



NORTHWOODS
Presbyterian Church

**20
22**

Celebrating 50 years

Annual Report





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A WORD FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

The main focus of 2022 was celebrating our 50th Anniversary of ministry! Our 50th theme was "Hearts in Faith, Hands in Service – 50 Years Reflecting God's Light." How fun was it to see some of the early pictures of Northwoods and hear about the beginnings of our congregation! So many people told me how great it was to hear from former pastors, and members who became pastors, and how Northwoods made an impact in their ministry. Throughout the year, we heard how Northwoods has made a difference in the lives of people in our congregation, community, and around the world. One highlight was hearing from the Rev. Stewart MacColl reflect on his ministry and some of his inspiring and meaningful experiences. In addition to the 50th Anniversary display in the Narthex, we also had a beautiful anthem and hymn commissioned for the occasion. I am so grateful for the 50th Anniversary Team for planning a great year of celebration culminating in a wonderful Gala dinner celebration. The festivities included great food, fun, and fellowship (how's that for alliteration). The Rev. Dr. Tom Tewell gave an inspiring message affirming our ministry and challenging us as we move ahead in the years to come.

Although we had a lot to celebrate in 2022, it was not without its challenges and sorrows. We lost over twenty members who loved our church dearly and whom we deeply miss. We had to continue to negotiate the ups and downs of COVID and its impact on our society and ministry. I can admit firsthand the way it can upset life and change plans. Slowly but surely, it has been great to see more people back in the church. But we also know COVID will not stop us from doing life and ministry. Our staff and ministry teams continue to offer meaningful programs and ministries to help us fulfil our mission. We have many highlights that include our "Make a Difference Day," our musical concerts, Border Ministry, Youth Sunday, and the New "Miracle of Jesus" Children's Christmas Program. Our new Table ministry has not only brought an excellent meal after worship, but has helped to create community which nourishes our fellowship. We welcomed the Rev. Jackie Hannan as our new Parish Associate and have already been blessed by her compassion, ministry gifts, and pastoral care. Sleep in Heavenly Peace continues to expand in ways beyond expectation and has become one of the most fruitful SHP chapters in our country.

I also want to say thank you for your faithful support and giving that has resulted in one of the most generous collection of special offerings – totaling over \$90,000. In addition, we have been able to upgrade our video projectors and at the end of the year, we received a \$100,000 gift for a new organ! That's awesome and thank you! There is no doubt that Northwoods will continue to reflect God's light in the years to come.

With much joy, appreciation, and love,



Pastor Paul

MEMBERSHIP DATA

New Members	4
Baptisms	1
Deaths	22
Dropped from rolls	16

MEMBERSHIP	2021	2022
Female	571	551
Male	393	379
TOTAL	964	930

NORTHWOODS SESSION

CLASS OF 2023

Tracy Bean
Bruce Green
Larry Hitt
Nancy Ingram
Sandy Roberts
Daniel Spencer

CLASS OF 2024

Stephen Buggy
Suzan Burch
Bobby Gonzales
Virginia Herrera
Lecina Linehan
Tom Swisher

CLASS OF 2025

Jeff Buck
Taryn Castellanos
Ron Garner
Bill Ginder
Kathy Kasper
Nancy Trennel

CLERK TO SESSION

Roy Eggenberger

TREASURER

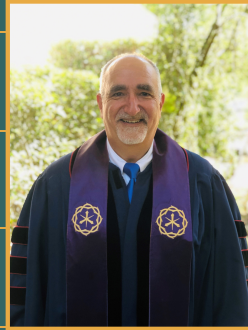
Bill Strange

NORTHWOODS STAFF



**The Rev. Jacqueline
Hannan**

PARISH ASSOCIATE



**The Rev. Dr. Paul
Nazarian**

SENIOR PASTOR



**The Rev. Dr. David
Puig**

PARISH ASSOCIATE

Maria Aguilar - *Janitorial Facilities Assistant*

Nicole Castillo - *Executive Assistant*

Norma Laughlin - *Business Administrator*

Joyce Leggio - *Associate Director of the ELCP*

Bambi McWhorter - *Director of the ELCP*

Anthony Mireles - *Facilities Director*

Todd Nolde - *Organist*

Armando Ramirez - *Facilities Assistant*

Jennifer Klein Salyer - *Director of Music & Worship*

Teresa Jones- Simpson - *Director of Children's Ministry*

Heidi Smith - *Financial Secretary*

Mary Meghan Thomas - *Director of Youth Ministry*

ADULT MINISTRY TEAM

TEAM MEMBERS:

Samuel Andrews - Chair and Elder
Nancy Ingram - Assistant Chair and Elder
David Gordon
Tom Franklin
Phin Washer
Bill Calvert
Joyce Schnell
Nancy Strange

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Immigration Series Included college professors and ICE Officers, and Immigrant church members.
- Contemporary Issues Series concerning 50th Anniversary. Includes speakers who were founding church members, pastors, and others.
- Youth Cookoff: Theme was Law Enforcement Heroes
- Railroad Crossing Safety Presentation



CHURCH LIFE MINISTRY TEAM

TEAM MEMBERS:

Daniel Spencer- Chair and Elder
 Jacqueline Hannan - Staff
 Joyce Attaway
 Sharon Geiger



HIGHLIGHTS:

- Participated & came in second on the fundraising at the Youth Cook Off.
- In May, we resumed Walks in the Park on our normal 2nd Friday of each month.
- Sunday, May 22, we co-hosted a variety show with the Worship Team featuring members of the church choir. The Worship Team arranged for the entertainment portions of the evening, and they asked us to take charge of the meal.
- Pentecost Sunday, June 6th, we were asked by the 50th Anniversary team to take the lead on planning an after-church activity. We had a hot dog & ice cream social.
- We helped the Children's Ministry Team with the Miracle of Jesus event in December. It was an all-church event with different stations, art activities, and refreshments. Daniel also told a special story to those attending.
- This year, 50+ ministry was added to the responsibilities of the Church Life Ministry Team. This is a very active group with different people taking leadership for each of the events. Tom and Ann Swisher are the coordinators. Throughout the year the 50+ group includes anyone in our church fifty years or older who wants to enjoy fun trips with other members. A few highlights were:

Bernhardt Winery
 Veterans Museum
 Dirty Rotten Scoundrels Stageworks play
 Astros Game
 Concert in the Woodlands
 Yellowstone paddlewheelers and dinner at Dido's
 BlueBonnet Opry
 Villa de Matel - Houston Chamber Choir



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM



TEAM MEMBERS:

Tracy Bean - Chair and Elder
Angela Gonzalez
Teresa Jones-Simpson - Staff
Jan Manchee
Erin Maxwell
Elizabeth O'Neil





HIGHLIGHTS:

- Created curriculum to follow Common Ground Lent series
- Participated in Youth Cook Off
- Hosted Eggstravaganza and Butterfly Release for Easter weekend
- Created weekly Children's Sermon videos for Sunday service
- Created Pre-k Curriculum for Sunday school
- Hosted Monumental VBS and VBS Celebration Sunday
- VBS mission raised money for NAM programs & donated canned foods for NAM pantry
- Assembled 150 Manna bags for homeless & designed 23 pillowcases for SHP during Make A Difference Day
- Blessing of the Backpacks
- Restarted ELCP Chapel time with Jennifer Salyer
- Third Grade Bible Presentation
- Co-hosted Miracle of Jesus event with Church Life



CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY TEAM

TEAM MEMBERS:

Rev. Jacqueline Hannan - Staff
Roy Eggenberger - Chair and Elder
Diane Browning
Stephen Buggy
Pat Justice
Judi Kenyon
Kara Norwood
Maria Potts
Jamie Shupe (through 4/7/22)
Anne Swisher
Roxi Tyler
John Younker



HIGHLIGHTS:

- Neighborhood Group callers made two sets of calls to members in the Spring and in the Fall
- The Prayer Chain was very active sending out almost daily prayer requests by email to over 202 people committed to pray and Prayer Chain note writers sent cards to those requesting prayers.
- Bereavement notes, Home Touch notes, Easter cards and Christmas cards were sent to members.
- 43 gifts baskets were delivered while visiting 50 people in their homes on Make A Difference Day.
- Our Care Meals team provided more than 15 meals to members.
- Operated a medical equipment loan program to match individuals with gently used medical equipment.
- Transportation team provided transportation for members needing assistance to get to church or medical appointments.
- Provided Christmas cookie treats to members following Christmas Eve service and cookie treats following our June 6th 50th Anniversary Celebration Sunday.
- Technology Assistance team provided technical support for those having trouble connecting to Northwoods via the Internet or Facebook.
- Setup quarterly care connections providing members with note cards/stamped envelopes/labels who wish to send care notes to homebound members.
- Our Funeral/Memorial Hospitality Team hosted 12 memorial service/receptions.
- Resumed Home Communion program for members unable to attend church and requested communion served in their home during the months of June, September, and December.
- Participated in the All Church Cook-Off in April with Batman as Congregational Care's Superhero theme serving Batman cookies and ice cream with toppings.
- Delivered seven Blessing Angels to individuals or couples moving into Senior residential facilities.

EARLY LEARNING CENTER PRESCHOOL

HIGHLIGHTS:

- 2022 Child Care Relief Fund: In March 2022 we applied for the 2022 CCR Fund which was passed by the Federal Government to help businesses, children and families in the Child Care industry. We were awarded \$299,505. This large amount has been broken up into four quarterly payments of \$74,576.25. We received our first payment in early April 2022. The money is to be used for covered expenses incurred between Sept. 1, 2021 and May 23, 2023. To receive each subsequent payment, we must first submit a report on how we spent the funds that we already received. If we follow the guidelines and use the money appropriately, we will not be expected to repay the government for these funds.
- Financial Update: The 2022 Child Care Relief Fund is bringing much needed relief to our financial situation. When we closed our doors in mid-March, 2020, the ELCP was just breaking even, right where we like to be. When we re-opened in June, 2020, we received the Payroll Protection Plan which helped keep our staff employed when our enrollment was at its lowest. 2021 was a year of tightening our belt and cutting costs as much as possible. 2022 has been the year that everything is coming back into the positive. We finally have the funds to do repairs, make improvements, and even reward our dedicated staff.
- Enrollment: At this time, almost every classroom is full! Many of our tours have been parents who found us online and were very impressed by the many glowing recommendations of past or current families. Other tours were families who saw the bright new signs we have. This was one of the goals we had for 2022 and the CCRF funds allowed us to meet it.
- Staff: The ELCP is currently staffed with 17 teachers, an Associate Director and a Director. In May an anonymous donation was made specifically to give each staff member a summer bonus. Thanks to the CCRF, all of our teachers attended the Preschool Teachers Adventure Conference (PTAC) in July 2022. In December 2022, we used some of the CCRF money to give our staff a well-deserved end-of-the-year bonus. Because most of our children are now staying beyond 2:30 each day, we are really in need of at least one more afternoon teacher.



- Graduation 2022: In May 2022 the ELCP Pre-K had a graduating class of 11 students. These graduates started Kindergarten at public and private schools in the Fall. Several families have visited during 2022, sharing smiles and hugs as they tell us all about their new school. The parents also told us about the transition into Kindergarten, noting that their child was well-prepared and is doing well. We are happy to know that we shared in building a strong foundation for the many years of learning ahead!
- K-Club: Most of our graduating students stayed through the summer and participated in K-Club. This program is especially designed for children Kindergarten through 2nd grade. Ms. Sue led the class of 16 students, which included alumni, siblings, and teacher's children out for the summer. This year the focus was on friendship, kindness, respect and inclusiveness. The culmination was a musical dramatization called "Adventures with God on Mystery Island!" The K-Club helps us to maintain enrollment throughout the summer, a time when we often lose many children. At the end of the summer, we sent all of our young friends off to a new school year with tears of joy and reminders to visit often!
- Scholarship Fund: In 2021 we were unable to offer scholarships to any of our families. One of the recommended uses for the CCR Funds is financial aid for our families in need. Several of our families have struggled with job loss, an accident which kept them out of work for a time, or other temporary situations which have made paying tuition difficult. We have been able to help ten different families this year by offering financial aid through their struggle without having to touch the Scholarship Fund.
- Playground and Classroom Upgrades: One of our goals for 2022 was to upgrade and improve our playgrounds. We were able to raise almost \$600 with the Cards for a Cause fundraiser in 2021 which helped us purchase mulch. With the CCR Funds, we have been able to purchase new climbing structures for the 2's and 3/Pre-K playgrounds as well as swings for the 3's and Pre-K children. We are also getting fresh new ground cover, borders and ramps for both play areas. Mr. Armando has worked hard to level the 2's playground where water has collected in the past and has added fresh new grass for the children to play on. Mr. Anthony is helping us to create a child-friendly sensory garden for the big playground. All three playgrounds have large new sandboxes, and we have a small storage shed to hold tools, etc.
- In the classrooms, we have replaced four changing tables in Infants-Two's classrooms, purchased new chairs for Ms. Almas' room, replaced 50 worn-out nap mats, bought several new tricycles for the gym, replaced several worn-out classroom shelves and made many more upgrades to classroom materials. In the office, purchased two new desks and upgraded my old computer.
- Return to Normal: This year we started having Chapel again under the leadership of Ms. Teresa and Ms. Jennifer. The children from Toddlers through Pre-K have enjoyed the Chapel time. We also had our first Christmas Program since 2019 with the Pre-K performing "The Christmas Story" and all of the children joining at the end to sing several favorite Christmas carols. It was standing room only!

MISSIONS MINISTRY TEAM

TEAM MEMBERS:

Chris Treleven - Chair
Eunise Bazquez - Elder
Sandy Roberts - Elder
Cindy Davis
Bette Chenault
Kes Taylor
Rev. Dr. David Puig - Staff





Special thanks to all volunteers in our church who faithfully contribute with their time, talents, and resources to make a difference through all these projects.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Our “Make a Difference Day” on September 10 was another opportunity to fulfill our mission statement that we are Christ's disciples, celebrating God's grace, creating community, making a difference. Over 160 Northwoods volunteers served on that day as Christ’s hands and feet to help others by assembling 35,260 meal packs for underdeveloped countries. Our church also contributed with \$13,600 to pay for the ingredients. We also built more than 40 bunk beds and made several quilts and pillowcases, Mana meal bags for people who are homeless, gift baskets for our members who are home bound. Miracles happen when we work together! A special thanks to our outstanding Missions team!
- In June 2022 Missions team partnered up with the youth on a trip to the Southern border. As we joined efforts to serve the immigrant community, we experience the beauty of making God’s presence real among the least and the last in our society. We built a playground, we delivered food to immigrant families, we visited the Colonias and supported the ministry of Puentes de Cristo (Bridges of Christ), a mission partner of Northwoods who is committed to serve the immigrant population in that area.

OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM

TEAM MEMBERS:

Suzan Burch - Chair and Elder
Dolores Gay
Carol Douglas



HIGHLIGHTS:

- Youth Cook-Off with Church Life
- Eggstravaganza with Children's Ministry
- Dolores Gay went to Guatemala on the medical mission trip
- Hosted two Get to Know Northwoods Luncheons: April 10 and July 31

PERSONNEL MINISTRY TEAM

TEAM MEMBERS:

Ron Ledbetter - Chair
Melissa Nelson
David Chenault
Larry Hitt - Elder
Paul Nazarian - Staff

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Hired Jacqueline Hannan as a part-time Parish Associate to help with preaching and Pastoral Care. Mid-year, more hours were added to her position to be able to oversee Adult Ministry and Outreach Ministry.
- David Puig accepted a position as a chaplain and transitioned to a limited part-time position (10 hours/week) at Northwoods overseeing the Missions Ministry.
- Teresa Jones-Simpson was moved from interim to permanent Director of Children's Ministry.
- Hired Kaitlynn Martinez as a Summer Youth Intern

PROPERTY MINISTRY TEAM

TEAM MEMBERS:

Mike Browning - Chair
Anthony Mireles - Staff
Gary Akin
Bruce Cameron
Keith Rowald
Russell Shelton
David Shupe
Jane VanNort

A big thank you to Joe Foster who did so much work on many Property projects this year, but especially on the video improvement and doorbell projects.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Video Improvement Project- researched multiple options which resulted in the purchase & installation of new projectors for the Sanctuary
- New video doorbells at office entrances with remote access control devices
- Prepared the kitchen for our new fellowship: The Table, including garbage disposal repairs, dishwasher booster pump repairs, ice machine repairs, stove hood fan repairs.
- Repaired Ansul System
- Landscape Projects including TC Jester Entrance, Journey Entrance, and the area around the Electronic Sign



WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM

TEAM MEMBERS:

Margaret Rodriguez
Chair
Jennifer Klein Salyer
Staff



If 2022 were summed up in one word for Worship Ministry, it would be MUSIC.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Band and Choir offering music at all worship services outside of the summer months
- Inaugural Family Choir appearances for Palm Sunday and Advent
- Premiere of the blended anthem “Hearts in Faith, Hands in Service,” written by Jennifer Klein Salyer and the hymn “We Have Come So Far,” written by Kinley Lange, both commissioned for our 50th Anniversary celebrations
- A healing concert experience (“I Lift Mine Eyes”) with Northwoods and Klein United Methodist Choirs
- A pop show (“The Tie That Binds”), featuring Choir, Band, Youth, and Soloists
- Premiere of the Christmas Cantata “Mary, Say Yes!” composed by Jennifer Klein Salyer for Choir, Soloists, and Chamber Orchestra
- Special guests throughout the year, including Greg Lincoln on Viola, Members of the Northwoods Youth Group, Brass Quartet, Trinity Jazz Ensemble, Cuban Guitarist and Vocalist, Yoan Infante, Christmas Eve Soloist, Eleanor Green, Leslie Keig on Cello, and Lauren Martin on Violin
- The return of our Summer Handbell Choir



The Worship Ministry Team also

- Participated in the Youth Cook-Off event, as Greek Super-Gyros
- Supported the return of contemplative worship during the Advent Season
- Decorated the Narthex and Sanctuary for various sermon series and for Lent, Palm Sunday, Easter, Pentecost, World Communion, Reformation, Thanksgiving, Advent/Christmas (including the new “family wreath” project to beautify the Narthex Gallery Walls, with special help from Don and Kathy Drover, and the striking manger and cross display for Christmas Eve designed by Margaret Rodriguez)
- Donated grains and beans to the Northwest Assistance Ministries Food Bank as part of our partnership with Missions Ministry Team for Bountiful Harvest
- Hosted Advent Noel concerts and lunches
- Prepared communion each month and provided weekly ushers

We continued live-streaming our worship services, large contemporary issues classes, and memorial services, relying on Media Technician, David Serna, Executive Assistant, Nicole Castillo, and stalwart volunteers Joe Foster, Mike Browning, Lance Lincoln, Rob Trennel, and Tyler Curtice to assist with our media content and audio engineering.



YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM

TEAM MEMBERS:

Virginia Herrera - Chair and Elder
Mary Meghan Thomas - Staff
Paul Thompson - Boy Scout Rep
Rob Trennel
Zina White
Tami Jones
Stephen Jones



HIGHLIGHTS:

- 17 youth attended our Winter Retreat in January 2022 at Trinity Pines. It was a wonderful weekend led by our Krew (Youth Leadership Team) with the theme of Experiencing God in Nature.
- 6 youth attend Conclaves and Youth Rally, we supported our (2) youth on Presbyterian Youth Connection Council.
- Successful Youth Sunday with 22 youth involved and celebrated a graduating class of 8 seniors!
- Summer intern, Kailtynn Martinez, helped plan lock-in activities, 2 Swim & Studies, Wednesday night games and bible studies, and Mess Fest which we had (18) youth attend and (4) youth from Atascocita Pres.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- 22 Youth attended our summer lock-in in June here at the church. We enjoyed games, fellowship, bible study, laser tag, a bible scavenger hunt, and a mission project making prayer shawls. -Special thanks to our many chaperones who made this possible!
- Celebrated Tyler Curtice and Greg Lincoln's Confirmation. Thank you, Daniel Spencer, for leading this Confirmation class!
- 8 youth (Middle and High school) attended our mission trip to McAllen and Hidalgo in June. We served migrant families at the Humanitarian Respite Center of the Rio Grande Valley and partnered with Puentes de Cristo to build a playground for one of the churches in the community.
- In July we took 5 of our Middle-schoolers to Mo Ranch for Junior High Jubilee and took 8 High-schoolers to Synod Youth Workshop in Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- We had 16 youth volunteer as VBS helpers and I am so proud of their hard work, dedication, and the guidance and patience they offer to Northwoods' children. We also celebrated them with a thank you lunch honoring them for serving our kiddos!
- We had 11 youth involved in Summer Quest, our local mission week, the first week of August that was incredible- Thank you Roxi Tyler, Kes Taylor, and Leah McFadden for serving as chaperones! Organizations we served at: Sleep in Heavenly Peace, NAM, a church workday at Northwoods, and the Houston Foodbank.
- Had a very successful golf tournament and raised over \$17,560. A huge thanks to this year's golf committee and auction helpers: Larry Fricke, Norma Laughlin, Paul Thompson, Alice Green – and to our sponsors and auction donors!
- Hosted a youth skate night at Champions Roller World in September that 18 youth attended.
- Hosted Fall Retreat with Spring Branch Presbyterian Church and Atascocita youth: 30 youth total.
- Our youth also assisted with SHP deliveries, Make a Difference Day meal packaging project, and helped serve at The Table lunches, Eggstravaganza and Miracle of Jesus Childrens events. We also had kickball nights, movie nights, craft nights, and youth-led "Rise" worship services in the youth building.
- Held two zooms to check in with our college students and sent college care packages to 18 people. Had 6 college students involved with College Sunday

Northwoods Dollars at Work 2022 Benevolences



Missions Budget

10% of Northwoods Income	119,458
Special Offerings	95,757
	215,215

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH USA

Presbytery of the New Covenant Support	32,050
PC (USA) Per Capita Apportionment	8,917
PC (USA) Worldwide Mission	2,500
PC (USA) Seminaries	3,000
Presbyterian Missionary Support	1,500
Presbyterian Peacemaking Offering	750
Presbyterian Theological Institutions	1,000
	TOTAL PC (USA) 49,717

LOCAL

Bonding Against Adversity	1,500
CanCare	1,500
Fe & Justica Worker Center	1,000
Habitat for Humanity (NWHC)	2,000
Hope Center	3,435
Interfaith Care Partners	2,500
Kairos	5,000
Make a Difference Day	867
Northwest Assistance Ministries	7,000
Northwoods ESL Classes	1,804
Northwoods Quilters	254
Northwoods Mission Operating Fund	3,773
Pine Crest Presbyterian Church	1,800
Presbyterian Prayers of the People	2,408
Rise Against Hunger	13,380
Sleep in Heavenly Peace	1,500
	TOTAL Local 49,721

STATE / NATIONAL / INTERNATIONAL		
CEDEPCA - Central America		2,250
CUPS Mexico /U.S. Border Grant		1,000
First Presbyterian Church Havana		2,000
Hand in Hand School-Israel		1,500
International Seafarers Center		1,500
Northwoods Staff Trip Leadership/Mission Trips		6,020
Presbyterian Pan American School		1,500
Sidewalk School		1,000
Su Casa de Esperanza		1,000
Texas Impact		2,250
	TOTAL State / National / International	20,020
	TOTAL MISSION OPERATING BUDGET	119,458
SPECIAL OFFERINGS & GIVING PROGRAMS		
Giving Tree		
Bonding Against Adversity		3,000
Habitat for Humanity (NWHC)		1,073
Faith In Practice		3,000
Living Water International		7,435
Redeemed Ministries		3,000
Sleep in Heavenly Peace		4,855
NAM Shoes		2,631
NAM Toys		1,150
Christmas Eve Offering		
Presbyterian Joy Gift		1,346
Presbyterian Children's Home		1,346
SOS Food Drive		825
NAM Back to School		1,500
Soup-er Bowl of Caring - Food Pantry		3,196
One Great Hour of Sharing		18,280
Designated Mission Giving		8,970
Disaster Relief		34,150
	Total Special Offerings	95,757
		215,215

2022 Benevolences

In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." -Acts 20:35

Our Missions Ministry Team funded the following grants for our Northwoods Benevolences on behalf of our congregation. Most of our Partner Ministries that receive financial support from Northwoods also receive direct, hands-on involvement by servants in our congregation:

- 1960 Hope Center - The HOPE Center was formed to offer basic human services to our homeless brothers and sisters. At the center they will find a welcoming atmosphere where they can relax and hang out. The facility offers shelter from inclement weather, clean restrooms, hot showers, a laundry, lunch and other necessities. Beyond the temporary basic needs, there are also mental health providers, support groups, and life coaches to help the men and women get out of homelessness.
- Bonding Against Adversity - BAA was created as a non-profit Texas corporation to provide free and low-cost community outreach programs for disadvantaged residents with an emphasis on healthy living, safe living and reducing secondary school dropout rates. They help people in the United States who are here legally complete their path to citizenship. Our church supports BAA through our Giving Tree Offering. This amount represents funds sent from our operating budget.
- CanCare - This ministry matches cancer survivors with those who are receiving treatment to provide support and hope. As a partner congregation, we provide benevolent support, and survivors in our congregation serve as CanCare volunteers.
- CEDEPCA (Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America) - Presbytery of New Covenant and Northwoods have a long-standing partnership with this ecumenical ministry which is based in Guatemala. Our grant helps support its Women's Pastoral Program with courses that promote the dignity, self-esteem, and leadership of women, the elimination of violence against women, and biblical training.
- CUPS Mexico/U.S.Border Grant - Funds will be used to repair a kindergarten classroom in Ensenada and for roof repairs at a special education classroom in Valle Hermoso. Years ago and before all the drug violence began in Mexico, Northwoods would send a Missions work group to this part of Mexico to build classrooms. These may very well be the classrooms we built back then. Repairs now would allow the building to continue to serve these two communities for years to come.
- ESL Ministry - offer English classes to immigrants and other non-native speakers in our area to help them integrate into our society.
- Fe & Justicia Worker Center - This ministry provides a safeplace for low-wage workers to learn about their rights in the workplace and advocates to improve working conditions on the job. The center also attempts to obtain earnings that are due workers from their employers.
- Faith in Practice - Funds will help to support the crucial medical and dental care of Guatemalans who live in extreme poverty stricken areas where medical care is virtually non-existent.
- First Presbyterian Church of Havana - Our benevolence assists our sister church in Cuba to offer helping outreach ministries to poor families and at-risk children in its surrounding community.
- Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Harris County - Our Habitat affiliate builds affordable housing for families in need, providing a no-interest mortgage in exchange for "sweat equity" hours. Our church supports Habitat for Humanity through our Giving Tree Offering. This amount represents funds sent from our operating budget.
- Hand-in-Hand School - Northwoods is part of a presbytery effort with the Jewish/Presbyterian Dialogue Group to support a school in Israel that brings together Jewish and Arab children to build a more integrated society. Our funds help to provide a Peacemaking Ministry Associate to work at this school.
- Interfaith CarePartners - This ecumenical ministry oversees congregation-based care teams that minister to families caring for older loved ones. Our grant helps to cover the costs associated with these caregiving programs such as our Golden Gathering and Second Family Ministry.
- International Seafarers Center Houston - The Houston International Seafarers' Centers are a "home away from home" for seafarers visiting the Port of Houston. There is a team of ministers on duty, including two Presbyterian chaplains, and our grant helps to pay the salary of these two chaplains.
- International Living Water - ILW exists to demonstrate the love of God helping communities acquire desperately needed clean water, and to experience living water - the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our church supports ILW through our giving tree offering. This amount represents additional funds sent from our operating budget.

- Joy Gift – The Christmas Joy Offering provides assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges. Our Christmas Eve Offering is split between the Joy Gift and the Presbyterian Children Homes and Services. This amount represents additional funds sent from our operating budget.
- Make a Difference Day - NPC's Annual Day of serving around our community as well as globally. We place great value on giving not only money to support ministry but giving our time and ourselves to service.
- Northwest Assistance Ministries - Our ecumenical coalition provides services to meet the basic needs of persons in Northwest Harris County. In addition to our \$4,000 pledge as a Covenant Congregation, our \$3,000 grant for the Family Violence Center. The FVC offers a variety of services to victims/survivors of domestic violence and Sexual assault.
- Northwoods Mission Operating Fund - Our operating account covers expenditures such as mission project supplies, study materials, and emergency help for members.
- Northwoods Mission Leadership - Our Pastors provided leadership for our mission trips and international partnerships.
- Presbyterian Pan American School - Is a Christian international, college-prep, boarding school in Kingsville, Tx. The school has strong relationships with several countries throughout the world who send their students to PPAS.
- Peace and Global Witness Offering - Northwoods helps to support peacemaking programs and efforts of our Presbyterian Church (USA).
- Pinecrest Presbyterian Church - This sister church is located in the Fifth Ward and developed the Youth Employment Program to provide at-risk youth with job skills. Ten youth are placed in jobs for 6 weeks, 24 hours a week, at \$150 per week. This benevolence provided the "salary" for two youth for six weeks of "employment" in a supervised work setting.
- Prayers of the People (POP) - The primary focus of Prayers of the People (POP) is providing spiritual care to patients, families and healthcare professionals in the healthcare systems with whom it partners. Lay Ministers are trained to provide spiritual care, and offer prayer and solace to those in need. The presence of God can provide peace and comfort to those coping with the challenges of illness such as disruption from daily life, varying levels of isolation, and suffering.
- Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) - As a connectional church, Northwoods helps to support the ministries, missions, and work of our denomination. Our funds support Presbytery of New Covenant; Synod of the Sun, and PC(U.S.A.).
- Presbyterian Seminaries - Our grant of \$1,500 each supports the Austin Presbyterian Seminary and San Francisco Theological Seminary at The University of Redlands.
- Redeemed Ministries - Their focus population is Domestic Adult Women Sex Trafficking Victims. Redeemed Ministries helps survivors of adult domestic sex trafficking by offering a safe environment for holistic healing. Our church supports Redeemed Ministries through our Giving Tree Offering. This amount represents additional funds sent from our operating budget.
- Rise Against Hunger - The vision of this international hunger relief agency is to end hunger, and it distributes food and lifesaving aid to the world's most vulnerable. This money paid for the food, staff support, and transport of 35,000 meal packets which 120 of our volunteers assembled on "Make a Difference Day."
- Sleep in Heavenly Peace - Northwoods accepted a new ministry partner for 2018. SHP is the only charity providing bunk beds to children who do not have a bed of their own. Gary Akin, started this chapter and many Northwoods members are helping to build and deliver beds including all the bedding. Our funds helped to start this worthwhile program. Our church supports SHP through our Giving Tree Offering. This amount represents funds sent from our operating budget.
- Su Casa de Esperanza - This Presbyterian ministry improves the lives of families in the south Texas border region by providing prenatal education, after-school programs, parenting skills, health care, nutrition, and basic job skills. Our grant supports the Early Childhood Development Program to provide parent education and family support in order to give their children the best possible start in life.
- Texas Impact - This statewide religious grassroots network works to advance state public policies that are consistent with universally held social principles of religious traditions, serving as a voice for the voiceless.



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Creating Community



Making A Difference

ANNUAL FINANCE REPORT

INCOME	2022 Actual	2022 Budget	2023 Budget
Pledges	987,864	1,021,500	871,500
Non-Pledged	164,824	180,000	273,180
Plate Offering	983	1,500	4,000
New Member	0	5,000	5,000
Building Use	30,780	30,000	30,000
Miscellaneous	3,703	3,000	4,000
Carryover of 2021 Partial Surplus	60,000	60,000	0
	1,248,154	1,301,000	1,187,680
Special Offerings	95,757	81,000	81,000
Total Income	1,343,911	1,382,000	1,268,680
EXPENSES			
Missions	119,458	124,100	118,768
Special Offerings	95,757	81,000	81,000
Personnel	789,380	815,525	761,182
Church Office	67,759	55,300	57,100
Worship	15,189	14,300	13,945
The Journey	151	1,000	0
Property	246,392	219,890	200,450
Congregational Care	904	2,100	1,400
Outreach	688	2,200	1,400
Children's Ministry	4,555	4,500	5,250
Youth Ministry	3,706	3,850	3,350
Adult Ministry	1,291	1,200	1,200
Church Life	38,855	41,785	10,485
Stewardship	8,857	11,950	9,650
Session	154	1,000	400
Child Care	2,667	2,300	3,100
Total Expenses	1,395,763	1,382,000	1,268,680
Excess of Income over Expense	(51,852)	0	0
CURRENT ASSETS			
	Dec. 31, 2021	Dec. 31, 2022	
Cash	385,756	295,051	
Other current assets	20,000	0	
Total Current Assets	405,756	295,051	
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	145,306	79,226	
Line-of-Credit /Operating	0	0	
Funds from ELCP	9,887	71,194	
Internal Activity Funds	193,386	92,826	
Due to GEM fund	37,640	144,120	
Total Liabilities	386,219	387,366	
OPERATING FUND BALANCE	19,537	(92,315)	

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