volunteer Coordinator. We again used this opportunity to reimagine this position and created a new job description for an event planner. While recruiting volunteers is a key part of this job, supporting event leaders in planning and executing events is now a pri-

mary focus as well. We found several qualified candidates but as it turns out, we had to look no farther than our current A/V tech Lawrence Diggs who brings a wealth of experience in this area. If you have been part of any event lately, you will have felt his presence and expertise.

Skyler Sellers, our long time A/V lead found a fantastic opportunity in New Jersey this year and moved on. It was a very emotional good-by and we wish him well. We have promoted Lawrence into the A/V lead position. We also hired Adam Dakos as an A/V tech.

Recognizing the value that Jacob Gilbert brings to all of us, we followed through with our commitment to him we made years ago that if he were to pursue a Masters Degree, we would assist in exchange for an agreement to stay on. He found a program that will not only benefit him but our Choirs and music program as well. We will pay the

tuition for the 3 year program and he will stay on an additional 3 years after that. This is a Win-Win for all.

As a result of this action, we needed to add Tuition Reimbursement to our Policy and Procedure Manual to ensure IRS compliance. We took the opportunity to update and revise the PUMC policy and procedures manual.

Late in the year we met and had significant discussions on our recommendations to the Desert Southwest Conference on Pastor assignments as well as our proposed compensation for each member of our clergy.

All in all, a very busy year. With a new staff team fully aboard and integrated, we hope this next year will be a bit less busy!

**Alan Sargeant, Staff Parish Relations Committee**



# Cards of Caring Report



**NOLA J. BURKHARD**  
Cards of Caring

I am very pleased to report that Cards of Caring is now well into its sixth year here at Prescott UMC. We continue to meet in the Douglas room from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. the first Thursday of every month. We continue to collect items for the Stepping Stones shelter and I (or a neighbor who volunteers in the office) take them over to the Prescott Valley office.

We supply handmade cards and other paper crafts to the church office for birthday and anniversaries, and give Leigh Downing a variety of handmade cards for her to send to members of our congregation, or leave with them in the nursing facilities when she visits (feel better, sympathy, thinking of you, etc.).

We have also added a basket of cards in Las Fuentes Resort for residents to take a card if they need a card. That basket is just about empty each week when I go to restock. Lastly we are now also giving cards to be left on the lunch plates for the clients of Meals on Wheels.

We are a very open and accepting group of about 8-15 gals that attend regularly. Some attend PUMC while some go to other churches. Of course there are some that don't attend any church, but feel welcome here and like to contribute their card making talents.

I have received letters from members of our congregation thanking me for the cards they have received. While we might never know just how much a handmade card will mean to someone who receives it, we do know they will bring a smile to their face, just as they have to ours.

If you would like to attend to try it out, please feel free to contact me, Nola Burkhard at 978-846-2046 (yes, it is a Massachusetts area code, but I live here in Prescott).

**Nola J. Burkhard**

**D**ue to the pandemic, we decided to serve outside at West Granite Creek Park this past winter. Our volunteers readily embraced the change, and we were able to provide hot meals throughout the year (with the help of a couple propane heaters). We will continue at the park until the weather turns cold (usually in November) and then we'll move the meal inside to Esther Hall where the homeless will have a warm place to go to eat (and the propane heaters will enjoy a semi-retirement).

We still have some of our original volunteers, the Gliddens and the Pessins, participating in the "Saturday Feed." The Glidden's son, Johan, has grilled hamburgers for our guests on several Saturdays this summer, so the family's service to the community continues for another generation.

Our potluck is the only meal that is available on Saturday, and we have been told by our guests that it's the best meal they have during the week because of the variety of the homemade dishes available. Our guests have choices and can select the offerings that they enjoy the most.

While our primary objective is to prepare a really good home cooked meal, our volunteers often find other ways of providing assistance – from bringing clothing, small toiletries, and toilet paper to providing rides to doctor and hospital appointments as far away as Phoenix and Flagstaff. All the above is provided at no cost. We want to let our guests know that they, and our volunteers, are truly part of one larger family in which each member is appreciated and cared for. To quote one of our guests, the volunteers "practice what Jesus taught." Moses Glidden's daughter, Zara, wrote the following about her experience at the Saturday Feed: "Over the years we have seen people's lives changed completely because of a simple Saturday meal served in Jesus' name."

We currently have 44 volunteers and would like to acknowledge those from our PUMC family: Margaret Allen and John Crawford, Mary and Rod Bauer, Dede Craswell, Lois Eaton, Cathie Englekirk, Michael Enos, Sydney Lee, Susan and Gerry Leonard, Terry Murphy, Susan and Rick Oliver, Barbara and Ernie Potter, Phyllis and Scott Rhyner and Annlee and Kurt Young. Each Saturday, they demonstrate Jesus' message of love, hope and compassion to those in our community who are often in need of a supportive, helping hand.

Thank you for being a critical factor in the continuation of Granite Creek Hunger Ministry.

**Carol and Jim Lark**

# Granite Creek Hunger Ministry



**CAROL & JIM LARK**  
Granite Creek  
Hunger Ministry

**Granite Creek Hunger Ministry** has been feeding low-income people from the Prescott area since 1998. We have wonderful volunteer cooks who make delicious entrees, casseroles, side dishes, salads and desserts for our "taste of home" potluck. They bring the freshly prepared food to the serving tables each Saturday. From April through October we normally serve outside in West Granite Creek Park, and from November through March we normally serve in our church's Esther Hall. Serving begins at 11:00 am. Funding comes from area churches, individuals, and civic organizations.

We are a 100% volunteer organization— we have no salary, facility, or administrative expenses—all donations go toward feeding our guests. We are always in need of volunteer potluck cooks who prepare dishes of their choice to serve at the Saturday meal. The dishes can be large or small. The combination of small dishes from several volunteers can be enough to feed many people. For more details call Carol / Jim Lark at 928-445-8069.

## **Knitting and Crochet Group Report**

**A**lthough our group is small, we are mighty in the numbers of hand-crafted clothing items that are produced. Thanks to people like Nina Grace working from home, people in our community will have some warm hats, scarves and some other items to ward off the cold.

Do you know that wearing a hat will stave off losing body heat? On the fourth Monday, we gather in the Upper Room at church to ply our needles and check up on the yarn that is available free for our work. We also enjoy each other's company.

You are cordially invited to join us, even if you don't know how to knit or crochet. We are happy to teach anyone and have needles, patterns and, of course, yarn. Where do we get that yarn??? It is donated from people who have extra in their stash or from someone who is no longer with us. We also have and some yarn purchased from the Endowment Fund.

— Submitted by Phyllis Rhyner

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**T**he women of Lydia Circle met throughout the year at PUMC. Lydia Circle is named after Lydia who was a strong supporter of the Apostle Paul. She was a successful business woman who found God through Paul's preaching and opened her home and resources for his use.

Today we join together to follow her traditions. We offer outreach and support for the greater community's needs, including that of our church providing resources through time, energy, funds raised and our prayers to give back in meaningful ways.

For more than a decade, we have raised monies and donated to people in need, including: Women in New Recovery, Wheelchair Mission, Hope for the Hopeless, Granite Creek Hunger Ministry, PUMC kitchen supplies and equipment, PUMC Angel Tree, and more. The funds are raised through our mercantile craft sales, luncheons, and other fundraising projects.

— Submitted by Sally Valerius

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## **Lydia Circle Report**

## **Prayer Quilters Report**

**P**rayer Quilters have continued with our congregational ministry this year. We have held two in-person meetings and one quilt-making workshop. Our special thanks go to Patti (for selecting) and Leigh (for distributing) our projects.

As for right now, we are very much ahead of our production schedule. It is with "Great joy" that all of the quilters share our talents with the congregational and beyond. Piecefully...

— Submitted by Carol Miller

**S**tephen Ministers are extensively trained lay people who serve by listening, supporting, encouraging, praying, and providing dependable and confidential caregiving. Your Stephen Ministers at Prescott United Methodist Church continue to serve this congregation and the Prescott community, as they have for over 30 years.

Last year, I reported that Stephen Ministers had played an essential role in the care of the congregation of PUMC and the community of Prescott during the Corona Virus pandemic. The need for strict isolation is now greatly mitigated, but the need for care giving is still great. Your Stephen Ministers are available to help.

We have 25 active Stephen Ministers at this time. Not all of them are currently matched with a Care Receiver, but they all participate in scheduled Small Group and Continuing Education meetings. Stephen Ministers are available to provide one-on-one care to congregation and community members who are in need of a Christian Caregiver. They are also available to provide caring phone calls on an as-needed basis.

Our Stephen Ministers have resumed meeting in person and making in-person visits to their Care Receivers, as the health of the individuals involved allows.

**I**n 2022, we were able to offer the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Granite Mountain Hotshots' Memorial service in person. We look forward to our annual Service of Solace and Hope to be held on December 4. This service is especially aimed at those who are grieving a loss, making the holidays a particularly difficult time of year. Both of these services draw participants from the congregation and the community.

With God's help and grace, the Stephen Ministry program at Prescott UMC will continue to grow and give care with compassion and love to those who need a Christian friend to assist them in these still uncertain times.

*Even the strongest person sometimes needs a friend  
to just listen, a friend to walk along side.*

**Rev Patti Blackwood, Stephen Leader**

# Stephen Ministry Report



**REV. PATTI BLACKWOOD**  
Stephen Leader



# United Methodist Men Report



**DR. DAN BULLARA**  
Coordinator,  
United Methodist Men



The United Methodist Men group holds a breakfast with a themed presentation of interest to our community. The breakfast is held on the third Saturday in the months of January, May, and September.

The most recent gathering enjoyed a presentation from Janet Worthington concerning the realities of Prostate Cancer among men, especially for men as they get older. This presentation was attended by 30 people who enjoyed a home cooked breakfast and fellowship with their Christian brothers and sisters.

The ministry of the United Methodist Men has been to the support of our local education association's nurses who have struggled to get the supplies they need to support the children of our community. This commitment has been welcomed and appreciated by the nurses at all the schools in the Prescott Unified School District.

The next breakfast gathering of the United Methodist Men is scheduled for January 2023. The themed presentation will be from our very own Reverend Patti Blackwood who will provide the attendees with a presentation on Stephen Ministry and accessing resources in our community in times of need. We are hoping to attract more people to this event as it is a most relevant topic for our congregation.

Lastly, the United Methodist Men's breakfast club could not occur without the support and encouragement of Dan Pursel; thank you Dan for arriving early to help with the cooking and cleaning! The behind-the-scenes work is what makes our group so wonderful to be a part of.

**Dr. Dan Bullara, Ph.D., Coordinator and Head Chef,**  
United Methodist Men

The PUMC United Women in Faith (UWF) again enjoyed another successful year together. Our programs for this year and theme focused on being “Better Together” because we’ve learned and believe we are certainly that, better together. In all we’ve done with fundraising, programs and enjoying time together, including growing our membership to 26 members from 19, we are blessed to have time and energy to BE for each other.

This year we’ve had wonderful speakers from UMOM, taken a field trip to the Desert Botanical Garden in a day with husbands and friends as well, health and healing programs and reading for awareness, and we continue to bond together for fun and faith. We developed and enjoyed our Ladies’ Tea in May honoring all the women in our church and a late welcome to the Pastor’s wives (late because of Covid), and to recognize our Pastor Patti for all she does to nurture and be there for us in so many ways.

We were asked to host the Desert Southwest Conference’s West District United Women in Faith Annual Celebration in October. An honor to be asked and we took it on to showcase our church and our group, to welcome other women in our West District, to renew old friendships from afar, and make new friends. The annual celebration encompasses awards and recognition, worshiping together, a business meeting, lunch together and finishing the day with time for communion. Pastor Dan joining in with us and being a part of the day as he has throughout the year supporting our efforts and helping us promote what we do; it is tremendous, and he is appreciated. He is a member of UWF too!

Our group was blessed to have the Lydia group join us as we all take on their previous mission work with Women in Recover (WINR), along with our own fundraising and donations to the Prescott Community Cupboard to feed children, as well as to provide formula and diapers for the babies, and we added a donation to the music program at Lincoln School. Our fundraisers are soul work for everyone. Supporting local charities and getting involved with people in our community makes a difference in our planning and decisions.

As always, we include donations to the national UWF (Legacy Fund), district, and our other local church missions, i.e., Shoes for the Shepherd and other special donations to UMOM in Phoenix. We’ll have our cookie baking and sales again in December when our whole church gets involved as last year. A very special thanks to all who bake and make

# United Methodist Women Report



**CHERI HULL**  
President, PUMC  
United Women in Faith



candy to help us support all our missions of UWF. It is a labor of love in faith and action.

The PUMC UWF is an important group of women engaging all who participate in loving, non-judgmental, positive relationships to learn and support each other in life’s journey in a fun environment focused on a mission of community. We encourage all to try us out. We love it that we’ve grown and flourished to be a great group of women friends in faith.

*Cheri Hull, president,  
United Women in Faith*



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**W**E BELIEVE that the **church** is *the body of Christ*, an extension of Christ's life and ministry in the world today. We believe that the mission of the church is *to make disciples of Jesus Christ*. We believe that the church is "*the communion of saints*," - a community made up of all past, present and future disciples of Christ. We believe that the church is called *to worship God and to support those who participate in its life as they grow in faith*.

**W**E BELIEVE that the **Bible** is God's Word. We believe that the Bible is *the primary authority for our faith and practice*. We believe that Christians *need to know and study the Old Testament and the New Testament (the Hebrew Scriptures and the Christian Scriptures)*.

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**W**E BELIEVE that the **church** is *the body of Christ*, an extension of Christ's life and ministry in the world today. We believe that the mission of the church is *to make disciples of Jesus Christ*. We believe that the church is "*the communion of saints*," - a community made up of all past, present and future disciples of Christ. We believe that the church is called to *worship God and to support those who participate in its life as they grow in faith*.

**W**E BELIEVE that the **Bible** is *God's Word*. We believe that the Bible is *the primary authority for our faith and practice*. We believe that Christians *need to know and study the Old Testament and the New Testament (the Hebrew Scriptures and the Christian Scriptures)*.

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# **Facilities Report**

As PUMC lay delegate to the Desert Southwest Annual Conference, I attended the Annual Conference in June in Mesa. The Conference was both in person and televised (virtual). Sections can be viewed from links on the Conference website.



**PAUL GERMAN**  
Facilities

**C**ommunications remains an ongoing challenge in this digital age. The church has in-house print publishing, a public website and social media presence, and several forms of external outreach material. Part of the existing challenge is to develop a consistency of visual presentation, as well as professional look-'n'-feel to these media tools.

The in-house publications of the monthly *Preview* and the *Weekly Reminder* have included minor facelifts and a visual consistency of typestyles to improve readability. Several Church informational brochures have been updated, as well as media outreach with the local newspaper promoting church services and such community programs as the First Wednesday events, summer youth activities, and Church mission programs.

As we move into the holiday season, several publications become departmental priorities in addition to this edition of the annual Church Conference program. These include the Cantata program, the Advent Devotional, and Church Directory.

A priority for the rest of this year remains updating the Church website and its social media presence (on Facebook, Instagram and Pinterest). Some technical issues make this updating a “work in process” with the web hosting service, but all should be resolved this quarter as the church’s .ORG site ([www.prescottumc.org](http://www.prescottumc.org)) takes precedence over the long-standing .COM domain.

Currently in development on the .ORG site is a new Word-Press platform that will allow church committee leadership and staff direct access to content, site development, and the uploading of images, new material and social media posts. The latter will be direct-connect to existing social media efforts (and vice versa) allowing more integrated content and expanded communications outreach.

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# Publishing Report



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