



NORTHWOODS
Presbyterian Church

ANNUAL REPORT 2023

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A WORD FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

2023 was a good year! Although we all wish we could return to pre-COVID life, it was nice to see many families return to in-person worship. There is no question that COVID has permanently changed many things in life, society, and the church. Reconnecting again after being forced to isolate for so long has been refreshing and life-giving. Eating together every week at The Table has offered us good warm food and good warm fellowship!

I continue to give thanks to God for the way our members live out our mission statement: "We are Christ's disciples, celebrating God's grace, creating community, making a difference."

In 2023, we did a bunch of celebrating. We celebrated my 20th Anniversary here at Northwoods. Twenty years is a lot of years! But we also celebrated Todd Nolde's 30th Anniversary -- which is an even greater milestone! We celebrated the ministries of the Rev. Dr. David Puig and Jennifer Salyer and all their love and support they have given over the years!

We celebrated the lives of many beloved members who have joined the church triumphant. We celebrated the life and ministry of the Rev. Stewart MacColl and his powerful impact on so many.

We celebrated with our youth at our annual youth cook-off providing support for their mission trip to Puerto Rico! We also celebrated with them at their annual golf tournament and raised the most money ever!

We celebrated with our children at the Journey to Bethlehem and help them experience and learn about the Birth of Jesus.

We celebrated with Sleep in Heavenly Peace and the achievement of delivering thousands of beds to families in need in our community. Our church participated in our first delivery day where we witnessed firsthand the joy of giving a brand-new bed with new sheets and a comforter to a child.

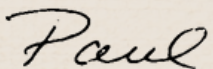
We also celebrated finally resurfacing and resealing our Sanctuary roof, purchasing some new a/c units, as well as installing a new Children's Playground!

We celebrated and dedicated a new organ that enhances our worship and ministry.

And we celebrated with our choir at their Simply Christmas Concert which included inspiring music and SNOW! It was a fun day for all!

Thank you for helping to make 2023 a good year!

With much joy, appreciation, and love,



Pastor Paul



MEMBERSHIP DATA

<i>New Members</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>Baptisms</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Deaths</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>Dropped from rolls</i>	<i>9</i>

MEMBERSHIP	2022	2023
<i>Female</i>	<i>551</i>	<i>555</i>
<i>Male</i>	<i>379</i>	<i>368</i>
TOTAL	930	923

NORTHWOODS SESSION

CLASS OF 2024

Suzan Burch
Bobby Gonzales
Virginia Herrera
Lecina Linehan
Tom Swisher
Johnathan White

CLASS OF 2025

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

CLASS OF 2026

Lisa Aytes
Eli Hinson
Dennis Moore
Maria Potts
Kes Taylor
David Wallace

CLERK TO/OF SESSION

Roy Eggenberger /
Nancy Trennel, Aug. 21, 2023

TREASURER

Bill Strange

NORTHWOODS STAFF



**THE REV. DR. PAUL
NAZARIAN**
SENIOR PASTOR



**THE REV. JACQUELINE
HANNAN**
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 - WORSHIP DIRECTOR
TERESA JONES-SIMPSON - DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
HEIDI SMITH - FINANCIAL SECRETARY
MARY MEGHAN THOMAS - DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY

ADULT MINISTRY TEAM

TEAM MEMBERS:

*Nancy Ingram – Chair and Elder
Bill Calvert
Tom Franklin
David Gordon
Nancy Strange
Rev. Phin Washer
Rev. Jackie Hannan, Staff*



HIGHLIGHTS:

- *Contemporary Issues: Environmental Sustainability Workshop and Breakfast, May 20. Speakers were Adrian Shelley, Barbara Hill, Jim Becker and Cinda Hitchcock.*
- *Sunday Bible Studies. Teachers are Dave Gordon and Tom Franklin.*
- *Youth Cookoff. Theme supported by Ratatouille, the movie.*
- *Hosted three Lenten lunches.*



CHURCH LIFE MINISTRY TEAM

TEAM MEMBERS:

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



HIGHLIGHTS:

2023 was a year of supporting the larger community of Northwoods Presbyterian Church. Church Life decided that we would lend our efforts to making other ministry teams' programs more fulfilling to the members of the church. As part of this, here are some things we did:

- Provided financial support for the 50+ organization.*
- Participated in the Youth Cook-Off in March.*
- Hosted breakfast for the Sustainability Event with Adult Ministries in May.*
- Partnered with Children's Ministry Team in October for a Family Movie Night.*
- Helped the Children's Ministry Team again in December with the visit to Bethlehem Christmas event.*

We also found several opportunities to provide direct support to our church members including flowers for Mother's Day and co-hosting our veterans at The Table. We look forward to even more coordination in 2024.

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:

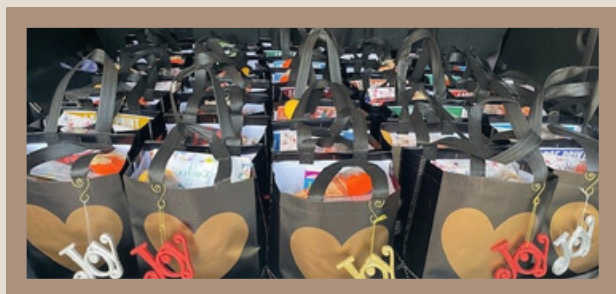
- *Children sang in Palm Sunday parade for worship.*
- *Participated in Youth Cook Off.*
- *Hosted Eggstravaganza and Butterfly Release for Easter weekend.*
- *Hosted Stellar VBS and VBS Celebration Sunday.*
- *VBS mission donated over 100 books for local kids in Houston.*
- *Assembled 150 Manna bags for homeless & created greeting cards for kids in local hospitals.*
- *Blessing of the Backpacks.*
- *Third Grade Bible Presentation.*
- *Reinstated Parent's Night Out.*
- *Hosted 1st annual movie night.*
- *Co-hosted Night in Bethlehem event with Church Life.*



CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY TEAM

TEAM MEMBERS:

Rev. Jaqueline Hannan – Staff
 Kathy Kasper – Elder and Chair
 Diane Browning
 Pat Justice
 Anne Swisher
 Judy Kenyon
 Kara Norwood
 Maria Potts
 Roy Eggenberger
 Roxi Tyler
 John Younker



HIGHLIGHTS:

- Kept the Prayer Chain active with almost daily requests from members to members.
- Continued work to keep in contact with our members all year through our various subcommittees and to create opportunities for members to connect with each other.
- Completed our personal Spring Callers program in order to reach out to all of our membership.
- Continued Home Communion program every quarter to our members unable to attend service in person.
- Personal notes were sent by committee members for bereavement, Home Touch, Easter cards, and Christmas cards.
- Approximately 47 personal baskets were made and delivered to our seniors on Make A Difference Day.
- Our Care Meals volunteers donated meals to members as necessary during the year.
- Enjoyed the 2023 Youth Cook-Off fun and won the Best Booth with "101 Dalmations".
- Celebrated our members with Fathers' Day Donuts reception and Cookies for Christmas Eve reception.
- Celebrated and grieved with our members while hosting memorial services/receptions.
- Maintained a medical equipment loan program to our members needing gently used medical equipment.

EARLY LEARNING CENTER PRESCHOOL

TEAM MEMBERS:

Nancy Trennel – Chair and Elder

Adrian Shelley – Treasurer

Lois Andrews

Diane Browning

Sue Due

Billy Maxwell


Ann Moore

Bambi McWhorter – Staff



HIGHLIGHTS:

- *Child Care Relief Fund: In 2022 we applied for and received the Child Care Relief Fund. We received approval for \$299,505 from the Federal Government through the Texas Workforce Commission. We received our first quarterly payment of \$74,576.25 in April 2022 and the final quarterly payment in January 2023. Several governmental adjustments were made so that we had through November 30, 2023 to use all of the funds. These funds were used to complete playground, classroom and building upgrades started in 2022. The appropriate use of these funds has been thoroughly documented so that we will not need to reimburse any of it.*
- *Financial Update: We ended the year of 2022 with a surplus of the CCR Funds. Although the 2023 monthly ELCP Income and Expense Statements show us in the negative, we ended the year just about even. However, realizing that we will no longer have the CCR Funds, we will need to keep a watchful eye on our expenses in 2024.*
- *Enrollment: The Summer of 2023 saw our highest enrollment with 84 students. K-Club was a big part of this. However, by the end of the year our numbers were low again, ending December with only 63 children. This is not because families are unhappy with the ELCP. Instead it is family moves or financial situations which cause them to withdraw their children. Because we no longer have the CCR Funds to supplement our families struggling with finances, we are unable to help them at this time.*

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- *Staff:* The ELCP is currently staffed with 19 teachers, an Associate Director and a Director. We were able to hire two part-time afternoon Asst. Teachers which has met our needs perfectly. Thanks to the CCR Funds, all of our teachers were re-certified in Pediatric CPR and everyone was able to attend the Preschool Teachers Adventure Conference (PTAC) in July 2023.
 - *Graduation:* In May 2023 the ELCP Pre-K had a Graduating Class of nine students. These graduates started Kindergarten at public and private schools in the fall. Several were staff children and we have had the pleasure of them visiting us when their schools are closed. Other families have also visited in 2023, sharing smiles and hugs as they tell us about their new school. We are always 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 specifically designed for children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade. The K-Club helps us to maintain enrollment throughout the summer. Ms. Sue led a class of 18 students, including alumni and siblings, through a summer of learning, singing and dancing. This year focused on Moses as the children read and discussed God's words of guidance to him as he faced the Pharaoh and then led the Israelites out of Egypt and through the desert. The musical, "Moses: From Prince to Prophet", was presented to a standing-room-only crowd in late July. 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.

GOALS FOR 2024:

- *The ELCP Website:* Our new website will be up and running in January thanks to the hard work and creativity of our teacher, Ms. Michelle. We will be connecting it to the church website. Hopefully this will reach and encourage many more families to contact us for a tour. She is also updating our Facebook and Instagram accounts with a fresh new look. Be sure to check out www.northwoodspreschool.org
- *Enrollment:* We are always looking for ways to increase our enrollment. Parents receive a \$200 discount on a month's tuition for referring a family who enrolls with us. We would like to maintain an enrollment of 80+ in order to meet our monthly expenses. This is a hard number to hold onto because of both expected and unexpected changes in the lives of our families.
- *Scholarship Fund:* We did not use this fund in 2023 because we relied on the CCR Funds. The Missions Ministry is currently helping to rebuild this for future needs.

MISSIONS MINISTRY TEAM

TEAM MEMBERS:

Chris Treleaven – Chair

Sandy Roberts – Elder

Bette Chenault

Cindy Davis

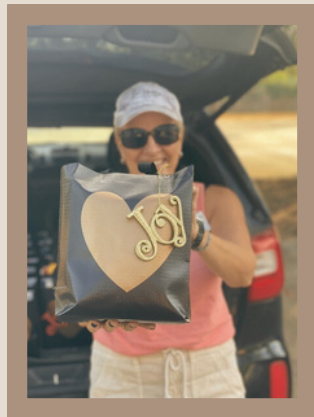
Nancy Kral

Kes Taylor

*Rev. Dr. David Puig – Staff
(through May 2023)*

HIGHLIGHTS:

Our “Make a Difference Day” on September 9th was another opportunity to fulfill our mission statement that we are Christ's disciples, celebrating God's grace, creating community, making a difference. Over 100 Northwoods volunteers served on that day as Christ's hands and feet to help others by assembling over 35,000 meal packs for underdeveloped countries. Our church also contributed with \$13,750 to pay for the ingredients. We also built 50 bunk beds with other teams and made several quilts, 100 Manna meal bags delivered to the Hope Center for distribution to the homeless, greeting cards for those in the hospital, and gift baskets for 40 NPC members who are home bound. Miracles happen when we work together! A special thanks to our outstanding Missions team!



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.

OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM

TEAM MEMBERS:

*Suzan Burch – Chair and Elder
Nancy Trennel – Elder
Dolores Gay
Carol Farley*



HIGHLIGHTS:

- Check-in desk at Eggstravaganza. Our team members assembled and distributed welcome bags to visitors of NWs in addition to welcoming all.
- Youth cook-off. Partnered with Church Life in Lady & The Tramp.
- Transport/communion service for church member to doctor/dental appts.
- "Warm their souls with soles" sock drive & Christmas notes at Woodglen & Spring Creek Village adult care facilities.
- Re-opening of the Connections/Information desk in the Narthex. Nicole Castillo providing the weekly information & Elders serving have assisted both visiting and regular worship attendees on Sunday.
- Assisted Worship team with tablets & ushering on Sundays.
- Published the first Connections newsletter February edition.



PERSONNEL MINISTRY TEAM

TEAM MEMBERS:

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

HIGHLIGHTS:

- *Celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Rev. Dr. Paul Nazarian at Northwoods.*
- *Celebrated the 30th anniversary of Todd Nolde at Northwoods.*
- *Celebrated the ministry of Rev. Dr. David Puig who left Northwoods on May 31.*
- *Celebrated the music ministry of Jennifer Klein Salyer who left Northwoods on December 31.*
- *Hired Rachel Goodwin as a Summer Youth Intern.*
- *Hired Alison Sweeney as Summer Children's Intern.*

PROPERTY MINISTRY TEAM

TEAM MEMBERS:

Ron Garner – Elder and Chair

Anthony Mireles – Staff

Gary Akin

Mike Browning

David Shupe

Jane VanNort



HIGHLIGHTS:

- *New coating on metal roof of Sanctuary*
- *Tropi-Cool roof silicone coating material applied to all flat roof areas.*
- *Parking lot asphalt patch repairs.*
- *AC repairs on several units and new unit installed in kitchen.*
- *Landscape Projects including beautification of Labyrinth and court yard, removal of dead trees.*
- *Identified and tagged all breakers, switches and outlets.*
- *Lighting projects including new LED fixtures in Youth building, Fellowship Hall lights, and Sanctuary spotlights.*

WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM

TEAM MEMBERS:

Margaret Rodriguez – Chair
Lorna Ausband
Carol Farley
Tom Swisher
Bonnie Yough
Jennifer Klein Salyer – Staff



HIGHLIGHTS:

- The Coffee House Café, an evening of coffee, desserts, and music featuring both original and popular songs presented by members of the Northwoods Journey Band.
- The Promise of Living: a concert event at The Centrum, featuring the combined choirs of Northwoods Presbyterian, Klein United Methodist, and Kinsmen Lutheran
- The celebration of the ministry of the Rev. Dr. David Puig (who left Northwoods on May 31).
- The celebration of 20 years in ministry at Northwoods of the Rev. Dr. Paul Nazarian.
- A cohort of singers from the Sanctuary Choir performed in a choral tour throughout Spain.
- The celebration of 30 years in ministry at Northwoods of organist Todd Nolde.
- The celebration of the life of Northwoods' cherished Rev. Stewart MacColl (died Oct 18).
- The dedication of Northwoods' new organ in a special concert on Nov. 26.
- "Simply Christmas" – a dramatic musical presentation and social event, with a real snow yard and old town Holiday Lane filled with food, fun, and activities.
- The celebration of the music ministry of Jennifer Klein Salyer (who left Northwoods on Dec 31).



Scheduled Events Included

- *Band and Choir offering music at our blended worship services year round.*
- *Four contemplative worship services offered.*
- *Special musical guests throughout the year, including Violist Greg Lincoln, Members of the Northwoods Youth Group, Brass Quartet, Jazz Harmonica Player Gary Weldon, Bagpiper David Gordon, Soloist Eleanor Green, Flutist Travis Dunmire, and Violinist Lauren Martin.*
- *Musical participation in Make a Difference Day (Singing to Seniors).*
- *Choir retreats and music volunteers social gatherings.*

The Worship Ministry Team also

- *Participated in the Youth Cook-Off as the Apple Dumpling Gang*
- *Provided special decorations for seasons of the church, as well as sermon series.*
- *Decorated the Narthex and Sanctuary for various sermon series and for Lent, Palm Sunday, Easter, Pentecost, World Communion, Reformation, Thanksgiving, Advent/Christmas (including the "family wreath" project to beautify the Narthex Gallery walls, with special help from Don and Kathy Drover, and the striking manger display for Christmas Eve designed by Margaret Rodriguez).*
- *Donated grains and beans to the Northwest Assistance Ministries Food Bank in our partnership with Missions Ministry Team to provide for Bountiful Harvest.*
- *Hosted three Advent Noel concerts and assisted with the post-concert lunches.*
- *Prepared and served communion each month and provided weekly ushers.*

We continued live-streaming our worship services, large Contemporary Issues classes, and memorial services, relying on Media Techs Chance Simpson and Chase Simpson, 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 – Elder & Chair
Taryn Castellanos – Elder
Rob Trennel
Zina White
Tami & Stephen Jones
Mary Meghan Thomas – Staff



HIGHLIGHTS:

- 17 of our youth attended our Winter Retreat in January 2023 at Trinity Pines. It was a wonderful weekend led by our Krew (Youth Leadership Team) with the Olympics theme of Seeing God around the World. –Krew youth leadership team also led 3 worship services in the youth building with 20-25 in attendance.
- We hosted our first Youth Worship concert in many years and invited Presbyterian youth groups from all over and had 32 attend and see the praise band, Hope Ascending. Thank you Mo Ranch for sponsoring this event and to everyone who brought desserts!
- Held our first Annual Christmas hayride through Prestonwood to see the Christmas lights! It was well attended by 17 youth and college students.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- 16 of our youth attend Conclaves youth retreat at Camp Cho-yeh and 10 attended Youth Rally and First. Pres. Pasadena.
- Had a wonderful Youth Sunday with 15 youth involved and celebrated a graduating class of 2 seniors!
- 25 Youth attended our Summer lock-in in June here at the church. We enjoyed games, fellowship, bible study, laser tag -Special thanks to our many chaperones who made this possible!
- Rachel Goodwin, who grew up at Northwoods and now studies Psychology at Baylor, was our summer intern! As our summer intern, she helped plan lock-in activities, 4 Swim & Studies, Wednesday night games and bible studies, led small groups, and planned Mess Fest 2024 which we had 15 youth attend.
- 10 youth (including two of college students) attended our High School mission trip to Puerto Rico in June 2023. Thank you Virginia Herrera, John Millette, and Jim Hannan for chaperoning!
- In July we brought 22 of our middle-schoolers to Mo Ranch for Junior High Jubilee. It was a wonderful camp experience for them and a great time for them to bond. Thank you Rob Trennel and Roy Herrera for chaperoning!
- The same July week 5 of our High School students went to Synod Youth Workshop with Suzan Burch and Kes Taylor! This year's theme was "Swipe" Right to Faith.
- 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!
- Summer Quest 2023 -Organizations we served at: Sleep in Heavenly Peace, NAM, toured a Hindu temple, and toured Brookwood Community to learn about this amazing community.
- Had a successful golf tournament with 19 participating teams and raised over \$18,700. 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 two youth skate nights for fellowship time at Champions roller World that 18 youth attended.
- 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 Bethlehem Childrens events. We also had kickball nights, movie nights, and craft nights.
- Held two summer bible studies for our college students, sent college care packages and held a Christmas coffee & cookies party over winter break and had 6 college students attend, as well as a successful college Sunday with 8 college students involved.

Northwoods Dollars at Work 2023 Benevolences



Missions Budget

10% of Northwoods Income	112,277
Special Offerings	44,480
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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH USA

Presbytery of the New Covenant Support	32,050
PC (USA) Per Capita Apportionment	9,495
PC (USA) Worldwide Support	2,500
PC (USA) Theological Institutions	4,000
Presbyterian Missionary Support	1,500
Presbyterian Peacemaking Offering	750
TOTAL PC (USA)	<hr/> 50,295

LOCAL

Bonding Against Adversity	1,648
CanCare	1,500
ESL Classes at Northwoods	1,500
Fe & Justica Worker Center	500
Habitat for Humanity (NWHC)	1,276
Hope Center	3,000
Interfaith Care Partners	1,500
KAIROS of Texas Prison Ministry	3,000
Make a Difference Day	630
Northwest Assistance Ministries	7,000
Northwoods Mission Operating Fund	578
Northwoods Mission Scholarships	600
Northwoods Quilting Group	112
Pinecrest Presbyterian Church Youth Employment Program	1,800
Presbyterian Prayers of the People	3,000
Sleep in Heavenly Peace	1,500
TOTAL Local	<hr/> 29,144

STATE / NATIONAL / INTERNATIONAL

CEDEPCA - Central America	2,500
CUPS Mexico /U.S. Border Grant	1,000
Faith in Practice	2,000
First Presbyterian Church Havana	1,608
Hand in Hand School-Israel	1,000
International Seafarers Center	1,500
Northwoods Staff Trip Leadership/Mission Trips	2,980
Presbyterian Pan American School	2,000
Rise Against Hunger	13,750
Sidewalk School (Texas Border)	1,000
Su Casa de Esperanza	1,000
Texas Impact	2,500
TOTAL State / National / International	32,838

TOTAL MISSION OPERATING BUDGET	112,277
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SPECIAL OFFERINGS & GIVING PROGRAMS

Giving Tree	
Bonding Against Adversity	3,015
Living Water International	7,445
Redeemed Ministries	4,661
Sleep in Heavenly Peace	3,670
NAM Toys	1,515
Christmas Eve Offering	
Presbyterian Joy Gift (PCUSA)	2,775
Presbyterian Children's Home and Services	2,776
SOS Food Drive	1,925
Soup-er Bowl of Caring - Food Pantry	2,983
One Great Hour of Sharing	12,185
Disaster Relief	1,530
Total Special Offerings	44,480

156,757

2023 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. Some of our Partner Ministries that receive financial support from Northwoods also receive direct, hands-on involvement by servants in our congregation:

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 operating budget and Giving Tree. This amount represents funds sent from our operating budget and the Giving Tree.

\$4,663

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.

\$1,500

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.

\$2,500

CUPS (Comunicados Unidos Pro Salud)– CUPS is a Christian ministry assisting communities in northeastern Mexico and the Rio Grande Valley to improve health and education, to foster a sense of community, and to provide volunteers an opportunity to serve and be served.

\$1,000

Northwoods ESL Ministry – offer English classes to immigrants and other non-native speakers in our area to help them integrate into our society.

\$1,500

Fe & Justicia Worker Center – This ministry provides a safe place for low-wage workers to learn about their rights in the workplace and advocates improving working conditions on the job. The center also attempts to obtain earnings that are due workers from their employers.

\$500

Faith in Practice – Faith In Practice is a non-profit, ecumenical Christian organization that seeks to improve the physical, spiritual, and economic conditions of the poor in Guatemala through integrated surgical, medical, and dental mission trips and health-related educational programs.

\$2,000

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.

\$1,608

Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Harris County - Our Habitat affiliate builds affordable housing for families in need, provides repairs and renovations to existing homes, homebuyer education and resources and disaster preparedness.

\$1276

Hand-in-Hand School - Hand in Hand nurtures an equal, shared, and inclusive society in Israel through educational and community-building programs. They are the only school network providing integrated, bilingual Jewish-Arab education in Israel. They have grown to six school campuses serving thousands of Jewish and Arab students.

\$1,000

Hope Center Houston (formerly 1960 Hope Center) - The HOPE Center was formed to offer basic human services to our homeless brothers and sisters. The facility offers shelter from inclement weather, clean restrooms, hot showers, laundry service, hot breakfast and lunch and other necessities. Beyond the temporary basic needs, there are also mental health providers, support groups, and mentoring to help men and women get out of homelessness.

\$3,000

Interfaith Care Partners - 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 their Gathering Place, Second Family and Common Ground programs.

\$1,500

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.

\$1,500

Kairos of Texas – Kairos is a Christian faith-based prison ministry which addresses the spiritual needs of incarcerated men, women, youth, and their families. By sharing the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ, Kairos hopes to change hearts, transform lives, and impact the world. Currently serving in 50 units in the state.

\$3,000

Living Water International - 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 LWI through our Giving Tree offerings.

\$7,435

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.

\$630

Northwest Assistance Ministries - Our ecumenical coalition provides services to meet the basic needs of persons in Northwest Harris County. In addition to these funds, our Giving Tree offering provides toys for kids and funds for toys, which is included in this amount.

\$8,515

Northwoods Mission Operating Fund - Our operating account covers expenditures such as mission project supplies, study materials, and emergency help for members.

\$578

Northwoods Mission Leadership - Our Pastors provided leadership for our mission trips and international partnerships.

\$2,980

Northwoods Mission Scholarships - Provides funding assistance for members' participating in church mission trips.

\$600

Presbyterian Children's Home and Services - PCHAS provides Christ-centered care and support to children and families in need: Foster care and adoption services, transitional living for young adults, single parent support, counseling services and youth outreach. Funding is provided from our Christmas Eve offering.

\$2,776

Presbyterian Joy Gift - The Christmas Joy Offering provides assistance to current and retired PC USA pastors 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.

\$2,775

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.

\$2,000

Peace and Global Witness Offering - Northwoods helps to support peacemaking programs and efforts of our Presbyterian Church (USA).

\$750

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 part-time jobs for 6 weeks. This benevolence provides the "salary" for two youth for six weeks of "employment" in a supervised work setting.

\$1,800

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.

\$3,000

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.).

\$32,050

Presbyterian Seminaries - Our grant supports the national church seminary program and two specific seminaries: the Austin Presbyterian Seminary and the Center for Innovation at San Francisco Theological Seminary.

\$4,000

Redeemed Ministries - 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.

\$4,661

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 over 70 of our volunteers assembled on "Make a Difference Day."

\$ 13,750

Sidewalk School - The Sidewalk School for Asylum Seekers offers five days of schooling to children facing displacement in the Matamoros Tent City, a refugee camp in the border zone between the US and Mexico. They offer school five days a week and teachers are asylum seekers. People are facing displacement in the Matamoros Tent City for months, some remaining there for over a year as they await the verdict of their asylum application to the United States.

\$1,000

Sleep in Heavenly Peace - This chapter of SHP begun at NPC in 2018. SHP is the only charity providing bunk beds to children who do not have a bed of their own. Our church supports SHP through our operational budget and our Giving Tree Offering. This amount represents funds sent from our operating budget and the Giving Tree.

\$5,170

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.

\$1,000

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.

\$2,500



ANNUAL FINANCE REPORT

INCOME	2023 Actual	2023 Budget	2024 Budget
Pledges	838,877	871,500	842,700
Non-Pledged	233,126	273,180	245,800
Plate Offering	9,379	4,000	11,000
New Member	2,190	5,000	6,500
Building Use	30,887	30,000	32,000
Miscellaneous	3,035	4,000	4,000
Employee Retention Credit	167,076	0	0
Emergency Fund Receipt	54,365	0	0
	1,338,935	1,187,680	1,142,000
Special Offerings	44,480	81,000	54,500
Total Income	1,383,415	1,268,680	1,196,500
EXPENSES			
Missions	112,277	118,768	114,200
Special Offerings	44,480	81,000	54,500
Personnel	787,596	761,182	720,725
Church Office	60,543	57,100	53,200
Worship	14,576	13,945	11,250
Property	319,161	200,450	214,190
Congregational Care	1,760	1,400	1,400
Outreach	729	1,400	700
Children's Ministry	6,647	5,250	4,500
Youth Ministry	3,556	3,350	2,700
Adult Ministry	274	1,200	450
Church Life	18,329	10,485	7,685
Stewardship	8,358	9,650	7,500
Session	1,068	400	500
Child Care	3,122	3,100	3,000
Total Expenses	1,382,476	1,268,680	1,196,500
Excess of Income over Expense	939	0	0
CURRENT ASSETS	Dec. 31, 2022	Dec. 31, 2023	
Cash	295,051	155,136	
Due from GEM Fund		16,474	
Due from ELCP	0	7,527	
Total Current Assets	295,051	179,137	
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	79,226	76,742	
Line-of-Credit /Operating	0	0	
Funds from ELCP	71,194	0	
Internal Activity Funds	92,826	193,115	
Due to GEM Fund	144,120	0	
Total Liabilities	387,366	269,857	
OPERATING FUND BALANCE	(92,315)	(90,720)	

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