

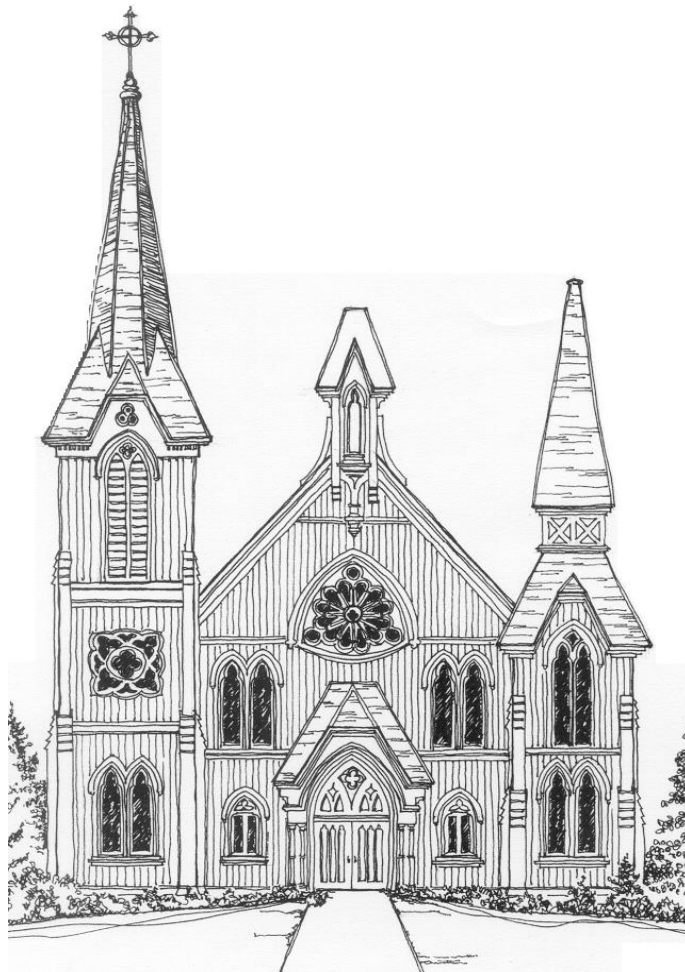
# BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**2019**

Annual Report & Congregational Meeting

*Sunday, February 9, 2020*

*11:30 am*



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## **AGENDA**

**Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation  
Bedford Presbyterian Church  
Sunday, February 9, 2020 at 11:30 A.M. in Fellowship Hall**

Call to Order and Meeting Convened with Prayer

Introduction of Elders and Deacons and Committee Chairs

Presentation of the Annual Report for 2019.

### **Motion: Receive the Annual Report**

2019 Review and 2020 Plan - Presented by Eric Eichhorn

Christian Education/Youth Update

Adjourn

## PASTOR'S REPORT

I thoroughly enjoyed sharing ministry with you in 2019. Your personal warmth, commitment to inclusivity, and dedication to service are inspiring. I am particularly thankful for the way you have blessed me with the gift of friendship.

In 2019 we witnessed how the transition from a thirty year pastorate to new ministerial leadership brings both opportunities and challenges. Reminiscent of the ancient Hebrews, congregations often experience the interim period as a wilderness sojourn. We long to return to a more familiar land, and we lament when the road ahead is marked by uncertainty. Our identities are challenged and reshaped as we mourn the loss of cherished friends and customs even as the hope of a new day appears on the horizon. Most importantly, we struggle anew with who God is and what God is about in our midst.

It is of little surprise that in the vast majority of congregations some members choose to withdraw and wait to see what will emerge. The interim journey can be disconcerting.

Yet, at BPC this has also been a spirited time of growth and discovery.

For example, we closed 2018 with a staggering \$163,000 deficit. Unexpected expenses and a five year decline in membership/pledges caught the congregation by surprise. In 2019 the deficit was reduced to approximately \$45,000. This is significant progress. It was made possible by your elders as they worked tirelessly to tighten the budget.

In moving forward, however, this is only part of the story. Your pledges from January 2019 to January 2020 increased by 14.23%. This is significant in any year in the life of a church, but in the midst of pastoral transition it is exceptional! This bodes well for your future.

In 2019 you reaffirmed your commitment to inclusivity by providing the necessary resources to buy a new sound system for the sanctuary. More than a few members and guests had been unable to hear the announcements, readings, sermons, and prayers. This leaves the hearing impaired feeling excluded and ignored. Now, they are able to more fully participate in worship.

In 2019 we introduced a more Presbyterian order of worship. There have been, of course, understandable questions and concerns. Change is painful and more than a little unsettling. Yet, you have lived into this structure with tremendous grace. Many note that they find this service spiritually meaningful and fulfilling.

Regarding worship, it might be helpful to remember that in most churches its structure is largely determined by the minister. In the Presbyterian church, for example, the pastor is uniquely authorized to select the hymns, prayers, and scripture readings as well as the form and content of the sermons. As you might already anticipate, ***your next pastor will most likely change the current service.*** The critical issue, however, is not the format of the service itself but how you will negotiate and accommodate your new minister's preferences and style. How will you listen to one another, care for one another, respect one another, and give one another the benefit of a doubt? In 2019 you responded with curiosity, openness and humor. This, too, bodes well for the future!

In 2019 you grew in your awareness of your dependency on your former pastor, Paul Alcorn. Such dependency is not unusual over the course of a thirty year partnership, but it does present a variety of challenges. From preparing the elements for communion to taking care of the van, from tending to the lights in the parking lot to opening the sanctuary windows in the summer, your pastor shouldered responsibilities that in the **vast majority** of congregations are shared by the membership.

Along the way you have responded to these challenges with understandable alarm and frustration, but you have also approached them with abiding resiliency and a refreshing willingness to exploring new ways of serving and living in community. For example, through the work of the Worship Committee, a member of the congregation recently agreed to prepare communion, and the Property and Maintenance Committee has assumed the responsibility of maintaining the van. Other committees have begun meeting more regularly.

As you prepare for your next minister, this remains a fertile area for further growth. Your progress and your attitude over the past year are very encouraging.

In addition, my conversations with you, observations of your interaction, and the insights offered by the Vision Study suggest that BPC is a congregation that yearns for a deeper sense of belonging. You enjoy one another, and want to deepen your relationships with your brothers and sisters. For example, the choir and the quilting group not only serve together but have developed strong bonds of care and compassion. The Vision Team produced an outstanding report in no small measure because they intentionally nurtured the gifts of trust, respect, and laughter. As we move through 2020 I wonder how we might facilitate that growth. How might we foster the growth of relationships among our members, guests, and friends?

Finally, 2020 presents you with further opportunities to grapple with your identity. This is the essence of wilderness work. Are you more of a congregation centered in Christ who answers his call to go into the world? Or, are you more of a people gathered by a shared desire to serve the community? There is no right or wrong answer, and they certainly need not conflict with one another. They tend to exist in creative tension with one another. However, as the Vision Report indicates, there is present in the church a certain degree of ambiguity and apprehension regarding the question of congregational identity. Some, for example, welcome discussion of Christ as the living embodiment of God's grace and love. Others hear the same discussion with concern as Christ tends to be typically portrayed in our society as divisive and judgmental.

For many years, Paul Alcorn served as a living hinge connecting both and enabling them to function extraordinary well together. Now that he has departed, how will you describe/identify yourself? This is, of course, a question I cannot answer for you, but more clarification will be helpful as you consider the call of your next pastor.

In I John 3:2 the writer responds to questions regarding our resurrection by saying, "What we will be has not yet been revealed." The same can be said of Bedford Presbyterian Church. We do not know yet the future shape of the congregation.

Based on its history, however, we can trust that it will follow Jesus, welcome all people, and serve the community.

And, based on my experience, I believe you will continue to be a vibrant congregation radiating faith, hope, and love!

Grace and peace,  
J. Patrick Vaughn

## **MINISTER OF CONGREGATIONAL LIFE**

This year seemed like a whirlwind of change as we welcomed Patrick as interim, said farewell to Kathy and adapted to new and different ways of being “church”. We examined what is most important and meaningful to our congregation’s faith and life together in preparation for calling a new installed pastor to Bedford. My role in this is often behind the scenes, focusing on pastoral care and congregational life. I’ve also been more regularly involved in other committees and activities and more frequent worship participation this year during the transition.

I participate regularly in worship and serve as staff liaison to the Deacons and Care Teams. I am part of worship many Sundays, especially using this time to connect with pastoral care concerns and fellowship and increasingly working with the children after Kathy’s departure.

Working with the pastor, the Care Team, congregational members and I seek to minister to the needs of the congregation in hospital, nursing home, home and phone visits. I coordinate care with the staff and many faithful volunteers of the congregation.

It is a pleasure to work with Moderator Wendy Branche as staff liaison to the Deacons. I attend all Deacon meetings and functions. The Deacons report contains the long list of congregational fellowship and support events this group provides, including such activities as the Easter service receptions and the Circle of Friends (formerly known as “Old Friends, New Friends”). Care Team Chair Judy Newton works with me to coordinate congregational responses to short term needs such as rides to doctor’s appointment and temporary meals.

Ministry in Bedford Presbyterian is a gift that I am thankful for - it is a privilege to minister in this congregation with so many partners who wish to show God’s love with their lives and their service.

With gratitude,

Heather Brown-Huston  
Minister for Congregational Life

## DIRECTOR of MUSIC

As we are in the midst of a time of change for our church, I can happily say that as Director of Music I have felt very supported by our congregation, church leaders and especially by our interim pastor, Patrick Vaughn. It has been a good exercise in working together as we incorporated some changes into our Sunday Worship services and discussed how music fits into all of this. Being flexible helps immensely and all involved here seem to share that quality. I am sure you have noticed some of these changes and if you haven't then even better, as that speaks to how smoothly they have worked.

Some things we have done is to place a few hymns and anthem slots differently in our services. We have also incorporated using a sung hymn verse as a prayer response. It has been a pleasure on my part to work with Patrick on all of our services and music here at BPC this past year. I also need to mention how helpful and pleasant it is to work with our new Office Manager, Jessica DeAlto. She is a fast learner and I am glad she is here. Our choir continues to add their voices and music to our weekly Sunday services as well as to our more elaborate Christmas and Easter services. For Christmas Eve, Kathy Perry was able to gather enough young people for a choir for the 5:00 pm children's service. Once again we were graced by Michele Eames, Don Hiller-Dupont and Barbara Kanner performing "In the Bleak Midwinter" near the end of the service. Joseph Gansert was our baritone soloist for the 7:00 pm service and he also joined with the choir to sing for the 9:00 pm service. Joe has been helping out as the paid bass section leader for the choir throughout the year. With the choir losing some of its members over the last few years we badly need him to reinforce the group and he is a much welcome addition.

Trumpets and timpani added to the glorious sounds heard here on Christmas. Abbott Fleur played timpani for both the 7:00 pm and 9:00 pm services. Richard Clyner was our trumpeter for the 5, 7 and 9 pm services and Brian Kanner volunteered his trumpet playing to join in for the 9:00 pm service. For the 11:00 pm service our oboe soloist, Slava Znatchenti, played beautifully performing carols and baroque music selections which fit in well with the evening service. The Lessons and Carols service this

December was quite nice with the Bellringers joining the choir to provide musical interludes between the readings. December also saw the return of our Instrumental Ensemble playing for one of our Advent services. Thanks go out to Bing Carlson for getting this off the ground and 'playing' this year. The group always bring a smile to everyone who happens to be in church that particular Sunday. On another kind of note, December also saw us having to move our choir's special music presentation to January as there were some difficulties with the musicians who were scheduled to perform with us. Fortunately it all came together in a January 12, 2020 performance. Moving backwards through the past year, some highlights were the choir's performing

lots of 'Spanish' music from South America, as well as Asian music, during the World Communion Sunday service. Barbara Kanner added her flute to the day's music.

Hearing the choir on our Welcome Back Sunday in September is always a clear signal that our year is off to a start. In May the choir gave a performance of a Josef Haydn mass for choir, strings, organ and soprano soloist entitled the "Little Organ Mass". Wendy Baker was the soprano soloist for this lovely morning concert during our May 5th service.

Easter was filled with splendid music from the choir and we were once again joined by trumpets adding their brilliance to the two morning services that day.

Bedford Presbyterian Church is very fortunate to have such a dedicated and talented choir. Many different people of differing talents, ages and leanings all come together to create a unified expression of faith and beauty through music. They continue to meet weekly from September through May to rehearse and come early on Sunday mornings to sing for our weekly services. Of course anyone is welcome to join at any time! As I have said here in the past. I am concerned about our somewhat diminishing numbers. We seem to lose slightly more people than we gain and over the past few years it is noticeably more difficult to have a full choir and to perform some of the choral music we have done in the past. I mentioned above that we now hire a bass 'ringer' to help out but I hope that we can fill out our ranks from our congregation.

We do have guests join us for our special music performance; however I look at every Sunday as being a 'special music performance'. I am aware of how much music means to our members here and you often let me know how you feel about 'the music', especially after a particularly beautiful performance. It highlights how important music is to the life of our congregation both individually and to the church as a whole.

I appreciate the investment that the church makes in the music program, from the organ, to the choir, soloists, instrumentalists and to myself, all adding to what makes us who we are as a church. I have not mentioned the Bellringers but you can read in their report how they continue to ring on and add their beautiful tones to our services even if only a few times a year. Special thanks to Marcy Carlson and Hope Black for their continued work and also to Heidi Michaels for her help in directing the group. I do regret not being able to have children's and cherub choirs singing but we just don't have the numbers. What we do have however is a group of dedicated people here who support and bolster the music program through their time and talents as well as a supportive staff and congregation. I look forward to another year of music with you and also to the exciting future, working and partnering with our new pastor to make our worship services the best they can be.



## DIRECTOR OF MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH PROGRAMS

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

#### *Sunday Spirit*

The Sunday Spirit program provides Christian education (CE) for children in Kindergarten through Eighth grade during worship. Sunday Spirit is a warm, fun and welcoming environment. Our goal is to have children want to come to Sunday Spirit. Lessons focus on learning about God and the teachings of Jesus through examples of faithful living. We do our best to provide active, hands on and interactive activities. Discussing and “talking to the children” is limited. Creating continuity between our lessons, the Time with the Children, and special church events, the goal is to build a “faith foundation” for our children that will sustain them in good times as well as in bad times.

- Our nursery/toddler program is held in classroom 9 and facilitated by Lydia Savitt and James DiBiasi. When either of them cannot be there, we have Patrick Eames to assist. Ren Messinger had previously been facilitating and has since graduated and left for college. All three of these teenagers and their families are members of our congregation. In adherence to our child safety program, one other person will always be in the classroom. I am on call should there be a need for a second person. The continuity of having a regular presence in the classroom is a source of comfort for the children. Having their own space to access toys, and hang up artwork also makes for a cozy, warm and welcoming environment adding to that feeling of familiarity and comfort. Compensation for facilitating the toddler room has been \$25.00 per day. Laurie Fancher submits the hours monthly by email to Linda Ritter. Checks are distributed by Jessica to a mailbox labeled for the toddler room.

Upon Kathy DiBiasi’s departure, the CE Committee, consisting of Laurie Fancher (Chair), Sarah Ryan, Matt Valenti and Ashely Glod-Hayes, took on the Christian Education at BPC. Kathy graciously met with the committee to review and plan her departure, sharing her curriculum for Sunday Spirit and her email list of parents and children. We have followed the same themes and curriculum left by Kathy and have begun to discuss exploring alternative curriculum options. Patrick has agreed to reach out to other congregations to learn about their Sunday Spirit format, etc. We have begun to discuss changing our existing format to include a rotating schedule of classes which would include music, bible study and craft.

Our theme for Sunday Spirit in December was Advent. There was a one-room class which was taught each week by one of the committee members and also an additional parent volunteer (Stephanie Rasamny and her husband Jk). For the upcoming month of January, our theme will be tolerance. We have our committee members teaching again although there is one Sunday this month that we have not yet gotten coverage. It has been very difficult to get parent volunteers to offer to teach thus far and the CE Committee of 4 cannot sustain a strong and robust CE program without support and assistance. The number of children attending on average has been 5-11 children.

*Taken from Kathy's annual report last year:*

"We have continued with the premise that simpler is better. The Sunday Spirit calendar year has been broken up into themes, and class format simplified. Class format is as follows: Prayer, Opening Activity/Warm up, Book/Discussion, Hands on or Interactive Activity. One change this year was adding a bible scripture to the lessons giving children the opportunity to look up passages in the bible. The themes for the 2019/2020 program year are as follows: Community, Kindness, Gratitude, Tolerance, Love, Renewal, Giving, Faith, Friendship, and Seeds for Growth. Our simplified class format makes it easier for our teachers, who teach on a volunteer basis. We continue to have minimal attendance on Sundays from our Middle School teens. It has not been feasible to plan for a teacher and class each Sunday. Our hope is that this changes.

**Christmas Pageant-** Our annual Christmas Pageant was held on Sunday, December 15th. Sarah Ryan and Laurie Fancher facilitated the pageant this year. Sarah did the bulk of the work, editing the script and rehearsing with the main characters one day after school just prior to the event. Feedback was positive and the children really enjoyed participating.

**5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service -** The committee decided to try something different. Instead of using the children's illustrations during the service, we took an idea from an article about informal pageants that Patrick suggested. Sarah Ryan ordered all the "costumes" and bags. The Sunday prior to the service, Ashley, her family, Sarah Ryan, her family, Matt Valenti and Laurie Fancher formed an assembly line putting together 300 bags. Each bag contained one item that would be reflective of a "role" in the play. Animal masks, halos, burlap bags, etc., all to represent Shepherds, Joseph, Mary, Angels, etc. All who were in attendance played a part and the feedback was very positive.

**2019 Third Grade Bible Study Class-** The class was taught again by Matt Valenti. The class was tailored to 8 sessions as opposed to 9. This upcoming year's bible study class begins in March and will be taught again by Matt Valenti. Matt is currently working on the schedule and most likely, it will not be held in consecutive weeks this year. There are potentially 8 children who will be attending and the children will complete the class and receive Bibles in May.

**The Children's Offering** -The offering has been a point of discussion since Paul's departure. We have been working to find a way for the children to be completely involved with the offering now that the timing has changed. Currently it is taking place immediately following Time with the Children. Two children remain briefly in worship to pass the baskets. The children have selected two charities, (Laundry Love and the Heifer Project) as the recipients of the offering. The Sunday Spirit teacher for the day has been asked to touch on the offering upon starting the class for the morning to remind the children of its purpose and update them on its amount. We will continue to discuss this as some members of the congregation feel that the children are not as involved as they had been originally.

**Time with The Children** - Currently Heather has taken on this task since Kathy's departure. The CE committee lets Heather know what the monthly theme of Sunday Spirit is and Heather decides on a topic that relates to that particular theme.

***Middle School Youth Group/High School Youth Group*** - *Elyssa Michaels will be submitting her report as she is facilitating. Laurie Fancher is assisting Elyssa for most groups.*

Submitted by Laurie Fancher

### ***Middle School Youth Group***

The Middle School Youth Group has continued to be a great program. We have had up to 40 kids this past fall but generally average about 20. Kids from the local community come frequently, and it continues to grow by word of mouth from our participants. Middle school youth group is an opportunity for our 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders to gather together on a regular basis to socialize, learn, serve others, and learn what it means to live as people of faith. We meet twice a month on Fridays from 6:30-8:30pm. One gathering a month is more service focused. Middle School Youth Group is an inclusive group – kids from all faith and non-faith backgrounds are welcome to participate. Words that embody what youth group is - Service, Inclusive, Friendship, Respect, Fun and Safe.

Elyssa Michaels leads and plans each event. Laurie Fancher and Amy Drabek have helped her this fall.

### ***Program Highlights***

In terms of programming, middle school youth gravitate towards service-related programs and programs social in nature. Our first meeting of 2019/2020 was on September 20<sup>th</sup>. We do activities such as group building nights, making tacos and cookies, pizza parties, making cards for kids at Maria Fareri Hospital, Halloween fun, and shopping for the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility Children's Center.

Our goal for the second half of the program year is to continue to provide meaningful and enriching activities. We will be assembling breakfast bags for ESP, making sack suppers for the midnight run, and helping to organize for the midnight run, among others.

### ***High School Youth: Be the change***

In 2019 we continued to build on the strengths of our high school program: work trips to Nicaragua and West Virginia, fundraisers associated with our work trips, ESP, Midnight Run, partnership with Neighbors Link, and Hour Children. Our goal is to provide thought provoking activities that enrich the lives of our High School students by educating them on values, faith and human experience.

### ***Program Development***

In the winter of 2015 we began a High School Youth Group. Feedback has been positive. Currently we have about 10 students who consistently come to HSYG. The goal is to keep these teens engaged and participating throughout their high school career. This fall we started meeting on Sunday evenings from 5-7pm. We got mixed feedback about the time. Moving forward we will be doing some Fridays and Sundays. We generally meet twice a month. We began the 2019/2020 Program Year on Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> with cooking activities. Other gatherings since have included group building nights, fun and games, discussions, annual Holiday Party at Neighbors Link, shopping for the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility Children's Center and preparing and serving dinner for ESP.

### ***Program Highlights***

Every year one of our most successful programs is the church-wide fundraiser Mistletoe Mart. Mistletoe Mart brings together people from all generations. In 2019 we had 4 teens participate and one other adult volunteer from our DR work trip. In the very near future we look forward to the 2019 work trip to the Dominican Republic where we have 14 high school students and adults participating from BPC and 18 from Temple Shaaray Tefila, and the 2019 work trip to West Virginia.

Elyssa Michaels, Director of Middle and High School Youth Programs

## BOARD OF DEACONS

*“The office of Deacons, as set forth in Scripture, is one of sympathy, witness, and service, after the example of Jesus.”*

Deacons of Bedford Presbyterian Church serve to establish new connections and strengthen existing ones within our congregation and community. In 2019 we worked to live out our calling as disciples of Jesus to “love one another”, coordinating congregational efforts to build friendships and support those struggling with difficult challenges.

The Care Team, chaired by Judy Newton, is a critical component of our congregation’s care for one another. Care Team coordinates requests for church members who are in need of temporary support, including meals and transportation and matches these requests to volunteer members of the congregation. We are thankful for all those volunteers, and always willing to add new volunteers to the list of those willing to help.

Deacon Blakely Brodbeck coordinates the hosting schedule for Coffee Hour. This event each week provides the time and space for congregation members, friends and guests to build relationships. We ask almost every member of the congregation to host one week a year. We are appreciative of the efforts of each family who participates. Many thanks to Jessica DeAlto in the office for providing administrative support as well!

Deacons Elyssa Michaels and Sarah Ryan chair our Second Sunday Soup (SSS) in November, January, February and March. SSS is a popular chance to share a meal with members and friends from the church community. New this year, Deacon Judy Newton has been coordinating “InTouch” cards during SSS, encouraging congregation members to write short notes to home bound congregational friends, and then mailing these cards over the month to send a steady stream of encouragement to these friends at home. The February SSS is intentionally scheduled to coincide with the Annual Meeting and provide a light meal for those staying to conduct the important work of the congregation. Thank you to those who have helped provide the soup and service this year!

The Welcome Back Picnic for the Congregation was held in September. Deacons Blakely Brodbeck, Angela Sour, and Amy Drabek, with all of the Deacons contributing, successfully organized this event. Our annual picnic is our traditional kick-off to the Church year and is enjoyed by all who attend. The picnic was much expanded this year, moving to the Village Green, with games added and a more “invitational” atmosphere hoping to attract visitors to the event. Several families stopped in, drawn by the activities. Special thanks to Kathy DiBiasi who assisted with obtaining permission from the town and the police officer as crossing guard.

Deacon-sponsored social events throughout the year target both small and large groups and are designed to involve newcomers in the church. This year’s Old Friends, New Friends dinner was reinvented as multiple small gatherings, which allowed new people to host who were previously unable to host 40-50 people in their homes. These were “Meals with Patrick” giving congregation members and friends the chance to meet our Interim Pastor and begin the pastoral transition process. With the organizing help of

Deacon Don Hiller-Dupont, we plan to continue this idea of multiple small gatherings in this year.

The Decorators' Lunch in December was coordinated by Deacon Angela Sour and Amy Drabek. We provided appetizers and a pizza lunch to those who were decorating the sanctuary. The festive atmosphere that accompanies Christmas was further enhanced by these efforts.

The Deacons also coordinated events for Easter. Deacon Angela Sour and Suzanne Millette kicked off the holiday by organizing an Easter egg decorating event for children of the congregation, which was moved to Fellowship Hall this year to make it more of a family-friendly and multigenerational event. For Easter Day itself the refreshments for the two Easter receptions were coordinated by Deacons Wendy Branche and Cathy Ehrlich. We look forward to another festive Easter celebration this year on the holiest of days.

Deacon Michele Eames coordinates the flower dedications each week with our office staff and Mary Lou Pappas. This is a demanding role, which Michelle handles with grace and persistence. The Deacons are so thankful for Mary Lou's talents and dedication and for Jessica DeAlto in the office providing support!

Deacons continue to have great ideas for ways to continue to serve the congregation and community. They are currently considering ideas for a greeters table to welcome guests on Sunday morning, a raffle and a family fun night as possibilities for the year to come. Please feel free to contact any of us if you have a suggestion. We all thank you for the opportunity to serve God in this wonderful church community.

### Board of Deacons

Wendy Branche, Blakely Brodbeck, Amy Drabek, Don Hiller-Dupont, Michele Eames, Elyssa Michaels, Suzanne Millette, Judy Newton, Angela Sour, Sarah Ryan, Rebecca Rivard, Jessica Cunningham

Reverend Heather Brown-Huston - Staff Advisor

Respectfully submitted by Wendy Branche – Moderator

## **STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

Each year the stewardship committee asks that you commit to the financial support of the work and ministry of Bedford Presbyterian Church and each year you generously respond. In this year of transition we are encouraged to have seen an increase in the amount pledged. At this date pledges for 2020 total \$368,000, a 15% increase over the total at this time last year. We are very grateful to each of you for your support and appreciative of those who were able to provide an increase.

Thank you to all,

For the Stewardship Committee: Alan McDougall (Chair), Eric Eichhorn, David Hardy, David Keeffe, J. Patrick Vaughn

## MISSION

**Mission Committee:** Linda Burpee, Elizabeth Messinger, Chris Perry (Chair),  
Shirani Ponnambalam

Session liaison: Shirani Ponnambalam

Staff liaison: Rev. J. Patrick Vaughn

**Mission Statement:** Helping people in need, following the command of Christ that we love one another. This lies at the heart of Christianity. While we support causes abroad, most of our efforts address the needs in our area, allocating funds, organizing focused appeals, and providing hands-on support.

### Some of the organizations we support with both funds and volunteers.

**A-HOME:** A coalition of churches, temples and civic groups dedicated to providing affordable housing for low-income seniors, single-parent families, and disabled individuals. Church members volunteer in a variety of ways. For more information please contact A-HOME at 914-741-0740.

**BPC Liaisons:** Chris Perry ([perryrc@rcsny.org](mailto:perryrc@rcsny.org)) and Kathy Perry ([perryk@rcsny.org](mailto:perryk@rcsny.org))

**Christa Kuusisto Honorary Scholarship** – Each year this scholarship is awarded to a graduating Fox Lane High School student whose commitment to community service was exemplary. The recipient in 2019 was Shigari Hodge. There will be a recipient named in June 2020. **Coordinator:** Shirani Ponnambalam ([shiranip@gmail.com](mailto:shiranip@gmail.com)).

**Christmas Gift Giving/Dove Tree:** Each year we provide an opportunity to extend our Christmas gift giving to include the larger circle of our community. Through both the Dove Tree and our Christmas Stars we give gifts to A-HOME residents, the Emergency Shelter Program, the High School Work Trips, Laundry Love, Midnight Run, the Mt. Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry, and the Westchester Youth Alliance. The Dove Tree raised \$600 in December 2019 and seven members of A-HOME's Heffner House in Mt. Kisco were given gifts from the Bedford Presbyterian Church.

**Coordinators:** Mission Committee and Vic & Linda Fried (Dove Tree)

**The Community Center:** Located in nearby Katonah, the nonprofit organization which serves those in need in Northern Westchester. The Center provides emergency food, gently-used clothing and household items; offers employment counseling, and computer, English-language and Spanish-language classes; and refers clients to federal, state, county and private programs for other assistance. Volunteers can call the Center at 914-232-6752. **BPC Liaison:** Sue Kelly [suewkelly@yahoo.com](mailto:suewkelly@yahoo.com).

**CROP Walk:** Church World Service, the sponsoring organization, addresses the problems of hunger and emergency relief around the world. The CROP Walk takes place each year on a Sunday in October. This year the Walk took place on

October 20th, 2019 at 1:30 pm in downtown Katonah, a change of venue from previous years when it occurred at Ward Pound Ridge. The Community Center and the Interfaith Food Pantry share 25% of the total income. The Walk brings together community organizations and churches. This year there were 105 walkers and also Mount Kisco 1 Boy Scouts. The Walk raised \$14, 600, with BPC contributing \$1,300 to that total. **BPC Liaison:** Alison Cape (Northern Westchester Hospital Coordinator) ([alison.cape@gmail.com](mailto:alison.cape@gmail.com))

**Emergency Shelter Partnership:** The Emergency Shelter Program is a coalition of more than 20 congregations and groups working together to provide emergency shelter during the coldest months of the year. Ten years ago a group of community leaders from Mt. Kisco approached area clergy with a concern about those in our communities who would not have a place to stay as the winter approached. Out of that conversation grew what has become the Emergency Shelter Partnership (ESP). This past winter ESP provided shelter to as many as 25 individuals from the first week in November through the last week in March. The program has worked so well that it has served as a model that other communities have copied. **Bedford Presbyterian Church** was instrumental in beginning the ESP. We were the first congregation to host the shelter, and leadership from BPC has provided key leadership as the ESP has grown. After several years of the Bedford Church serving as the Fiscal Sponsor for ESP, the organization is now an independent 501(c) (3) corporation. In the past, each winter BPC hosts the shelter for two weeks.

In 2019 we hosted the shelter for one week, the week of December 31 - January 6, 2020, but we'll be hosting a second week from March 2, 2020 through March 8, 2020. Volunteers from BPC can sign up to provide and serve a meal to those who stay with us, can volunteer to spend the night to support ESP's paid overnight supervisor, and can also volunteer to provide breakfast bags for individuals to take with them when they leave in the morning. Elizabeth Messinger is currently serving as **BPC's Liaison** to the ESP Congregational Council.

**ESP Week Coordinators:** Shirani Ponnambalam ([shiranip@gmail.com](mailto:shiranip@gmail.com)) and Elizabeth Messinger ([laundrylovemtkiscony@gmail.com](mailto:laundrylovemtkiscony@gmail.com))

**Laundry Love** - Laundry Love is a national program that provides financial assistance to individuals or families so they can wash and dry their clothes. In this way, when their budget is tight, people don't have to make a decision whether to wash their clothes or spend their resources on other financial demands. In the summer of 2018, Elizabeth Messinger launched a local Laundry Love program at a laundromat in Mount Kisco. Monthly volunteers are needed, either for a 5:00 to 6:30 pm shift or a 6:30 to 8:00 pm shift (or both!). For more information and volunteer opportunities **contact** Elizabeth Messinger ([laundrylovemtkiscony@gmail.com](mailto:laundrylovemtkiscony@gmail.com)).

**Midnight Run:** The Midnight Run provides opportunities for youth and adults to interact with and deliver donated food, clothing, blankets and toiletries to homeless people in Manhattan. Kathy DiBiasi led a run on January 2019 with our high school students and Chris Perry led a run with ninth-grade students from Rippowam Cisqua School on January 25, 2019. For more information about upcoming Runs, **contact** BPC's new Director of High School and Middle School Youth Groups: Elyssa Michaels ([youthgroup@bedfordpreschurch.org](mailto:youthgroup@bedfordpreschurch.org)).



**Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry:** In operation since 1991, the Food Pantry is supported by thirteen local congregations. Bedford Presbyterian Church has been an integral part of this mission since the Pantry's inception. Located in the United Methodist Church in Mount Kisco, the Food Pantry provides groceries to people in need in the community. The Pantry serves an average of 300 families each week and donations are always needed. Clients are those in need of having their food needs supplemented and the Food Pantry supplies enough balanced nutrition for 3 meals. The Food Pantry has an Executive Director and a Board of Directors consisting of representatives of 13 local faith organizations including Bedford Presbyterian. In 2018, the Bedford Presbyterian Church donated money for the pantry to develop and install a barcode check in system. The new system went into effect in 2019 and allows the pantry to function more efficiently. Volunteers, high school age or older, are welcome to contact our **BPC Liaison: Sharon Seidell (sps1256s@gmail.com)**.

**My Sister's Place and Hope's Door** - strive to end domestic violence and human trafficking through comprehensive services, advocacy and community education. They provide safety, self-determination and justice. The Mission Committee and the BPC Women's Association provide financial assistance. For more information, **contact Kim McNair (kmcnair@mspny.org)**.

**Neighbor's Link:** Neighbors Link was founded to meet the needs of 4,000 plus Latino immigrants who represent over 26% of Mount Kisco's total population. When problems at many levels became apparent, concerned members of the community raised private funds to convert a masonry warehouse into a community center for low-income working people. That was in the year 2000, and it signaled the remarkable transformation of a whole community. Neighbors Link is a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit organization. Today, Neighbors Link offers a fully staffed center with comprehensive programs for: Adult Education; Training for Effective Parenting; Employment and Economic Development; Computer Skill Training; Leadership Training; Entrepreneurial Development; Recreation and Community-Building; Personal and vocational enhancement, After-school tutoring program at Mt. Kisco Elementary School; On-site help and referrals for personal and family issues such as housing and homelessness, medical and mental health, family budgeting, taxpayer identification, non-payment of wages, alcoholism, domestic violence, immigration issues and other critical concerns.

Neighbors Link offers a variety of volunteer opportunities for adults, teens, families and groups. Volunteering may be done on an occasional, short-term, or long-term basis. Day and evening schedules are available. To learn more about the organization and the programs they offer visit their website at [www.neighborslink.org](http://www.neighborslink.org), or **contact Martha Palomino, Volunteer Manager (mpalomino@neighborslink.org)**

**Open Door** - is a local walk-in medical facility that provides free medical services to adults and children who live at or below the federal poverty level. The BPC Women's Association provides financial assistance. For more information on how you can help, **contact Kate Branch (katebranch@gmail.com)**.

**Presbyterian Camp at Holmes, NY:** HOLMES Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center is the outdoor Christian education and retreat facility of the Presbyteries of Hudson River, Long Island and New York City. Bedford Presbyterian Church along with the other 255 congregations in the New York metropolitan area own Holmes. The property is located 30 minutes from Bedford off of I-84 and consists of two year-round conference centers, three year-round retreat cabins, two seasonal youth facilities, a rustic camping program, several tent/trailer and day group areas, and an environmental science and arts program. The Center's three lakes and 550 wooded acres provide for swimming and boating, as well as fishing and ice-skating. Holmes provides programmed events, as well as rental facilities for conferences and retreats.

Volunteers are needed to repair buildings, maintain the grounds, and serve in leadership roles on the Board of Directors or on a variety of committees. Holmes is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) religious organization. Contributions may be made directly to Holmes or to the Church and designated for Holmes. Holmes is always looking for scholarship funds to help send kids to camp, and for used vehicles (cars, SUVs & trucks) that are in usable condition. Donations may also be made for capital improvements. Every summer college age staff are employed as counselors, lifeguards and service staff. For information, go to [Holmescamp.org](http://Holmescamp.org) or speak with **BPC Liaisons** David Burpee ([dburpee@gmail.com](mailto:dburpee@gmail.com)) or Linda Burpee ([lrbesq@gmail.com](mailto:lrbesq@gmail.com)).

**Rewarding Potential Scholarship (RPS):** The idea for this scholarship came out of growing awareness that there are a group of students in our community who don't reach their academic potential because of either their family's financial situation or cultural expectations around education. The idea is that this four year scholarship will provide the gap money between what a family can afford and what college/university financial aid packages offer. With seed money from the Mission portion of the Capital Campaign, BPC launched the idea. There have been 19 students with RPS scholarships. Three students have graduated (2019) and 16 are presently attending college and universities. For this school year, 2019-2020, \$90,000 in scholarship funds have been committed to those 16 students. **BPC Liaison:** Kim Lapple ([kjlapple@gmail.com](mailto:kjlapple@gmail.com)).

**Work Trips:** Bedford Presbyterian Church sponsors two mission work trips for high school students and adults each year. These trips provide an opportunity to help and serve others, but also for participants to reflect about life, faith, values and the world in which we live. We have been taking work trips to Appalachia since 1990 and to Nicaragua since 1996. In 2016, we began traveling to Colcord, West Virginia, for our summer work trip and plan to do so again the summer of 2020. Due to political instability and unrest in Nicaragua, we will be traveling again to the Dominican Republic in February 2020, continuing our work with the organization, Bridges to Community. A grant from our local Mission Fund as well as contributions from the Women's Association helps support both these trips. Our **staff liaisons** are Patrick Vaughn and Elyssa Michaels.

Respectfully submitted,

The Mission Committee

## **WOMAN 2 WOMAN PRISON MINISTRY**

In the fall of 2013, Bedford Presbyterian Church officially launched Woman 2 Woman, a prison ministry program which connects women in our congregation and community with women incarcerated at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility, the only maximum-security women's prison in New York State. We have since expanded our work to Taconic Correctional Facility, a medium-security women's prison directly across the street from BHCF.

Woman 2 Woman is designed to provide inmates, who often have little to no contact with the outside world, with much-needed emotional support, encouragement and friendship. Our goal is to also stretch our own capacity for empathy and understanding by developing a relationship of mutual respect and caring with someone whose history and circumstances are typically very different from our own.

Nancy Gernert, Woman 2 Woman's first visitor, coordinates the program, in which more than 100 visitors have enrolled since its inception. Each is assigned an inmate whom she visits at least once a month. We currently have approximately 50 active visitors, including a group of young women from Iona College. Training sessions and support groups are held several times a year.

2019 was a very busy year for Woman 2 Woman:

- We designed and implemented a mentorship program. We match each new visitor with an experienced visitor who will prepare her for and accompany her on her first visit. She will also stay in contact with her mentee over the course of the first year to answer questions and provide support. Our aim is two-fold: to keep new visitors engaged so that they are able to build a relationship that is meaningful and fulfilling, and to keep more experienced visitors engaged so that the program becomes more sustainable.
- We started to explore how to support visitors and inmates as they prepare for parole board hearings and possible re-entry. We are conducting interviews with visitors whose inmates have already been released to learn more about the process and the ensuing difficulties. We are also researching resources and organizations that already exist in the communities women are being released into in order to compile a resource guide which visitors can refer to as they discuss release with the inmates they visit.
- We started an advocacy group called Women 4 Women which is meeting with New York State legislators to educate them about our work inside Bedford Hills and Taconic and to provide support as they sponsor and/or vote on important

pieces of criminal justice legislation. We have numerous stories about our experiences inside the prisons which illustrate the need for change.

- We started planning an exhibit to be held in March and April of 2020 at the Katonah Village Library of Sara Bennett's photographs of women serving lengthy sentences at Bedford Hills and Taconic. This is going to be an exciting event that draws much-needed attention to and understanding of the incarcerated women who live in our community. The opening reception will be the afternoon of Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. Women who were formerly incarcerated at BHCF and Taconic will be in attendance as well as local legislators and members of other groups working with our incarcerated population. We will also host panel discussions at the library the evenings of Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> (Mothers in Prison) and Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> (Parole Reform).

For more information about Woman 2 Woman and the work that we do, please contact Nancy Gernert at [nancygernert@gmail.com](mailto:nancygernert@gmail.com) or 914-763-0750.

### **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

The personnel committee continues to manage staff related issues on behalf of the congregation. We started 2019 with the hiring of Jessica DeAlto as Office Manager, providing support for her as she learned the role of Office Manager. We are very pleased with her performance and the stability she has brought to this very central staff role for the church. In the spring, we worked with our beloved custodian, Osvaldo Rojas to transition into retirement. In July 2019, Oswaldo retired from BPC and was hired back as a part time employee reducing his hours to 19 hours / week. Working in this capacity, he is eligible to begin collecting his pension so that his retirement does not have a negative personal financial impact. In the fall, we reluctantly said goodbye to Kathy DiBiasi in her role of Director of Christian Education. Kathy did an excellent job working with both the Sunday Spirit program as well as High School and Middle School youth and left some big shoes to fill. We were fortunate to have Elyssa Michaels accept the position of Director of Middle and High School Youth programs. Because she had experience working with Kathy and the youth groups for several years, the transition was relatively easy. Transition for Sunday Spirit continues to be more of a challenge. The Christian Education committee has stepped up to ensure that we continue to offer a quality CE experience to our children, but additional resources are required. Both Sunday Spirit and MS/HS Youth programs will require additional participation from the congregation.

In addition to assisting with significant personnel changes, the Personnel Committee implements and ensures compliance with NY State HR regulations. In 2019 BPC implemented a policy consistent with the Westchester Earned Sick Leave Law where an employee can use sick leave for the care or treatment of themselves or a family

member. We also implemented a policy for a work place free from sexual harassment, including training for the staff. We are fortunate to have a dedicated and talented staff to support the work of BPC.

Chair: Sharon Seidell

Members: Linda Burpee, Lila Cummings, Dave Keefe, Matt Valenti, Patrick Vaughn

## **PROPERTY & MAINTENANCE**

2019 was an extremely active year for the P&M committee as we completed several major projects and continued planning and due diligence for several proposed projects. Here are the highlights:

- Through generous donations, our entrance stairways have been repaired and look fantastic.
- Through generous donations, we have upgraded our sound system in the sanctuary.
- Exterior lighting has been improved around the Church building.
- Landmark Preschool continues to be a strong partner and has filed to extend their occupancy permit for 5 more years.
- We have added an interior door between Fellowship Hall and the CE wing.
- We will be renewing our lease with the Town of Bedford to allow limited daily metered parking in our parking lot.
- Working with the Town of Bedford and the Bedford Playhouse, we have been actively involved in partnering on solutions for the parking shortage in Bedford Village. At this time, we have a contract to sell the Church property bordering Court St. for \$200,000. We hope to close the sale in early 2020.
- We continue to work with the Town of Bedford and community leaders to develop a solution to the inadequate cell service in Bedford Village. As part of the solution, the Church would consider partnering with cell service providers to house equipment. We are currently determining the appropriate proposal that is in the best interests of Bedford Village and BPC.
- The Manse is in need of upgrades that will result in a more comfortable and energy efficient home. That is our next priority project pending funding availability in 2020.

All of this occurs on top of the normal day-in and day-out work on our wonderful buildings and grounds....

Maggie Uyeki continues to work her magic around the grounds, with many hours of gardening, weeding, mulching, pruning and new planting.

Our thanks to Osvaldo Rojas for all he does on a day-in, day-out basis to keep our building clean and to stay on top of minor repairs. And, thank you to everyone on the Property and Maintenance Committee who help plan for and manage these projects.

The Property and Maintenance Committee will be engaging in an on-going review of other potential needs which will be prioritized and completed when possible all while

trying to manage within our financial budget. Please feel free to let us know if you have any thoughts about how we can improve the Church facilities.

Property and Maintenance Committee: Eric Eichhorn, Ben Branch, Norm Michaels, Bing Carlson, Tom Ferguson and Maggie Uyeki

## **WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE**

### **Part 1**

In 2019 a huge highlight of the year in worship was the installation of a new sound system. Our previous sound system served us well but was unable to meet our needs as components had failed and were unable to be repaired. We raised a significant portion of the cost of the new system through donations from the congregation. The system was completely replaced. All new speakers and microphones were purchased and installed and all the wires to these components were replaced to ensure that the entire system worked properly. Although for the majority of the congregation the sound was much better and clearer than the old system, some of our members were still unable to clearly hear our pastors. To ensure that everyone could hear as clearly as possible, we also added a hearing assist system that connects with an individual's hearing aid. This allows individuals to directly hear whoever is speaking in the microphone. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to Dr. James Fenimore for giving his time and sharing his expertise while he spearheaded and coordinated this complicated project.

During this transition period we continue to experiment with the order of worship and with some of the liturgy. Communion is now being done on a more regular basis and we have modified how we serve communion. The children's offering, joys and concerns, and the announcements have all undergone some tweaking. The goal is to find the right balance of spirituality and community, structure and flexibility, and contemplation and joy.

In December a banner was purchased that announced our Christmas Eve services. The banner was hung on the front of the Church and has been carefully stored to be used again next year.

We are blessed to have preaching from both Rev. J. Patrick Vaughn and Rev. Heather Brown-Huston. In addition, we have the occasional guest speaker including, this year, the Rev. Dr. Susan De George, Stated Clerk of Hudson River Presbytery.

Submitted by:  
David R. Burpee  
Chair, Worship and Music Committee

## **WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE**

### **Part 2**

#### **Bellringers Annual Report:**

The Bellringers performed in the spring of 2019, playing in a May church service, with weekly rehearsals on Monday evenings leading up to the performance. The love of ringing handbells inspires us to continue each year, sharing different aspects and responsibilities in order to provide music. Marcy Carlson and Hope Black continue to do much of the work of communication with the ringers, setting of dates to play, and choosing and preparing music to ring for a church service. Heidi Michaels has been doing the actual directing, both in rehearsals and for performances in church.

We continued in this way in the fall of 2019, and rang in church just before Christmas for the Christmas carol service, which is always a wonderful time of year for the bell ringing. Two ringers, Marcy Carlson and Hope Black, also prepared a short program for the Millie Kane Christmas Luncheon in December, a fun time.

We are continuing our project to preserve the value and playing capability of the entire handbell set by sending groups of bells to Texas to be completely refurbished. Last January we sent another group of bells to the Texas company which works on English Whitechapel handbells. And this January we have just sent our last group of bells to be refurbished and returned in February. This total work of refurbishment has mainly been made possible by contributions by many people who appreciate the bell music and want to see it continued. Our thanks and appreciation go out to all of you.

Our set of handbells, begun in 1960 with the purchase of two octaves, now contains 7 octaves of bells, a total of 85 bells. If you talk to any of our ringers, they will surely tell you what fun it is to learn to ring and play. Anyone interested in trying their hand at ringing bells, speak to any ringer, or let the office know of your interest, and your name will be passed on to the group. We would love to talk with you.

Submitted by Hope Black

## **Bedford Presbyterian Church Choir:**

The Choir consists of approximately twenty five active members, although during the course of a year we typically add and lose some singers. We have been fortunate to have a few people from the congregation able to join us from time to time and they contribute a lot to the group, especially for our special services. We do have the occasional help of a professional bass to help out the choir. I would like to have one every Sunday but it is difficult to find someone who is willing and can do this. On Sundays, anywhere from about twelve to twenty-two members appear to rehearse and sing. The choir is a flexible performing group who sing music ranging in style from the early Renaissance to gospel, ethnic music such as African and Asian, as well as 21st century composers. Not only is this a solid performing group, the choir remains a tight-knit social and support group for many of its members. The choir sings practically every Sunday from September through June, Christmas Eve, Maundy Thursday, two services on Easter Sunday, and sometimes in other events outside of the church. The choir typically prepares special musical presentations late fall or Christmas season and sometime in the spring. Please see the Director of Music report for details of this past year's special offerings.

The choir is a faithful group of people who give much of their time and talent to the life of our church. As always is the case, the choir is open to anyone who would like to sing at any time during the year, offering a chance to participate in our worship services, experience the thrill of singing great music together, and share fellowship and fun.

**Instrumental Ensemble:** This is a yearly group made up of adults and children from our congregation who play instruments. They usually perform around the first or second weekend of December and play seasonal music in the worship service that week. All levels and degrees of talent are welcome to join in. Elizabeth Sanders once again led the group this past December. It is open to anyone who plays an instrument. The group usually meets for one or two rehearsals before playing in a service. If you are interested in playing, please look for information sometime in early November.

Submitted by John Lettieri



## **BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

**MISSION STATEMENT:** All men and women in the church working together in loving concern for our church and each other while serving to help meet the needs of our church and community.

On January 27, 2019, several volunteers responded to an invitation to discuss the allocation of funds from the 2018 Mistletoe Mart and begin to plan and organize the 2019 Mart. Please review the financial report that follows.

The 2019 Mistletoe Mart was once again very successful, netting \$10,977, up \$1,999 from last year. The crafters made \$1,112, down \$200 from 2018. The wreaths and logs grossed \$1,516, down \$260 from last year. The bake sale grossed \$1,062, up \$77 from last year.

This year's quilt was called "Our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Quilt" and measured 98" x 98". The quilt was raffled off at the end of the day and was won by Marcia Thomas. Receipts from the quilt totaled \$3,472, up \$697 from last year. In addition, our quilters organized a quilt show that brought in \$849 in donations.

This year's mart again featured a children's shopping experience, and all of the items for sale were donated by the congregation. The response to the appeal for donations was up from last year. The children's shopping room receipts were \$1,239, up \$760 from last year. A few of the donations were put up for a silent auction, which grossed \$590.

These events are made possible by the dedication of many volunteers, some giving many hours, others less. It doesn't matter; everyone enjoyed the fellowship that comes with working together.

Every member in the church is invited and encouraged to participate in these events and new ideas are always welcomed.

Submitted by Julia Newton

## 2019 Bedford Presbyterian Women Financial Statement

Chase Balance December 31, 2018		\$8,516.10
 <u>2019 Receipts</u>		
2018 MM PayPal Deposit	\$5,598.99	
Quilt Early Deposit	\$849.00	
Starter Cash Re-deposited	\$700.00	
2018 Mistletoe Mart - Cash & checks	<u>\$10,106.00</u>	
TOTAL 2019 Receipts	<u>\$17,253.99</u>	<u>\$17,253.99</u>
TOTAL		<u>\$25,770.09</u> \$25,770.09
 <u>2019 Disbursements</u>		
75% to Vendors (\$991.50 outstanding)	\$4,413.75	
Mistletoe Mart Expenses	\$761.80	
BPC Pledge	\$3,000.00	
Virginia Youth Work Trip	\$1,000.00	
Overseas Youth Work Trip	\$1,000.00	
Hope's Door	\$500.00	
Community Center of NW	\$300.00	
Open Door Foundation	\$1,000.00	
A-Home	\$500.00	
BPC Bell Refurbishment	\$500.00	
2018 Vendor Payment (Pappas)	\$690.00	
Joseph Rojas – Thank you gift	\$50.00	
Osvaldo – Thank you gift	\$75.00	
Starter Cash for MM	\$700.00	
Error for Vendor (Pirro)	\$15.00	
Bank Charges	<u>\$7.87</u>	
TOTAL 2019 Disbursements	<u>\$14,513.42</u>	<u>-14,513.42</u>
		\$11,256.67
 Chase Balance December 31, 2019		
		\$11,256.67
PayPal Balance December 31, 2019		
		<u>\$5,277.92</u>
TOTAL Balances		
		\$16,534.59
 Yard signs & date patches		
	-\$393.70	
Outstanding Check (Pappas 75%)		
	-\$991.50	
Outstanding Check (Wreath Expenses)		
	<u>-\$360.00</u>	
TOTAL Checks Outstanding	<u>\$1,745.20</u>	<u>-\$1,745.20</u>
 <b>BALANCE AVAILABLE</b>		 <b>\$14,789.39</b>

### Mistletoe Mart 2019 Receipts

Vendor	Total Receipts	25% for BPC	75% for Vendor
Donna Pirro	\$1,126.00	\$281.50	\$844.50
Marylou Pappas	1,322.00	\$330.50	\$991.50
Lisa Lichtenberger	\$646.00	\$161.50	\$484.50
Michele Kim	\$472.00	\$118.00	\$354.00
Brian Hugick	\$650.00	\$162.50	\$487.50
Bobbi Ludel	\$409.00	\$102.25	\$306.75
Kathleen Cleary	\$400.00	\$100.00	\$300.00
Shari Ship	\$600.00	\$150.00	\$450.00
Rae Ballard	\$350.00	\$87.50	\$262.50
Holly Cohen	\$480.00	\$120.00	\$360.00
Carina Sullivan	\$752.00	\$188.00	\$564.00
<b>Total Vendors</b>	<b>\$7,207.00</b>	<b>\$1,801.75</b>	<b>\$5,405.25</b>
Wreaths & Logs	\$1,516.00	\$1,516.00	
Crafters	\$1,112.00	\$1,112.00	
Quilt	\$3,472.00	\$3,472.00	
Quilt Show Donations	\$184.00	\$184.00	
Silent Auction	\$590.00	\$590.00	
Bake Sale	\$1,062.00	\$1,062.00	
Holiday Shop	\$1,239.00	\$1,239.00	
<b>Total MM Receipts</b>	<b>\$16,382.00</b>	<b>\$10,976.75</b>	

### Mistletoe Mart 2019 Expenses

Expense Description	Amount
Advertising Expenses	\$149.30
Yard Signs & Date Patches	\$393.70
Wreath & Log Expenses	\$360.00
PayPal Fees	\$149.08
Thank you gifts	\$125.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,177.08</b>
 <b>2019 MM Net Income</b>	 <b>\$9,799.67</b>