



# Auburn Presbyterian Church

## 2023 ANNUAL REPORT



Love God

Love People

Make a Difference



Compiled by:  
Helen Voss, Office Manager

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Statistics

**2023 APC ANNUAL STATISTICS**

**DEACONS**

**Class of 2024**

Kathy Edmundson

Joan Griffin

Roger Austin

**Class of 2025**

Leah Capuchino

Larry Soderman

Lori Erends

**Class of 2026**

Patty Hawthorne

Carol Nurisso

Vacant

**Congregational Nominating Committee**

Chair/Representing Session: Theresa Voss

Deacon Representative: Kathy Edmundson

At Large: Dana George, Silva Stearn,  
Dianne Dolley, Christine Bradshaw

**ELDERS**

**Class of 2024**

Richard Critchfield

Jean Hinton

**Class of 2025**

Theresa Voss

Kim Douglass

**Class of 2023/2026 (if elected)**

Eileen Ferber

Bill Michel

**Clerk of Session 2024**

Sally Jenkins

**Officers of the Corporation 2024**

President: Richard Critchfield

Secretary: Sally Jenkins

Treasurer: Kurt Simon

## Transitional Pastor's Letter

### **Transitional Pastor Kim L. Nelson - 2023 Annual Report**

In 2016 I had my right hip replaced. My physical therapist came to our home after surgery for the first couple of weeks and I continued with exercises for several months. It was a good ten months before I didn't think about my "new" hip any more. I finally was able to get moving every morning without having to think about how best to move without discomfort.

I have often thought about that recovery experience while I have been among you as your Transitional Pastor. I will have been your Transitional Pastor for 12 months at the end of January. In addition to myself, your congregation's spiritual recovery was guided by the wise counsel from the Presbytery in the form of an Administrative Commission. After the departure of your previous pastor, the Rev. Paul Bagai in August 2022, the North Central California Presbytery elected a three-person Administrative Commission (AC) "with original jurisdiction." The three people were the Revs. Bob Yule, pastor of Celtic Cross Presbyterian Church of Citrus Heights, Jim Stochl, pastor of Harvest Presbyterian Church of Ceres, and Ruling Elder Cindy Gansereit, a member of Peace Presbyterian Church located in Elk Grove. The term "with original jurisdiction" is of critical importance. It is a term cited in the Constitution of our denomination which permits the dissolving of a dysfunctional Session and installing the Commission as the acting Session of a particular church. The AC prayerfully determined it was not necessary to dissolve the Session at APC. At the encouragement of the AC, the Congregation Nominating Committee under the leadership of Ruling Elder Theresa Voss was able to recruit and install enough Ruling Elders to establish a constitutionally legal Session with a total of six members.

Preaching and pastoral services were rendered by several guest ministers from September 2022 through January 2023. They included the Revs. Jeri Dahlke, Stated Clerk of the Presbytery, Dr. Mary Westfall, Transitional Presbytery Executive, Toby Nelson, David Rodriguez, Commander, US Navy Chaplain and me. During the month of January 2023, interviews were conducted by the Session and the AC of potential Interim/Transitional Pastors. The result of those interviews and prayerful discernment, I was chosen and my nomination was forwarded to the Presbytery for their approval. Once the Presbytery's approval was secured, I began my one year contract as your official part time Transitional Pastor on February 1, 2023.

My typical week consisted of being at the Church and/or in Auburn on Sundays and at least two other days a week. Some weeks I was at the Church up to four days. My first few months consisted of listening to your stories of what had transpired during your previous pastor's tenure among you. Your stories at times were difficult to listen to due to the obvious spiritual pain of unmet expectations and perceived ecclesiastical misuse of authority. Other stories told me of the sincere hurt when their beloved pastor was apparently mistreated by other members. I was deeply troubled by the various stories I was told. As often has been the case in my forty-four years in ministry, my prayer life became the center of my ministry among you. The members of AC and the VIM (Vitality in Ministry) Committee of our Presbytery often joined me in prayers for healing and wholeness in this divided congregation.

In late 2023, Ruling Elder Wayne Mitchell from the Journey Presbyterian Church in Folsom was assigned by VIM to be APC's official Advocate for the Pastoral Search process which will be undertaken in the near future. Wayne was aware of the dynamics within the congregation through his previous presence with you. In mid 2022, Wayne had been assigned to APC by VIM late in the career of your previous pastor to listen to the concerns which had been sent by members of the Church to the Presbytery Transitional Executive and Stated Clerk.

I often met weekly on Zoom with the members of the AC and Ruling Elder Wayne Mitchell to seek their counsel. Their shared experiences within the life of the broader Church and specialized conflict resolution training provided key steps to navigate the ecclesiastical transformation necessary to reestablish a healthy and vibrant Presbyterian congregation. It became abundantly clear to the AC and me of the critical need of Church Officer training and spiritual development of the current Session. Two foundational stones of every healthy congregation is high participation in Biblical studies and prayer ministries. APC is blessed to have spiritual strength in a few members who are dedicated to such ministries. I encourage every ordained church officer to become committed to participating in a weekly Bible study and our Prayer ministry lead by Silva Stearn. I am convinced that a complete spiritual recovery from what this precious congregation has been through requires the commitment of all the church servant/leaders and a majority of the membership to a Bible study and a vigorous prayer life.

Much of my time and efforts were spent in the establishment of a Reformed and Presbyterian form of Church governance. Healthy Presbyterian Churches just don't happen. Beyond what is seen on Sunday morning and throughout the week in a church's various ministries requires the faithful and dedicated work of the laity. Good communication and transparency occur when the servant/leadership of a healthy church sets its priorities with the prayerful seeking of God's Will and input of its members. The reestablishment of committees at APC has been a high priority of my ministry among you. I am appreciative of the many dedicated members of this congregation who have stepped forward to graciously offer the time and creativity in various ministries. I sincerely encourage the continued ministry of the committees and the Board of Deacons. I also affirm the need to augment the current committees with more involvement and to retain the hope of additional committees and/or task forces to meet the growing needs of an active church.

I wish to commend the effective ministry of the Board of Deacons. Their current moderator Kathy Edmundson and the Deacons have faithfully carried out the compassionate ministries of the Board. Every church member and regular attender is being ministered to by either a Life Group ministry or by a Board of Deacons members. This complex ministry has been a great help to me as a part time Transitional Pastor. The caring character of this congregation is exemplified by their ministry.

I have always been dedicated to quality worship enhanced by well-prepared liturgies, sermon preparation and the inspiring ministry of music. One of my duties has been to invest ten to twelve hours a week into the composition of each liturgy, prayers, and sermons. Each week the music team under the faithful leadership of Katie Baker has illuminated the scriptures with inspiring music. I hope in the near future the reestablishment of a vocal choir will make use of the talent and volunteerism which seems present and willing to offer such a ministry on a regular basis. An ad hoc group of singers rehearsed on one Sunday afternoon and were able to offer an

informal Christmas carols performance to the residents of Solstice Senior Living retirement home. I could tell by the joy of those singers that APC would be blessed in many ways to have a choir once again.

Similar to my physical recovery from hip replacement surgery, the congregation and the ministries of APC are recovering from the departure of their previous pastor. The focus of the ordained leadership of the church as well as every member should be upon "Love God, Love People and Make a Difference!" I am convinced that if the focus of the congregation can be kept on this ministry theme, God has great things in store for the near and distant future of this wonderful congregation.

It has been my humble honor to be your Transitional Pastor. May God bless each person who calls APC their spiritual home and the various ministries helping people in the Auburn community and beyond. To God be the Glory.

Your servant in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kim L. Nelson" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kim L. Nelson

Transitional Pastor

## Deacons' Report

### APC Deacons – 2023 Annual Report

During the 2023 year the APC Deacons have strived to develop strong personal relationships with congregants in their parishes, with other APC teams and the needs of the local Auburn Community. Serving as deacons this past year were Kathy Edmundson, Moderator; Carol Nurisso, Secretary; Larry Soderman, Treasurer along with Lori Erends, Leah Capuchino, Roger Austin and Joan Griffin.

Each month the average number of parishioners served was 70. New members or frequent guests becoming part of the “church family” are added to a parish and those leaving the church or moving away are dropped from a parish list.

Deacons contact their parishioners monthly to “checkup” on them; to discover their spiritual, emotional or physical needs and to extend the love and hand of Jesus. During the year, deacons and the Deacon Secretary have mailed many holiday, birthday, get-well and sympathy cards. The deacons have participated in meal trains, provided transportation to church and medical appointments, shopped for groceries, picked up medication, visited parishioners in their own homes or nursing homes, spent the night at elderly parishioner’s homes during times of hospitalization of family members, tended to the needs of those recently released from hospitalization and distributed “Journeying through Grief” booklets.

Deacons have also provided communion to those at home and at nursing homes. Each month communion is served at the Solstice Senior Living facility in Auburn. Since keeping a role chart, eleven various residents have participated in the service, with a monthly average of six “core participants.”

During the year, the Moderator has established the meeting agendas and conducted routine monthly meetings; has strived to have all new deacons complete their fingerprint requirement and conducted officer training, parts one and two.

The Treasurer has kept accurate financial records for the year and monitors the Deacon’s checking account with Wells Fargo Bank and a savings account with the Synod of the Pacific. Income for these accounts is derived from donations from the congregation with the 2023 yearly total of \$3772. The use of green envelopes began during 2023 and are provided on the first Sunday of the month for Deacon offerings.

This treasury is managed by the Board of Deacons and expenditures are voted on and approved at monthly meetings. During the past year, monthly donations were sent to both Acres of Hope and the Salvation Army in the amount of \$878.50 each, totaling \$1757. In addition, donations to parishioners (air fare, rental car, food and flowers) totaled \$1789.76. Deacons donated flowers to the Theobold memorial in the amount of \$144.89. Deacon office supplies for the year totaled \$38.11. The total of outgoing checks was \$3729.40.

The 2023 ending balance for the Wells Fargo checking account was \$2849 and the ending balance for the Synod savings account was \$5290 totaling \$8139 (not included was the starting balance of each account). (figures may vary depending on dates of check reconciliation or deposits made from the Breeze system).

The 2023 group of deacons not only served individual parishioners, but also are members of other APC teams and board members of community service organizations such as the Interfaith Food Closet.

Deacons regularly serve APC as ushers, greeters, participate on the Worship, Hospitality, Music and Missions teams and assist counting the tithes and offerings. Deacons assisted with one memorial service during the year, (Jenny Theobald).

Many deacons assist with the APC Missions Team and Hospitality team activities and by developing relationships with staff and residents at Acres of Hope and Solstice Senior Living facility both in Auburn. Deacons distributed large print bibles sponsored by the Missions Team. Flowers arranged by a Deacon/Missions team member were given to eleven Solstice residents on Mother's Day, Christmas and in August and distributed eleven Afghans at Christmas. Deacons were instrumental in assisting with the Easter Lilly sales and Easter morning pancake breakfast sponsored by the Hospitality team. Deacons played a significant role in planning and hosting the July 4<sup>th</sup> party at Acres of Hope supported by the Hospitality team and paid for by the Missions team. In addition, one of the deacons plays a guitar most weeks during Worship and provides a song or two during the Solstice communion service.

Another deacon serves on the Board of Directors of the Auburn Interfaith Food Closet and is also on the APC Missions Team. This crossover is instrumental in communicating between the community-based organization and APC as a whole and with the Deacons and Missions teams. This deacon also has a flower ministry and has supplied not only numerous Sanctuary flowers, but flowers for Solstice, memorials, and families during times of grieving.

Another Deacon was instrumental while serving on the APC safety committee. This deacon also headed up the Missions Team book drive for Africa. In addition, the Moderator served on the interview panel to hire the current Office Manager.

All in all, the Auburn Presbyterian deacons are well versed in serving the needs of the congregation, the community and lovingly act as the hands and feet of Christ.

Submitted by

Kathy Edmundson

Deacon Moderator



## Committees

### Buildings and Grounds

#### APC Building and Grounds Committee – 2023 Annual Report

Building and Grounds committee currently meets quarterly. Committee members: Bill Jackson, Bill Michael, Sally Jenkins, Richard Critchfield.

Regular maintenance has been scheduled and is completed through the work of volunteers and specific contractors, when necessary.

Our volunteer (Jerry Stern) that maintains grounds and keeps things beautiful will be retiring early 2024 and we are in need of volunteers to help do this important work. Please contact the main office if you are interested.

Emergency lighting system has been tested and all back-up batteries were replaced. Fire suppression system has been inspected and passed inspection. Fire suppression nozzles in the attic have been cleared of obstructions, and the attic has been organized and cleaned. The battery in the defibrillator in the sanctuary has been replaced. General facility maintenance, including replacement of lightbulbs and AC system filters were completed by volunteers. Walkie-talkies have been placed in each room in case of emergency situations. Mini blinds were installed in the hospitality room to help with the glare, which impact meetings, as well as use of the TV for Bible study.

We have been collaborating with Nueva Esperanza and their volunteers to support in the maintenance of the buildings and grounds. Volunteers from Nueva Esperanza recently helped repair the rot on the deck around the portable building. Volunteers in Nueva Esperanza. Also mowed down all the vegetation in June to keep our grounds fire safe.

Unplanned expenses this year, some large trees that were posing a danger were removed, and the heating and air-conditioning system experienced a failure, and to be repaired.

#### **Looking forward**

Flooring throughout the main building continues to be an issue. It is breaking apart and leading to trip hazards. Multiple times we have super glued various portions of the wood down. Upon research we discovered that the material is defective and there is no opportunity to get a replacement through a warranty. Flooring is something that will be considered in the 2024 year. The parking lot will need to be resealed in 2024. The urinals in the Men's bathroom need repaired.

Sanctuary needs acoustic dampening. With a removal of the carpet, it has become difficult for our talented musicians to bring Praise to the congregation. The Auburn Winds regularly used our facility for practice, but discontinued in 2023 due to the acoustics of the sanctuary, specifically after the removal of the carpeting and installation of the planks. This has led to a loss of revenue for our church. The Auburn wins is open to returning if remedied.

Volunteers from Nueva Esperanza will help with the following items for 2024. The paint on the outside of the building, as well as the stucco in a few areas, will need to be fixed and renewed. Rain gutters need to be repaired. Sections of the fascia on the main building to be replaced. We are blessed to have such supportive friends in Nueva Esperanza.

Submitted by Richard Critchfield

Buildings and Grounds Elder

Communications

**APC Communications Committee – 2023 First Annual Report**

Since there is no precedent, due to the fact we have never had a communication elder before, this report may not look like the others. I wrote what was important.

Put together the Sunday bulletin with the office manager, proofed it and put it together. Proofed the weekly newsletter.

Worked on flyers for Christmas Fair, Bible study and special events when requested.

Wrote centerfold articles in the Auburn Journal about APC – as part of our ad cost, we get the centerfold.- I wrote two of the three articles in 2023.

Bi-Weekly business card ad in the Auburn Journal.(able to make necessary changes on it as needed for special notifications).

In the process of putting together an information packet telling what APC is about, explaining what current elders and deacons do, and history from the beginning of APC. This was supposed to be finished by the first of the year, but information was difficult to come by. Will be completed soon and ready for distribution to members and visitors.

Led Communication meetings.

2024 will work on a monthly or bi-monthly newsletter – a two-way communication to the congregation and different from the weekly list of events.

Submitted by Eileen Ferber

Communication Elder

## Hospitality

### **APC Hospitality Committee - 2023 Annual Report**

During 2023 the Hospitality team has supplied APC with after-service refreshments, special event celebrations and a memorial service reception.

Each week after Sunday worship the Hospitality Team provides both food and desserts such as cakes, cookies, fruit, quiche and both hot and cold beverages. Members of the team include Elder Jean Hinton, and teammates: Eileen Ferber, Patty Hawthorne, Peggy Flemming, Diane Dolley, Joann Valentine and Rita Hooper.

During the year, many special events were held including:

January, a welcome celebration, and cake were dedicated to receiving Pastor Kim. Also, in January the church's anniversary was celebrated with a special cake. A complete pancake breakfast was held in April on Easter morning. In addition, in April a thank you and going away celebration was held in honor of Executive Presbyter, Rev. Dr. Mary Westfall upon her moving to the east coast.

In May a BBQ luncheon was provided for the Nueva Esperanza landscape crew after their work party. In July, the Hospitality Team along with the Missions Team provided a fun filled Independence Day party for Acres of Hope. In addition, in July, the Hospitality Team provided the refreshments for Jenny Theobold's memorial service. October was highlighted with a birthday cake celebrating Paula Rothaug turning ninety-nine. Celebrations were held in November acknowledging both Pastor Kim's fiftieth wedding anniversary, Pastor Toby Nelson's fifty years of Pastoral service along with a congregational Thanksgiving potluck dinner. Also, in November the team assisted with the annual Christmas Fair.

During all these events, the hospitality room, the narthex and the sanctuary have all been used with the addition of the back patio. Thankfully, many members of the church family assisted in setting up and taking down many tables and chairs needed for each event.

During 2023, the total spent for hospitality was \$886. Income and donations were approximately \$570 with net expenses totaling approximately \$230. Most of the budget was spent on paper goods, water, tea, coffee, condiments including sugars, creamers, and stir sticks. In addition, many items were donated for Sunday hospitality and special receptions in the form of food, decorations and paper products.

The Easter pancake breakfast was funded by Easter Lily sales. The net profit total of \$428 was not added into the Hospitality account but put into the general fund.

At this point, the proposed 2024 Hospitality budget may need to be adjusted to include additional amounts, especially with the need to purchase a new, larger microwave oven and to accommodate any potential future expenses or memorial services.

Submitted by Jean Hinton, Hospitality Elder

## Missions

### **APC Missions Committee - 2023 Annual Report**

The Auburn Presbyterian Mission team is composed of Elder Bill Michel, Kathy Edmundson, Leah Capuchino, Peggy Fleming, Roger Austin, and Richard Cooper. The Mission team's ministry goals remain consistent with APC's 30-year legacy -- serving and supporting local and global missions.

The APC Mission team funding is supported through tithes, pledges, gifts and generous donations from the congregation. The Mission team continues needing the support of the congregation. The mission team also encourages the congregation to support four major PCUSA fund drives each year: Christmas Joy Offering; One Great Hour of Sharing; Pentecost Offering and the Peace and Global Witness Offering.

In 2023 we sent back to the PCUSA: \$324.10 for Christmas Joy offering; \$1180 for One Great Hour of Sharing; and \$575 for Pentecost. Additional offerings raised and forwarded were \$1120 for Presbyterian Disaster Relief Assistance.

#### International Missions:

Two thousand dollars was sent to the North Central California Presbytery "NCCP" in support of PCUSA Missionaries in the field.

Roger Austin organized the book drive in support of the Little Children of Jesus project. This project is a mission founded by Edrine Ddungu, NCCP Presbyterian Mission activist, in his native homeland Uganda. Numerous boxes of books weighing well over 1000 pounds were delivered for this project, thanks to Bill Jackson.

#### Local Missions:

Auburn Interfaith Food Closet: In 2023, the mission's fund spent \$1173 for the monthly food distribution sponsored by the Auburn Interfaith Food Closet [AIFC] at the Parkside church. In addition, mission team members, Peggy Flemming and Leah Capuchino serve on AIFC's Board of Directors. Leah Capuchino has been the driving force organizing the new North Auburn food distribution site and has authored the Dental Hygiene drive.

According to Leah, the North Auburn School Food Distribution at Parkside Church of the Nazarene is an evolution of the Rock Creek School Distribution founded by APC and First Congregational Church (FCC) in conjunction with The Auburn Interfaith Food Closet (AIFC). It is now a collective effort between four congregations, as Nueva Esperanza (NE) and Parkside Church have joined and faithfully serve in this mission.

The cost of fresh produce is shared by APC, NE and FCC. Staples of rice, beans, masa, canned fruits and vegetables are provided by AIFC. Parkside provides a strategic venue. It's a continuation and outgrowth of the vibrant ministry Pastor Paul established at Rock Creek School. The food distribution event at Parkside church has grown monthly throughout 2023. Estimates indicate we supplied food for about 50 families last month.

APC participated in the Hunger Action Awareness Month by donating bags of food that were taken to the food closet.

Acres of Hope: This past year the Missions team hosted the annual July 4<sup>th</sup> picnic for the residents and children of Acres of Hope. A BBQ, bike decoration and parade and home-made ice-cream were the highlights. Expenses for the event totaled \$854. This amount includes the bounce house, food, paper products, decorations, homemade ice cream and toppings bar and frozen popsicles. This year we included glow sticks to be used later during the night for the children.

Bibles for Solstice: The Missions Team worked in conjunction with the APC Deacons and provided money to purchase 20 large print bibles in the amount of \$92. Deacons distributed the bibles during their monthly communion service.

After all income and disbursements, at the end of the year the Missions fund remains at \$4946.

Submitted by Bill Michel

Missions Committee Elder

## Worship

### APC Worship Committee – 2023 Annual Report

As your current Worship Ministry Elder, Kim Douglass; many thanks go to the Worship Ministry Team consisting of John Allen, Katie Baker (worship gift of joy), Craig George (supportive),

Their faithfulness and love of our Lord Jesus Christ gives our APC family the opportunity to hear and receive the Holy Spirit through prayer, music and Pastor Kim's teachings. This encourages us to *unbind our hearts* to share God's love with others as we experience Him in our daily lives.

It has been my privilege to serve on Session as Elder of Worship Ministry for the last year. Another important area of serving has been attending worship meetings the second Sunday of the month after service. We come together to discuss and coordinate our church's activity calendar and the coming Sunday's worship agenda.

This past year Dr. Kim Nelson has been our interim pastor while other pastors; Dr. Ratcliff, Dr. Wes Nordman, Dr. Donald Richmond, Dr. Rick Hull, Rev. Abel, have also preached.

Pastor Kim Nelson and Katie Baker pick the songs for our Sunday service while Katie Baker and Debi Ramos, Rebecca Nelson, have been our piano players.

Our praise team singers include KJ, Jan Quarry, Raak Veblen, Sylvia Oey; with Brett Cole on bass and Rob Roberts on Allen-Heath (audio).

## Prayer and Healing

Auburn Presbyterian Church prays in many ways:

- Corporately during Sunday morning worship and at meetings and special events.
- Sunday mornings before worship in one of the classrooms. You're invited to join us Sunday any time between 9:15 and 9:45 am.
- In personal prayer and healing ministry after worship each Sunday in the sanctuary (more information below).
- Through the Prayer Chain, Peggy at 530—269-0280 is the contact for prayer requests or to join the prayer chain in supporting our church family.
- Steve Cline hosts a Bible study in the Hospitality room Sunday before service; 8:40 – 9:50 am.
- For *Lectio Divina* prayer time before service contact Silva Stearn. This is a form of meditative, “listening” prayer based on reading and meditating on a passage of Scripture.
- Women of Grace meet Mondays from 10-11:30 am in the back classroom.

APC offers additional resources for Individual prayer, including APC's prayer calendar and the Presbyterian *Mission Yearbook of Prayer and Study*, available from the church office.

The Worship team invites everyone to join us on Fridays at Missions coffee from 9-10 am for bible study and general conversation.

The Personal Prayer Ministry team continues to pray with people individually after Sunday morning worship service. This team welcomes any prayer need, including prayers for healing, life stress, decision-making, relationships, or anything else that the requester would like to bring before our loving and powerful Lord.

We also have a team of people who pray faithfully for APC and our pastor; meeting in the church just prior to service. You're invited to join any group as we support our church, its ministry and its leadership in prayer. For more information, or if you're already praying regularly for the church and would like to be included in email notices of church prayer needs, please contact Silva Stearn.

Submitted by

Kim Douglass

Worship Elder

## Youth and Discipleship

### APC Youth and Discipleship Committee – 2023 Annual Report

A small volunteer group continued to faithfully teach anywhere from 1 to 4 kids from the curriculum found online at Kidssundayschool.com. K-6 Sunday school is offered during Sunday morning service on weeks 2 through 4/5. Week 1 continued to be communion/family Sunday and kids were offered creative drawing clipboards with art and puzzles. Also, new this year for the First Sunday was the addition of an activity box with items that allowed active kids to be involved in quiet play at their seats. In this box were things like playdoh, silly putty and fidget spinners. This addition was well received.

Youth group remained as a cooperative with the NCCPresbytery youth group. The NCCP group organized a successful annual event that was attended by our youth. This event, called Ridiculousness, is a scavenger hunt, games night with pizza and fellowship and is well organized and attended.

Youth and Young Adults who attend regular Sunday service at APC were encouraged to help with the younger kids and to engage in special projects such as creating valentines for congregants, decorating soup pots to collect money for Souper Bowl Sunday, placing encouraging notes on windshields of church attenders and handing flowers out on Mother's Day for /with the congregation. In addition, they also participated in worship and in Sunday morning greetings as well as monthly lessons and trips to Starbucks during third Sunday service at APC. This has served as an outreach and as an opportunity to focus youth/young adults on community at large. They were also encouraged to engage in congregational local mission such as events with Acres of Hope and Palm Terrace. If the youth desired to attend a mid-week program, they were encouraged to participate at local churches with those available. Youth Funds were designated in 2023 to support special events and youth/young adult scholarships. An internship was established that will mentor a young adult in church leadership and office management.

Discipleship: There were three types of discipleship groups available currently: 1) Sunday morning Bible study at APC with Steve Cline. This occurs every other month prior to worship 2) Life groups/ discipleship groups, which include food, fellowship and study at various homes 3) Women's Bible Study every Monday morning and another on Thursday afternoon. Importantly, though, since deep friendships exist within the congregation, much sharing the love of Jesus occurred within unstructured helping and encouraging of one another. Transitional Pastor Kim was a strong encouragement in APCs walk of faith and healing this year through sermons, acts of service and fellowship.

Submitted by

Theresa Voss

Youth and Discipleship Elder



## E-Waste

**APC E-Waste and CRV Recycling Project – 2023 Annual Report**

## E-waste:

Starting in late 2022, the E-waste project was restarted and didn't get rolling again until the spring of 2023. A new contract had to be struck with California Electronic Asset Recovery (CEAR) Corporation who accepts all the E-waste that we collect. Because of the renegotiation of the contract, CEAR no longer allows us to rent their "roll off" containers for filling and pickup as we had done in the past 13 years. For this reason, personal (non-church) funds were advanced for the purchase of the current shipping container currently used for the E-waste program. The agreement with Session for this new phase of the E-waste program is for at least ½ of the proceeds, after expenses, be sent to APC general fund rather than youth fund as had been done in the past. The loads of E-waste so far since starting in Spring 2023 have amounted to less than the container private expenses initially incurred. The container is more than half paid off now, all from E-waste proceeds, and we expect it to be paid off and start seeing dollars into the APC general fund by the end of this year. The storage container is currently filling up about twice per year and each full container represents about \$1,500 in gross proceeds. All the labor involved in this program is free to the church and after initial costs of the container, the main expense will be gas and mileage to transport loads to CEAR in Mather CA.

## CRV:

The CRV (California Recycling Value - bottles and cans) recycling program has been ongoing and continues to generate a little change for the church. Again, money from this program which had been designated for the Youth fund has been redirected to the APC general fund for the foreseeable future. In 2023 the CRV program generated \$234 for our general fund.

Respectfully submitted by Bill Jackson

E-waste/CRV Project Manager

Treasurer's Report

# APC Treasurer's Report

M/E December 2023

Final

Kurt Simon, Treasurer

16 January 2024

## General Fund M/E December 2023

General Fund	Month		Year to Date	
	December	Budget	Actual	Budget
Contributions	\$16,801	\$11,367	\$155,764	\$136,400
Rental	\$0	\$125	\$1,613	\$1,500
Events, Programs	\$97	\$8	\$5,771	\$4,100
Investments	\$333	\$241	\$3,866	\$2,800
Transfer of Funds	\$0	\$0	\$30,388	\$0
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$17,231</b>	<b>\$11,741</b>	<b>\$197,402</b>	<b>\$144,800</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Youth & Discipleship	\$118	\$17	\$819	\$200
Hospitality	\$186	\$275	\$235	\$3,300
Mission (per cap)	\$0	\$42	\$5,814	\$6,356
Communications	\$33	\$125	\$316	\$1,500
Worship	\$1,141	\$1,533	\$15,115	\$18,400
Personnel	\$9,078	\$8,341	\$100,486	\$91,892
Office Management	\$792	\$555	\$9,590	\$6,660
Building & Grounds	\$680	\$3,024	\$24,363	\$18,438
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$12,028</b>	<b>\$13,912</b>	<b>\$156,738</b>	<b>\$146,746</b>
<b>Surplus/(Shortfall)</b>	<b>\$5,203</b>	<b>(\$2,171)</b>	<b>\$10,276</b>	<b>(\$1,946)</b>
not incl transfer of funds				

## Fund Balances

M/E December 2023

Fund	Balance	YTD Income	YTD Expense
General	\$80,155.75	\$167,013.22	\$156,739.64
		not incl xfr	
<b>Other Funds</b>			
Deacons Escrow	\$0.00	\$3,772.00	\$3,772.00
Facility Upgrade	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$30,150.03
Kitchen	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Memorials	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mission	\$4,946.86	\$4,322.32	\$9,258.34
Music	-\$76.72	\$0.00	\$0.00
Neighborhood Outreach	\$2,541.48	\$0.00	\$0.00
Patio	\$811.70	\$0.00	\$0.00
Scholarship	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Women's Ministries	\$2,120.35	\$0.00	\$0.00
Youth	\$19,282.04	\$109.25	\$327.75
<b>Subtotal Other Funds</b>	\$29,740.71	\$8,203.57	-\$16,791.94
<b>Total Funds</b>	\$109,896.46		

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## Mission Fund Balances

	Balance 12/31	Donations YTD
Mission	4946.86	494
AoH	0	20
AIFC	0	488.7
Christmas Joy	0	324.1
Disaster Relief	0	1120
Pentecost	0	575
Peacemaking	0	120
OGHS	0	1180.52
<b>Total</b>	<b>4946.86</b>	<b>4322.32</b>

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## Personnel Expenses December 2023

- Office Manager \$1671.28
- Pastor
  - Salary \$5333.34
  - Medical insurance \$162.00
  - SECA \$816.00
  - Mileage \$916.67

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## Account Balances

M/E December 2023

<b>Current Bank Accounts</b>	<b>November 2023</b>	<b>December 2023</b>
Wells Checking	\$24,620.67	\$22,140.43
Current Liabilities	-\$5,387.81	-\$730.77
Fidelity Brokerage	\$86,317.63	\$88,575.30
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$105,550.49</b>	<b>\$109,984.96</b>

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## 2024 Budget Expense Projection

- Youth & Discipleship \$200
- Hospitality \$1300
- Mission (PerCap) \$7958
- Communications \$600
- Worship \$17,700
- Office Mgmt \$9700
- Building & Grounds \$29,150
- Personnel TBD
  - Office staff \$26,615 (20 hours/week)
  - Workers Comp, taxes \$3863
  - Pastor ??

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## Contributions Analysis

- Total 2023 pledges \$133,302
  - Actual 2023 pledges \$81,800 – 24 pledges
  - Assumed 2023 pledges \$51,502 – 18 pledges
- Total 2023 pledged contributions \$149,853.91 (12% over)
  - Actual 2023 pledged income \$89,102.11
  - Actual 2023 assumed pledged income \$60,751.80
- Total 2023 contributions per QB \$155,764.00
  - Other 2023 un-pledged contributions \$5,910.09
- Total 2024 estimated pledges \$140,720
  - Pledges to date \$112,720 – 32 pledges
  - Expected 2024 pledges (tardy?) \$28,000 – 9 donors

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## 2024 Budget Summary

- Income estimate \$156,630
  - No building rental, \$5400 events, \$4000 investments, \$400 programs
  - Contributions based on pledges plus estimate of unpledged income
  - A 5% increase over pledges would be an extra \$7036
  - 2023 income EAC \$167,013 not including transfers to general fund
- Expenses not including pastor \$97,086
- Remaining for pastor \$59,544
  - Pastor Paul cost \$118,438
  - Pastor for 2023 \$79,253