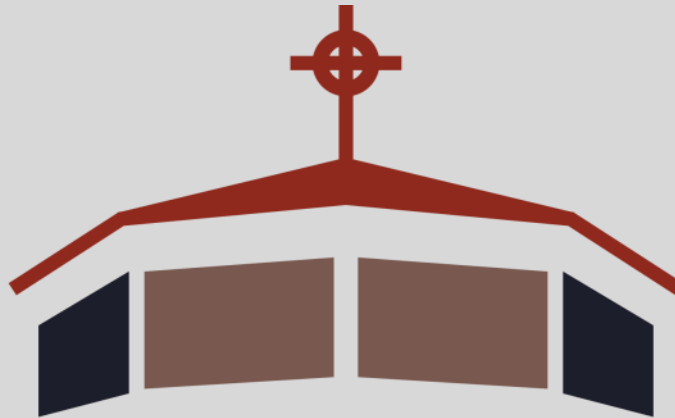


**SAN PEDRO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

# Annual Report 2018



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# San Pedro Presbyterian Church

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Dear Friends,

My report to you this year is a word of joy, thanksgiving and dreams of the future.

“And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.” **Joel 2:28**

The spirit of the Lord is being poured out upon us. Many are dreaming dreams and seeing visions of what could be. And some of these dreams and visions are becoming a reality. What a great joy it is to be here as the Holy Spirit delivers the dream of what could be.

What a joy it is to serve here with the wonderful people of SPPC. We continue to welcome new members into our church family. We are seeing the great potential that our church has. And we are developing new programs and administrative structures to help support the opportunities that lay before us.

I am ever so thankful for the outstanding, talented staff with whom I work every week. It is like a family who has a great love for each other. Each staff member has a great desire to share his or her talents with each other as we all strive to serve our Lord here at SPPC. Our staff are not only talented in what they do, but are dedicated Christian people giving of themselves to the glory of God. And I thank God daily for the opportunity to be a part of this family.

Here at SPPC we are always looking to the future with anticipation and excitement. It is my fervent belief that the Lord has great plans for this church. And each year we see portions of the plan which we are called to implement. Slowly we are growing as we build the foundation for an even stronger body of believers. I am still as excited as I was 30 years ago about what lies ahead for our beloved congregation. And I pray daily for God’s guidance as we seek to fulfill his mission for us here.

Thank you all for your continually support.

Keep the faith!

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to Calvin Reynolds.

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## ASSOCIATE PASTOR—Rev. Paul R. Gaedke

Friends,

The past year has been a great year at SPPC. I continue to delight in working alongside of and with Dave and Dawn Reiss in their ministries. Both of these ministries are thriving. Over the past year we have brought many new families into our congregation largely due to the ministries of your staff. If you look around on Sundays, you will see many new families and children in worship. Further, it is always a pleasure working with Mark and Kat. The work they do and the gifts they bring to our worship makes leading worship a pleasure.

During the past 12 months, I have met regularly with the staff, with Dave and Dawn, and with the Marketing and Outreach Committee. I have made regular visits to members in the hospital or at home, brought communion to homebound members, met with and counseled with others. I have had the opportunity to work on, and perform music with our talented music department and youth, as well as teach, preach and work on different mission projects.

In 2018, with the help of the Marketing and Outreach Committee, we have continued our work on our online presence. If you haven't been to our website recently, I encourage you so to do. There is always fresh media, photos, and information about the life of our congregation. Further, our congregation held our first National Night Out. It was a little stressful, but in the end it was a great success and a lot of fun. My thanks go out to all who have helped with this work. Looking forward, we will continue working to let people know about our church.

I do many different things here at SPPC. I am appreciative for the freedom and willingness of this congregation to allow me to serve in so many different areas of ministry. I am excited about the future of SPPC, and look forward to serving this congregation in the years ahead.

Blessings,



## ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

This year was quite a full year including caring for Henry, keeping our youth group program growing, developing sermon based small groups, and taking seminary classes. We are very grateful for the love, care and support of our San Pedro Family where we are able to see our children flourish and our gifts developed.

By the time January hit we were about halfway through Henry's 15 month long cancer treatment. At the start of the year we were recovering from his stem cell transplant and would begin his radiation treatments. By March we began the multiple immunotherapy cycles which included multiple week long hospital stays and plenty of at home care. In September he was declared cancer free! To celebrate his recovery Henry was granted a Make-A-Wish to Disney, Universal, and Legoland in Orlando.

One of my main focuses at San Pedro has been our small group ministry. In the Spring of 2018 we launched our first round of Sermon Based Small groups and resumed them in the Fall. As with anything new it takes time and energy to reshape a culture. We started out with a handful of adults who caught the vision and understood the way small groups help people grow in faith and help strengthen our church family. Small groups have also been the primary focus of my studies at Fuller, which have helped me discover how small groups can be a chance to welcome new people into our church family and strengthen our community.

Our small group ministry continues to grow in 2019. If you are a part of a small group, I would love to hear about your experience. If you have not yet joined a group, there is no time like the present. You can find more about our groups at [sppcsa.com/adults/smallgroups](http://sppcsa.com/adults/smallgroups).

I hope God will guide and grow you this year as a faithful member of San Pedro Presbyterian,  
Dave Reiss

**Adult Education:** [sppcsa.com/adults](http://sppcsa.com/adults)

The mission of adult education is for our adults to grow together in faith and friendship.

**Small Groups:** 2018 saw the continuation and expansion of our sermon based small-group program, with multiple groups forming and establishing regular meetings. In the spring our theme was *Walking with Jesus* and in the Fall we focused on *James*. Over the summer Dave Reiss taught a leadership course for potential and active leaders during the fall, enabling and supporting new groups to form. Dave has also consistently provided course materials to all leaders.

**Small Group Leaders:** Nancy Brown, Eric and Shelly Buschfort, Laurel Dixon, Barbara Lincoln, Charlotte Randolph, Dave Reiss, Steve Simpson, Dennis Solis, Roger and Peggy Thompson, and Lindsey Woodhaven

**Sunday School:** Sunday-school classes continued throughout the year, with particular support from Lindsey Woodhaven and Eric Mapes, as well as both Paul and Calvin. Lindsey leads a small group meeting Sunday mornings, discussing the current sermon series (per the standard small-group format) of the previous Sunday's sermon. Eric leads a class in the parlor, typically using a video presentation followed by group discussion. In January, Mark Tapley led a class on the book and musical movie versions of "Les Miserables" by Victor Hugo. Laurel Dixon also led a class on "Forgiveness" in April and May. Paul led classes on "Presbyterian 101" in the fall and on the Gospel of John (in May); at least one of the attendees in the former class subsequently joined as a new member. Calvin continues to lead both the Men's bible study Saturday and a Sunday school class on books of the bible Sunday morning.

## ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE Cont.

**Summer Movie Series:** A popular new program was the Summer Movie Series, Wednesday nights in the youth room. Movies were presented Wednesday nights, with popcorn, door prizes, and a warm-up talk before the movie; discussion questions were handed out with small-group or Sunday-school discussions following the movie to analyze messages and lessons from the movie. The movies presented, in order, were: Dead Poets Society, African Queen, Hidden Figures, 42: The Jackie Robinson Story, The Founder, Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close, On Golden Pond, Iron Giant, and 13 Going on 30.

**All Church Retreat:** Also during 2018, planning activities started for the All-Church Retreat coming up in March 2019. Kristin Huffman was engaged as the speaker and the theme, the parable of the seeds, was selected. Planning has continued with monthly meetings through the first quarter of 2019.

**Right Now Media:** As part of the financial streamlining conducted during fall 2018, we elected to discontinue our subscription to the RightNow Media service, due to low utilization among the congregation. Select videos to support Sunday school or other events will be purchased individually, resulting in substantial savings to the overall budget.

**Deacon:** Mark Tapley was confirmed as Deacon for Adult Education and will serve a three-year term through 2021.

**Dave Reiss**

**Director of Youth & Adult Ministries**

**Mark Tapley**

**Deacon, Adult Education**

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY COMMITTEE

The first half of 2018 was still all about Henry's cancer treatment plan. We spent more weeks than I can count in the hospital with him as he underwent chemotherapies and immunotherapies designed to rid him of his disease. His last treatment ended on July 18, 2018. He is currently doing scans every 3 months to check on him, but as of now, he is in remission. I want to thank everyone for their unyielding support to us in this ordeal. We are so blessed to call you our church family.

While he was in treatment, I still worked in my position whenever and wherever I could. San Pedro Kids still had all of its annual activities, with the exception of Vacation Bible School. In its place, we had our first-ever Water Day. Many families enjoyed this new event on our campus as an official kick-off to summer. We still had our regular Baby Day, Palm Sunday, and Easter events.

Our new school year began in early September, with Sunday School and Wednesday Night Kids picking right up where it left off in May. Attendance has been sky-high in these classes. Sunday School averages approximately 12-18 children a week, as does WNK. I continue to sing the praises of my volunteer staff: Erin Heinze, Shelly Buschfort, Faye Davis, Lydia Saro, Lyndsey Watson, Linda Page, Jennifer Dowe, Griffin Gaedke, Sarah Hakim, Parker Mapes, and Donna Campbell. These leaders give of themselves to make San Pedro Kids a wonderful, welcoming ministry. Our weekly programs are the heart and soul of it.

In the fall, we had the following events: National Night Out, Advent Adventure, and Christmas Eve Family Service. All were well attended and a special part of the rhythm of our families' lives.

Ellyce Warns continues to oversee a wonderful Acolyte program with the support of many other adults. Browyn King will assume responsibility for this branch of our ministry in August 2019.

The Children's Ministry Committee (CMC) consisted of Austin & Browyn King, Kevin & Erin Heinze, Ellyce Warns, and Dawn Reiss. We said goodbye to Ellyce with tremendous gratitude for what she has given San Pedro Kids these last 6 years as deacon.

Respectfully submitted,

**Dawn Reiss**  
**Director of Children's Ministry**

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY COMMITTEE Cont.

**Purpose of Children's Ministry** *"Tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD"* Psalm 78:4 Believing parents are the primary teachers of Christian faith in the life of a child, the focus of San Pedro Presbyterian Children's Ministry is to come alongside parents in their discipleship role as partners in this important work.

**Children's Ministry Committee (CMC)** members are Shawn & Megan Walters (Jan-June), Austin and Browyn King, and Kevin and Erin Heinze. The CMC meets monthly on the first Sunday of the month @ 8:30am, except for January, April, & July. This committee is responsible for the oversight of the San Pedro Presbyterian Church educational, and fellowship events for children at San Pedro.

### Highlights

By the end of 2018, we served about 45 kids, infants to 5th grade

In the fall, we continued to offer our Sunday school program PreK-1st grade, and 2nd-5th grade classes.

### Worship

*Acolyte Program's* purpose is to provide opportunities for children, 3rd-8th grade, to take an active and visible part in worship once a month. In the past year, 10 acolytes contributed approximately 80 volunteer hours in support of SPPC's worship services. Four acolytes moved to other ministries & one acolyte no longer attends SPPC. Six new acolytes joined the program. We developed an installation program and recognition program for Riser Sunday. Both meet the objective of encouraging continuing lay service. We thank Ellyce Warns for donating her time to mend and clean vestments. This saved enough money in the budget to purchase several new vestments and solve the problem of a gap in sizes.

*Children's Sermons* (both worship services in sanctuary).

*Children's Church* (11 am service during adult sermon) Dawn Reiss, our CM director, works with children, ages 3-Kindergarten. Children sing, hear a Bible Story from the *Jesus Storybook Bible*, and complete a craft that relates to the Bible story. On Communion Sundays children leave for children's church, but return right before communion so they can witness the drama of the Lord's Supper and parents can teach them the significance of what is happening.

*Children's music program* - P. J. Waite, our Children's Music director, works with PreK-Grade 5 children on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Our children sang in church three times, besides singing with the adult choir at Christmas and Easter.

*Family Christmas Eve service* - Because the community and congregation responded enthusiastically to last year's change of format, we continued with our intergenerational Living Christmas which involves audience participation. The children and audience can become angels, shepherds, animals, or townspeople, and wear simple props to indicate their role. Traditionally the offering from this service is earmarked for a faith based organization that works with children, but with the shortfall deficit in our congregation's budget, the committee decided this year's offering would help supplement our church's budget..

*Worship Bags* for our younger children - the nursery workers took over this task. Kelly Hager washed all the bags, and they are checking and replenishing them every 4-6 weeks.

Child Care Ministry - Kelly Hager is employed as nursery coordinator. She is responsible for background checks, interviewing, and hiring nursery workers, and maintaining a safe, sanitary environment of the youngest in the SPPC community-infants-36 months for the following events:

*Sunday morning child care,, Wednesday Night, Easter Egg Hunt, Advent Adventure and funerals* (infant/toddler), and Special events (infant through 5th grade - i.e., CANO, CMC Meetings, etc., Summer Movie Series

3 paid nursery attendants + Nursery Director on regular, alternating schedule & 1 attendant on a "as need" basis

Annual January meeting and mid-year nursery cleaning

Free CPR training for nursery workers

Faith Formation Ministry - The goal of Faith Formation is to support the spiritual growth of our children through education. There are four main components of children's faith formation at San Pedro Presbyterian: parents, Sunday school teachers, Wednesday Night Kids program (WNK), and Vacation Bible School (VBS).

Backgrounds checks submitted for new Sunday School, WNK teachers, and nursery workers.

Teacher Training on August 19 to introduce all volunteers to the curricula, music, room assignments, Sunday School and nursery logistics, and reviewing church and safety policies.



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY COMMITTEE Cont.

*Sunday School (August-May)*— The Sunday School year began on Rally Day, August 26. Our Sunday School classes change from year to year, depending on the ages of the children that are currently attending. The Sunday School program is run by 8 volunteers from the congregation with leadership of Dawn Reiss, our Children's Ministry Director and P.J. Waite, our Children's Music Director who dedicate much time and enthusiasm to this ministry. Dawn Reiss organized and decorated each classroom for the teachers. A team of four teachers rotate teaching lessons each Sunday using a Reformed Sunday school curriculum, *Show Me Jesus*, to better prepare children for confirmation.

K-Grade 1 - This curriculum begins to teach the vocabulary of faith by presenting the Bible stories-the beads. Even children this young are able to put their trust in Christ and understand basic Bible truths.

Grades 2-5 - integrated Bible stories around certain unifying themes such as worship, grace, missions, witnessing, trusting God, and servants of God. This age begins to group the individual beads together thematically. Take-home papers encourage personal devotions.

Each Sunday, every class has music time with our Children's Music Director, P. J. Waite to learn songs of our faith. The last day of Sunday School in May was celebrated with an end of year party.

### Sunday School Staff for PreK-5

Faye Davis, Linda Page, Erin Heinze, Lydia Saro, Jennifer Dowe, Shelly Bushfort, Lyndsey Watson, Griffin Gaedke

*Wednesday Night Kids (September-May)* - provides music education and Bible study for children ages 3-5th grade. Our CM Director facilitates this program, assisted by Meghan Walters, Mabrie, Casbeer, and one parent on a rotating basis. A pizza dinner is provided. Then, children are organized into two groups-Preschool and Elementary and music and Bible study are geared to each age group..

- Children's Music Ministry led by P.J. Waite,
- Bible Study led by Dawn Reiss, learning and memorizing the books of the Bible, includes San Pedro Kids as well as many kids from our community and VBS outreach that do not attend our church.

### Wednesday Night Kids Staff

Dawn Reiss, P.J. Waite, Meghan Walters, (Jan.-May), Mabrie Casbeer (Jan.-May), Sarah Hakim, Parker Mapes, Donna Campbell, and parent volunteers

Summer Ministry- Vacation Bible School was canceled by of the CMC Committee as Henry was still in treatment. Will resume June 2019.

Summer Sunday lessons was taught by CM Director Dawn Reiss.

Family Ministry - Provides education and fellowship opportunities for children and their families.

Baby Day - Provides outreach to parents of babies born or adopted into our church this past year.

Palm Sunday - Parent/Child Palm Procession

Easter Egg Hunt - (12 months - 5th grade)

Mission Ball Game - Churchwide Summer Family Event

Advent Workshop/Christmas - Family Devotional Resources - about 30 participants

4 pm Christmas Eve Worship Service

### Additional Ministries

Birthday Recognition Postcards sent to each child

Monthly Parents eNewsletter, developed by Dawn Reiss

Risers Ceremony (end of May) End of Acolyte & Sunday School year recognition for students stepping up to Youth Program.

### Leadership Training & Development

January & August Sunday School Teacher training

## FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Although there are several groups that are Fellowship-related (Boomers, CANO, Girlfriends and others), this report concentrates on the activities of the Fellowship Deacon.

January - No activities in January.

February - Fellowship Breakfast was offered with 88 participants.

March - No activities in March.

April - Easter Breakfast with 180 participants.

May - Luncheon celebrating San Pedro's 50th anniversary with 188 participants.

June and July - No activities.

August - Rally Day with 100 participants.

October - No activities

November - Assisted Missions Committee with Alternative Gift Market.

December - Advent Breakfast with 104 participants.

Average participation for 2018 was 132.

**Kathryn Sturtz**  
**Deacon, Fellowship**

## FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**Congregational Giving.** The 2018 budgeted income for SPPC was \$770,000 which was comprised of member pledged donations (\$491,000), non-pledged contributions from other members and friends (\$270,000), and plate cash from weekly offerings (\$9,000). Actual performance during the year resulted in \$857,865 of income, which exceeded the budget by 11.4%.

The actual income over budget was the result of non-pledged contributions (\$368,988) and plate cash (\$12,084) exceeding their budget targets by \$102,072 (+ 37%). Actual income from pledged church supporters (\$476,794) was \$14,206 below budget expectations (- 3%).

This year's performance illustrates that each and every contributor is important and deserves a big "Thank you", both pledged donors and those members and friends who graciously contribute significant additional funding of their SPPC ministry.

**2019 Stewardship Campaign.** The stewardship campaign for the upcoming year kicked-off in October with an introductory letter to the entire SPPC congregation. This was followed with moving personal testimonials from Browyn King, Art Hanna, and Dan Gostylo about the SPPC ministries in children's education, worshipful music, and mission outreach. Pledge Dedication Sunday was November 18<sup>th</sup>, with follow-up letters sent in December and January to families who had given generously in the past but had not renewed their pledge and encouraging them to do so.

As of this date 45% of SPPC members have pledged a total of \$482,275 which is slightly more than the actual pledged income received in 2018 as noted above.

Additional pledges from the congregation to financially support SPPC ministries are still needed and encouraged, as are the ongoing generous donations from other SPPC members and friends.

**Bob Gibson**  
**Deacon, Financial Development**

## FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

We began 2018 with a projected deficit of \$88,556.00. Our actual 2018 expenses exceeded the budgeted amount by \$29,531.00 however, we were blessed with several special gifts during the year that significantly increased our income. The net effect was an actual deficit of only \$25,726.00. Thank you for your continued generous support of our ministry! May God bless you.

	2018 BUDGET	2018 ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
<b>INCOME</b>			
PLEDGED	\$491,000.00	\$476,794.00	-\$14,206.00
NON-PLEDGED	\$270,000.00	\$368,988.00	\$98,988.00
LOOSE PLATE	\$9,000.00	\$12,084.00	\$3,084.00
BUILDING INCOME		\$4,495.00	\$4,495.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$770,000.00	\$862,361.00	\$92,361.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
PROPERTY	\$150,700.00	\$177,547.00	\$26,847.00
FELLOWSHIP	\$4,000.00	\$3,208.00	-\$792.00
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	\$9,600.00	\$10,868.00	\$1,268.00
MEMBER CARE	\$1,200.00	\$702.00	-\$498.00
PERSONNEL	\$593,556.00	\$601,899.00	\$8343.00
CHRISTIAN ED - CHILDREN	\$6,000.00	\$4,365.00	-\$1,635.00
CHRISTIAN ED - YOUTH	\$8,000.00	\$5,677.00	-\$2,323.00
CHRISTIAN ED - ADULT	\$5,000.00	\$3,711.00	-\$1,289.00
MISSIONS	\$54,000.00	\$52,924.00	-\$1,076.00
OUTREACH	\$5,500.00	\$4,891.00	-\$609.00
WORSHIP	\$20,000.00	\$21,995.00	\$1,995.00
FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT	\$1,000.00	\$300.00	-\$700.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$858,556.00	\$888,087.00	\$29,531.00
INCOME/(LOSS)	(\$88,556.00)	(\$25,726.00)*	\$62,830.00

\*In order to cover operating expenses during the year, we withdrew \$62,500.00 from the SPPC Vanguard Endowment fund and deposited the funds into our checking account.

### **12/31/2018 Vanguard Funds & Designated Account Balances:**

<u>Vanguard Funds</u>		<u>Designated Funds</u>	
Operating Reserve	\$1,321.00	Hank Reiss fund	\$19,974.00
Building Reserve	\$1,102.00	Designated funds	\$30,675.00
Sunshine Fund	\$10,026.00		
Endowment Fund	\$508,948.00		

**SPPC Endowment Fund** - We began 2017 with a balance of \$517,861.00. During the past year, we deposited \$70,000.00 to the fund from various gifts, memorials and family estate bequests and we withdrew \$62,500.00 to help pay expenses. Our end of year balance was \$508,948.00.

## MEMBER CARE COMMITTEE

The Member Care Committee was very busy again during 2018. Many thanks to the members of the committee who actually do the ministry of taking care of our members. Those individuals are: Judy Bartlett, Eileen Gostylo, Betty Hayes, Kay Kelley, Nancy Lowry, and Carol Shelfer.

The activities that the Member Care Committee participate in include the weekly Sunday fellowship hours, sending cards to members on the prayer list and/or those unable to attend worship services, obtaining information and photos of new members, visiting members who are home bound or in the hospital, and coordinating the delivery of Easter Lilies in the Spring and Poinsettias at Christmas. I am thankful that many people volunteer to help us deliver these holiday plants!

People may be surprised to know that over 30 cards are sent out each month to members to make sure that they know we are thinking about them. We are very grateful to Libby Fleming and the Sassy Scrapers for hand making cards for this purpose. The personal touch is appreciated by those receiving the cards so a special thank you goes out to Libby, Jean Judy, Joan Raver, Charlotte Noll, Lyndsey Woodhaven, PJ Waite, Eileen Gostylo and Charlotte Randolph for their efforts.

Please make sure to use the on-line member church directory. All you have to do is download the app (Instant Church Directory) on your smartphone to use it. The app is extremely valuable as it has member photos, phone numbers, and addresses. Plans are in the works in 2019 to update photos and make any necessary corrections or additions to entries in the directory.

**Rebecca Hooper**  
**Deacon, Member Care**

# MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Missions Deacon: Linda Tutko

Committee members: Marcia Martinez (Coker Elementary), Leslie Anderson (Missions Gift Market), Steve Simpson (deliveries to CAM and HNS), Gene Trevino (Habitat for Humanity), Michelle Green (Mobile Loaves and Fishes), Diane Redin (Mobile Loaves and Fishes), Sheryl Olson (CAM backpack drive), Kenny Pederson (Missions Gift Market support), Eric Buschfort (Mission Trip support)

## **January**

Socks for SAMM – new socks were collected for SAMM to hand out during their point in time survey of the city's homeless population.

Committee meeting – welcomed new members to the committee and planned the activities for the year.

## **February**

Began Joy offering during Lent for Presbyterian Disaster Relief.

## **March**

Committee meeting – discussed upcoming events for Habitat, Coker, CAM and HNS.

Habitat build was ongoing throughout the month.

## **April**

Big Give SA – moment for missions to encourage congregation to give to our mission partners.

Habitat build continued, sold raffle and BBQ tickets for the big fundraiser, Holy Smoke on 4/29. Holy Smoke event raised over \$8000 for the Presbyterian cluster.

Coker Elementary – provided the school nurse with lice removal kits and hygiene items.

Diaper Collection for HNS to support Child Abuse prevention month.

## **May**

Food collection for Coker Elementary – collected kid friendly snacks for students home alone during the summer.

## **June**

CAM backpack drive underway. Signed up 57 people to sponsor backpacks. People also signed up to donate to congregation families in need as well.

## **July**

CAM backpack blessing. 59 backpacks were blessed and delivered to CAM and congregation families. Sheryl Olson did a great job coordinating the effort for us with CAM.

School supplies for Coker – began collection for school supplies to distribute during the annual Back to School night for Coker and Bradley students.

Visit to Emmanuel Presbyterian – three of us from SPPC went to the Sunday service at our sister church and delivered a large supply of grocery bags for their food bank ministry. Collecting grocery bags to support their food bank is an on-going effort.

Missions Committee meeting – updates provided for various activities and discussed replacing Michelle Green due to her pending move to Missouri.

## MISSION COMMITTEE (Cont.)

### **August**

Back to school night for Coker and Bradley students. Attendance was down significantly due to the change over in the social worker at Coker. Marica Martinez did a great job getting word out to the traditional segment of the Coker population that the previous social worker targeted for the back to school night. Enlace Cristiano supported this effort as well. The remaining supplies were distributed to CAM and HNS to support their back to school needs.

Mobile Loaves and Fishes – we were blessed to have Diane Redin step up to take on coordinating our volunteer efforts.

### **September**

Supplies for SAMM collection began this month to provide immediate needs for those moving into the SAMM shelter. The collection continued through the National Night Out.

### **October**

Completion of the collection for SAMM. We ended up with a table full of donations that helped welcome families to the SAMM shelter and gave them some much needed supplies to restart their lives.

National Night Out – our committee supported the SPPC National Night Out with volunteers.

Mission Committee meeting to discuss upcoming gift market, Mobile Loaves and Fishes versus Traveling Loaves and Fishes, and the Emmanuel Food Bank.

### **November**

Missions Gift Market was held on November 11<sup>th</sup>. A grand total of \$4766 was donated to various charities and missions by our congregation. Leslie Anderson did a fantastic job once again coordinating our mission partners and making the Fellowship Hall look festive.

House of Neighborly Services – we donated \$300 toward 20 turkeys for their food pantry.

Traveling Loaves and Fishes information was published in the bulletin, providing an alternate closer option for those who couldn't support Mobile Loaves and Fishes.

Emmanuel Presbyterian Food Bank Thanksgiving distribution. We had 11 volunteers help out with the food distribution the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. The church also donated the Harvest Table food donations to Emmanuel Presbyterian Food Bank to use with their weekly food bank distributions. In addition, another load of grocery bags was also delivered to EPC.

### **December**

Two donations were made to House of Neighborly Services - \$500 toward their capital campaign to improve the facilities they use for their day care and senior care services, and \$495 toward their ever growing senior lunch program.

Emmanuel Presbyterian Food Bank Christmas distribution. We had about 6 volunteers go to Emmanuel days after Christmas to help with the Christmas food bank distribution.

Joy offering envelopes were placed in the bulletins during Advent to support PCUSA fund for retired pastors.

The Mission Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank the congregation for their on-going support and generosity to our mission partners. We are truly a blessed congregation.

**Linda Tutko**

**Deacon, Missions**

## PROPERTY COMMITTEE

**On-going throughout the year:** Coordinate building maintenance and upkeep with SPPC building staff and service firms:

With Session liaison oversight: Assess merits and feasibility of proposed and received projects and requests. Review and approve all building utility and office equipment and supplies billing.

### Events and actions YTD 2018

#### January:

- **Neal Building:** Replace commodes at Men's and Women's restrooms.
- **Air Conditioning:** Two service calls @ \$900.

#### February:

- **Air Conditioning:** Arnold building electrical switch @ \$1200. Two service calls @ \$1250. Sanctuary heat exchanger @ \$6000.
- **Capital Improvements:** Painted porte-a-cochere and exterior doors at Arnold.

#### March:

- **Air Conditioning:** Arnold building @ \$825; Fireside room @ \$2400.
- **Courtyard:** Removed bees nest from oak tree.
- **Capital Improvements:** Restored outdoor worship area.
- **Music:** Tuned sanctuary piano and organ.

#### May:

- **Burglary:** Break in and theft from Session room. Filed and collected on Church Mutual claim @ \$12000.
- **Sprinkler Irrigation:** Repairs and tune up @\$1500.
- **Air Conditioning:** Three service calls: Children's Church area @\$1500.
- **Capital Improvements:** Paint exterior of Fellowship Hall, repair gutters.

#### June:

- **Air Conditioning:** Two service calls @ \$500. Bi-Annual maintenance @ \$2300.

#### July:

- **Air Conditioning:** Two service calls @ \$1500. Bi-Annual maintenance @ \$3568.
- **Water damage repairs to Arnold:** Drywall, insulation, tape, float and paint.

#### August:

- **Air Conditioning:** Service call @ \$1500.

#### September:

- **Exterior:** Repair asphalt at entry drive.

#### October:

- **Air Conditioning:** Two service calls @ \$600.
- **Irrigation:** Repairs @ \$500.

#### November/December:

- Roof repairs to Arnold @ \$1600. Repairs to Cupola \$1900.
- Transformer/power to building outage.
- Installed new security system and CCTV surveillance system.
- Fire alarm panel at Main Building upgraded.

**Comments and observations:** Overall facility condition is generally good and is consistent with the age of the structures and infrastructure.

**Concerns:** Flat roof over Session, Restrooms, and Janitors needs to be replaced. Delaying this will increase ultimate costs. Arnold flat roof may also require replacement.

Aging air conditioner/heater systems will have to be repaired/replaced when they fail.

Increased utilization of facilities has increased daily operational costs as well as wear and tear on the facilities.

Respectfully submitted,

**Harvey Juarez**

**Deacon, Property**



## MARKETING AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Friends,

In 2018 the Marketing and Outreach Committee has continued our work on our online presence. If you haven't been to our website recently, I encourage you so to do. There is always fresh media, photos, and information about the life of our congregation. If you are a Facebook user, be sure and "like" our page. You will see the most recent news and events on a daily basis. If you see something you like, share it! Then all of your friends will have a chance to see what your church is doing.

In 2018 we held our first National Night Out event. Many thanks to all who volunteered to help with this event. We had an opportunity to meet many folks from the neighborhood. We shared food and fellowship together. It was a little stressful, as inaugural events tend to be, but in the end it was a great success and a lot of fun.

Toward the end of the year, the deacon of Marketing and Outreach resigned. Andrea did a fantastic job and her leadership brought some new and interesting ideas to the work of this committee. I want to thank Andrea for her work and insight. The plans she laid out, I believe have laid out an exciting direction for the future work of this committee. Diane Redin has taken on the role of Marketing and Outreach deacon. I have already enjoyed working with her and look forward to our work together. We can see the growth in our congregation. The work of this committee is important and we could use your help.

The committee can promote our church in many ways: online, in the papers, with our sign, by holding community events etc., however, studies show that over 80% of people come to a church for the first time because they are asked to come by a friend or a neighbor. This is your work. Invite a friend to worship, to a fellowship event, or a mission project. Christ instructed his disciples to bring people to him. Let us work together to bring folks to a deeper relationship with Christ.

Blessings,

**Rev. Paul R. Gaedke**  
**Liaison for Marketing and Outreach**

# YOUTH MINISTRY COMMITTEE

**Youth Ministry:** [www.sppcsa.com/youth](http://www.sppcsa.com/youth)

The mission of San Pedro Youth (SPY) is for students to know, grow, and show the love of Christ.

## **Here are some of the highlights from 2018:**

**Themes:** Each school year we have a theme that we develop for the year. The first half of the year, our youth program theme was *Follow the Leader* where we focused on what it means to give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow Jesus. The second half of the year, our theme was *Rock Solid* and we talked about building our life foundation on Jesus.

**Sunday School:** Our youth meet on Sunday mornings to build, know God and grow in faith. For the first part of 2018 we had separate middle school and high school classes; middle schoolers used the Grapple Curriculum and high schoolers worked through the video series by Francis Chan. Over the summer we combined classes and started a sermon discussion class. In the Fall we offered a new format, where 3-4 week creative courses on photography, cooking, painting, and paper crafts, which were taught members of our congregation.

2018 Sunday School Teachers: Sam Hakim, Tom and Bobbie Kelner, Cindy Mapes, Dave Reiss and Gretchen Shary.

2018 Creative Course Teachers: Charlotte Randolph and Tom Workman (photography); Jeff Kolok, Charlotte Noll, and Brian Schwab (cooking); Nancy Brown (painting); Libby Fleming (paper crafts).

**SPY Groups:** Our youth small groups gather on a weekly basis to grow in faith and community with adults who love and care for them. Our small group topics are based on the current sermon series; *Walking with Jesus* (Spring) and *James* (Fall).

Our SPY Group leaders for Spring 2018: Jennifer Dowe, Toni Hakim, Kayla Hix, Karl Lincoln, Cindy Mapes, Dave Reiss, Gina Williamson and Madeline Wrzesinski

Our SPY Group leaders for Fall 2018: Jared Chamblee, Jennifer Dowe, Kayla Hix, Karl Lincoln, Cindy Mapes, Diane and Abby Redin, Dave Reiss, and Gina Williamson.

## **Confirmation:**

Confirmation is an eight-month class that meets 1-2 times per month to discuss topics such as the Trinity, the gospel, evangelism, Presbyterian doctrine, and more. We did not have a class during the 2018-19 school year. In the Fall we began a new class with 10 students in grades 7-11.

**Youth Sunday:** In February, our youth led worship for our annual Youth Sunday. This year's theme was Follow the Leader. Our students acted, sang, performed puppets, preached, and much more.

**Retreats:** In January we took a group of students for the annual Mission Presbytery Midwinter Retreat at Mo Ranch and in September we went to the McCartney Ranch.

**Rockport Mission Trip:** In June, we took almost 40 youth and adults to Rockport to help with a Hurricane Harvey clean-up. Our mission trip is a great chance to show the love of Christ to others.

**BBQ Fundraiser:** In October, we had our annual fundraiser to support our summer mission trip. This year we had overwhelming support from the congregations and raised around \$3000. This money helps cover the cost of transportation for our summer mission trip.

**Fun Activities:** Our youth love to play. In 2018 we had a number of "funtivities" such as Six Flags, photo scavenger hunt, movie and mini golf night, bowling, and our annual Christmas Party Lock-In.

**Dave Reiss**

**Director of Youth & Adult Ministries**

**Cindy Mapes**

**Deacon, Youth Ministry**

## STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry is an intentionally Christian caring ministry in which lay people are trained through a rigorous 50-hour class to provide a listening and praying presence to people experiencing some sort of crisis or traumatic life-changing experience.

Stephen Ministry at San Pedro was the dream of Jim Meng who helped found it here in late 2009, with the first Training Class starting in January 2010. Since the program began here at SPPC, forty SPPC members have gone through this training process (with 5-6 people from other congregations). More than sixty people have received care since our program began, about ½ of them members of SPPC.

As of the end of 2018 there were 17 active Stephen Ministers with 10 care-receivers. In addition to contacts with care-receivers, Stephen Ministers gather twice a month with their Peer Support Teams and once a month for continuing education.

Jann Rouille, Martha Krenz, Betty Hayes, Dan and Marcia Blankenhorn, and Paul Gaedke were part of the Leadership Team in 2018. This group takes responsibility for the on-going administrative work and continuing education for the program.

In 2018, we gained 2 new Stephen Ministry members. Kay Perez who joined the church in September 2018, and is an active Stephen Minister, and Roger Thompson a member of our church became a Stephen Minister the fall of 2018 and joined our class.

Blessings,

**Dan Blankenhorn**  
**Stephen Ministry Leader**

**Thank you to the following Elders and  
Deacons who have completed their terms,  
faithfully serving SPPC!**

Jim Horacek, Elder

Andrea Anthony, Deacon

Andrew Smith, Deacon

Gene Trevino, Deacon

Ellyce Warns, Deacon

# ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT

## MEMBERSHIP

Prior (2017) Active Membership: 638

## GAINS

Profession of Faith  
    17 & Under—0  
    18 & Older—10  
Certificate—7  
Other—0  
**Total Gains: 17**

## LOSSES

Certificate—4  
Deaths—11  
Other—0  
**Total Losses: 15**

**Total Active Members (2018): 640**

Baptized (but not active, children)

**Total Adherents: 644**

Affiliate Members: 0

Female Members: 242

Average Attendance: 237

## BAPTISMS

Child Baptisms: 4  
Adult Baptisms: 0

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (Distribution by age)

Birth—11  
Age 4: 8  
Kinder: 7  
1st Grade: 3  
2nd Grade: 2  
3rd Grade: 5  
4th Grade: 5  
5th Grade: 3  
6th Grade: 4  
7th Grade: 5  
8th Grade: 1  
9th Grade: 8  
10th Grade: 4  
11th Grade: 6  
12th Grade: 4  
Young Adults: 27  
Over 25: 341  
Teacher/Officer: 43

## AGE DISTRIBUTION

(Does not include members for whom we have no birthday information.)

Active Members	Male	Female
25 & Under—105	55	50
26-45—58	20	38
46-55—25	10	15
56-65—75	28	47
Over 65—191	75	116
Total Distribution—188		266
<b>Total: 454</b>		

## FINANCIAL DATA

Annual Income: \$862,360  
Annual Expenses: \$888,088  
Mission Expenses: \$52,924  
Personnel Expenses: \$601,899  
Facilities Expenses: \$177,547

The 2018 Clerk's Questionnaire  
is available upon request.

# 2018 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

## March 18, 2018

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meetings were called to order by Dr. Reynolds at 9:24 am after the 8:30 service and at 12:11 pm on March 28, 2018. The purposes of the meetings were to approve the 2017 Annual Report. (The 2017 Annual Report had been distributed previously in both hard copy and electronically to the congregation.)

Dr. Reynolds opened with prayer then called for a motion to be made for the acceptance of the March 26, 2017, October 1, 2017 and December 13, 2017 Called Congregational Minutes.

**MSAAP:** To receive the Called Congregational Minutes of 2017.

2) Dr. Reynolds reviewed the annual reports individually and asked if there were any questions regarding the reports. Before voting on the entire report, Dr. Reynolds asked if there were any corrections or additions to the Annual Report.

### **DISCUSSION:**

a) A question was raised as to why the groups that meet in the church regularly throughout the week are not reflected in the Missions Report. There are many activities that are considered mission outreach that should be reported to the congregation.

The Missions Committee will include that information from now on and Dr. Reynolds thanked the person for that insight.

b) A question was raised regarding the Marketing & Outreach Report whether visitors who sign the attendance sheet are contacted within the week and do we send literature to them?

The Deacon Board is developing a policy regarding that.

c) A question was asked if the Pastors go out and visit the people who are identified as visitors.

d) On occasion. Not all visitors sign contact information. A suggestion was made that the Session develop a plan for visitation of visitors and members.

d) Is the Attendance Tracker that was recently developed being utilized?

Yes.

e) When was the last time the active membership roles were purged?

Attendance has been above average. We cannot remove someone from the roles without their permission.

f) A concern was raised about the amount of money taken out of the Endowment Fund in the last few years to pay for both expected and unexpected expenditures that may soon deplete the fund and also if there is any long-term plans to alleviate the financial deficit issue. It was noted that there is no provision for unexpected expenses in the budget.

Elder Potyka and Elder Gostylo explained that due to the age of the building, repairs are continually needed. This past year alone several unexpected high cost repairs had to be made. A plan is in process to remedy the situation. Some major capital expenditures have been identified and a loan will be made to pay for them over the life of the loan rather than as they occur.

g) A motion was made to return the Budget to Session for revision and reduction.

**MSAAP:** To return Budget to Session for revision and reduction.

h) A motion was made to receive the 2017 Annual Report with the exception of the Budget.

**MSAAP:** To receive the 2017 Annual Report with the exception of the Budget.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned with prayer led by Dr. Reynolds at 9:55 and at 12:37 respectively.

Respectfully submitted,

**Charlotte D. Noll**  
**Clerk of Session**

## 2018 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

### September 16, 2018

Two Congregational meetings were held on September 16, 2018 for the purpose of approving the slate for the Nominating Committee to select incoming officers for 2019. Two identical meetings were held to facilitate the participation of members who attend both the 8:30 and the 11:00 services.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The first meeting was called to order by Rev. Paul Gaedke at 9:30. The second meeting was called to order at 12:07. Rev. Gaedke opened the meetings with prayer.

Rev. Gaedke called upon Elder Diana Grippi to put forth the names for the nominating committee. The individuals nominated are:

Diana Grippi, Elder, Committee Chair  
Dan Blankenhorn, Elder, Vice Chair  
Cindy Mapes, Deacon Representative  
Eric Buschfort, Member-at-Large  
Nancy Brown, Member-at-Large  
Lori Baca, Member-at-Large  
John Raver, Member-at-Large

**MSAAP:** To approve the Nominating Committee's slate of new Elders and Deacons for 2019.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meetings were adjourned with prayer by Rev. Gaedke at 9:32 and 12:09 respectively.

Respectfully submitted,

**Charlotte D. Noll**  
**Clerk of Session**

## 2018 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

### December 16, 2018

Two Congregational meetings were held on December 16, 2018 for the purpose of electing the incoming Elders and Deacons for 2019 as presented by the Nominating Committee. Two identical meetings were held to facilitate the participation of members who attend both the 8:30 and the 11:00 services.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The first meeting was called to order by Clyde Calvin Reynolds, Jr. at 9:30. The second meeting was called to order at 12:00. Clyde Calvin Reynolds, Jr. opened the meetings with prayer.

1. Clyde Calvin Reynolds, Jr. called the Chair of the Nominating Committee, Elder Diana Grippi, to announce the slate of officers for 2019.

Elder Grippi thanked the members of the Nominating Committee for their service.

The following names were placed into nomination:

Libby Fleming, Elder (Three Year term)  
Eric Mapes, Elder (Three Year term)  
Mark Tapley, Adult Education Deacon (Three Year Term)  
Tom Workman Financial Management Deacon (Three Year Term)  
Cindy Mapes Youth Deacon (Three Year Term)  
Browyn King, Children's Ministry Deacon (Three Year Term)  
Diane Redin, Marketing & Outreach Deacon (One Year Term)

**MSAAP:** To approve the slate of new Elders and Deacons for 2019 as placed in nomination by the committee.

2. Clyde Calvin Reynolds, Jr. called Elder Dan Gostylo to announce that a home builder wants to buy the property in Spring Branch that had been previously donated to SPPC. The builder has offered \$5K for the property. Elder Gostylo asked the Congregation for permission to sell the property.

**MSAAP:** To sell the Spring Branch property located at 629 Cimarron Drive in Spring Branch, Texas for a minimum of \$5K.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned with prayer led by Clyde Calvin Reynolds, Jr. at 9:32 and 12:05 respectively.

Respectfully submitted,

**Charlotte D. Noll**  
Clerk of Session

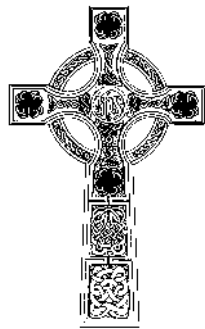


**SAN PEDRO PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET - 2019**

**EXPENSES**

PROPERTY	\$168,000.00
FELLOWSHIP	\$4,000.00
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	\$10,000.00
MEMBER CARE	\$1,200.00
PERSONNEL	\$574,888.00
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	
Children	\$6,000.00
Youth	\$8,000.00
Adult	\$5,000.00
MISSIONS	\$54,000.00
MARKETING & OUTREACH	\$5,500.00
WORSHIP	\$25,819.00
FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT	\$1,000.00
<b><u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u></b>	<b>\$863,407.00</b>
<b><u>PROJECTED 2019 REVENUE</u></b>	<b>\$863,500.00</b>
<b><u>PROJECTED SURPLUS</u></b>	<b>+\$93.00</b>

In memory of and in tribute to our  
SPPC members who joined the  
Church Triumphant  
in 2018.



James Deats, 02/10/2018  
Melinda Hart, 02/11/2018  
Mickey Mitchell, 02/22/2018  
William "Bill" Harris, 02/23/2018  
Harry Nelson, 02/25/2018  
Fay Fagan, 03/05/2018  
Carol Fleming, 04/11/2018  
Ruth Hudson, 05/18/2018  
Roger Pemberton, 9/4/2018  
Jeannie Anderson, 10/26/2018  
Robert Detrick, 11/21/2018