

# Valley Community

Presbyterian Church

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## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

*As a faith congregation opening hearts, opening minds, and opening lives to God, Valley Community Presbyterian Church (VCPC) seeks to honor the important stories and lived experiences of its members and neighbors. VCPC sits on the ancestral and contemporary land of the Dakota people, for whom the land holds historical, spiritual, political, and cultural significance. We acknowledge the ongoing injustices that we have committed against the Dakota people and pledge to interrupt this legacy. We will educate ourselves about Indigenous history and recognize, support, and advocate for our Native neighbors.*

# 2022 Annual Report

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# 2022 At-A-Glance

**15**

New Members

**\$212,299**

Mission  
Giving

**291**

Average Worship  
Attendance

**10,788**

Pounds of food,  
household items and  
clothing were  
donated to PRISM

**7**

Baptisms

**2**

New Sanctuary  
Flat Screens

**18**

Choir Members  
Finally Return

**2**

Sundays Per Month

**424**

Members

**71**

Years old for  
Valley Church  
Est. May 20, 1951

**101**

Youth  
Infant—12th Grade

**\$42,296**

Total  
Endowment Grants

**9**

Amazing Staff  
Members

**5**

Live-Stream Volunteers

Myron Jones  
Larry Johnson  
Brandon Novy  
Joel Larsen  
Roger Graphenteen

**20**

Years for  
Pastor Richard

**12**

Hand Bell Choir  
Members Finally Return

**1**

New \$250,000  
Flat Roof

**All Are Welcome**

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# ***Annual Report 2022***

*Jesus taught them,  
“You are the salt of the earth, and you can bring God’s seasoning to the world.  
You are the light of the world, and you can bring out God’s beautiful colors.”  
Matthew 5:13-16*

Dear Friends,

In the sermon on the mount, Jesus described what his kingdom values look like. Here at Valley, we embrace this call to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Being a Christian in the third year of the pandemic has not been easy. The COVID virus has still not gone away, and we continue to work toward a healthy return to our building. From the very beginning of the pandemic, we set out to be fully engaged in a hurting world as the COVID restrictions allowed. Our love for each other and our love for the greater community continues to drive our ministry. 2022 was a very positive year for our congregation.

## **After Three Years of Restrictions, Valley has Returned to our Building and Programming**

As the pandemic subsided in severity and frequency, **Valley began to return to worship.** Easter fell on April 17<sup>th</sup> and our attendance was vibrant. The spirit of community and joy was very much alive. Throughout the summer members continued to return.

In the fall, we gathered our full Bell Choir and our Adult Choir. The Bells were performing monthly, and the Adult choir sang twice a month. We have decided to continue our hybrid Music team with **Rachel Williams** coordinating all our musicians. **Janet Carlson** has stepped up to conduct both Bells and the Adult Choir. Other additions include **Jamie Marshall** supporting the choir and offering solos twice monthly as well as our talented **Jane Nienaber** who has graciously agreed to give us an “Organ Sunday” every month.

We welcomed a confirmation class on the first Sunday of Advent. After waiting for three years, we surely celebrate these patient and dedicated youth. Our new member class brought in 15 new members (4 family units and 6 confirmands) who are excited about the ministry at Valley. We look forward to welcoming more members into our fellowship in 2023 as attendance increases.

Fellowship highlights include our Fall Festival and our Christmas Dinner. Both events had been on hiatus, and both were big successes as we enjoyed the time together with our beloved Valley Family.

## **Valley’s Financial Picture and Property Upgrades Have Created a Healthy Church**

2022 brought an end to our **two-year Breathing Life Campaign.** When we entered into this leap of faith, we had a HVAC system that was outdated and unhealthy. We also felt a strong call to increase our giving as racial unrest occurred following the murder of George Floyd. The result was a comprehensive plan of raising \$98,600 which included \$40,000 for four mission gifts in equal portions. We now enjoy the safety of healthy air in our building and the knowledge that we can partner with these important causes.

We had another unplanned expense in 2022 that created one more giving request of the congregation. Our flat roof was beyond repair, and we needed a new one. At the same time, we received some significant estate gifts from three Valley Members. As a result, we were able to pay **\$260,000 for a new roof** with many members chipping in a lump sum (\$72,000) along with portions of the estate gifts. We now have a freshly painted narthex without the water stains that have plagued us for so many years. The new flat roof is designed to keep us warm and dry for many years ahead.

I am also happy to report that we were able to meet our pledge request this year and **end 2022 with a surplus of \$5,800 in our budget.** This all happened in the midst of an economic downturn. We will hear the details of our finances at our Annual Meeting, and I urge you to read the full report to learn about all that has been accomplished.

### **Valley's Mission Continues to Thrive**

Our **Land Acknowledgement Group** continued its good work in 2022. We celebrated our Oral History Project with our congregation and our community. The celebration included native drummers and dancers outside by our peace pole and Labyrinth. We had storytelling and box lunches that included Dakota-influenced food. This committee's work will continue to study and honor the first citizens of the Basset Creek Watershed.

During the Pandemic, our **Earth Care Commitment** grew in participation and programming. We now have a **sustainability group** that works together to educate us on the ways we can reduce, reuse, recycle, and adopt healthy habits that honor our planet. Valley is blessed by many enthusiastic members who "practice what they preach" and inspire all of us to adopt new ways of caring for the earth.

Our annual report includes wonderful details of all the accomplishments that have occurred in 2022 by **our Afghan refugee family, the Karwans.** Our fully engaged committee continues to assist this family as they adapt to their new life in Minnesota. Please take the time to read in this report all that has happened in their new life in Robbinsdale and Golden Valley!

### **Valley Staff Members Show Strength and Flexibility**

It is a joy for our entire congregation to have our programming for **children, youth, and young families** up and running. Sunday mornings are once again buzzing with energy as 15-20 little ones scramble up for the children's sermon from Sheila. We now have our staff member Lindsay ready for kids in the Sunshine room. Also, **TEAMS and Youth Group** are gathering once again. All this is thanks to Sheila, Mariah, and our amazing group of volunteers and lay leaders. As our littlest one's venture into worship for their first time, it is a blessing to see them feel more comfortable week after week!

### **Joys and Thank You**

We continue to be blessed by our gifted **Stream Team** who put together a professional livestream of Valley's worship every Sunday and holiday. This has resulted in many visitors who have worshiped with us virtually since 2020. Without these volunteers, we would be without the comfort of choosing this option, whatever the reason. So, three cheers for these amazing technicians!

Then a thanks to all of you for your support during my latest hip surgery this year, your enthusiasm as I was able to baptize our **third grandson, Jonah**, and for walking beside me for the **past 20 years as your pastor.** Your planned celebration occurs officially in 2023, and I am humbled by your incredible love and support. I look forward to our continued partnership in ministry in the year ahead!

You are loved,



## **Educational Ministries Report 2022**

### **Sheila Sheldon, Director**

As I looked back at 2022, it became clear that it was a year of transitions. For many of us the biggest transition would be to begin worshipping in person again and attending other events at the church. As we began the process of coming back to our mission station, we took special care to make sure that we created an environment that was safer for all.

The use of new technology played a major role in helping us connect with one another and created hybrid opportunities for folks wanting to attend adult education classes from home. For our children it meant returning to church and participating in the life of the congregation in new ways.

Finally for our members and their families it meant creating opportunities to get reacquainted with each other and taking that next step of getting back in the routine participating in the life of the church through worship, education, and fellowship. It wasn't always easy, and it didn't always go smoothly. If we learned anything from pandemic life, we learned to give grace to ourselves and others as we roll with the changes as they come.

Here are just a few of the highlights from this past year from the Education and Family Ministries Team:

#### **Education Programs**

The year began with lots of plans and snow which put some of our plans on hold right from the start. We tried to make the best of it and organized sledding days for the kids. On Sunday mornings the Sunshine Room reopened for kids to visit during worship with the help of Jamease Decker, Sam and Hunter Sheldon. Here they were reintroduced to each other and the classroom setting as they read stories, played and made crafts together. In September, we welcomed Lindsey Carlson to Valley as our new Sunshine Room staff person. Lindsey is excited to be with us and loves getting to know our Valley kids as they come to church.

In the spring, **Youth and TEAMS** combined for some Sunday afternoon activities in the spring and helped with the annual Easter egg hunt in April. May brought the return of the YES Scholarship Tea in person and 11 youth helped serve at the event. Then in June the youth went on a 4 day mission retreat up at Clearwater Forest where they helped prepare the camp for summer campers and gave the counselors an opportunity for hands on training with practice campers. It was a great opportunity for all as we reacclimated ourselves to the mission trip experience.

Over the summer the education team spent time looking at the children/youth on the church rolls and decided that would be beneficial for our families to adjust our programs a bit. Beginning in the fall of 2022, Youth Group returned to a 6-12 grade format, and TEAMS was once again for kids in 4-5 grade. The fall was full of excitement on Sunday afternoons as both groups met and

filled the building with energy. Our confirmation class was able to finish their projects this fall and were officially confirmed on November 27, 2022.

**For our kids 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and younger** they received their faith formation experiences in many diverse experiences from Children's Time during worship, at intergenerational education events, in the Sunshine Room on Sunday mornings and at home with their families using the weekly lesson emailed to them on Mondays.

Finally, in December we held our first in person Christmas pageant since 2019, and it truly was a blessing to see the children together again, sharing the story of the birth of Jesus with the congregation as only children can do.

**Adult Education** classes began meeting in person again in the spring at 8:45 AM with an average of 13 in-person. Most classes were uploaded to our YouTube channel for folks wishing to participate virtually. Topics included sustainability, bible study, social justice and immigration. In the fall we held ten classes and shifted to holding classes following fellowship hour at 11:00 AM. Attendance improved averaging 24 in-person and 5 online.

For three of the classes, we tried a new addition to our technology, the Owl Camera, which gave us the ability to host hybrid sessions, allowing folks to participate virtually in real-time. Included in the ten classes offered were 3 intergenerational classes that brought faithful learners of all ages together to hear Native stories, participate in mission and learn about patience and love through a powerful puppet show presented by Speaking Out Art Collective.

**Family Ministries** regrouped in 2022 with the education and fellowship elders along with support from Sheila and Mariah to hold events for our young families. Their goal was to help folks reconnect and remember what makes Valley such a great place for worship, learning and fellowship. Throughout the year they held Parents' Night Out events, Easter egg hunt, patio picnics, playground meet ups, an apple orchard visit and a Trunk or Treat event in October. They are excited to expand opportunities for connecting in 2023!

In closing, I continue to be blessed by this amazing community at Valley. Your love and support as I continue to grow in my ministry is felt and cherished. As I look forward to another full year of programming at Valley, I give thanks for all of you, and I am excited to continue this journey with you as your Educational Ministries director. It is clear to me that here in the Valley we thrive as a community through laughter, learning and love. As we continue to grow as a community of believers who embrace God's call to be a light in the world for others, let us remember to live out the teachings of Jesus to love one another, and accept all God's children as they are, wonderfully made, beloved children of God.

In Christ,  
Sheila Sheldon

## **Minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting of Valley Community Presbyterian Church February 13, 2022**

The 69th annual virtual and in-person meeting of the congregation and corporation of Valley Community Presbyterian Church & Corporation was held on Sunday, February 13, 2022. The announcement of the meeting below was made during the church service for three consecutive Sundays and was listed in the bulletin. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order with a greeting and prayer by Pastor Richard Buller at 11:00 a.m. The agenda was approved by consensus. The minutes of the 2020 annual meeting were included in the 2021 annual report. Members received an email that contained the report, and a limited number of copies were available at the meeting. Reports from all of the various committees and groups were included in the report. The call for the meeting was as follows:

“The annual virtual and in-person meeting of the congregation and corporation of Valley Community Presbyterian Church will be held on Sunday, February 13, 2022 at 11:00am.”

M/S/C to not have Richard read the minutes of the 2020 annual meeting.

M/S/C to approve the minutes of the 2021 annual meeting.

### 1) Clerk's Report – Jan Fedora

Jan acknowledged that Session had been very busy with their teams and were developing creative ways to connect with members of the congregation and our community partners. Valley always keeps going forward to meet the needs of people. We are a Matthew 25 Congregation, and we do what is right because we can! Jan thanked the congregation for being supportive in connecting to our Valley family and keeping Valley strong!

|                                      |            |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Active Members as of 12/31/20</b> | <b>447</b> |
|--------------------------------------|------------|

|              |                                   |   |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| New Members: | Letter of Transfers               | 0 |
|              | Profession/Reaffirmation of Faith | 3 |

|                          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|
| <b>Total New Members</b> | <b>3</b> |
|--------------------------|----------|

|                     |         |   |
|---------------------|---------|---|
| Active Members Lost |         |   |
|                     | Death   | 8 |
|                     | Removed | 4 |

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|---------------------------|-----------|
| <b>Total Members Lost</b> | <b>12</b> |
|---------------------------|-----------|

|                                      |            |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Active Members as of 12/31/21</b> | <b>438</b> |
|--------------------------------------|------------|

### **Special Services in 2021**

|                  |    |           |   |
|------------------|----|-----------|---|
| Baptisms         | 2  | Weddings  | 3 |
| Communion Served | 15 | Memorials | 5 |



Valley members who passed away in 2021: Eleanor Wild, Darlene Spencer, Doris St. John, Dick Reinhart, Donna Carlson, Loretta Esther Moen, Donald Loubert, and Charlotte Tripet.

The Session met for ten (10) stated meetings, two (2) special meetings and one (1) congregational meeting in 2021.

Richard acknowledged the Elders who were going off Session. Deacons who were retiring were also acknowledged for their service. Money counters were also thanked for their services.

## 2) Report of Stewardship Team – Lisa Kummer

### **Valley Connects Stewardship Campaign**

Lisa reported that we continue with our theme, “**Valley Connects.**” Valley still remained successful in providing worship, fellowship, education, and mission in a safe and thoughtful way. The campaign was successful, while asking the congregation to respond with a 3% increase in pledging. The increase would help us provide staff raises and remove our dependency on the Supportive Ministries Fund completely. There were 148 renewed pledges and two (2) new pledges. These pledges totaled \$421,772 which is 99% of our goal! Lisa thanked everyone who pledged for 2022!

Valley members also responded to a call to support Valley's need for funds to purchase a new boiler at the end of 2021. The congregation provided \$70,000 to replace the old boiler. Lisa thanked everyone who generously provided funds for this need!!

The **Breathing Life Campaign** was launched for 2021-2022 to raise \$80,000 over two years. This campaign will breathe new life in our congregation and our wider community. Half of the funds will help purchase a new HVAC system for Valley and half will be split evenly to support specific efforts that will breathe life into our community including: PRISM's Homelessness Prevention Program, Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative's Emerson Village, Liberty's Northside Healing Space and Clearwater Forest.

We have exceeded our goal receiving \$84,566 in pledges! With eight (8) additional pledges, we raised our pledged total to \$90,310. Lisa thanked the committee and staff for their work on Stewardship.

## 3) Resource Team - 2021 Financial Report and 2022 Budget - Greg Rom

Receipts totaled \$509,250 and expenses were \$509,250 so net total was \$0.

### **Financial Results for 2021**

|                    |                             |           |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Total Revenue 2021 |                             | \$509,250 |
| Expenses:          |                             |           |
|                    | Salaries                    | 194,200   |
|                    | Employment Allowances       | 156,918   |
|                    | Administration              | 31,550    |
|                    | Per Capita                  | 16,465    |
|                    | Communications & Technology | 4,000     |
|                    | Property Care/Improvement   | 58,717    |

|                           |                  |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Stewardship               | 500              |
| Educational Ministries    | 8,250            |
| Worship & Music           | 8,400            |
| Fellowship                | 500              |
| Church Growth             | 750              |
| All Mission               | 29,000           |
| Total Expenses            | <u>\$509,250</u> |
| Net Expenses over Revenue | \$0              |

Greg also presented the 2022 budget. Totals are shown below.

Budget for 2022

|           |                             |               |                  |
|-----------|-----------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Revenue:  | Regular Envelopes           | 422,350       |                  |
|           | Non-Pledging Members        | 15,000        |                  |
|           | Non-Member Giving           | 5,000         |                  |
|           | Initial Offering            | 600           |                  |
|           | Per Capita Envelopes        | 7,000         |                  |
|           | Loose/Special Offerings     | 13,000        |                  |
|           | Facility Usage              | 12,550        |                  |
|           | Interest/Dividends          | 100           |                  |
|           | SMF Funding                 | 15,000        |                  |
|           | Prior Pledges               | <u>2,000</u>  |                  |
|           | Total Revenue               |               | <u>\$492,600</u> |
| Expenses: | Salaries                    | 203,385       |                  |
|           | Employment Allowances       | 126,240       |                  |
|           | Administration              | 32,050        |                  |
|           | Per Capita                  | 16,465        |                  |
|           | Property Care/Improvement   | 64,060        |                  |
|           | Stewardship                 | 500           |                  |
|           | Educational Ministries      | 8,250         |                  |
|           | Worship & Music             | 8,400         |                  |
|           | Fellowship                  | 500           |                  |
|           | Church Growth               | 750           |                  |
|           | Communications & Technology | 4,000         |                  |
|           | All Mission                 | <u>28,000</u> |                  |
|           | Total Expenses              |               | <u>\$492,600</u> |

Net Revenue over Expenses \$0

Further details of the 2021 Financial Results and 2022 Budget can be found in the annual report on pages 20-24.

M/S/C/ to approve the 2022 budget.

Greg thanked the members of the Finance Team. Richard thanked Greg Rom for his work as Treasurer and Mary Thielke for her 15 years of service as Financial Secretary. Chelsie Larsen will be the new Financial Secretary. Richard also thanked the volunteers who counted the offering each week.

Per capita is \$36.50 per confirmed member. Valley's per capita amount is \$16,465.

#### 4) Endowment Fund – Mike Pinter

Mike gave an update on the Endowment Fund. Total gifts received during 2021 equaled \$19,003 including a gift of \$15,000 from the estate of Loretta Moen that was designated for the Valley Family Stewardship Fund. Gifts received since the fund was established in 1984 to \$649,214. On December 31, 2021, the Endowment net asset value was \$1,439,939.

During 2021, grants were made to community outreach efforts, including enhancement and upkeep for VCPC property, and to support Valley's staff education, retreats, and music programs. The 2021 grants totaled \$43,381. The total dollar value of grants provided by your Endowment since 1984 is \$523,177.

As of December 31, 2021 the Educational Scholarships Fund has been combined into the Donna L. Carlson and Floyd A. Carlson Educational Fund. Unspecified gifts to Endowment will be allocated at 80% to the General Fund and 20% to the Mission Fund.

Mike thanked the committee for their hard work and dedication.

#### 5) Approval of Terms of Call for Rev. Richard Buller

Ben Kummer assumed the position of moderator. The following 2022 Terms of Call were presented to the congregation for approval. Voting was done through on-line, telephone ministry, and voting in the sanctuary by raising your hand. It was unanimous to approve the Terms of Call.

#### Rev. Richard Buller Terms of Call for 2022

|                        |          |
|------------------------|----------|
| Salary                 | \$33,291 |
| Social Security Offset | 5,454    |
| Housing                | 38,000   |
| Annuity                | 19,500   |

|                           |                 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Total Compensation</b> | <b>\$96,245</b> |
|---------------------------|-----------------|

|                          |       |
|--------------------------|-------|
| Professional Travel      | 2,000 |
| Professional Development | 1,800 |
| Professional Expense     | 1,850 |

|                                 |              |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Total Expense Allowances</b> | <b>5,650</b> |
|---------------------------------|--------------|

Pension & Healthcare Costs

|                                  |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Healthcare (27% of compensation) | 25,986     |
| Pension (8.5% of compensation)   | 8,181      |
| Death & Disability (1% of comp)  | <u>962</u> |

**Total PC(USA) benefits** 35,129

**Total Cost to Valley** **\$137,024**

## **M/S/C to approve Terms of Call for Rev. Richard Buller**

### **6) Personnel - Ben Kummer (filling in for Arlen Havrilla, Chair)**

Ben thanked all the staff for their dedication and hard work for Valley Community Presbyterian Church. He also expressed gratitude for our wonderful Parish Associates: Rev. Jim Cook, Rev. Kate O'Brien Soltau, Rev. Bill Davnie, and Rev. Aron Wilterding. He thanked Richard for his leadership during COVID-19 pandemic.

Changes in staffing included: Welcoming Hunter Sheldon as our custodian and Silab Karwan as our janitor. Mariah Messer became our Program and Communications Coordinator. Valley is still searching for a Music Director. Our staff will receive raises in 2022!

### **7) Pastors Report - Rev. Richard Buller**

Richard thanked all the office staff, Elders, Deacons, Valley musicians, and Stream Team, for their hard work and dedication to Valley. There were 60 live-streamed worship services, virtual communions, 2 baptisms, and Elders and Deacons ordination. Richard thanked our Parish Associates: Rev. Bill Davnie, Rev. Jim Cook, Rev. Kate O'Brien-Soltau, and Rev. Aron Wilterding.

Our mission giving was \$202,368 this year! Our Mission Possible: Peace & Justice Committee has been very busy with many activities including: Alternative Gift Catalog, Bridging, Clare Terrace, Clearwater Forest, Earth Care Congregation Task Force, Every Meal, Crisis Nursery, Habitat for Humanity, Immigration Task Force, Land Acknowledgement Task Force, Noble School, and PRISM.

The YES (Youth Education Scholarship) Committee has awarded fifty-five (55) scholarships totaling \$36,000 to Valley high school graduates since its inception. There will be a Tea this year both in-person with limited seating and live-streamed on May 8, 2022.

Richard reminded people to read Sheila Sheldon's report on pages 4-5 of the Annual Report.

8) Karwan Family - Refugee Family from Afghanistan - Jan Sacco

Jan talked about how the Immigration Task Force worked with Minnesota Council of Churches to find a refugee family for Valley. The Karwan family was chosen for us! Jim Cook found an apartment in Robbinsdale and then our journey began to help them get settled and start a new life in the MN. There were thirty (30) volunteers who began helping the family in many ways. They have put in approximately 300 hours which includes getting settled in their apartment, food, clothing, furniture, employment, medical appointments, childcare, banking and financial assistance and more!!

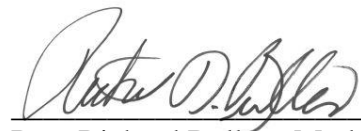
Richard thanked Jan Sacco and Arlene Freeberg for leading this project!

Other reports of various teams not listed above included: Educational Ministries: TEAMS, Adult Education, Faith Formations and Family Ministries, Youth, Worship & Music, Fellowship, Growth, Nominating, Property Committee, Mission Possible, Memorials, Fridays in the Valley, Technology and Communications, Supportive Ministries Fund, Youth Education Scholarship Committee Report, Valley Community Garden, Financial Secretary's Report and the Treasurer's various reports (detailed above) and Board of Deacons.

M/S/C to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned with Richard leading us in prayer. Meeting ended at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Rev. Richard Butler - Moderator

2/13/2022  
Date



Jan Fedora - Clerk of Session

## Clerk of Session Report 2022

### Jan Fedora, Clerk of Session

The year 2022 has been filled with lots of changes to our lives here at Valley! Session has been very busy with discussions and changes for keeping Valley connected during the pandemic. Below are some of the highlights from the various committees:

- **The Technology Team** was very busy livestreaming worship services, staff meetings and community events. Thank you, Stream Team, for your tremendous dedication to livestreaming events at Valley! It has been a wonderful way to keep Valley members connected during this year!
- **The Growth Team** welcomed visitors to Valley by inviting them to coffee in the Fellowship Hall. Many of these visitors became members of Valley. They joined because of the welcoming atmosphere, wonderful church services, children's programs, mission-oriented focus on our community and beyond, and our wonderful staff!!
- **Educational Ministries Team** are composed of children, youth, and adult ministries. During the year, events were held both in person and virtually. These activities included; Vacation Bible Camp, Trunk or Treat for Halloween, Valentine's Cookie Sale, Family Bonfire and Sing-A-Long, summer mission projects, Chrysalis Women's Retreat, Men's Retreat, outdoor Church Picnic, YES Tea Event, Easter Egg Hunt and the Christmas Pageant.
  - Family Ministries sent out weekly e-mails with activities for the family. Faith Formation classes started to meet on Sunday. TEAMS and youth groups continued to meet on Sunday evenings.
  - Confirmation classes were held in the summer with the youth working on their discipleship projects. Confirmation Sunday was held in November.
  - The Christmas Pageant was held during a December worship service and was enjoyed by all!
  - Adult Education classes were both livestreamed and in-person on designated Sundays.
- **The Mission Possible Team** continued to support and sponsor worthy mission projects, reaching out into the community and working with different agencies. A Task Force in the Mission Possible Team wrote a statement for the Land Acknowledgement project. This statement is a living document which will honor the important stories and lived experiences of the Dakota people. Valley sits on the ancestral and contemporary land of the Dakota people. A celebration was held at Valley on June 4, 2022, from 11:00am-3:00pm. There were native drummers, dancers, storytelling, and speakers sharing their findings on the histories of these indigenous people.
  - The new Peace Pole was dedicated in October.
  - The PRISM Toy Shoppe was held in December at Valley.
  - **The Sustainability Group** met for the first time on March 20, 2022. It meets on a monthly basis to discuss environmental sustainability and how Valley can contribute to this mission.
  - **The Refuge Assistance Task Force** continued to assist in the needs of the Karwan family.
  - **The Immigration Task Force** continued to participate at the Sherburne County Detention Center. Several Valley people attended this monthly event. Vigils were held outside for the immigrants.

- **The Fellowship Committee** decided to host in-person: Fall Festival, Annual Christmas Dinners, Parent's Night Out and Puppet Show, among others.
  - Funds from the Fall Festival paid for Valley's new refrigerator!
  - Coffee hour was again held in person in the Fellowship Hall after worship service.
  - The Poinsettia Tree and the Julie Tree were displayed in church to add to the spirit of the holidays.
  - Men's Retreat and Chrysalis Women's Retreat at Clearwater were successfully attended.
  - New Hope Golf event was held in July and was well attended.
- **The Worship Committee** kept track of virtual, in-person and telephone ministry attendance at worship services. Christmas Eve service was held virtually, in person and through the telephone ministry. Worship services began at 9:30 am in June and will be a permanent time throughout the year to help with the consistency of all programs.
  - Fridays in the Valley in-person concerts were well-attended.
  - Vocal Choir and Handbell Choirs returned in the Fall.
- **The Properties Committee** continued to keep Valley clean and in good shape. The HVAC system was completed. The boiler was replaced with donations received from Valley members and non-members plus money from Endowment. Valley received three (3) bids from different companies to repair our elevator. Since the elevator is not used very much it still has a lot of life! Valley has five (5) years to repair the elevator after the inspections.
  - Other completed projects included: parking lot re-sealed and striped, LED lights installed in the parking lot, roof repaired, Cornerstone Room window replaced, new shed built by the garage, technology upgrades in sanctuary and new sidewalk lighting on the Highway 100 side of the church was installed.
- **The Personnel Committee** approved Sheila Sheldon to take an eleven-week course over the next three (3) years to become a Commissioned Lay Pastor. She would be working with churches in rural areas.
  - Mariah Messer was hired to be the Program/Communications Coordinator.
  - Hunter Sheldon was hired to be our custodian.
  - Chelsie Larsen will continue to be the Financial Secretary.
  - Silab Karwan was hired to be the janitor for Valley and work Saturdays to do various cleaning projects to make sure the church was ready for Sunday worship services.
  - Rachel Williams was hired to be the Music Coordinator.
  - Janet Carlson was hired to be the Choir Director.
  - Lindsey Carlson was hired to be the new Childcare Attendant
  - Greg Rom will continue to be the Treasurer.
  - Ben Kummer was elected to be the Personnel Elder for one (1) year.
  - Rev. Rebecca Tollefson was approved to be the new Parish Associate.
  - A motion was made and approved to renew the following Parish Associates: Rev. Jim Cook, Rev. Bill Davnie, Rev. Aron Wilterding, and Rev. Kate O'Brien Solteau

## The Major Campaigns for 2022 Included:

- **Stewardship Campaign: "Where Gratitude is Paid Forward"** Kick-Off started in Fall 2022. The congregation was asked to respond to this theme with a 4% increase in pledging. Messages of Gratitude were communicated to the congregation in worship services.
- **Breathing Life Campaign** raised \$80,000 of which \$40,000 went towards the HVAC project and \$40,000 was split evenly between our four community partners. In the Fall, the money was disbursed to those partners. Valley continued to collect money and split 50/50 between Valley and our community agencies.

The average weekly attendance for 2022 was 291 and communion was observed monthly. Session meetings are generally on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month starting at 6:30 pm.

**Active members December 31, 2021: 438**

**2022 Total New Members 15**

**2022 Active Members Lost:**

**Death 7**

**Placed on Inactive Status or Removed 22**

**2022 Total Members Lost 29**

**Active members December 31, 2022: 424**

### **Special Services in 2022:**

**Baptisms 7**

**Weddings 0**

**Communion Served 14**

**Memorial Services 6**

**Valley Members Who Passed Away in 2022:** Isabel Leaf, Gloria Ayshford, Bob Schon, Anne Reynolds, Barry Downs, Marian Michael, and Karen Pratt

Session met for ten (10) stated meetings and two (2) special meetings in 2022. Two (2) congregational meetings were held in 2022.



# **Nominating Report 2022**

## **Arlen Havrilla, Chair**

The Nominating Committee met during the summer of 2022. We followed the ‘Biblical Process of Call’ with guidance from 1 Corinthians 12:4-7:

*Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;  
and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord;  
and there are varieties of working,  
but it is the same God who inspires them all in every one.  
To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.*

At the November 20, 2022, Congregational Meeting following the 9:30 am service, the congregation voted to accept the following candidates:

### **Elders, Class of 2025**

Jan Fedora – Worship Elder  
Carolyn Anderson – Education Elder  
Mariah Messer – Education Elder  
Tom Wasmoen – Property Elder  
Jay Tracy – Church Growth Elder  
Ben Kummer (1 Year) – Personnel Elder

### **Deacons, Class of 2025**

Samantha Schellhaas  
Jan Sacco  
Margie Deutsch  
Jessica Goslinga  
Jennie Minter

### **Endowment Committee**

Norm Chervany (5-year term)

### **Financial Secretary**

Chelsie Larsen  
Bill & Ann Keen – Assistant Financial Secretary

### **2023 Nominating Committee**

Katie Decker – Chair  
Mary Dunham – Vice Chair  
Brian Hole  
Greg Van Heest  
Melissa Gottschalk  
Mary Ann Winter

Special thanks to this year’s committee for their dedicated efforts and commitment in choosing leadership for our church family. The 2022 committee included: **Arlen Havrilla – Chair, Joanne Jenson, Richard Marshall, Christy Smith, Tom Wasmoen, and Rev. Richard Buller – ex officio.**

## Personnel Report 2022

### Arlen Havrilla, Chair

The Personnel Committee is pleased to review 2022 with our congregation. We have completed another year with **Rev. Richard Buller** as our Head of Staff and Senior Pastor at Valley. We have continued another year of the challenges of the COVID Pandemic. Although there have been improvements in both infection and transmission, it is still an important factor in all our decision making for the church. Richard has continued to be our guide for our congregation through the gradual transition to opening the building and our fellowship while maintaining a feeling of being connected. He has given us motivation, encouragement, and an example both for our spiritual growth as well as the personal coping required for our lives. With the efforts of many dedicated members of the congregation, our technology team, and the church staff we have continued livestreaming services for those that were not able to attend in person, yet along with recommendations of the COVID task force, there has been an increase of in-person services, meetings, and events that occurred in 2022.

In this past year we have had some adjustments as the staff have accommodated to the growing numbers of in-person attendance and meetings. Our church staff have done well in assisting with this transition by implementing policies and adjusting to our needs as a church.

We continue to be blessed with our current staff for Valley:

- Educational Ministries Director, **Sheila Sheldon**, has continued with adapting to the beginning of events in person while still reaching out to members who are staying at home. She has begun attending education with the presbytery toward a goal of being a Commissioned Lay Pastor. And we have appreciated her not only providing children's sermons but also giving sermons for the congregation several times in 2022, besides her multitude of efforts with adult and children's education ministries.
- Program & Communications Coordinator, **Mariah Messer**, continued in her position which began in 2021. She has assisted Sheila in her efforts while keeping us informed with monthly newsletters. She assists the elders, staff, and congregation with communication, planning and implementing a multitude of projects and events.
- Office Administrator, **William Glasper**, continued to be the person in our church's office to whom we turn for assistance. Whether we call in or stop in person; he will greet us and make sure to get us the help or direction we need. We appreciate his efficiency and positive demeanour as he consistently manages the operations of the office and assists the Pastor, leadership, and staff.
- Director of Hand Bell Choir, **Janet M. T. Carlson**, with her daughters, continued performances and more recently has led the Bell Choir for our services. Just recently, since October, she has also accepted a new position for us as Choir Director. We have had the benefit of Hsu-hui Wang leading the choir for some performances in 2022 but now Janet will be taking on this added responsibility for leading the choir in the practices and for the services the choir sings twice a month.
- Music Coordinator, **Rachel Williams**, began in September as a permanent staff member. She has accompanied on the piano the choir, any soloists as needed and congregational singing. She has also played the piano for the choir rehearsals. She has assisted Richard in communication and coordination for the music program and ministry of the church.



## Supportive Ministries Fund (SMF) Report 2022

### Arlen Havrilla, Personnel Committee Chair

The Supportive Ministries Fund was established by the Session in 2006, to secure the sustainability of ordained pastoral support and build this financial cornerstone through gifts, estate planning, and wills. Now the Fund also is expanded in scope to include the funding of non-ordained staff hours and training as well.

VCPC received \$45,100 in gifts to the SMF during the year. It is the continued hope of the Personnel Committee that the Valley congregation will continue increasing their pledging to the general budget in future years to reduce the reliance on the SMF to pay for staff salaries.

The SMF has both an investment account with Parnassus Funds and a separate SMF savings account at Citizens Bank. The SMF accounts continue to be managed by the Personnel Committee and the church treasurer, with guidance from the Endowment Committee when needed. Any contributions to the **Supportive Ministry Fund** to assist with ensuring payment to the Church's ordained and non-ordained staff salaries and training should be **made to "VCPC – SMF"**. This will assist the church to direct the funds appropriately.

The financial activity in the SMF for 2022 is summarized as follows:

|                              |                         |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| SMF balance – 01/01/22       | \$155,233               |
| + Contributions received     | \$45,100                |
| - Investment losses for 2022 | <u>\$20,245</u>         |
| Total SMF balance – 12/31/22 | <u><u>\$180,088</u></u> |

|                                   |                         |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| SMF Investments                   | \$88,041                |
| + Savings Account - Citizens Bank | <u>92,047</u>           |
| Total SMF balance                 | <u><u>\$180,088</u></u> |

If you have questions about the Supportive Ministries Fund, please contact Ben Kummer, Chair of the Personnel Committee or Greg Rom, VCPC Treasurer.

# Treasurer's Report: Net Assets 2022

## Greg Rom, Treasurer

|                             | <u>Dec. 31, 2022</u>         | <u>Dec. 31, 2021</u>         |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Assets</b>               |                              |                              |
| Checking/Savings Accounts   | 361,867                      | 239,075                      |
| Money Market Account        | 43,763                       | 50,795                       |
| Parnassus SMF Account       | 88,041                       | 108,286                      |
| <b>Total Assets</b>         | <u><b>493,671</b></u>        | <u><b>398,156</b></u>        |
| <b>Liabilities</b>          |                              |                              |
| Prepaid Pledges             | <u><b>70,434</b></u>         | <u><b>44,759</b></u>         |
| <b>Net Assets</b>           |                              |                              |
| General Fund - unrestricted | 49,220                       | 43,898                       |
| Donor restricted            | 374,017                      | 309,499                      |
| <b>Total Net Assets</b>     | <u><u><b>423,237</b></u></u> | <u><u><b>353,397</b></u></u> |

## 2022 and 2023 General Fund Financial Highlights

| Description                          | <u>2022 Actual</u>         | <u>2022 Budget</u>     | <u>2023 Budget</u>     |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b><u>INCOME</u></b>                 |                            |                        |                        |
| Regular Envelopes                    | 401,097                    | 422,350                | 423,900                |
| Nonpledging members                  | 18,010                     | 15,000                 | 15,000                 |
| Initial Offering                     | 310                        | 600                    | 600                    |
| Per Capita Envelopes                 | 5,721                      | 7,000                  | 7,000                  |
| Non-member giving                    | 2,364                      | 5,000                  | 5,000                  |
| Prior Year Pledges                   | 0                          | 2,000                  | 2,000                  |
| Loose Offering                       | 1,530                      | 3,000                  | 2,000                  |
| Facility Usage                       | 11,695                     | 12,550                 | 12,550                 |
| Interest/Dividends                   | 283                        | 100                    | 300                    |
| Special Offerings                    | 7,816                      | 10,000                 | 8,000                  |
| Funding from SMF                     | 0                          | 15,000                 | 25,000                 |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                  | <b><u>448,826</u></b>      | <b><u>492,600</u></b>  | <b><u>501,350</u></b>  |
| <b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>               |                            |                        |                        |
| <b>Salaries</b>                      | 168,593                    | 203,385                | 212,266                |
| <b>Employment Allowances</b>         | 122,888                    | 126,240                | 132,659                |
| <b>Administration</b>                | 31,539                     | 32,050                 | 29,850                 |
| <b>Communications and Technology</b> | 2,119                      | 4,000                  | 3,500                  |
| <b>Property Care/Improvement</b>     | 62,289                     | 64,060                 | 64,060                 |
| <b>Stewardship Campaign</b>          | 500                        | 500                    | 500                    |
| <b>Per Capita</b>                    | 16,462                     | 16,465                 | 16,465                 |
| <b>Educational Ministries</b>        | 6,244                      | 8,250                  | 7,400                  |
| <b>Worship and Music</b>             | 8,288                      | 8,400                  | 8,400                  |
| <b>Fellowship</b>                    | 417                        | 500                    | 500                    |
| <b>Church Growth</b>                 | 468                        | 750                    | 750                    |
| <b>Mission</b>                       |                            |                        |                        |
| Local Mission                        | 5,350                      | 6,000                  | 6,000                  |
| PC (USA) Mission                     | 9,000                      | 9,000                  | 9,000                  |
| Special Offerings Paid Out           | 7,816                      | 10,000                 | 8,000                  |
| Loose Offering-Designated            | 1,530                      | 3,000                  | 2,000                  |
| <b>Total Mission</b>                 | <b><u>23,696</u></b>       | <b><u>28,000</u></b>   | <b><u>25,000</u></b>   |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>                 | <b><u>443,503</u></b>      | <b><u>492,600</u></b>  | <b><u>501,350</u></b>  |
| <b>NET TOTAL</b>                     | <b><u><u>5,323</u></u></b> | <b><u><u>0</u></u></b> | <b><u><u>0</u></u></b> |

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| <b>Acct</b>                   | <b>Description</b>           | <b>2021 Actual</b> | <b>2022 Actual</b> | <b>2022 Budget</b> | <b>2023 Budget</b> |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>INCOME: General Fund</b>   |                              |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| <b>ENVELOPE RECEIPTS</b>      |                              |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| 20                            | Reg Envelopes-pledged        | 430,168            | 401,097            | 422,350            | 423,900            |
| 21                            | Nonpledging members          | 9,098              | 18,010             | 15,000             | 15,000             |
| 22                            | Initial Offering             | 385                | 310                | 600                | 600                |
| 23                            | Per Capita Envelopes         | 6,004              | 5,721              | 7,000              | 7,000              |
| 26                            | Non-member giving            | 4,321              | 2,364              | 5,000              | 5,000              |
| 27                            | Prior Year Pledges           | 510                | 0                  | 2,000              | 2,000              |
|                               | <b>ENVELOPE RECEIPTS</b>     | <b>450,486</b>     | <b>427,502</b>     | <b>451,950</b>     | <b>453,500</b>     |
| <b>NON-ENVELOPE RECEIPTS</b>  |                              |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| 30                            | Loose Offering               | 236                | 1,530              | 3,000              | 2,000              |
| 31                            | Facility Usage               | 9,540              | 11,695             | 12,550             | 12,550             |
| 33                            | Interest/Dividends           | 46                 | 283                | 100                | 300                |
| 34                            | SMF Funding                  | 0                  | 0                  | 15,000             | 25,000             |
| 35                            | Special Offerings            | 10,079             | 7,816              | 10,000             | 8,000              |
| 36                            | Other Grants                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  |
|                               | <b>NON-ENVELOPE RECEIPTS</b> | <b>19,901</b>      | <b>21,324</b>      | <b>40,650</b>      | <b>47,850</b>      |
|                               | <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>          | <b>470,387</b>     | <b>448,826</b>     | <b>492,600</b>     | <b>501,350</b>     |
| <b>EXPENSE : General Fund</b> |                              |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| <b>SALARIES</b>               |                              |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| 111                           | Pastor                       | 31,352             | 33,291             | 33,291             | 33,291             |
| 132                           | Office Administrator         | 42,016             | 43,697             | 43,697             | 45,008             |
| 151                           | Director of Music            | 21,626             | 0                  | 32,439             | 0                  |
| 153                           | Hand Bell/Choir Director     | 3,783              | 4,572              | 3,972              | 10,091             |
| 154                           | Music Coordinator            | 0                  | 3,600              | 0                  | 15,600             |
| 156                           | Organist                     | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 2,400              |
| 157                           | Guest Musicians              | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 7,966              |
| 181                           | Educational Ministries Dir.  | 43,218             | 47,540             | 47,540             | 50,210             |
| 171                           | Communication/Youth Dir.     | 2,339              | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  |
| 191                           | Custodian                    | 10,449             | 10,448             | 10,449             | 10,920             |
| 192                           | Janitor                      | 0                  | 4,140              | 7,800              | 4,820              |
| 184                           | Contract Custodial Services  | 0                  | 0                  | 300                | 300                |
| 185                           | Nursery Attendant            | 0                  | 325                | 1,400              | 1,800              |
| 186                           | Non-worship childcare        | 0                  | 300                | 500                | 500                |
| 180                           | Preschool Assistant          | 157                | 900                | 1,100              | 1,800              |
| 190                           | Program/Comm Coordinator     | 9,310              | 19,780             | 20,897             | 27,560             |
|                               | <b>SALARIES</b>              | <b>164,250</b>     | <b>168,593</b>     | <b>203,385</b>     | <b>212,266</b>     |
| <b>EMPLOYMENT ALLOWANCES</b>  |                              |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| 211                           | Housing-Pastor               | 38,000             | 38,000             | 38,000             | 38,000             |
| 212                           | Annuity-Pastor               | 16,000             | 19,500             | 19,500             | 22,387             |
| 221                           | Travel-Pastor                | 792                | 1,915              | 2,000              | 2,000              |
| 231                           | Pension-Pastor               | 7,706              | 8,141              | 8,181              | 8,426              |
| 261                           | Prof. Development-Pastor     | 179                | 1,458              | 1,800              | 1,800              |
| 281                           | Medical-Pastor               | 25,837             | 27,470             | 26,948             | 30,235             |
| 271                           | Prof. Expense-Pastor         | 1,717              | 1,470              | 1,850              | 1,850              |
| 213                           | Pastor-FICA Offset           | 5,305              | 5,454              | 5,454              | 5,454              |
| 223                           | Travel-Ed. Min. Director     | 100                | 99                 | 100                | 100                |
| 225                           | Prof. Dev.-Ed. Min. Director | 938                | 502                | 950                | 950                |
| 663                           | Prof. Dev.-Director of Music | 0                  | 0                  | 500                | 500                |
| 251                           | Social Security Tax          | 9,425              | 9,740              | 10,500             | 10,500             |
| 200                           | Housing-Comm/Youth Dir.      | 3,209              | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  |

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|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 230                                  | Pension-Comm/Youth Dir.    | 1,020              | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  |
| 210                                  | Medical-Comm/Youth Dir.    | 120                | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  |
| 226                                  | Employee Benefits          | 4,797              | 5,364              | 6,207              | 6,207              |
| 294                                  | Temporary Staffing         | 0                  | 0                  | 250                | 250                |
| 292                                  | Personnel Committee        | 650                | 875                | 1,500              | 1,500              |
| 295                                  | Pulpit and Music Supply    | 2,150              | 2,900              | 2,500              | 2,500              |
| <b>EMPLOYMENT ALLOWANCES</b>         |                            | <b>117,945</b>     | <b>122,888</b>     | <b>126,240</b>     | <b>132,659</b>     |
| <b>ADMINISTRATION</b>                |                            |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| 312                                  | Internet Expense           | 3,727              | 3,944              | 3,800              | 4,000              |
| 393                                  | Office Subscriptions       | 3,157              | 3,650              | 3,200              | 2,500              |
| 362                                  | Copy Machine               | 9,935              | 8,784              | 10,200             | 8,000              |
| 323                                  | Offering Envelopes         | 666                | 682                | 700                | 700                |
| 313                                  | Paychex                    | 4,707              | 4,576              | 4,700              | 5,100              |
| 331                                  | Postage                    | 1,473              | 1,871              | 2,000              | 2,000              |
| 322                                  | Office Supplies            | 946                | 2,241              | 1,000              | 1,000              |
| 392                                  | Session                    | 243                | 273                | 250                | 400                |
| 395                                  | Deacons                    | 400                | 25                 | 400                | 400                |
| 311                                  | Telephone                  | 863                | 863                | 1,000              | 950                |
| 371                                  | Bank/Online Fees           | 4,625              | 4,630              | 4,700              | 4,700              |
| 469                                  | Background checks          | 100                | 0                  | 100                | 100                |
| <b>ADMINISTRATION</b>                |                            | <b>30,842</b>      | <b>31,539</b>      | <b>32,050</b>      | <b>29,850</b>      |
| <b>COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY</b> |                            |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| 325                                  | Technology Upgrades        | 3,740              | 2,119              | 3,500              | 3,500              |
| 803                                  | Website and Education      | 257                | 0                  | 500                | 0                  |
| <b>COMMUNICATIONS/TECHNOLOGY</b>     |                            | <b>3,997</b>       | <b>2,119</b>       | <b>4,000</b>       | <b>3,500</b>       |
| <b>PROPERTY CARE AND IMPROVEMENT</b> |                            |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| 511                                  | Bldg and Equip Maintenance | 7,447              | 4,136              | 7,000              | 7,000              |
| 521                                  | Grounds Maintenance        | 3,712              | 4,801              | 6,000              | 6,000              |
| 551                                  | Electrical Service         | 10,381             | 13,777             | 12,000             | 12,000             |
| 541                                  | Gas                        | 7,587              | 11,969             | 10,000             | 10,000             |
| 561                                  | Water/Sewer/Disposal       | 9,174              | 8,672              | 10,000             | 10,000             |
| 581                                  | Insurance                  | 13,358             | 13,309             | 15,000             | 15,000             |
| 582                                  | Sprinkler Monitoring       | 1,798              | 2,553              | 1,360              | 1,360              |
| 572                                  | Kitchen Supplies/Equipment | 347                | 724                | 800                | 800                |
| 571                                  | Custodial Supplies         | 1,630              | 2,348              | 1,900              | 1,900              |
| <b>PROPERTY CARE &amp; IMPRVMT</b>   |                            | <b>55,434</b>      | <b>62,289</b>      | <b>64,060</b>      | <b>64,060</b>      |
| <b>391</b>                           | <b>STEWARDSHIP CAMPGN</b>  | <b>500</b>         | <b>500</b>         | <b>500</b>         | <b>500</b>         |
| <b>941</b>                           | <b>PER CAPITA</b>          | <b>16,461</b>      | <b>16,462</b>      | <b>16,465</b>      | <b>16,465</b>      |
| <b>EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES</b>        |                            |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| 412                                  | Children's Ministries      | 524                | 972                | 1,500              | 1,200              |
| 415                                  | TEAMS Ministries           | 378                | 574                | 800                | 800                |
| 417                                  | Youth Ministries           | 1,528              | 1,392              | 1,800              | 1,800              |
| 422                                  | Family Ministries          | 1,155              | 1,628              | 1,800              | 1,500              |
| 423                                  | Adult Ministries           | 1,539              | 1,678              | 2,100              | 2,100              |
| 425                                  | Miscellaneous              | 0                  | 0                  | 250                | 0                  |
| <b>EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES</b>        |                            | <b>5,124</b>       | <b>6,244</b>       | <b>8,250</b>       | <b>7,400</b>       |

**WORSHIP AND MUSIC**



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| <b>Acct</b>             | <b>Description</b>         | <b>2021 Actual</b> | <b>2022 Actual</b> | <b>2022 Budget</b> | <b>2023 Budget</b> |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 620                     | Special Music              | 1,850              | 1,850              | 1,500              | 1,500              |
| 621                     | Choir Supplies             | 0                  | 71                 | 500                | 500                |
| 622                     | Choir Enrichment           | 200                | 3,500              | 3,500              | 3,500              |
| 623                     | Worship License            | 1,071              | 1,155              | 1,200              | 1,200              |
| 632                     | Banners                    | 60                 | 570                | 400                | 400                |
| 631                     | Worship Supplies           | 896                | 992                | 1,000              | 1,000              |
| 661                     | Piano Maintenance          | 0                  | 150                | 300                | 300                |
|                         | <b>WORSHIP &amp; MUSIC</b> | <b>4,077</b>       | <b>8,288</b>       | <b>8,400</b>       | <b>8,400</b>       |
| <b>MISSION POSSIBLE</b> |                            |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| 965                     | Loose Offering-Designated  | 236                | 1,530              | 3,000              | 2,000              |
| 966                     | Local Mission              | 6,000              | 5,350              | 6,000              | 6,000              |
| 968                     | Special Offerings Paid Out | 10,079             | 7,816              | 10,000             | 8,000              |
| 967                     | PC (USA) Mission           | 9,000              | 9,000              | 9,000              | 9,000              |
|                         | <b>MISSION POSSIBLE</b>    | <b>25,315</b>      | <b>23,696</b>      | <b>28,000</b>      | <b>25,000</b>      |
| <b>711</b>              | <b>FELLOWSHIP</b>          | <b>244</b>         | <b>417</b>         | <b>500</b>         | <b>500</b>         |
| <b>CHURCH GROWTH</b>    |                            |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| 801                     | Advertising & Evangelism   | 0                  | 468                | 750                | 750                |
|                         | <b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>       | <b>424,189</b>     | <b>443,503</b>     | <b>492,600</b>     | <b>501,350</b>     |
|                         | <b>NET TOTAL</b>           | <b>46,198</b>      | <b>5,323</b>       | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>           |

**Treasurer's Report**  
**Income and Expense Summary - Dedicated Accounts**  
**December 31, 2022**

| Acct                     | Description                | Beginning<br>Balance | Receipts         | Expense          | Ending<br>Balance |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Ongoing Offerings</b> |                            |                      |                  |                  |                   |
| 40                       | One Great Hour             | 0.00                 | 2,741.73         | 2,741.73         | 0.00              |
| 43                       | Maundy Thursday            | 0.00                 | 0.00             | 0.00             | 0.00              |
| 47                       | Peace and Global Witness   | 0.00                 | 590.00           | 590.00           | 0.00              |
| 51                       | Easter Envelopes           | 0.00                 | 706.00           | 706.00           | 0.00              |
| 52                       | Thanksgiving Envelopes     | 0.00                 | 896.00           | 896.00           | 0.00              |
| 53                       | Christmas Envelopes        | 0.00                 | 1,337.00         | 1,337.00         | 0.00              |
| 56                       | Ash Wednesday              | 0.00                 | 235.00           | 235.00           | 0.00              |
| 57                       | Christmas Joy              | 0.00                 | 1,090.00         | 1,090.00         | 0.00              |
| 58                       | Pentecost Offering         | 0.00                 | 470.00           | 470.00           | 0.00              |
|                          | <b>ONGOING OFFERINGS</b>   | <b>0.00</b>          | <b>8,065.73</b>  | <b>8,065.73</b>  | <b>0.00</b>       |
| <b>Other Giving</b>      |                            |                      |                  |                  |                   |
| 41                       | Crisis Nursery             | 990.00               | 3,573.50         | 3,893.50         | 670.00            |
| 45                       | Habitat for Humanity       | 1,030.00             | 565.00           | 1,595.00         | 0.00              |
| 46                       | Home Free                  | 0.00                 | 1,300.00         | 1,300.00         | 0.00              |
| 48                       | Clearwater Forest          | 0.00                 | 6,195.19         | 6,195.19         | 0.00              |
| 55                       | PRISM                      | 3,590.40             | 15,502.00        | 17,763.34        | 1,329.06          |
| 68                       | Empty Bowls                | 0.00                 | 300.00           | 300.00           | 0.00              |
| 74                       | Liberty Community Church   | 2,457.52             | 2,097.48         | 4,090.00         | 465.00            |
| 86                       | Presbyterian World Mission | 560.00               | 1,761.00         | 1,910.00         | 411.00            |
| 93                       | Noble Vision               | 3,541.23             | 1,858.30         | 3,000.00         | 2,399.53          |
| 108                      | Clare Housing              | 2,166.87             | 841.50           | 1,065.90         | 1,942.47          |
| 110                      | Bridging                   | 306.00               | 1,213.00         | 1,519.00         | 0.00              |
| 114                      | The Father Project         | 0.00                 | 2,185.00         | 2,185.00         | 0.00              |
| 121                      | Meals on Wheels            | 0.00                 | 811.00           | 811.00           | 0.00              |
|                          | <b>OTHER GIVING</b>        | <b>14,642.02</b>     | <b>38,202.97</b> | <b>45,627.93</b> | <b>7,217.06</b>   |
| <b>Youth Accounts</b>    |                            |                      |                  |                  |                   |
| 62                       | Mission Trip Stock sales   | 6,000.00             | 0.00             | 0.00             | 6,000.00          |
| 66                       | Annual Youth Pledge        | 1,535.00             | 260.00           | 0.00             | 1,795.00          |
| 72                       | TEAMS Programming          | 1,861.38             | 0.00             | 0.00             | 1,861.38          |
| 73                       | Jr/Sr High Mission Trips   | 5,055.03             | 1,375.00         | 2,491.07         | 3,938.96          |
| 88                       | Youth Fundraisers          | 858.45               | 1,402.00         | 319.73           | 1,940.72          |
|                          | <b>TOTAL YOUTH ACCTS</b>   | <b>15,309.86</b>     | <b>3,037.00</b>  | <b>2,810.80</b>  | <b>15,536.06</b>  |

**Treasurer's Report**  
**Income and Expense Summary - Dedicated Accounts**  
**December 31, 2022**

| Acct                              | Description                    | Beginning<br>Balance | Receipts          | Expense           | Ending<br>Balance |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Other Dedicated Accounts</b>   |                                |                      |                   |                   |                   |
| 49                                | Church Directory               | 0.00                 | 0.00              | 0.00              | 0.00              |
| 60                                | Memorials                      | 8,852.76             | 10,480.00         | 2,963.76          | 16,369.00         |
| 61                                | Fall Festival                  | 0.00                 | 6,336.00          | 5,693.32          | 642.68            |
| 64                                | Donuts                         | 469.07               | 965.67            | 1,334.74          | 100.00            |
| 65                                | Valley YES Fund                | 11,161.53            | 3,143.00          | 2,883.03          | 11,421.50         |
| 67                                | Funeral Lunch Gratuity         | 1,236.94             | 1,800.00          | 2,294.41          | 742.53            |
| 69                                | Hand Bell Choir                | 144.40               | 0.00              | 72.92             | 71.48             |
| 70                                | Men's Retreat                  | 1,005.49             | 2,302.98          | 2,452.72          | 855.75            |
| 75                                | Wiseacres Senior Group         | 666.26               | 0.00              | 0.00              | 666.26            |
| 78                                | Pastor Discretionary Fund      | 1,416.92             | 17,076.04         | 17,701.99         | 790.97            |
| 80                                | Wildflyer Coffee               | 315.25               | 0.00              | 100.42            | 214.83            |
| 83                                | Alternative Gift Catalog       | 0.00                 | 1,994.00          | 1,994.00          | 0.00              |
| 84                                | Fridays in the Valley Concerts | 2,310.39             | 11,248.00         | 8,029.00          | 5,529.39          |
| 85                                | Endowment Funding              | 0.00                 | 161,929.99        | 161,929.99        | 0.00              |
| 92                                | Unallocated                    | 0.00                 | 26,997.77         | 26,997.77         | 0.00              |
| 94                                | Community Garden               | 861.89               | 1,570.00          | 1,795.54          | 636.35            |
| 99                                | Z Hoge Landscape Fund          | 338.23               | 0.00              | 253.09            | 85.14             |
| 100                               | Library Fund                   | 246.34               | 0.00              | 0.00              | 246.34            |
| 102                               | Sunday Flowers                 | 75.71                | 1,776.76          | 1,852.47          | 0.00              |
| 103                               | Organ Maintenance Fund         | 1,417.73             | 1,088.00          | 1,088.00          | 1,417.73          |
| 105                               | Outside Sprinkler Fund         | 898.55               | 0.00              | 0.00              | 898.55            |
| 106                               | Sanctuary Piano Maint Fund     | 101.00               | 0.00              | 0.00              | 101.00            |
| 109                               | Children's Enrichment          | 3,715.00             | 3,829.00          | 3,964.96          | 3,579.04          |
| 112                               | Supportive Ministries Fund     | 155,233.45           | 62,549.66         | 37,694.77         | 180,088.34        |
| 113                               | Adult Mission Trips            | 34,682.58            | 0.00              | 0.00              | 34,682.58         |
| 115                               | Breathing Life                 | 33,066.85            | 32,061.00         | 65,127.85         | 0.00              |
| 117                               | Building Contingency Fund      | 2,063.94             | 137,381.13        | 86,011.95         | 53,433.12         |
| 118                               | Land Acknowledgement           | 1,000.00             | 16,295.50         | 17,242.53         | 52.97             |
| 119                               | Immigration and Refugee        | 5,732.32             | 14,342.00         | 1,893.34          | 18,180.98         |
| 120                               | Presbytery Disaster Assistance | 498.00               | 2,885.00          | 3,383.00          | 0.00              |
| 122                               | Boiler Fund                    | 12,037.00            | 2,000.00          | 7,934.89          | 6,102.11          |
| 123                               | Roof Repair Fund               | 0.00                 | 257,034.90        | 242,680.00        | 14,354.90         |
| <b>TOTAL OTHER DEDICATED ACCT</b> |                                | <b>279,547.60</b>    | <b>777,086.40</b> | <b>705,370.46</b> | <b>351,263.54</b> |
| <b>TOTAL DEDICATED ACCOUNTS</b>   |                                | <b>309,499.48</b>    | <b>826,392.10</b> | <b>761,874.92</b> | <b>374,016.66</b> |

**Financial Secretary Report 2022**  
**Chelsie Larsen, Financial Secretary**

| <b>General Envelope<br/>Pledges and Receipts</b> | <b>Pledges</b> | <b>Paid</b>       | <b>Over/<br/>(Under)</b> |
|--|----------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| 2022 General Envelopes                           | \$405,852      | 401,097           | (4,755)                  |
| Less Prepaid 2022 pledges                        |                | (44,759)          |                          |
| Plus Prepaid 2023 pledges                        |                | 20,433            |                          |
| Plus Contributions from Non Pledging Members     |                | 18,010            |                          |
| Plus Contributions from Non Members              |                | 2,364             |                          |
| Total General Envelope Receipts                  |                | <u>\$ 397,145</u> |                          |

**2023 Pledge Commitments**

|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| 140 General Fund Pledges                | \$ 410,200        |
| Schon Estate 2023 Pledge                | 12,000            |
| Endowment Stewardship Fund Contribution | 1,700             |
|   | <u>\$ 423,900</u> |

## **Finance Report 2022**

### **Denise Kara, Chair**

The Finance Committee meets on a quarterly basis. Our responsibilities are:

- Financial oversight for the church's Operating and Dedicated Accounts
- Organization of the donation counting and deposits
- Conduct of the annual financial review (Book of Order)
- Review risk management coverage periodically
- Assist the Stewardship Committee and other fundraising or financial activities as needed

Highlights for 2022 include:

- Ending the year with a \$5,323 surplus.
- The roof repair with considerable help from the congregation (over \$70,000)!
- 99% of 2022 Stewardship pledges were collected!
- Ending of our two-year capital campaign for Breathing Life. We finished by raising \$98,592! Of that, \$40,000 was sent to our four mission partners and the remaining went to our roof repair.

A big thank you to our volunteers who collected, counted, and deposited the weekly offerings in 2022: Carolyn and Ray Anderson, Tom Day, Helen and Dave Dechaine, Roger Graphenteen, Ann and Bill Keen, Peggy Meyer and Mary Ann Winter, Brad Pleimling, and Greg and Mary Rom. Extra shout-out to Roger Graphenteen and Ann & Bill Keen who retired from their roles in December after many years of volunteering – THANK YOU!

Thanks to all the members of our Finance Committee members for their time and talent:

- Denise Kara, Chair
- Jim Payne
- Mike Pinter, Endowment Committee Chair
- Brad Pleimling
- Greg Rom, Treasurer
- Lisa Tarbell
- Chelsie Larsen, Financial Secretary
- Rev. Richard Buller, *ex-officio*

## **Stewardship Report 2022**

### **Lisa Kummer, Chair**

#### **“Valley: Where Gratitude is Paid Forward”**

This year’s stewardship campaign theme seemed obvious – it was an opportunity for us to show gratitude for so many blessings. We were able to gather for service in-person and bring back all of our pre-COVID fellowship, education and mission activities. We were blessed with an amazing staff and congregation that stayed dedicated to Valley throughout the pandemic. Through additional giving, we were able to make repairs to our building to ensure our mission station continued to be a place of support for our community.

We have been blessed with amazing, long-term members of Valley, and during the year, we had to say goodbye to some members who made a substantial impact to the Valley community in many ways. We were able to celebrate their lives and the gratitude we had for their many years of being part of our Valley family.

We had a lot to be grateful for, and paying gratitude forward was a message that resonated with us all. Through this campaign, we asked the congregation to respond with a 4% increase in pledging. This increase would help us provide staff raises to recognize their dedication, and to increase our staff salary budget to allow for the revived increase in programming. The additional pledges would also help decrease our dependency on the Supportive Ministries Fund. In addition, the recent passing of faithful members means we will face a substantial giving loss moving forward, so the increase in pledges would start to bridge that gap.

The campaign materials and messages included quotes from members about why they are grateful for Valley. The messages included gratitude for our worship and music, fellowship, education, and mission opportunities at Valley. By far, most of the messages included gratitude around the congregation members, and how we lift each other up in so many ways.

We gratefully thank the Valley congregation for the 130 renewed and 10 new pledges received totaling \$423,900 which is 100% of our goal! Valley is blessed by the response of our members once again. Thank you to everyone who pledged for 2023!

#### **Roof Fund**

In addition to pledging, our members have also responded to a call to support Valley’s need for funds to replace our flat roof. The congregation provided one-time gifts of \$72,000, which was combined with substantial estate gifts from longtime members. These gifts allowed us to replace our flat roof at the end of the year. Thank you to everyone who generously provided funds for this need!

### **Breathing Life Campaign Wraps Up (2021-2022)**

Over the past two years, members have donated over \$98,000 to the “Breathing Life” campaign, which is \$15,000 more than our original goal! The campaign funded projects that breathed new life into our congregation and our wider community. Half of the funds helped purchase a new HVAC system for Valley, while the other half of the funds were split evenly to support specific efforts for the following community partners:

- **PRISM’s Homelessness Prevention Program**
- **Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative's Emerson Village**
- **Presbyterian Clearwater Forest**
- **Liberty's Northside Healing Space**

We are grateful for the amazing way Valley responded to our call for support of this campaign.

We are so grateful for the generosity of our members and their dedication to Valley by providing their gifts of time, talent, and treasures to ensure we can carry out our mission.

Thank you also to the dedicated Stewardship Committee: Lisa Kummer - chair, Craig Gottschalk, Nancy Husnik, Brian Parks, Mariah Messer and Rev. Richard Buller, *ex officio*.

## **Endowment Report 2022**

### **Mike Pinter, Chair**

The VCPC Endowment committee continued to meet mostly virtually during 2022 but finally held our first in-person meeting since pre-pandemic in December, 2022. We received grant requests from various sources and were able to award several significant grants within the framework of the Endowment formula.

Thanks to the generosity of Valley members, including three members' estates (Isabel Leaf, Bob & Shirley Schon & Charlotte Tripet), the VCPC Endowment received a total of \$116,759 in gifts in 2022. This brings the total amount of gifts received since the Endowment was established in 1984 to \$765,973. On December 31, 2022, the Endowment net asset value was \$1,216,961.

During 2022, grants were made to many community outreach efforts, for the enhancement and upkeep for VCPC property, and in support of Valley staff education, retreat events, music programs and the support of our Valley Youth. The 2022 grants totaled \$42,296 (see table II for a listing of these grants). This brings the total dollar value of grants provided by the VCPC Endowment since 1984 to \$565,473.

Thank you to all who have financially supported VCPC's Endowment with gifts in 2022. All these gifts will leave a legacy. You have made the Endowment a vital part of our ministry at Valley and have assured that it will continue to support our Valley members and our outreach efforts for many years to come.

Gifts to the VCPC Endowment may be specified for any of the following funds, many of which have been set up in memory of a family member. Detailed descriptions of all funds can be found on the Valley web site. We are grateful to those who chose to remember their loved ones in this productive way. Where possible, the committee chair sends an annual letter to families who have created a fund to give them a detailed report of how their fund has performed and what grants were made possible due to the income from their fund. Unspecified gifts to Endowment will be allocated at 80% to the General Fund and 20% to the Mission Fund.

Note: The Isabel Snyder Rice Building and Maintenance fund name was updated this year to "The Isabels Building and Maintenance Fund: Isabel Snyder Rice & Isabel Leaf" as the Leaf estate made a significant gift to this fund.



## **VCPC Endowment Funds**

- General Fund
- Mission Fund
- Peteler/Van Beek Music Fund
- Ed Beck Evangelism Fund
- Coffin Family Bell Choir Fund
- Donna L. and Floyd A. Carlson Educational Fund
- Rice Child Development Fund
- The Barbara J. Johnston Scholarship for The Theological Education of Women
- Elizabeth V. Hnatko Hicks Congregational Life Fund
- The Isabels Building and Maintenance Fund: Isabel Snyder Rice & Isabel Leaf
- Wendell & Marcella and Dean Gilkerson Pipe Organ Maintenance Fund
- JacLyn Swanson Monroe Sicora Bodette Children's Ministry Fund
- Van Beek/Peteler VCPC and Community Military Personnel Family Assistance Fund
- Zorada Hoge Landscaping Fund
- Zorada Hoge Pastoral Care Fund
- Karla Parks Clearwater Scholarship Fund
- Pete Peterson Youth Mission Fund
- Helen Potter Webb Technology and Communication Fund
- Allyson Graphenteen Youth Scholarship Fund
- Valley Family Stewardship Fund
- Do Justice Fund

Members of the 2022 Endowment Committee are:

|                                    |               |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Mike Pinter, Chair                 | Class of 2023 |
| Juliana Vogel, Secretary           | Class of 2025 |
| Pat Daily                          | Class of 2022 |
| Greg Van Heest                     | Class of 2024 |
| Rick Martens                       | Class of 2026 |
| Greg Rom, Treasurer, ex officio    |               |
| Denise Kara, Finance Chair         |               |
| Richard Buller, Pastor, ex officio |               |

A big thanks to these committee members for their important work and devotion this past year.

We welcome requests for grants and please contact any member of the committee if you have questions regarding gifts or grants, or if you are interested in including the VCPC Endowment in your will.

Mike Pinter, Chair

**TABLE I - Gifts Received, Grants Made and Current Value of Funds**

| <b>Name of Endowment Funds</b>   | <b>Beginning Year<br/>Fund Value<br/>2022</b> | <b>Gifts<br/>Received in<br/>2022</b> | <b>Grants<br/>Made in<br/>2022</b> | <b>Gifts since<br/>Inception (1984)<br/>through current<br/>Year 2022</b> | <b>Ending Year<br/>Fund Value<br/>2022</b> |
|--|---|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|--|
| General Fund   | \$495,301                                     | \$875                                 | \$17,626                           | \$201,076   | \$375,055                                  |
| Mission Fund   | \$73,482                                      | \$299                                 | \$2,615                            | \$34,765  | \$55,828                                   |
| Peteler/Van Beek Music Fund  | \$36,796                                      | \$0                                   | \$1,309                            | \$13,614  | \$27,811                                   |
| Ed and Joyce Beck Evangelism Fund  | \$22,360                                      | \$0                                   | \$796                              | \$8,797   | \$16,844                                   |
| Coffin Family Bell Choir Fund  | \$41,574                                      | \$0                                   | \$0                                | \$13,230  | \$32,890                                   |
| The Isabels Building and Maintenance<br>Fund: Isabel Snyder Rice and Isabel Leaf     | \$171,917                                     | \$35,000                              | \$1,050                            | \$114,750   | \$169,905                                  |
| Donna L. and Floyd A. Carlson<br>Educational Fund                                    | \$58,539                                      | \$0                                   | \$1,175                            | \$21,395  | \$45,142                                   |
| Rice Child Development Fund  | \$87,522                                      | \$0                                   | \$3,115                            | \$33,597  | \$66,069                                   |
| The Barbara J Johnston Scholarship for<br>The Theological Education of Women<br>Fund | \$31,794                                      | \$0                                   | \$0                                | \$10,000  | \$25,143                                   |
| Elizabeth V. Hnatko Hicks Congregational<br>Life Fund                                | \$92,511                                      | \$155                                 | \$3,292                            | \$46,828  | \$69,865                                   |
| Wendell & Marcella and Dean Gilkerson<br>Pipe Organ Maintenance Fund                 | \$30,659                                      | \$0                                   | \$1,078                            | \$13,395  | \$23,173                                   |
| JacLyn Swanson Monroe Sicora Bodette<br>Children's Ministry Fund                     | \$51,857                                      | \$0                                   | \$1,845                            | \$20,970  | \$39,191                                   |
| Van Beek/Peteler VCPC and Community<br>Military Personnel Family Assistance Fund     | \$24,129                                      | \$0                                   | \$859                              | \$10,020  | \$18,184                                   |
| Zorada Hoge Pastoral Care Fund   | \$39,316                                      | \$0                                   | \$1,399                            | \$20,060  | \$29,892                                   |
| Zorada Hoge Landscaping Fund   | \$39,725                                      | \$0                                   | \$1,414                            | \$20,000  | \$29,993                                   |
| Karla Parks Clearwater Scholarship Fund  | \$36,762                                      | \$50                                  | \$1,308                            | \$23,459  | \$27,830                                   |
| Pete Peterson Youth Mission Fund   | \$24,170                                      | \$130                                 | \$860                              | \$16,492  | \$18,383                                   |
| Helen Potter Webb Technology and<br>Communication Fund                               | \$10,694                                      | \$0                                   | \$381                              | \$7,347   | \$8,047                                    |
| Allyson Graphenteen Youth Scholarship<br>Fund  | \$15,580                                      | \$250                                 | \$554                              | \$10,958  | \$12,017                                   |
| Valley Family Stewardship Fund   | \$44,184                                      | \$80,000                              | \$1,572                            | \$115,220   | \$116,987                                  |
| Do Justice Fund  | \$11,067                                      | \$0                                   | \$48                               | \$10,000  | \$8,712                                    |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>\$1,439,939</b>                            | <b>\$116,759</b>                      | <b>\$42,296</b>                    | <b>\$765,973</b>  | <b>\$1,216,961</b>                         |

**Table II - List of 2022 Grants**

|  |                        |
|--|------------------------|
| <b>Grants Made to Community Outreach</b>     | <b>Total: \$13,959</b> |
| Liberty Church Winter Clothing               | \$3,000                |
| Clearwater Water Bike Maintenance            | \$2,550                |
| United Presbyterian Marshall Mission         | \$2,000                |
| Sacred Sites Tour and Storyteller Event      | \$1,750                |
| Clearwater Forest Osprey House               | \$1,746                |
| PRISM Back to School                         | \$1,089                |
| Prism Toy Drive                              | \$774                  |
| Bridging Dressers                            | \$550                  |
| Empty Bowls                                  | \$500                  |
| <b>Grants Made to Valley Church Ministry</b> | <b>Total: \$9,043</b>  |
| Valley Stewardship                           | \$1,572                |
| Pastor's Discretionary Fund                  | \$1,399                |
| Church Worship Music                         | \$1,309                |
| Synod of Lakes & Prairies Tuition            | \$1,100                |
| Military Family Assistance                   | \$1,000                |
| Clearwater Scholarships                      | \$1,000                |
| Youth Clearwater Mission Trip                | \$750                  |
| Driveway Tour Puppet Show                    | \$500                  |
| Valley Christmas Dinner                      | \$338                  |
| Anti-Racism Workshop                         | \$75                   |
| <b>Grants Made to Valley Church Projects</b> | <b>Total: \$19,294</b> |
| Valley Flat Roof Replacement                 | \$5,000                |
| Valley Exterior Lighting                     | \$5,000                |
| Fellowship Hall Water Fountain               | \$3,292                |
| Playground Bench and Nursery Wall Art        | \$1,254                |
| Pipe Organ Tuning                            | \$1,078                |
| Garage Door                                  | \$1,050                |
| VCPC Signage                                 | \$800                  |
| VCPC Refrigerator                            | \$500                  |
| Confirmation Project Supplies                | \$500                  |
| Valley Landscaping Mulch                     | \$420                  |
| New Computer Equipment                       | \$400                  |

**Table III - Value of Endowment Investments at 12/31/2022**

|   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| <b>Cash On Hand Citizens Bank</b>                 | <b>\$142,173</b>   |
| <b>Securities:</b>                                |                    |
| Parnassus Fixed Income Fund                       | \$223,611          |
| Parnassus Core Equity Fund                        | \$247,136          |
| Parnassus Mid Cap Growth Fund                     | \$169,578          |
| Parnassus Mid Cap Fund                            | \$183,969          |
| Pax World Small Cap Fund                          | \$124,637          |
| Trillium Global Equity Fund                       | \$125,857          |
| <b>Total of Endowment Investments at Year End</b> | <b>\$1,216,961</b> |

## **Educational Ministries Report 2022**

### **Katie Decker, Karen Gillett, Mariah Messer, Co-Chairs**

#### **Educational Ministries Team**

The Educational Ministries leadership team consisted of elders **Mariah Messer, Katie Decker,** and **Karen Gillett**, as well as **Carolyn Anderson**, chair of the Adult Education committee. Staff supporting the team are Sheila Sheldon, Educational Ministries Director and Mariah Messer, Program/Communications Coordinator.

#### **Adult Education**

- 8 classes in the spring and 9 classes in the fall, all offered both in-person and online.
- An average of 24 people attended in person and 15 online.
- New this fall was the livestreaming option made possible by the new Owl cameras. Folks were able to join the conversation remotely!
- Speakers included: Rev. Jim Cook, Rev. Bill Davnie, Rev. Phil Romine, MN Interfaith Power and Light, Kathryn Berger of Minnesota Council of Churches, Ruling Elder Jim Koon, Fern Naomi Renville, Rebecca Kajander, Carolyn Anderson, Crystal Boyd, and Speaking Out Arts Collective.
- Topics from Bible study: Native lands and land acknowledgement, restorative action, refugees in MN, climate change and plastic alternatives, voting and advocacy.
- In fall 2022 three intergenerational learning opportunities were also offered as part of the Adult Education program. They included a Native storytelling presentation, Mission and Outreach fair with presentations and activities, and the performance of an East African folktale by performers and puppeteers. These opportunities brought learners of all ages together in fellowship and allowed for fellowship among all members.
- We continue to be grateful to our community partners, Valley members and staff who help create meaningful conversations for us at these events.

#### **Friendship Group**

- On pause as we continue to navigate the on-going COVID pandemic and keep our friends safe.
- **Rev. Jim and Diane Cook** continue to celebrate birthdays with our friends and send a special gift and message to them on their big day.

#### **Faith Formation and Family Ministries**

In 2022 Sheila and Mariah continued to send a weekly newsletter to all families via email which included resources for families to engage in faith formation activities at home. These emails also included a Doing Good Together moment section with suggested activities for families to do that put that week's scripture into action. Some were mission-based, while others were mindfulness-focused, or creative. Also, during the ***Time with Young Worshippers*** on Sunday mornings Sheila

and other special guests provided meaningful lessons for children of all ages within the service. These aspects of the Faith Formation program continued through the whole year.

Due to continued COVID concerns we made the decision to not hold a traditional VBC in 2022. However, we found other ways to engage and connect with our families. We held outdoor gatherings for families such as sledding events, playground pop-ups, spring egg hunt, parking lot theater group, family picnics, outdoor games, and a campfire Christmas sing-along.

As concerns over COVID eased somewhat in the fall, we were able to offer more in-person, indoor opportunities, like Parent's Nights Out. The Intergenerational Adult Education events in fall of 2022 were also held after worship and offered Valley kids and youth the opportunity to connect with adult Valley members who were not their parents, bringing all ages together to learn and grow. During Advent, 10 Valley families volunteered to light the Advent candles throughout the Advent season. Christmas 2022 also brought back a live Christmas Pageant during worship. Valley kids, ages 3-13, filled roles, both speaking and non-speaking, to act out the Christmas story in front of the congregation. The service was livestreamed so people worshipping at home also were able to enjoy the performance. Valley kids also volunteered to speak and participate in the Christmas Eve service.

## **TEAMS**

In Spring 2022 we offered to have our TEAMS participants come to church on Sunday evenings to join in on Youth Group activities. At the time, our only TEAMS kids were 6<sup>th</sup> graders so this served as a transitional session, seeing as they would begin their time as members of the Youth Group in Fall 2022.

By Fall 2022, concerns over COVID had eased to the point where we felt we could safely have TEAMS participants return in person. After looking at the numbers of Valley kids and youth in grades 4-12, the team realized that TEAMS would need to return to being for students in grades 4 and 5, and there would again be a Middle and High School Youth Group. TEAMS met from 4-6pm on 11 Sundays beginning on September 18 and ending on November 27. The participants had the chance to try activities like building a rocket, wood-burning, pumpkin carving, tying paracord bracelets, and they combined with the Youth Group for fun game nights. Average attendance was 6 kids each week. TEAMS participants and their families were also invited to join the Youth Group and leaders for a Friendsgiving meal on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **Youth**

The Youth were very glad to be able to meet in person again beginning in March 2022. The Youth Group met wearing masks to begin with and were joined by the incoming Middle School Youth.

The Annual Youth Cookie sale took place at the end of February and was a hybrid model. There were cookies and baskets, thanks to Cookie Queen Deb Poynter, available for purchase in person and folks could also pre-order their cookies and pick them up. We collected pre-orders from the congregation and then the youth packaged up the cookies they had baked at home to be picked up curbside at Valley or delivered to their door. Cookie Queen Deb Poynter came out to support

the kids and thank our cookie buyers. The youth raised \$1,202 to be used on future mission retreats or other youth endeavors.

Next, it was time for our annual Youth Educational Scholarship (YES) Tea, spearheaded by **Pam Magill**. The Tea was held in May 2022 which made it possible to host the event indoors! The weather allowed for windows to be open in the Fellowship Hall for improved ventilation and the planning committee opted to require that all attendees be vaccinated against COVID. The committee also decided to have the 2022 YES Tea be hybrid. The team assembled delicious tea boxes which were available for pre-order and pick up. Then the Tea event was livestreamed so that folks at home could tune in and feel like a part of the festivities. With the help of Valerie Robinson, Mary Dunham, Sheila Sheldon, and Valley Youth, hard work was done to make the event possible and memorable. This was Pam Magill's last year leading the YES Tea planning committee, so we paid special tribute to her for her many years of dedication and hard work.

The summer of 2022 brought the return of a Youth Mission Trip that was not in the Twin Cities. In June 2022, 10 youth and 4 adults drove up to Presbyterian Clearwater Forest for a 4-day, 3-night mission trip. Youth were able to work with the camp staff who were in training to participate in worship and team-building activities. Youth also helped with service projects like clearing trails and removing fallen timber. There was also time allowed for youth to rest, connect with one another, and play games.

In the fall we resumed weekly youth gatherings held mostly outside. They held a modified Trick-or-Treat 4 PRISM food drive that collected over 800 lbs of food and helped put on a Trunk or Treat event for Valley's younger kids. The members of the Youth Group also helped prepare food for the Friendsgiving dinner hosted for TEAMS and Youth participants and their families on November 20, 2022.

We want to thank our adult youth leaders; **Andrew Gillett, Andrew Pitan, Katie Decker** and **Hunter Sheldon**, staff, parents, confirmation mentors, and the youth for their dedication to nurturing our connections in times of upheaval and uncertainty!

## **Youth Education Scholarship (YES) Report 2022**

### **Pam Magill, Chair**

The twentieth annual Valley Youth Education Scholarship (Valley YES) tea was held in person for the first time in two years on Saturday, May 7, 2022. As a precaution we limited the attendance to just 80 people with this being one of the first large in person events since the pandemic restrictions had been lifted. We were quickly at full capacity with 10 table hosts each with 5 guests at their tables, our kitchen crew (Pam Magill, Valerie and Scott Robinson, Larry and Mary Dunham) and 12 youth servers. We also offered an opportunity for those not able to attend in person to purchase a cream tea box so they could experience the tea from home, we had 36 of these boxes purchased.

Not only did we celebrate twenty years of this wonderful ministry, but we also honored and said thank you to YES Tea committee member, Pam Magill who served her final year as committee chair. Moving forward a new Tea committee has been formed and Sheila Sheldon along with the elders of the Educational Ministries team will co-chair the annual event.

The committee has awarded 62 scholarships totaling \$41,250 to Valley high school graduates since the committee's inception.

#### **Valley YES (account 65) Financial Report**

|  |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| <b>Beginning of the Year Balance:</b>      | <b>\$11,161.53</b> |
| <b><u>Scholarship Tea</u></b>              |                    |
| <b>Tea Ticket Sales</b>                    | <b>+\$2,993</b>    |
| <b>Sub Total</b>                           | <b>14,154.53</b>   |
| <b>Expenses</b>                            | <b>-\$483.03</b>   |
| <b><u>2022 Scholarships</u></b>            |                    |
| <b>Scholarship given to Natalie Rautio</b> | <b>-750.00</b>     |
| <b>Scholarship given to James Decker</b>   | <b>-750.00</b>     |
| <b>Scholarship given to Ty Miller</b>      | <b>-750.00</b>     |
| <b>Year-end 2022 Balance</b>               | <b>\$11,421.50</b> |



## Church Growth Report 2022

### Susie Potter, Chair

The Church Growth philosophy at Valley states that successful growth is a function of all aspects of the church. Church Growth strives to help Valley create and maintain a vibrant, welcoming and inviting church, opening our doors to members and visitors every day. New members have frequently mentioned how welcoming Valley members were when they first visited.

Valley Community Presbyterian Church is a community of folks who explore and embrace life's great questions. We enjoy seeing our building used for a variety of community meetings and events.

The Growth Team continues the work of attracting visitors and new members to Valley. New growth depends on **all of us** being ambassadors of God's love and sharing the Valley Vibe. We welcome **ALL** to join us in worship, spiritual growth, fellowship, service to others, and we embrace diversity with open hearts and open minds.

Growth Team activities:

- We hosted one Valley Mixer early in the year with seven folks attending.
- In 2022 we welcomed and received 15 new members.
- **Thank You** to Valley's Tech Team for continuing to make the YouTube live-stream services so seamless. These livestream services attracted many folks and kept us connected. One new member family joined after participating in the YouTube services!

Thank you, Valley family, for being such a vibrant community that responds willingly to the needs of our members and the communities where we live. In 2023 we look forward to new opportunities to grow and reach out to our neighbors.

## **Mission Possible: Peace & Justice Report 2022**

### **Craig Gottschalk & Janet Triplett**

This committee is blessed to have thoughtful and committed members and several willing helpers who come when called: Arlene Freeberg, Jan Sacco, Lotti Matkovits, Jennifer Biggs, Mark Freeman, Nancy Husnik, Arlen Havrilla, Andrew Pitan, Craig Gottschalk (co-chair) and Janet Triplett (co-chair). We are extremely grateful to the members who give so generously of their time and talent to the projects listed below and encourage anyone who would like to be involved in helping to please call the person listed at the end of each report to find out more about what they can do. There are opportunities for any level of involvement!

Below is an alphabetical summary of the many activities in which we have been involved during 2022.

**Alternative Gift Catalog** - Despite challenges with in-person attendance, the Alternative Gift option continues to be one of the programs that interests members as a way to give a gift to a special person that will enjoy a donation to a charity that is close to their heart. In 2022 \$1,564 was donated to various agencies that Valley supports. (Arlene Freeberg)

**Bridging (since 2003)** - We had 8 volunteers who on Dec 3rd built 10 dressers at the Roseville location. With the help of \$550 from the endowment fund we were able to purchase the 10 dressers that were built with what was already in the budget. (Andrew Pitan)

**Clare Terrace (since 2016)** - During the first half of 2022, COVID restrictions remained in place, and we reached out to the 36 residents at Clare Terrace by delivering bags filled with home-baked cookies on Valentine's Day and individual home-cooked meals in May.

By August we were finally able to connect with residents in person which was celebrated with an outdoor barbecue. A repeat barbecue was held in October.

The year concluded with a delivery of pies for Thanksgiving and a \$15 giftcard enclosed in individually written holiday cards. Valley also provided four "Welcome Kits" for new residents during the year. About fifteen VCPC volunteers helped with these activities this year. (Lotti Matkovits)

(This mission effort has been led for a number of years by Lotti, Wendy Fields, and Lisa Tarbell. All three are stepping down from leadership roles but will stay involved in the service work. We are hopeful that someone(s) will come forward to continue leading this important work. Please contact Rev. Buller, Janet Triplett or Craig Gottschalk if interested in learning more.)

**Presbyterian Clearwater Forest** - We were thrilled and grateful to be one of the \$10,000 recipients of the "Breathing Life" campaign at Valley. **Thank you!** It is being saved for the capital campaign and eventual building of an Osprey replacement. The Clearwater board decided in 2022 to put a pause on the campaign. We were in a transition year with our staff, and much work was being done to research what position to hire. The board decided that an Executive Director was what was best for the camp's future, and it felt prudent to wait until an ED was hired to restart the capital campaign. A search team was formed, candidates sought out and interviewed, and by the time you read this, we should have a new person in place overseeing all the camp. Our programs are already rebuilding under the enthusiastic guidance of Angie Fay, who ran a wonderful summer 2022 session. We continued her employment this past fall after

hearing so many rave reviews of her work. Watch for more program options this summer and beyond. We had a few unexpected challenges in our buildings and grounds, including flood, fire and storm, but staff and volunteers did fantastic work cleaning up and things look better than ever. I was honored to preside over the CF board in 2022 and am very confident in the board and all the staff at Clearwater for 2023. Great things ahead! (Pat Daily)

**Earth Care Congregation Task Force (since 2019)** - The Earth Care Congregation application approved in 2021 was recertified by the national office in February. With task force members and staff supporting increased levels of activity through the church programs, youth participated in earth care education and service projects, some children's sermons focused on earth care, several adult ed programs were offered, and several people attended virtual conferences and educational events. (Janet Triplett, Barb Wasmoen, Julie Westerlund, Andrew Gillett, Carolyn Anderson)

**Empty Bowls** - Last year Empty Bowls was a "donate and receive a goodie bag of coupons" event. About 20 volunteers solicited restaurants and local merchants to donate coupons for the "goodie bags" that would take customers back to the merchant's venues to spend them. Valley Screen Printing donated printed tote bags to hold these coupons. Empty Bowls attendees stopped at Cooper High School, listened to music by District 281 singing/band/orchestra groups, made a donation to Empty Bowls and received a bag of coupons. Funds of \$20,000 collected at Empty Bowls were distributed to PRISM and NEAR food shelves. (Sharon Pleimling)

**Every Meal (since 2012)** - is a local nonprofit that delivers weekly supplemental food to District 281's students. Each bag of food includes about 5 lbs of food. At the request of Noble's principal and staff, Every Meal continues to support Noble students this school year, serving about 20 students. As partners with Noble, we organize and hand out bags at Noble, and provide financial support. In 2022, we also contributed \$3,000 to Every Meal. (Virginia Day)

**Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery (since 1997)** - Valley Church is a long-time supporter of GMCN in South Minneapolis. GMCN provides 24/7 support to parents who request help during a crisis. Childcare, housing and meals are provided for children, ages newborn to 6 years old, up to 3 days/nights and parents are offered guidance and counseling. Volunteers assist the Nursery with childcare, meal preparation/serving, educational opportunities and outreach. COVID seriously affected the Nursery's outreach, but by 2022 more families were being serviced and more volunteers were invited to return to continue this important mission. In 2022, Valley hosted a table at the GMCN's Formula for Hope fundraiser and received donations from a Music in the Valley concert, all totaling over \$4,400. (Nancy Husnik)

**Habitat for Humanity (since 1998)** - Due to COVID restrictions, we were unable to volunteer in 2022. (Andrew Pitan)

**Immigration Task Force** - Since Valley began its sponsorship of an Afghan family seeking asylum in November 2021, our church family has continued to provide daily service and support to this family. Thirty-five Valley volunteers provided employment, transportation, medical and legal advocacy, English and acculturation, and many other services. It's hard to keep track of the exact number of volunteer hours, but a rough estimate is at least 15 hours per week of support, mostly given by a core group of trusted helpers. Financial donations of more than \$17,000 have been gathered in the dedicated account for the Afghan refugees. This fund helps pay for medical and legal bills, education, and potentially a car for the family. Cochairs Arlene Freeberg and Jan

Sacco are grateful for the generous gift of time and treasures that our Valley community has given to the Karwan family. (Jan Sacco and Arlene Freeberg)

In addition to the resettlement project, 2-8 volunteers from VCPC joined people from other churches in once-a-month vigils outside the Sherburne County Detention Center to protest the incarceration of undocumented immigrants by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). When we began attending the vigils several years ago, the number of detainees was quite high. The most recent report was that five individuals remain. (Janet Triplett)

**Land Acknowledgement Taskforce** - Convened in April 2021, the Land Acknowledgement Taskforce has had a busy and productive 2022, much of it focused on an oral history project designed to learn Native experiences and histories related to Golden Valley. This project was led by Dr. Kasey Keeler of the University of Wisconsin-Madison with support and collaboration from the Minnesota Historical Society, University of Wisconsin-Madison and VCPC Endowment Funds. Other partners include the Bassett Creek Watershed Commission and the Hennepin History Museum.

We look forward to continuing to live out our commitment within the Land Acknowledgement Statement with new initiatives in 2023.

2022 key accomplishments include:

- The oral history project began in January 2022
- VCPC hosted the Ĥaĥa Wakpadaĥ / Bassett Creek Community Celebration on June 4, 2022. The event included a presentation by Dr. Keeler, Native drumming and dancing by Spirit Boy, food from Gatherings Cafe, screen printing with and tabling by local individuals and organizations. Over 100 people attended.
- A Sacred Site tour was offered to members of the congregation at a discounted cost. The tour was held on June 18, 2022, with 13 people participating.
- Fern Renville, a Dakota Storyteller, led a multigenerational education hour on September 18, 2022, with approximately 40 people participating.
- A new Peace Pole, featuring both Ojibwe and Dakota languages was purchased and commemorated on Indigenous People's Sunday, October 9, 2022.
- The oral history project was completed with Dr. Keeler's team conducting 14 interviews with written transcripts.
- A follow up brunch was held on November 12, 2022, with narrators (oral history participants) and project partners, with 17 people attending.

*Land Acknowledgement Statement: As a faith congregation opening hearts, opening minds, and opening lives to God, Valley Community Presbyterian Church (VCPC) seeks to honor the important stories and lived experiences of its members and neighbors. VCPC sits on the ancestral and contemporary land of the Dakota people, for whom the land holds historical, spiritual, political, and cultural significance. We acknowledge the ongoing injustices that we have committed against the Dakota people and pledge to interrupt this legacy. We will educate ourselves about Indigenous history and recognize, support, and advocate for our Native neighbors.*

(Land Acknowledgement Task Force)

**Meals on Wheels (since 1995)** - Valley's commitment to delivering meals to the homebound and needy has spanned over 50 years and has undergone many changes especially, in the past two years.

Dinner at Your Door (DAYD), a locally run organization of member churches since 1973, provided meals in north suburban Hennepin County. With the pandemic, protocols changed as far as receiving and delivering meals, and then in late 2021 DAYD was discontinued, and we became part of Meals on Wheels. MOW is a national service run by CEAP (Community Emergency Assistance Program) located in Brooklyn Park. Our commitment to MOW was identical to DAYD as far as the number of volunteers needed for the same geographic area. We provided 12-14 drivers from VCPC every fourth Thursday of the month. However, in late 2022, we were informed that demand for meals had fallen off and we would need to provide only half the number of drivers (6) for our regular day of the month. We currently have 18 drivers on our list, 16 from VCPC. To utilize these wonderful, generous people, it was decided that we would add another Thursday to our commitment. Therefore, we will now be providing drivers for the third and fourth Thursdays, starting January 2023.

Marge Thurston has agreed to take over for Karen Sauter, and will provide six drivers for the fourth Thursdays, and I will provide 6 for the third Thursday. With 18 drivers available, we are in good shape to be flexible when we have higher needs or fewer drivers available. Lots of changes, but we are grateful for the continued support of our church family. (Gail Smith)

**Noble School (since 2012)** - Valley is well represented at Noble Elementary. There are volunteers to help students with math and reading. There are volunteers to help teachers with prepping for future lessons, organizing and copying. Volunteers can also be found in the office helping the staff. Valley has provided leggings, mittens, and blankets in the nurse's office to help the kids. There remains much to be done. More volunteers would be welcomed. (Pam Magill)

**PRISM (since 1970)** - Valley volunteers participated in weekly support and delivery of donations. In March, Pack the Pews was a major effort for food donations. Taste of the 'Burbs continued to be virtual this year, but Valley served as a virtual "watch party" site where close to 50 members attended, celebrated the good work PRISM has accomplished, and helped raise funds. The school supply drive returned, and Valley donated many backpacks and other school related supplies. This year, Valley collected and donated over 4,000 pounds of food which amounts to over \$6,800 in groceries! Valley youth participated in food drives – delivering donation fliers around the Valley neighborhood and picking up the food left on doorsteps. Donations totaling \$1,200 allowed Valley to purchase 40 boxes of food at Thanksgiving (20) and Christmas (20) from Fare for All, the retail arm of The Food Group. This food went to PRISM for distribution during Thanksgiving and Christmas weeks. Monetary donations totaled \$17,250, including a \$10,000 gift from the "Breathing Life" campaign Valley members so generously donated to over the last few years. The PRISM Toy Shoppe returned once again to Valley, helping parents select toys and gifts for their children to unwrap on Christmas morning. What a wonderful year of giving and generosity to our neighborhood partner, PRISM!

## Mission Giving Report 2022

| Mission Possible Budgeted Giving              | Amounts      | Total         |   |
|---|--------------|---------------|---|
| 1.) Unified Giving to PCUSA (account 967)     | 9,000        | 9,000         | 17% General Assembly,<br>17% Synod, and 66% to Presbytery |
| 2.) Mission Giving (account 966)              |              |               |   |
| <u>Youth</u>                                  |              |               |   |
| PRISM School Supplies                         | 700          |               |   |
| Joint Religious Legislative Coalition         | 200          |               |   |
| Noble / KidPack                               | 250          |               |   |
| <b>Youth</b>                                  | <b>1,150</b> |               |   |
| <u>Housing</u>                                |              |               |   |
| Bridging                                      | 500          |               |   |
| Habitat for Humanity                          | 400          |               |   |
| Clare Terrace                                 | 300          |               |   |
| <b>Housing</b>                                | <b>1,200</b> |               |   |
| <u>Domestic Aid</u>                           |              |               |   |
| Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery            | 500          |               |   |
| Liberty Community Church                      | 500          |               |   |
| Home Free                                     | 500          |               |   |
| <b>Domestic Aid</b>                           | <b>1,500</b> |               |   |
| <u>In-House</u>                               |              |               |   |
| Presbyterian Clearwater Forest                | 500          |               |   |
| <b>In-House</b>                               | <b>500</b>   |               |   |
| <u>International</u>                          |              |               |   |
| Rev. John McCall - PC(USA) Taiwan Missionary  | 1,000        |               |   |
| <b>International</b>                          | <b>1,000</b> |               |   |
| <b>Mission Giving</b>                         | <b>5,350</b> |               |   |
| 3.) Loose Offering (account 965)              | 1,530        | 1,530         |   |
| <b>Total Budgeted Mission Possible Giving</b> |              | <b>15,880</b> |   |

| Special Offerings                    |              | Offering Given to:          |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| One Great Hour of Sharing            | 2,742        | PC(USA)                     |
| Ash Wednesday/Lent                   | 235          | The FATHER Project          |
| Pentecost                            | 470          | Every Meal                  |
| Easter                               | 706          | Crisis Nursery 50% OGHS 50% |
| Thanksgiving                         | 896          | Pastor's Discretionary Fund |
| Christmas                            | 1,337        | PRISM                       |
| Christmas Joy                        | 1,090        | PC(USA)                     |
| Peace and Global Witness             | 590          | PC(USA) 60% Home Free 40%   |
| <b>Total Special Offering Giving</b> | <b>8,066</b> |                             |

| Other Mission Giving           |  | Amounts | Total  |
|--------------------------------|--|---------|--------|
| Crisis Nursery                 |  | 3,894   |        |
| Bridging                       |  | 1,519   |        |
| Home Free                      |  | 1,300   |        |
| PRISM                          |  | 17,764  |        |
| Empty Bowls                    |  | 300     |        |
| Meals on Wheels                |  | 500     |        |
| Noble Vision (Every Meal)      |  | 3,000   |        |
| Clearwater Forest              |  | 5,806   |        |
| Fridays in the Valley          |  | 4,952   |        |
| Liberty Community Church       |  | 4,090   |        |
| Presbytery Disaster Assistance |  | 3,383   |        |
| Pastor's Discretionary Fund    |  | 17,702  |        |
| Clare Housing                  |  | 1,066   |        |
| Immigration Refugee            |  | 1,893   |        |
| The FATHER Project             |  | 2,185   |        |
| *Alternative Gifts*            |  | 1,994   |        |
|                                |  |         |        |
|                                |  | 71,348  |        |
| Total Other Mission Giving     |  |         | 71,348 |

| *Alternative Gifts by Agency* |       |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| Bridging                      | 169   |
| Clare Terrace                 | 135   |
| Clearwater Forest             | 80    |
| Crisis Nursery                | 175   |
| Disaster Assistance           | 115   |
| Habitat for Humanity          | 165   |
| Heifer Project                | 90    |
| Home Free Shelter             | 25    |
| Interfaith Power & Light      | 80    |
| Afghan Family                 | 30    |
| Liberty 21st Century          | 465   |
| Pastor's Discretionary        | 70    |
| PRISM                         | 325   |
| Every Meal                    | 70    |
| Total Alternative Gifts       | 1,994 |

| Youth Mission Support       |       |       |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|
| Fundraisers                 | 1,082 |       |
|                             | 1,082 |       |
| Total Youth Mission Support |       | 1,082 |

| Endowment Giving to Mission Projects             |        |        |
|--|--------|--------|
| See Endowment report for complete list of grants | 42,296 |        |
| TOTAL ENDOWMENT MISSION GIVING                   |        | 42,296 |

| Breathing Life Mission Giving       |        |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Beacon Interfaith Housing           | 10,000 |
| Clearwater Forest                   | 10,000 |
| Liberty Church                      | 10,000 |
| PRISM                               | 10,000 |
| TOTAL BREATHING LIFE MISSION GIVING | 40,000 |

**ALL MISSION GIVING \$: 178,672**

| Item Donations                               |        |        |
|--|--------|--------|
| Non-Cash PRISM: Food & Clothing              | 18,340 |        |
| Other Supplies to PRISM and Noble Elementary | 7,541  |        |
| PRISM Christmas Shop donations               | 7,746  |        |
| TOTAL ESTIMATED DONATIONS                    |        | 33,627 |

**TOTAL MISSION + DONATIONS \$: 212,299**

## Worship & Music Report 2022

### Linda Wold, Chair

*In Christian worship Jesus Christ is truly present and active among us, by the power of the Holy Spirit, through the gifts of Word and Sacrament. Wherever the Scriptures are read and proclaimed and the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper are celebrated, the Church bears witness to Jesus Christ, the living Word, and proclaims the mystery of faith. Through these means of grace, God imparts and sustains our faith, orders our common life, and transforms the world. Through these same acts of worship, we share in the life of the Spirit, are united to Jesus Christ, and give glory to God. W-1.0106*

The work of the Worship & Music Committee is guided by the above Book of Order excerpt. At Valley we aim to faithfully follow these guides and undertake this work.

What does it mean to be grateful to God? It means that **through the eyes of faith we can look beyond our present-day challenges**. Being grateful in our circumstances is an act of faith in God. It requires that we trust God and hope for things we may not see but which are true. True gratitude is an expression of hope and testimony.

We at Valley are **GRATEFUL** to God and express it in our Worship and through Music. Streaming is now an every-Sunday way of life. We were **GRATEFUL** to worship by livestreaming with the talents of our stream team (Sheila Sheldon, Myron Jones, Joel Larsen, Brandon Novy, Roger Graphenteen, and Larry Johnson) who provided that service. We set in motion a more expanded re-opening for Sunday worship. A cadre of volunteer ushers (Jan Fedora, Susy Potter, Karen Harms, Jan Sacco, Jim Parks) helped to ensure COVID safety protocols were honored as worshipers were led into the Sanctuary. We are indeed **GRATEFUL** for their assistance to keep worship safe.

We are **GRATEFUL** that baptisms have been a part of our church once again. They have brought us closer together as a worshipping community and have given us all a connection with those little ones with the opportunity to walk with them on their faith journeys.

Sundays are worship-filled with music of all kinds. We are **GRATEFUL** for all the talented people and groups that have gifted us with their various music and special abilities. And after a time of searching for a Director of Music we have Rachel Williams as our Music Coordinator and Jane Nienaber who plays our organ once a month. The choir came back and was temporarily led by Hsu-Hui Wang and is now directed by Janet Carlson two Sundays per month.

We so enjoyed and benefitted from the many Valley-connected musicians, vocalists, and a former director to carry out the music program for worship such as Hsu-Hui Wang, Peter Buller, Taichi & Robin Chen, Richard, Melinda, & Jamie Marshall, Sue Ruby, and Donna Philippot. They all helped us to worship with joy-filled hearts! Yet another exceptional feature of worship for which we are **GRATEFUL**.

We are **GRATEFUL** for the preaching at Valley which is the cornerstone of worship. Pastor Richard has been our long-standing pastor for going on 20 years! He has guided this congregation along their faith journeys and offered a variety of Biblical perspectives on Scripture through real-life examples and personal stories as a way to help us interact more fully with The Word in our daily lives.



Several guest preachers were also there to guide us and shared the Word with a variety of styles, all engaging and inspiring. We are **GRATEFUL** that they are willing to share their gifts with us as well as allowing our pastor to be away from the pulpit at times.

We are especially **GRATEFUL** for our own Rev. Jim Cook, Rev. Bill Davnie , Rev. Kate Soltou O'Brian, Rev. Aron Wilterding and Rev. Rebecca Tollefson, our parish associates, who always bring us to new understandings and make the Good News come alive in our every-day lives. Rev. Deb DeMeester and Rev. Alike Galloway, all added a shimmer to the Word that brings us knowledge, an appreciation for and a bond with our world.

The Lenten theme was “The Pandemic as a Summons to Faith: Times of Anxiety and Times of Hope”. The anointing of ashes on Ash Wednesday, traditional Easter flowers, and fresh palms on Palm Sunday elicited a feeling of familiarity and guided toward being Easter people once again. The messages and music included various familiar preachers and musicians, all sharing what they struggled with through the pandemic and their focus on hope. We were all **GRATEFUL** for their tenacity and faithful expression of hope and resilience and for guiding us along the way to see hope in our futures too.

Advent arrived with a sense of anticipation and longing for the coming of the Christ child. We hung the greens, erected the poinsettia tree, placed the Nativity scenes, and lit the Advent wreath candles each week. Music, vocals, instruments, prayers, and grace guided us to the manger, illuminating our faith and the love and tenderness we received and for which we are **GRATEFUL**.

Thank you to ALL who so graciously volunteered this year in Worship and Music. Your time and talents certainly helped to enrich our worship! We are truly **GRATEFUL** for Valley's volunteers and their work which is so essential to our worship experience.

As I end my time leading Worship & Music, I am **GRATEFUL** for the opportunity to have served this congregation!

## **Fellowship Report 2022**

### **Rachel Hole & Mary Dunham, Co-Chairs**

Fellowship Committee Members: Jean Ann Buller, Margie Deutsch, Mary & Larry Dunham, Arlene Freeberg, Marilyn Merino, Susie Potter, Karen Ripley, Valarie Robinson, Margaret Sandberg, Rachel Hole, and Sue Tracy.

Fellowship Committee met a limited number of times during 2022 to plan various events at Valley. These included:

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| March 6, 2022         | Coffee Hour Returns                     |
| June 5, 2022          | Annual Church Picnic                    |
| June 26, 2022         | MN Twins Game                           |
| July 31, 2022         | Golf outing at the New Hope Golf Course |
| September 23-25, 2022 | Men's Retreat at Clearwater Forest      |

October 15, 2022 Fall Festival – We had a Mardi Gras themed event that featured Bourbon (Street) Chicken, Beans and Rice, Mardi Gras Salad, and Cupcakes. Money raised from the auction, donations, and funds from the Endowment Committee were used to pay for the new refrigerator in the kitchen (\$5,500).

December 4, 2022 Christmas Dinner – We enjoyed a catered meal of Field Greens-Berry-Feta Salad, Pork Roulade/Mushroom Sauce, Oven Roasted Chicken Breast in Champagne Butter Sauce, Yukon Gold Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Caramelized Baby Carrots, and Assorted Christmas Cookies for dessert. We were also treated to beautiful instrumental music.

A big THANK YOU to all who helped with coffee hour during the past year. New folks are always welcome to help with a shift. Please talk to anyone on the Fellowship Committee if you'd like to help. Thank you also to everyone who helped in many other ways during the year. Your help made Valley's Fellowship events fun & successful.

Several other groups at Valley that participated in fellowship opportunities during the year included but were not limited to:

|                                  |                        |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Bible Study small group sessions | Men of Valley Retreats |
| Brew Crew                        | Y.E.S. Scholarship Tea |

We would like to personally thank the Fellowship Committee members who made this year's events fun & who have been a joy to work with. Thank you all!

## **Property Report 2022**

### **Ted Arneson, Chair**

Valley Properties. Pandemic year 3 and the building is open for the congregation.

There have been many projects undertaken and completed safely. Below is the list of projects:

- 1) Spring cleanup, May 7, was well attended and lots of work was done. Thank you to all the helpers.
- 2) Parking lot was resealed and re-striped.
- 3) New LED lights were installed on the existing poles in the parking lot and on the west side too.
- 4) Garage door was replaced.
- 5) A damaged window was replaced in the Cornerstone Room.
- 6) The flat roof was replaced, and the HVAC was updated.
- 7) The shed and fence on the south side was replaced.
- 8) Sections of sidewalk were replaced on the east side.
- 9) There was a tech upgrade and new monitors in the sanctuary.
- 10) Fall clean-up was on November 5; thank you to all who helped!
- 11) The Narthex ceiling was repaired and repainted!
- 12) A new refrigerator was purchased for the kitchen.

Lots of work, and lots of support from the congregation! I really appreciate Dave Dechaine and Ray Anderson who have run the snowblower and “Calvin” the snow brush during our winter seasons. I hope 2023 is a calm year for properties, but an increasingly busy one for the congregation. Come and see the wonders God holds for you here!

May you be blessed with ever abundant, Joy, Peace, Gratitude and Love.

## **Technology & Communications Report 2022**

### **Brandon Novy, Chair**

The biggest change in technology was replacing the aging projectors with large televisions in the sanctuary. We reached out to three companies and chose Innovative Presentations to do the installation.

Other items completed this year included:

- Replacing Richard's laptop
- General computer upkeep
- Cleaning out the tech closet
- Continued leveraging Microsoft 365 for Non-Profits

The 2022 Committee consisted of Tim Grosshuesch, Myron Jones, Chris Marshall, Larry Johnson, Joel Larsen, and Brandon Novy.

## Board of Deacons Report 2022

The Board of Deacons at Valley have been inspired by Paul's Letter to the church in Rome:

*"Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Romans 12:9–13:"*

While all Christians are called to care for persons in need, the ministry of Deacons is the light that guides the way. Deacons are a reflection of the heart of Christianity. Deacons are called to model and extend the love of Jesus Christ.

The last three years have not been easy for the Deacons. During the pandemic, all of us yearned for community and opportunities to gather. Our Deacons continued to reach out through cards and phone calls. They also continued to pray for the members of their Care Circle and for the ministry of Valley.

### Class of 2023

Jay Perry  
Karen Harms  
Kerrie Deef  
Rick Carlson  
Vivian Bi

### Class of 2024

Ann Roach  
Bellinda Nti  
Andy Freeman  
Renee Desarmeaux  
Jeanine Miakotina

### Class of 2025

Samantha Schellhaas  
Jan Sacco  
Margie Deutsch  
Jessica Goslinga  
Jennie Minter

As they finish their three-year terms, we want to thank **Andrew Pitan, Jennifer Downs, Steve Bauer, Marissa Anderson, and Lisa Cawhorn** for their ministry on the Board of Deacons!

## THANK YOU FOR CARING

When someone takes the time to listen,  
When someone reaches out,  
When someone does a thoughtful thing that  
makes you warm throughout.

When someone lends a helping hand,  
Finds ways in which to share,  
When someone makes you feel secure by  
always being there.

When someone senses there are times when  
you have special needs,  
When someone gives you inner strength  
through words as well as deeds.

When someone seems to take an interest in  
just how you're faring,  
It's time to tell that special someone thanks  
so much for caring!

## **Valley Community Garden Report 2022**

### **Sheila Sheldon, Garden Coordinator**

We had a wonderful year again in the garden with all our plots filled. Inside the garden we currently have 19 full plot garden spaces, which were divided this year into 28 individual plots of various sizes to fit the needs of each garden member. There are also three community raised beds. One was planted for the Karwan family and the other was used by the garden coordinator. The third raised bed was added this fall by Lucas Priem as part of his confirmation project. The Garden community had 22 plots maintained by community members and 6 by Valley families. With spouses and children all lending a hand, we had 37 adults and 2 kids participating in the Garden community.

After a few challenging years the Valley community garden has continued to be an important outreach to our community, bringing church and community members together in fellowship. We were thrilled to once again host our monthly potlucks and share in conversation face to face. Dedicated members of the garden worked at maintaining the perennial flower/plant garden and clearing displaced plant species to help the native plants flourish. A special thank you to Ann Sessoms, Ann Roach, Karen Nemchik, and Steve Beseres who gave time each week to help keep the memorial garden looking beautiful.

Most of our gardeners return year after year and we continue to be so grateful for them and the work they put into the garden. The excitement for the Valley Garden continues to grow each year as requests come in midsummer for the next garden season. We are thankful for the garden and God's blessings on our community.

## **Fridays in the Valley Concert Series Report 2022**

### **Vicki Wheeler & Sue Ruby, Concert Series Coordinators**

The Fridays in the Valley Concert Series is back! We were thrilled to offer a full season of performances this year enhanced for the first time ever with livestream access to each show. Our audiences may have not returned in person to pre-COVID numbers, but our overall attendance has been boosted greatly by our livestream attendees. We have continued to encourage COVID protocols by asking our audiences to wear masks and socially distance seating. We continue to mourn the loss of our revered after-concert treats and the socializing previously enjoyed after each performance.

Our 2022 year saw the premiere of six ensembles new to Fridays in the Valley including Chione Quartet, Duo Bossa Nova, The Paper Clips, the Swider Duo and the BS Project. The season also welcomed repeat performers The Boston Imposters, The Good News Big Band and of course perennial favorite, the Above Average Tuba Quartet. On average, our in-person audiences were approximately 50 people per concert while an additional average of 30 folks attended the same concert via livestream. The concert with the highest number of attendees, both in person and total (including livestream attendees) was the tribute concert, "Art Songs and Chamber Music of Arthur Maud". The honoree, composer Arthur Maud himself was one of the 73 people attending in person.

Following our Series' mission, each month's concert freewill donation was devoted to a designated charity. The choice of charity and contact with charity representatives was the work of Rev. Jim Cook and Rev. Richard Buller, who also served as concert hosts. Unbelievably, our post-pandemic year raised a record total of \$9,521.00 eclipsing any previous years' total donations! This total was greatly helped by a new monthly record total from December of \$2,245.00 raised for PRISM Holiday Shoppe. Our generous Friday's audiences managed to increase the average donation to nearly \$800 per concert! This brings the grand total amount of money raised during our full Fridays in the Valley Series' existence to \$63,473.00.

We would like to thank William Glasper for program design and logistical aid as well as the web and social media presence provided by Mariah Messer and Sheila Sheldon. Of course, many thanks to our 56 musicians for their generosity of time, talent and occasional monies toward the Series and the benefited charities. Finally, a huge thank-you goes to Greg and Mary Rom whose funding makes the Series possible.

Fridays in the Valley has become a well-known and respected concert series in our community. Vicki and Sue continue as ambassadors by reaching out to ensembles consisting of our colleagues, friends, associates, and groups that share our passion for mission. We are still meeting regularly under the guise of coordinating this Series perhaps with less chocolate but an increased amount of reminiscing and gratitude for this Series that has brought so many format and wonderful musicians together.

Don't miss the great lineup of ensembles to finish out the 2022-2023 season. Whether its medieval melodies of Monteverdi or foot stomping bluegrass, every Fridays in the Valley concert promises an evening of amazing music! Plans for the 2023-2024 season are already underway so mark your calendars today.

| <b>Date</b>              | <b>Ensemble/Artists</b>               | <b>Charity</b>                             | <b>Donations</b> | <b>Attendance<br/>In person/Total</b> |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>January 14, 2022</b>  | <b>Chione Quintet</b>                 | <b>Liberty<br/>21<sup>st</sup> Century</b> | <b>\$370</b>     | <b>19/63</b>                          |
| <b>February 11, 2022</b> | <b>Broadway<br/>Swider Duo</b>        | <b>Karwan Family</b>                       | <b>\$1,189</b>   | <b>51/85</b>                          |
| <b>March 11, 2022</b>    | <b>Sue Ruby<br/>MacPhail Faculty</b>  | <b>Ukraine</b>                             | <b>\$1,675</b>   | <b>51/97</b>                          |
| <b>April 8, 2022</b>     | <b>Art Songs<br/>Arthur Maud</b>      | <b>Every Meal</b>                          | <b>\$912</b>     | <b>73/101</b>                         |
| <b>May 13, 2022</b>      | <b>The BS project</b>                 | <b>Crisis Nursery</b>                      | <b>\$415</b>     | <b>35/55</b>                          |
| <b>June 12, 2022</b>     | <b>The Boston<br/>Imposters</b>       | <b>The FATHER<br/>Project</b>              | <b>\$775</b>     | <b>35/77</b>                          |
| <b>July 10, 2022</b>     | <b>Good News<br/>Big Band</b>         | <b>Immigration<br/>Refugee<br/>MCC</b>     | <b>\$503</b>     | <b>58/86</b>                          |
| <b>September 9, 2022</b> | <b>Duo Bossa Nova</b>                 | <b>Every Meal</b>                          | <b>\$446</b>     | <b>27/67</b>                          |
| <b>October 14, 2022</b>  | <b>The Paperclips</b>                 | <b>Home Free</b>                           | <b>\$480</b>     | <b>35/59</b>                          |
| <b>November 11, 2022</b> | <b>Milestones<br/>Sue Ruby</b>        | <b>Meals on<br/>Wheels</b>                 | <b>\$511</b>     | <b>69/97</b>                          |
| <b>December 9, 2022</b>  | <b>Above Average<br/>Tuba Quartet</b> | <b>PRISM<br/>Toy Shoppe</b>                | <b>\$2,245</b>   | <b>69/97</b>                          |

### **Fridays in the Valley Vision Statement**

Valley Community Presbyterian Church has long enjoyed a rich musical heritage. Building on this tradition, Fridays in the Valley was created for local musicians to showcase their talents while providing a benefit for local charities. Fridays in the Valley is an eclectic mix of quality musicians performing in an intimate setting, making fine music accessible to our community. Funding for Fridays in the Valley is made possible by a generous donation from Greg and Mary Rom.



## Memorials Report 2022

*The Memorial Committee's regular responsibilities include acknowledging monies received, consulting the honoree's family about projects, working with session committees who spend memorial monies, helping to arrange a dedication, and maintaining the memorials book. In this process the session plays the role of developing a list of suggested memorials to enhance the ministry of Valley. The family may suggest an alternative project, but all such alternatives require session approval.*

| Honoree                         | 2022<br>Beginning Balance | 2022<br>Increases | 2022<br>Decreases | 2022<br>Ending Balance |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Anne Reynolds                   | 25                        | 0                 | 25                | 0                      |
| Barty Amundson                  | 719                       | 0                 | 0                 | 719                    |
| Bill Davis                      | 325                       | 0                 | 0                 | 325                    |
| Bill Driver III                 | 153                       | 0                 | 153               | 0                      |
| Bill MacWhirter                 | 1,095                     | 0                 | 0                 | 1,095                  |
| Bob Schon                       | 0                         | 540               | 540               | 0                      |
| Bogucki (Chen Parents)          | 150                       | 0                 | 150               | 0                      |
| Charlotte Tripet                | 510                       | 0                 | 202               | 308                    |
| Darlene Spencer                 | 0                         | 25                | 25                | 0                      |
| Don Loubert                     | 105                       | 0                 | 105               | 0                      |
| Doris St. John                  | 0                         | 180               | 180               | 0                      |
| Eleanor Wild                    | 0                         | 300               | 300               | 0                      |
| Fred Tunks                      | 275                       | 0                 | 275               | 0                      |
| Isabel Leaf                     | 0                         | 385               | 0                 | 385                    |
| Julie Lund                      | 690                       | 0                 | 0                 | 690                    |
| June MacWhirter                 | 1,055                     | 0                 | 0                 | 1,055                  |
| Ken Inman                       | 25                        | 0                 | 25                | 0                      |
| Len Frame                       | 835                       | 0                 | 0                 | 835                    |
| Letta Swedelius                 | 1,000                     | 0                 | 0                 | 1,000                  |
| Loretta Moen                    | 0                         | 300               | 300               | 0                      |
| Marian Michael                  | 0                         | 7,915             | 0                 | 7,915                  |
| Mary Vannucci                   | 525                       | 0                 | 130               | 395                    |
| Richard Reinhart                | 0                         | 615               | 0                 | 615                    |
| Sherill Mixer                   | 0                         | 50                | 0                 | 50                     |
| Shirley Schon                   | 1,320                     | 500               | 1,164             | 656                    |
| Tim Thorbus                     | 325                       | 0                 | 0                 | 325                    |
| <b>Total Memorials Activity</b> | <b>9,132</b>              | <b>10,810</b>     | <b>3,574</b>      | <b>16,368</b>          |

### Rev. Richard Buller's 2023 Terms of Call

|                           |                 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Salary                    | \$33,291        |
| Social Security Offset    | \$5,454         |
| Housing                   | \$38,000        |
| Annuity                   | \$22,387        |
| <b>Total Compensation</b> | <b>\$99,132</b> |

All expense allowances are to be vouchered and listed here as maximums allowed.

|                                 |                |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Professional Travel             | \$2,000        |
| Professional Development        | \$1,800        |
| Professional Expense            | \$1,850        |
| <b>Total Expense Allowances</b> | <b>\$5,650</b> |

PC(USA) defines/collects benefit costs as a percentage of "Total Compensation"

|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| Healthcare (29% of compensation)            | \$28,748         |
| Pension (8.5% of compensation)              | \$8,426          |
| Death and Disability (1% of compensation)   | \$991            |
| Temporary Disability (0.5% of compensation) | \$496            |
| <b>Total PC(USA) benefits</b>               | <b>\$38,661</b>  |
| <b>Total Cost to Valley</b>                 | <b>\$143,443</b> |

#### **Housing Allowance (Parsonage exclusion)**

The IRS allows a pastor to exclude the cost of providing a home from the gross income amount. Expenses include mortgage interest, property taxes, and utilities. If the allowance is in excess of actual expenses, it is declared as income. The value of the housing allowance is still subject to Social Security taxes. (IRS Publication 517-Earnings for Clergy)

# Annual Meeting Agenda

## Congregation of Valley Community Presbyterian Church

Sunday, February 5, 2023 | 10:45 am

**Opening Prayer** Rev. Richard Buller

**Land Acknowledgement Statement** Jen Biggs

**Clerk of Session Report** Jan Fedora

- Approve February 13, 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes

**Stewardship Committee Report** Lisa Kummer

- Stewardship Campaign 2023
- Breathing Life Campaign 2021-2022
- Mission Giving for 2022

Craig Gottschalk

**Finance Committee Report** Denise Kara

- 2022 Financial Report
- 2023 Church Budget
- Per Capita: \$37.50 for 2023

**Endowment Committee Report** Mike Pinter

**Pastor's Report** Rev. Richard Buller

**Personnel Committee Report** Ben Kummer

- 2023 Terms of Call for Rev. Richard Buller

**Other Business**

**Adjournment and Closing Prayer**

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*"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"*  
— Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
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### LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

*Valley Community Presbyterian Church sits on the ancestral and contemporary land of the Dakota people, for whom the land holds historical, spiritual, political, and cultural significance. We acknowledge the ongoing injustices that we have committed against the Dakota people and pledge to interrupt this legacy. We will educate ourselves about Indigenous history and recognize, support, and advocate for our Native neighbors.*