

ANNUAL REPORT

SEEING GOD AT WORK IN 2020



Hamblen Park
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

growing active followers of Jesus Christ
and building his community

2020

CURRENT CHURCH STAFF

Jennie Barber	Interim Pastor of Care & Outreach
Joe Bruce	Director of Children's Ministry
Kyla Fague	Interim Worship Director
Annie Flood	Organist/Pianist
Lisa Holmes	Interim Preschool Director
Trina Limbaugh	Administrative Assistant
David Marshall	Audio/Video Technology
Heather Notske	Director of Operations & Groups
Mitchel Pierce	Director of Student Ministries
Sandy Riebe	Bookkeeper
Ann Seaburg	Choir Accompanist
Joy Wagner	Childcare Coordinator
Dave Wakeley	Ensembles Director
Steve Watts	Pastor, Head of Staff

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Brad Stark	Active Ruling Elder
Mike Aleman	Non-Active Ruling Elder
Judith Brown	Active Deacon
Christeena Blasen	Non-Active Deacon
Carol Thompson	Member Involved in Worship Leadership
Maureen Correia	Member Under 40 Years of Age
Curt Craig	Member at Large

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Bob Bahr
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Ed Walker

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Barb Kuuskvere	Memorial Receptions
Barb Rolfe	Senior Adult Ministry
Jennifer Lucke	Fellowship
Bridget Boodel	Scholarships
Sarah Garvin	Youth
Janet Ray	Fellowship
Joy Newcomer	Emergency Needs
Judith McCune-Brown	Memorial Receptions
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Karen Kelly	Neighborhood Outreach
Kathy Williams	Receptions/Dinners
Kirk Miller	Scholarships
Heather Notske	Prayer Chain
Nancy Tsutakawa	Neighborhood Outreach
Penny Lucas	Senior Adult Ministry

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Allan Scruggs	Children & Youth Christian Ed
Diane Smith	Finance/Administration
Brad Stark	Stewardship
Kay Steinhilber	Welcoming

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HPPC's mission is to grow active followers of Jesus Christ and build His community. We do this by **Connecting** through groups, **Growing** through worship and study, and **Loving** through a ministry.



A NOTE FROM PASTOR STEVE

Dear Church Family,

In 2020 we were profoundly reminded why the Church is important and what is important about the Church, namely, the good news of Jesus Christ.

When the virus precautions caused us to move away from our building and away from in-person gatherings, we were reminded that Christian community is not about buildings or even proximity, but about Christ in us.

When the Spokane community suffered, we were reminded how to be light to the world. We raised an additional \$40,000 over and above our regular giving to aid partner organizations most impacted by the pandemic. We also brought flowers to our church neighborhood with offers of help, brought groceries to porches, and connected to our neighbors.

When people in our church died from a variety of causes or needed care, we remembered again our love for one another. We supported families and friends in grief with new approaches by keeping others safe and sharing the love of Jesus. My family was included in your expressions of love for those grieving.

When Christian Nationalism damaged the witness of churches in our society, we remembered our unity in Christ that crosses the political spectrum, but we also affirmed biblical standards for love. We're a "purple" church that knows Jesus transcends AND speaks into our politics. In this way, our witness became unique. One visitor on Christmas Eve told me that her respect for Christian institutions had waned as a result of political strife, but her faith was rekindled by our church because of its focus on the gospel rather than agenda-driven politics.

When we said goodbye and hello to pastors and program staff members, we remembered that it is God who leads and people are brought by God to serve. Pastors Brad and Betsey served in wonderful ways and mean so much to our church community. Yet, we are happy for the next steps God called them to take. We are grateful for our continuing relationship with Betsey as she and her family serve the people in Guatemala (remotely, for now). Saying goodbye to other staff was difficult, too, yet welcoming those whom God has called was a highlight of 2020. Interim Associate Pastor Jennie Barber and Mitchel Pierce, our Director of Student Ministries, are gifts from God bringing new perspectives and faith to this year of pandemic challenges.

When schools shut down and families were burdened, we again remembered our call to love our neighbors. We jumped into action making sure our preschool was safe, confronted organizational challenges, and opened it as soon as was reasonable. We now have several new classes and cute backpacks strewn about the hallways. Families are being loved.

When financial anxiety gripped many of us, we remembered the giving of our "first fruits." Those of us who were able, gave in generous ways to the Lord. In fact, giving to the mission of the church was down only 5% in this pandemic year. Overall giving (including our special fundraiser for partner organizations impacted by COVID) was down only 3%. We are part of a generous congregation! Thank you for your faithful giving.

The pages of this report are full of examples affirming what is really important about the church and reminding us that our mission *to grow active followers of Jesus Christ and build his community* can be carried out under challenging circumstances because God is at work through Hamblen Park Presbyterian Church.

Peace in Christ,

COMMUNITY EVENTS & FELLOWSHIP



Chili Feed



Christmas Fellowship



Fellowship

Fortunately many groups have been spending time together through Zoom. There have been small-group Bible studies, book groups, and even virtual gatherings after church services. One special event was a Christmas Fellowship with music, devotion, and sharing. Before the pandemic started, we had a fun and successful Chili Feed and Bingo Night. It was great to have an inter-generational activity. Even though we have not been able to fellowship in person, God has shown us how important it is to reach out to one another through phone calls and cards. We encourage you to reach out to those who may be alone.

Congregational Dinners and Receptions

2020 started off with our annual congregational meeting and dinner. We had approximately 120 people in attendance for the dinner that was held immediately after the meeting. We had a great time of fellowship and good food with ham provided by the deacons, potatoes and salads provided by elders and deacons, and salads and desserts provided by the congregation.

In March we were set to have a celebration for the Moes when the COVID lockdown occurred. Since then, we have been assisting other deacons on their tasks until we have opportunities to have congregational gatherings again.

We appreciate all who have volunteered to help us put on dinners and gatherings for our congregation.

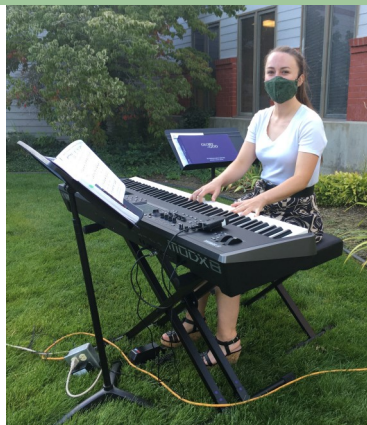
Welcome Committee

One Welcome luncheon was held at Pastor Steve's house prior to the lockdown. We are looking forward to again being able to welcome our new members with good food and Christian fellowship in 2021.

Memorial Receptions

The Memorial Receptions Deacon Committee had no receptions in 2020, due to the COVID lockdown. Barb Kuuskvere and Judith Brown responded to families with cards and calls, and helped coordinate meals for giving families through the Emergency Needs Committee.

GROW



In-person Worship

While most of HPPC's worship services were online in 2020, there have been several opportunities for in-person worship. In the fall, worship was offered outdoors on Sunday evenings, and eventually transitioned to indoors, and then to Sunday mornings. A couple services from our fall Wednesday night Evensong series were held in-person, as well as a prayer service for the Watts family.

In-person worship was temporarily suspended in November and will be revisited in early 2021. However, HPPC did hold three outdoor Christmas Eve services, which were attended by 171 people.



Online Worship Services

Sunday online worship services have had an average viewership of 341 devices since HPPC began worshipping online in March. Many devices have multiple viewers.

Viewership (in number of devices)
of special online services:

- 342 Good Friday
- 564 Easter
- 65 Evensong Average
- 167 Longest Night
- 278 Christmas Eve

Audio/Visual

David Marshall led the staff in acquiring the technology and knowledge to switch to an online worship format. David assembles all the elements of a pre-recorded service every week to launch live on Sunday mornings, and is also in charge of live-streaming other events. His A/V expertise was extremely valuable to HPPC in 2020!

Music

The musicians of the church answered God's call to service to spread the message of peace and love of our savior Jesus Christ. Our musicians have a deep love for the church and for each other. Though they had to meet socially as a group online, the music they created for worship has been an example of God's work in our church and our lives.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

The members of Hallel, staff, and other church members answered God's call with hours of recording music for worship. Like everyone else, they had to adjust their schedules to deal with the challenges of the pandemic. They found the time to learn a new app and record their individual parts for almost a year's worth of worship services. God gave us a way for our musicians to grow significantly as musicians and servants of Christ. Recording is very different from live performance and our musicians rose to the challenges that God set before us.

Many of our musicians faced personal challenges with health issues, but the love and support of fellow musicians and the church was a shining example of Christ in our lives. Even though we were apart, God brought us even closer together. We all look forward to a time when the Lord brings us together again so we may worship Christ and share our love with each other in person.



Sacred Dance

HPPC's online worship services included sacred dance several times this year, featuring HPPC's former Director of Student Ministries, Bethy Crowe, and musician Annie Flood. Bethy helped the congregation experience a different form of worship and reflect on songs and their lyrics specific to several elements of worship, which were reflected in the choreography.



Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir began the year with 27 regularly singing members and is led by Kyla Fague and accompanied by Ann Seaburg. Since March, the choir has been on hiatus, but several members help lead hymns and have sung solos or duets for online worship using the Acapella music app to collaborate.

Hand Bells

The HPPC Handbell Choir is led by Katie Haney and consists of adults, children, and youth. The Handbell Choir stopped rehearsing in March due to the pandemic, but were able to safely record a song for the online Christmas Eve service using Acapella.

Special Music

This year's special music in worship included a Bluegrass group, guest musicians for Easter and for the fall Evensong series, and guest musicians for both the in-person and online Christmas Eve services.

Hallel

Hallel is HPPC's more contemporary musical group led by Dave Wakeley that participates in worship several times a month. Hallel includes five singers, a rhythm section, and flute. Through the pandemic, Hallel has continued to make worshipful music safely through the Acapella app to be used often in worship.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Year of Change

With 2020 behind us and 2021 before us, it is time to look back at this year of change and the blessings that came with that change. We were able to have a few in-person gatherings before the lockdown, including Mom/Son and Dad/Daughter Dodgeball Games. However, online activities became the norm. Kenny the puppet, plus other puppets, joined the HPPC Children's Ministry team to provide even more fun.

An immediate blessing that came in March was the return of Story Time With Joe. Story Time had not been used for several years. Each week, up through the start of the school year, Joe Bruce read a Bible story from a children's Bible or storybook and posted it to the internet. Story Time will return late spring 2021.



JAM and EDGE

JAM and EDGE Sunday School programs were combined, temporarily. Joe began creating activities the kids could follow along with and that were different than school computer time. The videos provided with JAM and EDGE activities had to be engaging and silly, as well as provide useful content. One of the blessings that has occurred this Fall is that the Sunday morning sermon series and the JAM and EDGE Sunday School activities were connected.

Journey

The Wednesday evening Journey program, for 1st through 5th graders, went to Zoom. The fall Bible study series was "Code Breakers," during which the kids learned about the parables of Jesus. Agent Echo, Agent Flash, and Agent J walked the Journey kids through the parables with silly spy missions. These events were supplemented with puppet videos that Joe created to provide the Journey kids the content. Journey has a loyal base of kids.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Embracing Technology

During this season, technology has provided the ability to create activities that draw our kids closer to Jesus, provide them with answers, and teach them about His love. Facebook and the HPPC webpage have become more important getting information out to families and providing helpful content.

All of the videos Joe Bruce has created can be accessed through the Hamblen Park Presbyterian Church YouTube Channel. Some videos have also been posted on the Hamblen Park Presbyterian Church Children's Ministries Facebook page.

Shortclips

Something totally new to HPPC Children's Ministries has been Shortclips, short videos for kids with a message that comes from questions about God. Some of those questions have been, "Does God Have a BFF (Best Friend Forever)," "Does God Use a Calendar," "Why Did God Create Mosquitos," "Does God Ever Forget," "Is God Lighter Than Air," and "Why Did God Let Covid Happen."

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Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School went from an in-person event to a virtual event. Several of the youth from HPPC took responsibility of the online activities and showed God's love through their work. Eric Hultz helped pull all the videos together so kids could participate in the activities.

Thank You

For all the volunteers in our Children's Ministry, know that you are deeply missed, but we will return to in-person meetings when it is safe to do so. Thank you for your patience.

We would like to thank the HPPC Children's Ministry Christian Education Committee. These dedicated folks, with Allan Scruggs as Elder, have been great supporters of our children. Thank you.

Last but not least, Children's Ministries at Hamblen are wholeheartedly supported by you, the congregation. Thank you.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Even though youth group meetings looked radically different for most of 2020, there have still been some amazing ways God has been at work in the youth programs. This spring, with help from Pastor Brad Buff and the Deacon's Scholarship committee, Bethy Crowe introduced a new scholarship program that awards a gift to all seniors who are part of our youth programs. This is a great way for our congregation to show love to those seniors! Of course, Bethy also announced she was moving to Tennessee, which led to a search for a new Youth Director. God was definitely at work through the search process, and Bethy continued to lead virtual meetings for our youth remotely from Tennessee! God brought forth some excellent candidates. Parents, youth, and church leadership were all involved in the search process that eventually led to the hiring of Mitchel Pierce, who started in November. We are thankful to all that Bethy brought to our youth ministries, and excited to see the way God works through those ministries under Mitchel!



Youth Band

Oasis High School Ministry's Youth Band consists of a handful of student musicians, led by HPPC's former Youth Ministry Intern, Samantha Hsu. The Youth Band began the year leading worship during Oasis Youth Ministry on Sunday nights and has been able to be part of online worship several times using the collaborative music app Acapella.

Caravan Middle School Ministry

This joy-filled youth ministry for 6th-8th graders has continued meeting during quarantine through Zoom. These excited faces and enthusiastic participants of games, fun questions, scripture, and small group discussions have been consistently enjoying community together. God has been seen at work in the enthusiasm and excitement at being middle schoolers, even in the craziest year of their (and our) lives. The honest, joy-filled times of fellowship, the "what game are we playing???" messages at the start of every meeting, the willingness to learn and discuss during small group: all of these are ways that we've seen God at work in Caravan.

Oasis High School Ministry

The youth have been meeting weekly over Zoom since the start of quarantine. We've been continuing to see each other, play games, answer wacky questions, and dive into scripture & small groups together, all through an online platform. God has been seen at work in the relationships built. From the joy of laughing together, the honesty in small groups, the socially-distanced coffee dates, and the consistency of these students being present, God's been working in and through the relationships that have formed—and continue being formed—in Oasis.

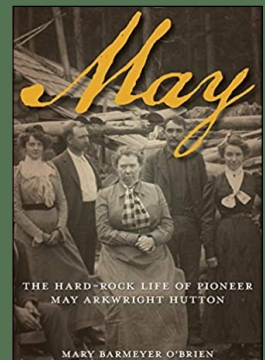
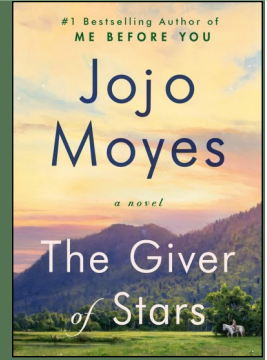
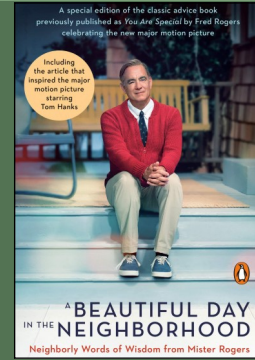


ADULT EDUCATION & GROUPS

HPPC Book Club

The HPPC Book Club has been successful in continuing to meet during 2020, mostly through Zoom. We have read and discussed our monthly selection throughout the winter, spring, and fall. It has been a refreshing time to focus together on a literary work; sharing our ideas and lives together. We have gotten to know each other much better, and we have shared our Christian lives. During this socially distanced time, it has seemingly been more important to draw close through our book discussions. The purpose of our group is to pursue a love of reading and discussion of works, both fictional and non-fictional, in order to seek and strengthen a more purposeful and abundant relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ.

During this sequestered year, our Mission Project was to sort through and gather gently used clothing and household items. We were successful in delivering a full truck of items to Mission Community Outreach Center! We turn to 2021 with optimism and hope for another successful Book Club Year! To God Be The Glory!



SMALL GROUPS & STUDIES

We are slowly re-building our group ministry at HPPC. We have seven groups that meet weekly over Zoom, and a couple of book clubs that meet monthly. Some groups are social only (like Coffee Hour immediately following each week's worship service), but most are focused on reading Scripture and exploring what it means to be an active follower of Jesus Christ. Many welcome drop-ins at any time, so you are invited to visit without any commitment. If you are interested in learning more group ministry options at HPPC, contact Heather Notske in the church office.

ADULT EDUCATION

God has been working in the lives of members and friends of HPPC, even without the ability to meet in person! Through adult education book studies and small groups over Zoom, people have come together to discuss how the Bible relates to our present-day world and relevant current events.

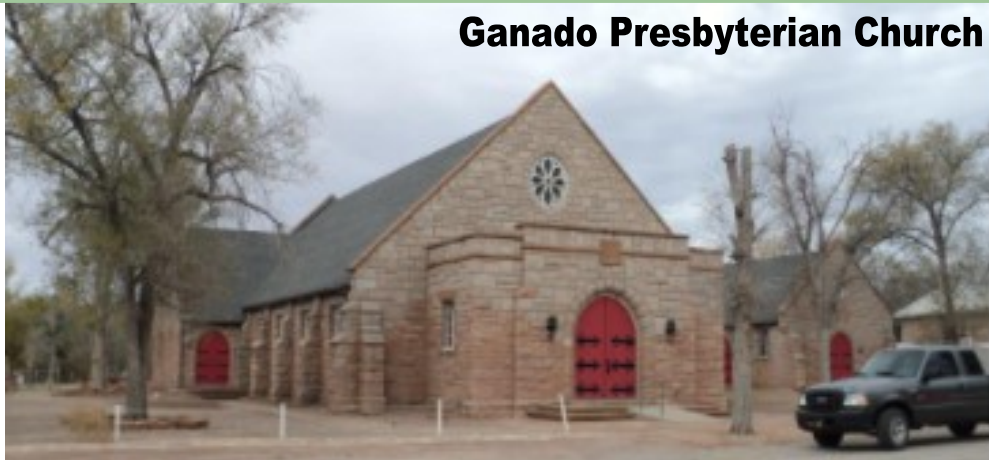
The one constant through the pandemic has been Wednesday morning Bible study. Pastor Betsey, Pastor Brad, and Pastor Jennie have led us through the second half of Genesis, then the books of Exodus, 1 John, and Philippians, followed by studies on the family members of Jesus. We have had many rich and insightful discussions exploring these texts.

In the summer we took a time out from studying books of the Bible to have another installment of the popular "Listening for God" series. Mike Aleman cultivated a list of short stories and facilitated a weekly discussion about them. Usually this series happens at Manito Park, but Zoom allowed people to join from anywhere in the country!

Other groups have been exploring how we can be more aware of caring for those who are marginalized in our society. In January we held an in-person series on immigration and refugee issues affecting Spokane and our nation. Later in the year Katie Haney, Debbie Cato, and Shannon Dunn led study groups on three books exploring racial and social justice issues.

We aren't sure what 2021 will bring, but we are grateful to have Zoom which allows us to stay connected and grow together while we learn how to best love our neighbors.

Ganado Presbyterian Church



MISSIONAL & PRESBYTERIAN GIVING

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Missional

Seminary and Missionary Support: \$5,100 (*CRC: \$500)—Offsets seminary and ministry cost for HPPC members.

Hamblen People in Mission: \$2,000—Offsets cost of adult mission trips.

Libros Abiertos: \$1,000—Helps Guatemalan schools start their own libraries (Formerly Libros Para Niños).

National Night Out: \$500—Supplement the Deacon's budget for NNO.

HPPC Preschool Scholarships: *CRC: \$202.50

Presbyterian

Presbytery of the Inland Northwest: \$15,000—Presbytery of the INW grants funds to congregations to empower missional activity.

PCUSA Mission Agency: *CRC: \$6,000—Partners with local churches and faith communities in more than 50 countries around the world.

Mission Co-Workers—Moes: \$5,000 (*CRC: \$3,000)—Support for Spokane couple preparing to live in Guatemala and work with indigenous people.

Mission Co-Workers—Welches: \$5,000 (*CRC: \$3,000)—Support for Spokane couple living in Guatemala as they work with indigenous people.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance: *CRC: \$3,500

Ganado Presbyterian Church: \$4,982 (*CRC: \$3,962)—HPPC has a long-standing relationship with Ganado Pres., located on the Navajo Reservation.

Theological Education Fund: \$500—Supports students in Presbyterian seminaries.

Peace and Global Witness Offering: \$780—PC(USA) offering that promotes the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world

CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE

The Mission and Service Committee is profoundly grateful for the congregation's generous gifts to the Hamblen Coronavirus Response Campaign. The increased need for distance, protective equipment, cleaning and sanitizing, while meeting increased needs had profound impacts on our ministry partnerships. We are positively awestruck to have received over \$40,000!



NECESSITIES DRIVE

Before the pandemic altered service and mission practices, another group travelled to Guatemala to continue our partnership with Richard and Debbie Welch and La Libertad school.

We conducted a Lenten Mardi Bra/ Undie Sundie necessities drive for House of Charity and Hope House (Volunteers of America), collecting:

- 24 pairs of underwear
- 5 Bras
- 49 pairs of socks
- 35 Razors
- 4 Shampoos
- 3 Conditioners
- 7 Deodorants
- 10 Lotions
- 11 tubes of toothpastes
- 12 Toothbrushes
- 15 oral care kits
- 4 tissue packs
- 1 pair of reader glasses

MISSION & MINISTRIES



BEYOND RELIEF

Under the Mission and Service Committee is Beyond Relief, a group driven to make systemic changes for lasting improvement in our community. The group is focused on deepening relationships, empowering leaders, and increasing awareness to address housing access in Spokane. Beyond Relief also hosted book studies in response to racial justice concerns (Waking Up White, The Cross and The Lynching Tree, How to Be an Anti-Racist). Racial inequities are among the issues that contribute to housing access.



DEB CIRCLE

The ladies of Deborah Circle have kept busy making 50 quilts for the new Hope House facility opening soon. The Deb ladies also made fleece quilts for our graduating seniors, gave 622 hat/glove sets to 19 area elementary schools, and have made many other quilts and lap robes to donate.

2020 Financial Support of Partner Organizations

\$134,265

HPPC has a long history of supporting partner organizations. These include all the organizations listed here and under Guatemalan Mission on pages 14-15. This year, we gave \$134,265 to missionaries and ministry partners. This is one way we are active followers of Jesus Christ.

LOCAL PARTNER SUPPORT

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Mission Community Outreach Center: \$6,400 (*CRC: \$400)—Provides a free clothing bank.

Liberty Park Community Dev. Center: \$6,500 (*CRC: \$3,500)—A neighborhood hub for the families of South Perry.

Westminster Food Bank: \$5,500 (*CRC: \$3,500)—Serves the West Central area. HPPC collects food on a regular basis.

Family Promise: \$5,587.50 (*CRC: \$4,087.50)—Equips families & communities to end the cycle of homelessness.

Shalom Ministries: \$7,000 (*CRC: \$4,000)—Serves the homeless & hungry in downtown Spokane.

Habitat for Humanity: \$4,000—Helps families build and improve the place they call home.

Cup of Cool Water: \$2,500 (*CRC: \$2,000)—Walks alongside youth who are homeless. HPPC consistently volunteers in making sack lunches for these youth.

Volunteers of America—Crosswalk: \$2,000 (*CRC: \$1,000)—Dedicated to breaking the cycle of youth homelessness.

Volunteers of America—Hope House: \$2,000 (*CRC: \$1,000)—Offers emergency food, shelter, showers and permanent supportive housing for women.

House of Charity: *CRC: \$1,000—Provides access to case management, food, and shelter for homeless men and women.

Catholic Charities Travelers Fund: \$500

GUATEMALAN MISSION



Guatemalan Mission Team

In January, a team of seven; Joe Bruce, Christina Escott-Meyer, Mary Mattie, Pastor Betsey Moe, Sandy Nolting, Joy Wagner, and Kathy Watts, journeyed to Guatemala, joining Debbie and Richard Welch. We travelled to Coban and spent two days visiting the students and teachers of La Libertad School. The students demonstrated their reading skills and comprehension. We were all impressed with their hard work and progress since our last visit. We played games and held classes in astronomy, music, and yoga. The teachers thanked us for the books and the teacher training provided through Libros Abiertos (formerly Libros para Ninos). They are dedicated and enthusiastic professionals.

In Monte Blanco we worshipped with our brothers and sisters in Iglesia Esmirna. Afterwards, we were treated to a delicious lunch and played games with the children. What a lovely encounter with our faith family in Guatemala.

During the Guatemala Network Meeting, we met for four intense days with PC(USA) staff, Guatemalan staff from the IENPG, and members of congregations from the US and Guatemala. We heard presentations on a wide variety of topics: immigration, micro loans, water projects and women's ministries. Kathy Watts and Debbie Welch gave a presentation on Libros Abiertos. It was a wonderful time of sharing hopes, dreams, and concerns with these people so dedicated to sharing the gospel, assisting with education and inclusiveness, and creating possibilities to help people lift themselves out of poverty.

Mary Mattie joined Sandi Thompson-Royer and went to Quetzaltenango, where they taught two days of classes to Saq B'e, the sewing cooperative we helped create two years ago, and delivered three electric sewing machines. They had two electric and 8 treadle machines prior to our donation. It was a time of relationship building and fellowship. In our shared time of Bible study, we reflected on the book of Esther.

GUATEMALAN MISSION

An update from Eric and Betsey Moe, Mission Co-Workers in Guatemala

When 2020 began, Eric and I were already anticipating change. In early January, we received the call to serve as PC(USA) Mission Co-Workers in Guatemala and planned to move in the summer. This would mean stepping away from my role as Associate Pastor at Hamblen in March. The church, however, pledged to support our work in Guatemala, and so we gratefully continue in relationship with HPPC in a different capacity: as co-laborers in global mission.

Even though our family's physical move was delayed because of the pandemic, God has been faithful and active. In early April, I started my new position at CEDECPA, the Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America. The beginning of my tenure coincided with almost all work at CEDEPCA becoming virtual. Long before I joined their staff, God had been equipping them with the tools their Guatemalan staff of twenty people needed to work effectively from home. They moved all their meetings to Zoom and each program area has come up with creative ways to carry out their work. My department, Intercultural Encounters, which usually hosts North American travelers wanting to learn about justice issues, started doing monthly Virtual Journeys on different topics like migration, gender, history, and education. We mix videos, live speakers, music, live footage of bumpy roads, and breakout rooms to re-create the travel experience on Zoom. Many people from Hamblen have participated and have deepened their understanding of how God is working for change. It is truly a miracle that I can be working from Spokane, speaking Spanish much of the time, fully collaborating with Guatemalan colleagues, and connecting with Christians from all over the United States – including many of you.

In November, Guatemala was hit by back-to-back hurricanes, and CEDEPCA's Disaster Ministry, funded by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, immediately stepped in to offer aid. I have seen God at work using relationships and systems already in place to bring supplies and psychological and spiritual support to the families hardest hit in Cobán. One of our Virtual Journeys planned for this spring will take people on a tour of these areas to hear stories of suffering and hope.

We do hope to move our family to Guatemala in 2021, but we are trusting God's timing. Until we move, I plan to keep learning from my Guatemalan colleagues about what seeking and pursuing peace looks like – and involving you in that process. Hamblen's partnership with Guatemala need not be put on hold during the pandemic; we promise to keep you informed of all opportunities for learning and connection.



If you have not visited our PC(USA) page, we encourage you to do so. If you have questions about what we actually do, how to get in touch with us, or how to sign up for our quarterly updates, it's all here:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/missionconnections/betsey-and-eric-moe/>.

Thank you for your continued partnership and love!

Rev. Betsey Moe

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Emergency Needs

We saw God at work this year in the generosity of many members of our congregation who offered support to people in our church by providing meals during times of need. The Emergency Needs Committee coordinated the delivery of 16 meals to members of our church following illness or other personal needs. We were also able to coordinate the delivery of meals to the Watts family from October 2020—January 2021 through generous contributions from HPPC members and people outside our congregation.

We also conducted a blood drive at the church in February 2020. Due to pandemic restrictions that prevented hosting another blood drive at the church in 2020, we encouraged members to make appointments to give blood on their own as they were able.

Congregational Care Team

The Congregational Care Team is a group of lay volunteers that assist the pastors in providing care to Hamblen families going through challenges. This year there were about six people involved on the care team. Each team member has an average of six people at a time to contact on a regular basis to see how they are doing and how we can help. Examples of care include providing support during times of grief, providing Bibles and blankets to newborns, and reaching out to people experiencing illness or other difficulties.

For 2020, the Congregational Care Team, along with members of Session and Deacons, made the effort to reach out to all of our members and friends to check in and offer prayer support. If you didn't receive a call, we may not have current information on file for you and we encourage you to contact the church office.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

The year got off to a great start with 3 Top of the Hill luncheons. Two meetings were held for the grief support group. Birthday cards were sent throughout the year to our home-bound friends. We finished the year by delivering poinsettias to 40 church members over the Christmas holiday.

HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND

It has been a recent tradition at HPPC to honor our graduating high school seniors with a gift of a blanket, hand-made by a member of the Deborah Circle (prior to that, seniors received a mug made by Lindy DuPree). Historically, one senior was awarded a scholarship to help cover college expenses. This has been funded by interest generated from a scholarship investment made in memory of Scott Wynstra many years ago.

The application procedure has been simplified so that every student who meets criteria set by the Christian Education Committee is eligible to receive a scholarship. The goal of this change is to celebrate more students who are part of our congregation and show support for them as they move into adulthood. Funding for this new process came from a generous couple who contributed \$65,400 to the principal of the higher education scholarship investment fund.

In 2020, five students were eligible to receive \$500. Award recipients were: Wendy Bai, Claire LaVoie, Danny Maxwell, Hayden Reid, and Nolan Watts. Anyone who would like to contribute to this fund to help offset future costs of tuition and expenses for our youth can contact Heather in the church office.

HAMBLLEN PARK PRESCHOOL

Adapting to COVID-19

As we moved to Zoom classes in March, our extraordinary teachers rallied to make the best of a tough situation. They delivered work packets to students at home and created a wonderful online graduation program for our 4-5 year old classes. In the fall, we worked hard to figure out a way to resume in-person preschool classes. New safety protocols were developed and implemented as we opened two 4-5 year old classes. After a successful fall, we're moving ahead to open 6 classes in 2021!



Preschool Leadership

Our teachers continue to create an environment that encourages the intellectual, emotional, and social growth of our students. New teachers Kristin Orwig and Mimi Palmer will join our veteran teachers Shari Hone, Connie Boyer, and Sumitra Matson. Following the departure of our long-time director, Barb Brodrick, Lisa Holmes stepped into the position of Interim Director. Church organizational changes put our Interim Pastor of Care and Outreach, Jennie Barber, in charge of overseeing the mission of the Preschool. Pastor Jennie and Lisa have worked closely to navigate the challenges and successes of this year.

Moving Forward

An amazing hiring committee has been organized and will soon start the task of finding a permanent preschool director. We are excited to see what God has planned for us. It is such a blessing to see the love of Jesus on the faces of our preschool students. Thank you, Hamblen, for your continued support and prayers.



DEACON'S OUTREACH

The Board of Deacons has been working hard this year to care for our church and community, though some of our roles as Deacons have changed since the lockdown in March. Those of us whose committees serve gatherings of the church community have put our energies into helping other committees whose responsibilities have continued.

Our deacons have worked together to find creative and safe ways to assist our community. The Groceries to the Porch program was formed to ensure at risk members can get groceries while staying safely distanced. Our Emergency Needs deacons have reached out to others that may have a need. We have assisted the staff in contacting all the members of the church community to check on their wellbeing and prayer needs and have ensured our food programs for needy children have been sufficiently funded and staffed. The congregation generously supported the Fill the Pantry and Toy Store Drives, and additional funds were provided to Family Promise and the Ganado church to help with needs due to COVID.

Thank you all for your generous support of the Deacons Fund that has enabled us to help others in our church and community.



Bite2Go

The calendar ran from January – June, and September – December. Volunteers picked up the food weekly and dropped it off at Hamblen, even while school was virtual.

20 children from Hamblen Park Elementary were sponsored through donations.

Fill the Pantry

8 families from Hamblen and Adams Elementary Schools were provided gift cards through the budget and an anonymous gift.



Liberty Park
Community Development Center

Liberty Park Community Center

29 children at the preschool were provided long sleeve t-shirts through the budget.

35 children at the preschool were provided footie pajamas through an anonymous donation.

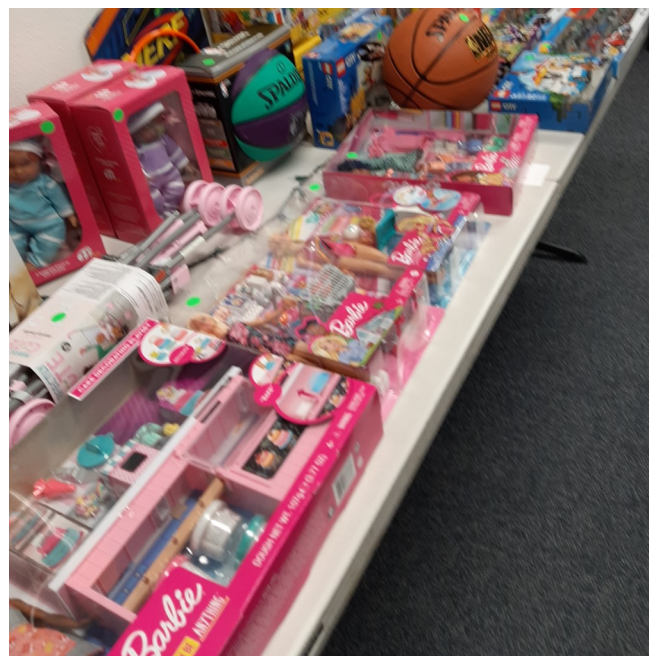
167 toys were collected or purchased from monetary donations for the Toy Store.

DEACON'S OUTREACH



To the Hamblen Pres. Congregation,
Thank you so much for all your support
and kindness to our Adams families, now
and always. This pandemic has definitely
been a tough experience for teachers,
students and families. We are so grateful
for you and your generosity each year,
especially this one!

Love,
Adams Staff



2020



STEWARDSHIP

When the pandemic struck, we didn't know what would happen to the church financially. God blessed us, and we were able to bless others with over \$40,000 raised to support our mission partners ABOVE the amount already in our budget (a total of \$134,265). We are grateful for everyone who continued to donate throughout the year, and for the many friends who chose to direct a portion of their stimulus checks to HPPC. Since we couldn't meet in person for most of the year, we had a sizable savings on the expense side of our budget. We can put this surplus aside for bigger projects down the road. God is good!

Clerk's Report: 2020 Membership Report

Total Communicant Membership: January 1, 2020	616
2020 Gains	+9
2020 Losses	
Removed by Request	- 2
Removed by Transfer	-0
Death	-22
Other (Removed by Session)	- 0
Total Communicant Membership: January 1, 2021	601
Affiliate Members	1

Marriages

None

Baptisms

Adult:

Copley, Caitlin

Child:

Copley, Anna Loree

Copley, Madison Joy

New Members

Adam Brigham-Althoff

Claudia Ladd

Julie Maxwell

Cindy Brigham-Althoff

Sue Lienhard

Kayley Peacock

Jennifer Gale Compau

Tom Lienhard

Nick Peacock

Deaths

2/28/2020 Agnes Schultz

8/20/2020 Jeanette Elmore

3/15/2020 Nancy Compau

8/28/2020 Tom Gates

3/18/20 Debbie Pearson

9/14/2020 Ronald Clark

4/13/2020 Jim Hutsinpillar

10/4/2020 Dorothy Anderson-Carroll

5/8/2020 Laurie Byrd

10/5/2020 Janette Lippincott

5/17/2020 Tracy Shaffer

11/1/2020 George Cahoon

5/19/2020 Bill Gold

11/26/2020 Kathy Watts

6/6/2020 Jean Critchlow

12/18/2020 Bill Jones

8/4/2020 Don Headrick

12/21/2020 Patty DuPree

8/17/2020 Ron Wildey

12/23/2020 Dave Vorpahl

8/20/2020 Annette Shaun Fisher

12/31/2020 Bill Wardrop

BUDGET

	2020 Budget	2020 Actual	2021 Proposed
OFFERING INCOME			
Offering / Pledges	702,346	668,955.64	675,000
Offering / Loose	90,000	92,999.01	90,000
Offering / Sunday School	400	417.02	400
Covid Response	40,000	40,287.00	15,500
Preschool Contributions	5,500	7,795.00	0
Facility Use	0	53.00	0
Interest / Dividends /TDA Gains	2,500	1,923.12	1,500
TOTAL Income	840,746	812,429.79	782,400
Benevolences & Partnerships	101,783	97,396.72	80,500
Payroll & Benefits	556,074	519,982.56	509,870
Finance & Administration	41,935	38,378.49	62,636
Worship	13,750	4,791.95	13,650
Christian Ed / Adults	4,200	1,166.08	4,200
Chr. Ed-Youth & Young Adults	19,000	15,055.41	19,000
Chr. Ed - Children	7,500	3,871.17	6,900
Building & Grounds	86,460	78,458.34	87,324
Mission & Service	100	46.75	100
Welcoming	3,000	1,502.36	3,400
Stewardship	750	405.00	750
GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES	834,552	761,054.83	788,330
NET INCOME (LOSS)	6,194	51,374.96	(5,930)

BALANCE SHEET

Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2020

ASSETS

Checking/Savings Accts	243,537.52	
Restricted Accounts	123,050.21	
WTB Endowment Funds	551,926.91	
Accts Receivable & Prepaid	33,911.00	
Total ASSETS		952,425.64

RESTRICTED FUNDS

Endowment	535,812.91	
Deacons' Funds	61,365.54	
Offerings Payable	36,021.99	
Christian Ed Funds	94,290.29	
Pastor / Staff Funds	6,591.51	
Preschool Funds	7,271.25	
Building & Admin. Funds	14,773.70	
Women's Association	4,951.89	
Worship Funds	675.18	
Accrued Benevolence Funds	5,000.00	
Total RESTRICTED FUNDS		766,754.26

EQUITY

General Fund	134,296.42	
Current Year Gain <Loss>	51,374.96	
Total EQUITY		185,671.38
Total Liability & Equity		952,425.64



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