

# **Annual Meeting**

Hilton Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, February 2, 2025

# Agenda

Call to Order and Prayer by the Moderator.....Rev. Clark DeSarro-Raynal

Committee, Program Staff, and Organizational Reports

Election of a Nominations Committee for 2025

Presentation of the 2025 Budget

Proposed Changes to the Pastor's Terms of Call for 2025

Adjournment with Prayer

# Minister's Report for the Annual Congregational Meeting

Hilton Presbyterian Church

February 2, 2025

Hilton friends, I give thanks. I give thanks for your ready hearts and faithful steps. God calls and we respond. Rejoice for the love of Christ is so evident in our life together! We've had a wonderful year and we look forward to all the wonder God has yet in store!

Here are a few highlights from 2024:

- We promoted our four Presbyterian Church (USA) special offerings: 1) the One Great Hour of Sharing, 2) the Pentecost offering, 3) the Peace and Global Witness offering, and 4) the Christmas Joy offering.
- In March, we sent 10 mission volunteers to Proyectos Alegria, a community service group near San Juan, Puerto Rico. We painted their exterior building, cleaned and organized some of the inventory, preparing for the day when they would be able to open in that new location. Our host for the week was the wonderful Las Casona Monteflores church community. Our leader was Lisa Schlickemeyer. Fue maravilloso!
- George Hund and Finn Jackson received the sacrament of baptism.
- We welcomed new members Barbara Joann Williams, Melissa Coleman-White, and Steven White.
- We stood for inclusion. When our rainbow "You are Loved" banner kept getting torn down, we replaced it again and again. Many neighbors showed ardent support. They bought us new banners so we wouldn't run out.
- Variety show and pancake supper - Always big fun, the talent was great, the pancakes were yummy, and generous donations were raised for summer youth conferences at Montreat or Massanetta.
- On Celebration Sunday we bid a loving farewell to Lucille Massenburg who retired from service as our custodian. She succeeded her late husband Wilbert, who was our custodian for 43 years. She taught us all about joy and how to respect the Lord's house. We will always remember them with thanksgiving.
- We have a new pictorial directory. It's been a while since we've had a new one, and it's beautiful! If you need one, contact the office. Thank you, Patti Grayson, for putting it all together!
- We built a new and bigger Little Free Library. It's busy every day. The lower shelves are for children. The top shelf is for adults. Thanks, Pax

Goodson, for your cabinetry skills. And thanks to Randy Herrmann who built our first. It served us well for years.

- We continued to provide meeting spaces every week for community groups like Yoga, Girl Scouts, Tutoring, and most recently, a new Hilton parents of young children Play Group.
- We elected a new class of elders: Matt Cox, India DeSarro-Raynal, Betsy Hughes, and Al Pearce. They join Allison Hund, David Kluttz, DesiRee Mujais, Matt Burgener, Patti Grayson and Lisa Schlickemeyer. Our steady ready clerk is Andy Grayson.
- The To-do Crew was organized to help with property tasks. They also go out and have fun.
- We installed new playground equipment for the preschool. This meant moving our outdoor Easter cross location closer to the main entrance.
- Vacation Bible School was a rousing success with over 60 kids participating! Our theme was "Hometown Nazareth." We partnered with St. Andrews Church. Patti Grayson and Laura Abbitt were our co-directors. They did a great job, as did our teachers and everybody on the team. Thank you, all. The kids learned a lot and had a lot of fun.
- The prayers of our Congregational Care team never stop. Every day, they pray, they text, they give rides, make visits, send cards, and run errands. When someone is in need, they are there.
- Session Retreat - The Session held an eight-hour retreat over two days. We reviewed our history and studied our neighborhood. We prayed for guidance. We identified areas of opportunity: 1) making the building, inside and out, more visitor-friendly, 2) sharing who we are and all we do through social media, outdoor posters, and person-to-person connections, 3) offering services for our village like a Parents' Night Out, 4) availing our building's empty rooms to more community interests, 5) building congregational connectivity through more regular fellowship activities, 6) supporting our youth who lead the way in renovating the downstairs youth room.
- We had a special offering for Thrive. Add it to our 2024 budget line for Thrive, and together, our contribution was over \$4800. Thrive, a non-profit organization is committed to assisting Virginia Peninsula families through difficult times.
- We continued our partnership with the PORT homeless ministry, serving two nights with dozens of volunteers.
- Our Music Ministry thrives. We've more folks than ever now taking part in ensemble, bells, and choir. Lois and Doris help us bring out our best praise for the Lord. We also do a lot of praying. What a blessing!

Looking ahead, I pray God will strengthen our work and praise. In a troubling world, may we shine the light of Christ. We can be a community of love and grace. I pray you double down on your commitment as members of the church. With our time, talents, and treasure, let's bring to God our very best. And let's all bring a new friend to church. May they come and see God is great, and God is good!

I give thanks for our wonderful staff: Marty in the office, Susan and all our preschool teachers, Beth and Pax our treasurers, Lois our minister of music, Doris our organist, Jaime our nursery care, and Logan our sound guy. They are all in for all we do. I give thanks for our Session, for their creativity and dedication, and likewise for all our committees. I give thanks for our village. I give thanks for this congregation, for your love and support. We are truly blessed.

I've been the minister here for over ten years now. In 2014, our kids were 7, 9 and 11. Now Josiah is finishing up at William and Mary, Eli is in his second year at Boston U, and India is a senior at Warwick, looking at colleges. Donna is currently serving the Great Bridge PC in Chesapeake as their transitional bridge pastor. We're all doing really well. We continue to hold our parents in love. We pray for their care and try to be with them as much as we can. We pray for tomorrow. It's such a joy. Every day we get to live here and be a part of this community of faith. And I get to be your pastor, preacher, neighbor, and friend. Lord, help me be true. May the good Lord bless us and keep us in Jesus' name!

*Pastor Clark*

Rev. Clark S. DeSarro-Raynal

# Membership Report for 2024

Total # of Active Members 01/01/23	173
<b>ADDITIONS:</b>	
Certificate	0
Youth Professions	0
Professions & Reaffirmations	3
<b>SUBTOTAL:</b>	176
<b>LOSSES:</b>	
Certificate	0
Deaths	6
Deleted for any Other Reason	0
<b>Active Membership as of December 31, 2024</b>	<b>TOTAL: 170</b>

## Names of Additions:

Barbara Joann Williams  
Steven White  
Melissa Coleman-White

## IN MEMORIAM – Necrology 2024:

Nola Atkins  
Jackie Connor  
Amy Pearson  
Greg Raines  
Lois Oglesby  
Kemper Kellogg

## Baptisms:

George Hund  
Finn Jackson

## Average Weekly Attendance: 72

We are in good standing with both the PCUSA and The Presbytery of Eastern Virginia. A more detailed version of the 2023 Church Statistical Report can be found on our website.

Andy Grayson, Clerk of Session

## **Administration & Finance Committee**

Members: George Barber, Chair; Pax Goodson, Treasurer; Beth Rivenbark, Assistant Treasurer; Andy Grayson, Clerk of Session; Allison Hund, Session Liaison.

The Administration and Finance Committee is comprised of the Treasurer's Office and three subcommittees: Personnel, Memorial Fund, and Stewardship that are responsible for the management of the church's financial resources. The committee works with the Treasurer's Office in the formation and management of our annual budget. Our volunteer Treasurers, Pax Goodson and Beth Rivenbark, do an amazing job of providing payroll services for the church and Preschool staff, making financial recommendations, paying bills, and management of over 100 accounting lines within our budget and restricted accounts. We are both blessed and very pleased that we have been able to achieve and maintain balanced budgets over the past several years!

The Personnel subcommittee manages and oversees all church staff positions including the Music Director, Organist, Office Manager, Preschool Director, and other services such as Custodial, IT, sound/video technicians, and nursery staff. During the past year the committee worked hard to replace our longtime Custodian, Lucille Massenburg and many thanks go to Patti Grayson for leading the committee in finding an excellent company, YCI, Inc. to meet these essential services. The Personnel committee is currently vacant and in search of help to fill this important function. If you, or someone you know might be interested in supporting the committee, please let us know!

The Memorial Fund subcommittee headed by Beth Rivenbark, records and oversees funds donated in memory of a church member or loved one. Memorial funds are available for dispersal by the Memorial Fund committee and requests for fund use can be made by HPC committees or members of the congregation.

The Stewardship subcommittee, currently chaired by George Barber, is responsible for the annual Stewardship Campaign which relies on offerings and pledges to support our annual church budget that provides compensation for the Pastor and church staff, maintains our building and grounds, and funds our many Christian missions, both within and outside of the church walls. In addition to raising funds, good stewardship of God's many blessings includes encouraging people to become involved in the work of the church, as expressed in this year's campaign theme, Blessed to Share God's Gifts.

As you can see, the Administration and Finance (A&F) committee is integral to the day-to-day operation and vitality of the church. If you are interested in any (or all) of the A&F areas described above, please feel free to contact a committee member. We would love for you to be a part of our team!

George Barber, Chair



## Treasurer's Report

Heaven smiled on us again this year. We ended the year with a small operating surplus.

We did experience a dip in revenue:

- Total revenue declined slightly, from \$310,789 to \$308,849.
- Regular giving went from \$292,178 to \$290,704.
- As in other recent years, a bit of this revenue wasn't really revenue - it was transferred in our restricted funds. Transfers were \$7,054, and came from old funds that A&F deemed unnecessary to restrict.

The saving grace was that expenses were lower than expected. Total expenses did rise, from \$297,824 to \$305,946 but were still below budget. Our expenses are very stable and predictable, with the exception of property maintenance where our aging facility can drop a bomb at any moment.

All that said, we ended with a surplus of \$2,903, down from the 2023 surplus of \$12,965.

We ended the year with \$255,286 in the bank, down slightly from the previous year's \$257,953. On the other hand, we paid down the loan on the sanctuary renovation and the remaining balance dropped from \$38,643 to \$32,088. That is a roundabout way of saying that our net worth increased a tad:

- Despite transferring money from restricted funds to the operating budget as mentioned above, other income flowed straight into various restricted accounts and so our restricted net worth rose from \$143,521 to \$144,350.
- The operating surplus mentioned above caused our unrestricted net worth to go from \$75,969 to \$78,848.

Beth Rivenbark and I look forward to another year of serving the church as your treasurers.

Respectfully,  
Pax Goodson

## Hilton Presbyterian Church 2025 Budget with Comparison to Last Five Years

	Actual Results					Budget
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Operating Revenue	323,810	314,558	289,498	304,243	301,795	305,770
Transfers from Restricted Funds	888	1,983	4,009	6,546	7,054	7,997
<b>Personnel Expenses:</b>						
Pastor	89,626	91,300	92,304	98,654	102,272	104,821
Office Mgr	39,816	40,675	41,082	41,515	36,135	36,500
Choir Dir	23,287	23,900	24,446	25,253	24,195	24,898
Organist	11,547	11,842	11,663	11,663	10,834	10,834
Custodian	14,547	15,838	16,302	16,790	7,463	-
Childcare & Sound Operator	-	-	2,370	3,985	4,940	4,700
Subtotal	178,823	183,555	189,135	199,890	192,449	188,977
<b>Committees:</b>						
A&F (Supplies, Copier, Accounting)	15,184	18,782	13,994	14,721	13,806	12,286
Property (Maint, Utilities, Insurance)	42,985	59,695	61,996	57,027	71,312	85,565
Christian Education	1,278	468	2,875	1,794	4,760	3,850
Worship	3,651	4,313	5,778	6,782	4,945	7,410
Stewardship, Session & Pres. Women	292	-	406	198	213	500
Missions	14,518	24,450	15,443	16,335	17,172	14,050
Cong Care	96	-	927	877	758	975
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>258,684</b>	<b>292,919</b>	<b>290,746</b>	<b>297,824</b>	<b>305,946</b>	<b>313,613</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>66,215</b>	<b>23,621</b>	<b>2,761</b>	<b>12,965</b>	<b>2,903</b>	<b>154</b>
<b>Year-End Balance Sheet:</b>						
Total Assets (*)	245,271	243,126	250,031	257,953	255,287	
Long-Term Debt	(85,835)	(50,629)	(44,698)	(38,462)	(32,088)	
Total Unrestricted Equity	37,080	60,489	63,250	75,969	78,848	
Total Restricted Equity	122,357	132,007	142,297	143,521	144,350	
(*) By tradition, we do not include the land and building in our assets.						

# Christian Education Committee

## Christian Education - 2025 Good News Report

Christian Education expanded its boundaries and offerings this year, and we are grateful to all of those who participate and help lead in Christian formation at HPC!

Our Kindergarten to 5th grade group is led by Sarah Richman, Amy Burgener, and Patti Grayson. The previously dark multi-colored walls and spray-painted ceiling tiles were replaced this summer by beautiful yellow paint and repainted ceiling tiles. It is a bright, welcoming space! The class uses a wonderful resource from Sparkhouse Digital that includes weekly worship bulletins, activity sheets, videos, and more to share the Bible stories that are the foundation of our faith.

The Middle School/High School group meets just down the hall in a room that also got a fresh coat of light sage green paint at the beginning of the year, though they are most excited to begin renovations on the old youth room in the basement! Matt Cox and Matt Burgener guide our youth through lessons, discussions, and occasional trips to create in the kitchen. They've gotten involved in helping the church with ideas for directional signage, and this year they began meeting monthly with the youth at St. Andrew's for fun gatherings and service projects. We are always entertained by their skits and contributions to worship!

Both youth groups have participated in service activities to raise money to battle hunger through the SouperBowl of caring, write and send greeting cards, write thank you letters to service members, double bag and roll grocery bags for THRIVE, and make birthday kits for the THRIVE food pantry.

We have four offerings for adults. This year a 6-8 week fall (Women in the Bible) and spring bible study class (announced soon!) are being offered by Donna DeSarro-Raynal and Melissa Goodson.

Digging Deeper is an adult class led by DesiRee Mujais. The group enjoys food and fellowship as they "dig deeper" into the weekly lectionary Scriptures used in worship. They also take time to share and pray for one another each week.

Coffee & Conversation is available as a gathering for parents to meet and socialize during their children's Sunday School classes.

Finally, Solomon's Porch continues to offer a Sunday evening book study/discussion group that meets via Zoom and welcomes current members as well as those who have moved away.

As always, we're grateful for Jaime Cox's loving care and consistency in our nursery during both worship and Sunday School hours!

In other news, CE took the lead this year in launching a First Sunday Fun & Fellowship gathering that includes game nights, karaoke, trivia, movie nights, and more!

VBS plans will be underway soon! In 2024 we moved from a three-day program to four, and had an increase from 38 youth in 2023 to almost 70 this year!

As we look to the year ahead, we're hopeful that we will once again have middle and high school youth attending the Massanetta Springs and Montreat youth conferences this summer.

CE is always open to new ideas and ways to grow. If you aren't involved, we hope you'll visit a class soon or offer to lend a hand as a leader or substitute in one of our classes!

Patti Grayson, Christian Education Co-Chair

## **Congregational Care & Fellowship Committee**

This year has been a year. Especially in the past few months. Our care list has grown as members of our congregation face the challenges of aging. As the committee that cares for our congregation, we have been doing things both open and behind the scenes. To many of you, CC is the one responsible for the (roughly) monthly lemonade socials, luncheons and an Everyone's Birthday Party!

If you don't know what we do behind the scenes, though, congratulations! You've had a good year. For others, the impact has been great. Whether it be giving rides to appointments or church on Sunday, meals during times of hardship, where just knowing that having a meal is not going to be a concern while you focus on what is pressing. To just sending out "thinking of you" cards to those in trouble, or who we've been missing.

We meet monthly to share members of the congregation needs and concerns and to plan events and opportunities for fellowship.

Committee members include Debbie Barber & Matt Burgener (Co-Chairs), Kathryn Dabbs, Diane Clear, Judi Riutort, Beth Rivenbark, Carol Preston, Amy Burgener, Charlie Slagle, and Sarah Richman.

Matt Burgener and Debbie Barber, Co-chairs

## Mission & Outreach Committee

The Missions/Outreach committee meets in person quarterly, and as needed by email, but *everyone* in the Hilton Pres community is part of our shared ministry!

- We served as a PORT partner church twice in 2024: with Hilton Baptist in January, and with St. Stephen's Episcopal in November. We are grateful for all who shopped, cooked, or volunteered to serve on site. We especially appreciate the flexibility of our in-person volunteers! Each time over 40 people participated.
- On January 20, 2024, many gathered in the fellowship hall for a potluck and silent auction to raise funds for the Puerto Rico Volunteer Work Team. What a fun night!
- In February we again participated in the Souper Bowl; over \$470 was donated to the Virginia Peninsula Food Bank. We also wore our blue shirts on Feb. 18 to show our support for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.
- We hosted two American Red Cross blood drives—one in March and one in November. Betsy Hughes is our new volunteer registrar.
- Thrive had its ribbon cutting and open house in March. We are so excited for them as they bless the community with service from their new, efficient, and beautiful building.
- With the support of the whole congregation, and a commissioning officiated by Melissa Goodson, a team of 10 (Clark, Francie, Doug, Julie, Andy, Patti, Lisa, Glen, Audrey, and Adam) served with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in Puerto Rico. The team was part of an ongoing effort to restore and refresh an old elementary school. The team shared experiences with the congregation on March 11. We are pleased to report that Proyectos Alegría is now open to the community for education, fellowship, fun, and service.
- In April three of us attended the Hampton Roads Social Justice Conference. There we met the people involved with Ketchmore Kids. We sent them a donation from our Pentecost offering--they were most grateful.
- Volunteers distributed snacks to enthusiastic, appreciative and polite CNU students in both May and December, during the exam weeks. One student commented "I look forward to this all year!"

- In July, we were one of 17 PEVA churches to donate items to the Eastern Shore farm worker ministry. Also in July, Paul Clear and Dave Kluttz built a fence around the generator at Menchville House.
- In August we provided a luncheon for the preschool teachers and staff during their work days prior to the start of school--this is an annual event that our amazing preschool staff deserves.
- On September 4, four of us helped others pack meals in a Rise Against Hunger event at Hidenwood Presbyterian.
- We joined neighborhood events including the One City Marathon and Hilton Village special events. On Halloween, we offered our restrooms for a break to trick or treaters, and distributed water and juice. Our neighbors continue to appreciate the Little Free Library, the benches for rest, and the "You Are Loved" sign (members of the community are happy to see our "stolen" sign replaced and offered to help pay for any replacements).
- Members donated clothing and shoes to The Closet, shoes, food, and birthday kits to Thrive, and clothing to PORT. We continue to partner with St. Andrew's in providing items for Thrive's market.
- We welcomed Jennifer Brown to update us on the CK's Knight Riders ministry.
- Our generous congregation donated more than \$5,200.00 over and above the mission/outreach budget to Thrive's capital campaign (matched), and our local and global ministry partners featured at Advent Workshop. The congregation also supported all four of PCUSA's Special Offerings. In October, our portion of the Peace and Global Witness Offering went to Soundscapes, a gift that was matched.
- We are grateful for several members who maintain a relationship with Peninsula Pastoral Counseling, attending events and learning more about their work. May the Spirit be with us as we seek to serve in 2025!

Lisa Schlickemeyer, Dave Kluttz, and Al Pearce

## Property Committee

Greetings from Bets Hughes, your new Property Chair. It has been quite a year coming up to speed on our many systems, keeping preventative maintenance on schedule, and managing many unexpected failures. This is a team effort, and I want to thank Kiel Curran and Melissa Goodson and so many others who have volunteered to advise, meet service people, strategize, and do tasks during scheduled Church Workdays and on their own time. We also are grateful to have received a generous memorial donation that helped us to manage last year. Many hands make light(er) work!

Our HVAC system is the largest and most expensive part of our budget, and last year we made progress by installing new protective devices and replacing anticipated old parts. We expected some minor repairs, but unexpectedly we had to replace two very expensive components, an A/C compressor in the Fellowship Hall and the pump that circulates heat in the Sanctuary. The recent cold snap has also revealed that a design change made years ago undercut the amount of heat available to the Preschool and Educational wing. We have added that to the list of issues we aim to address this year.

We have had a custodial change this year. After decades of care by the Massenburg family, we thanked Lucille for all she had done and gave her our best wishes for a clean and restful retirement. Just before she retired, the sixty-year-old plumbing in the custodial closet gave out, flooding the hallway and basement. The entire closet was renovated, but asbestos tiles in the Preschool Hallway were loosened by the water and had to be abated and replaced. That plumbing leak highlighted the need to replace all our old stop valves throughout the building, so that we can deal with plumbing issues on our schedule, instead of on an emergency basis. It also elevated the question of how to remediate the asbestos tiles remaining in the church. Both issues are receiving our attention. Thanks to Pax Goodson, our stop valves and lights are gradually being replaced inexpensively. The solution to our old flooring will likely require finding grant money or fundraising.

Our fire control system dates back to the early 1980's and while it is working as designed and is grand-fathered code-wise, it neither calls the fire department automatically, nor lets us know where in the building the fire might be located. We are studying what an upgraded control system could cost. We have amended our system to include wirelessly interconnected smoke detectors, and we continue to implement upgrades as the budget allows.

We had the NN Police conduct a security survey of the building. Their main



recommendation was to install a more comprehensive monitoring system for our entrances and exterior. Alex Rogers will assist in its installation. Additionally, we have added No Trespassing signs and an extra barrier to dissuade the curious from entering the outside entrance to the Boiler Room.

Many decor upgrades were implemented this past year. We thank Beth Rivenbark for her efforts in painting several classrooms in the upstairs Educational Building, and are glad for the new artwork and colors on the path to the office. Currently, the youth are working with Matthew Cox to renovate the Youth Room in the basement, including replacing the carpeting. We know they would welcome your support. We will be tackling more painting projects this year as well as updating the 2nd floor Ed Wing bathrooms. We are also working with the Preschool to reach a good compromise on making our Fellowship Hall toilets more ADA accessible. Lights and switches also continue to be targets for replacement, as well as old plumbing fixtures.

Respectfully submitted  
Bets Hughes

## Worship Committee

This group of dedicated volunteers and staff work diligently to provide meaningful, thoughtful, and enjoyable worship services to this faith community through rituals, music, banners and decor. We are always seeking new ways to worship our Lord without forgetting the traditions of the past that have held a warm place in the hearts of the congregation.

We utilized Sanctified Arts "A Wandering Heart" following Peter's story for our Lenten/Easter season. These materials provided a wonderful opportunity to focus on our faith and what draws us to worship. In addition to the Ash Wednesday evening service, Clark provided "drive-by" ashes out front of the church.

We provided station worship and chili supper on Marathon Sunday. This is always a challenge to find activities that provide a different way to worship.

We welcomed 3 new members this year. Barbara Williams, Steven White and Melissa Coleman-White joined by reaffirmation of faith. We also baptized 2 children, George Hund and Finn Jackson.

Palm Sunday was joyful as the ensemble presented selections from Godspell. Maundy Thursday service in the fellowship hall was beautiful with table setting by Diane Clear and soup supper provided by Congregational Care. The story of the Last Supper was shared with readings by Clark, Debby and Sam Heatwole. Communion was served around the table.

In August, with the help of Christian Education, we had a lively youth Sunday with many of our teens and younger children leading the service. Thanks to Patti Grayson and Matt Cox for their leadership and planning for this service.

Hilton area churches revived the pulpit exchange this year. We welcomed Rev. Mark Vance from St. Andrews to our church while Clark preached at Cathedral Word Ministries which meets at Hilton Christian Church. In addition to Rev. Vance, we also welcomed several guests to our pulpit this year including Rev. Bruce Powers, Rev. Robert Gustafson, Carol Warren and Rev. Donna DeSarro-Raynal. We also offered a hymn sing Sunday and a carol sing Sunday while Clark was away.

We observed All Saints Sunday this year with a reading of the names of members who had passed to glory over the last 5 years. We offered a place for photos and cut out angels to remember family members and friends as well. As the names were read, a

candle on the communion table was lit in memoriam. Those angels were then strung together and used as garland on the Chrismon tree at Advent.

For Advent, we used the choir's cantata "Light of Peace" as a template for worship. The publisher provided liturgy and candle lighting ceremonies for the season that we incorporated into our services. We elected to create our own devotional and asked several members to write a page for each week following the scriptures. Marty produced the booklet for us. Debby Heatwole used scriptures, poetry, and Celtic sayings on daily slides that were shared through social media by Patti Grayson.

Christmas Eve service was well attended. The sandwich board placed on the sidewalk may have influenced folks in the neighborhood to attend. Several families commented about the service being well done and moving. We hope to utilize this way of announcing events more often.

We are already planning new things for 2025 and hope you find Christ in our services as we worship together. If you have an idea or would like to join us, contact any of the members listed below.

Worship committee – Jean Ann Burgener (chair), Clark DeSarro-Raynal, Lois Reese, Doris Slagle, Debby Heatwole, Patti Grayson, DesiRee Mujais (session liaison)

Jean Ann Burgener, Worship Committee Chair

## Director of Music

**Lois Reese** – Music Director

**Doris Slagle** – Organist

Highlights for the year 2024 The Hilton Ringers finished out the year strong with 11 ringers. We welcomed back Betsy Hughes and added new ringers Sarah Richman, Kathleen Connor and Andy Cochran. This group continues to rise to each new challenge that comes their way. Our Ensemble and Adult choir revived our presentation of “Godspell” for Palm Sunday. Everyone enjoys releasing their inner hippie and bringing the story of Christ’s Passion to life. Lois enjoyed continuing ed at Virtuoso, an advanced handbell event for 30 of the best handbell ringers in the world, hosted by the Raleigh Ringers. This is a challenging event for both the mind and body, as the group only rehearses together for 3 ½ days before putting on a concert. Then 2 weeks later it was off to Montreat for the Worship and Music Conference. Lim Swee Hong lead energetic global hymnody sessions, along with our hymn festival, Augustin Palomo Ramos was the inspirational percussion leader, David Harris (of the Raleigh Ringers) challenged the advanced ringers, Brandon Boyd lead the choir, and Rodrigo Almeida was actually able to teach Lois to play the ukulele, (yes, she survived her first musical offering in worship on a stringed instrument). We hosted our second “Play Music on the Porch” in the courtyard in August with friends and neighbors coming and making music for an evening of fun. The Adult Choir presented “Light of Peace” for our Advent cantata. It was a delightful set of Celtic carols with accompaniment by flute, violin, and bodhran. Also in December, eight singers embarked on a trip to NYC to sing at Carnegie Hall under the direction of Joseph Martin, who was leading his cantata that we sang last year, “A Weary World Rejoices.” Nothing compares to the feeling of singing in a 200+ voice choir on a world class stage. Also, in December we celebrated 25 years of service by our organist, Doris Slagle. We are so grateful for Doris and her talents. We are also grateful for the instrumentalists in our congregation and from High Notes Music School who add to the beauty of our services. From the young beginners to high school and college students, to adults who bring an instrument back out to encourage their own children to play; Soli Deo Gloria- Only to the glory of God!

Lois Reese, Director of Music

# Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women is an integrated auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A

We are guided by a shared purpose, the PW purpose: 'Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves

- to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study,
- to support the mission of the church worldwide,
- to work for justice and peace, and
- to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.'

Here at Hilton, we meet from September to June. This year's study uses Patricia Tull's, *Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation*.

Women gather on the third Saturday each month at 9am in the library. We enjoy food and fellowship along with a lesson that focuses on different topics each month. An offering is collected to help support mission work throughout the world for women and children. There is a study book that supports each session, but it is not essential. This year, we have added a Thursday evening wine and cheese gathering for anyone who might like to attend and Saturday morning doesn't work in their schedule. For the last several years, we replaced one month's gathering with a tea. The tea is open to all ages and last year's tea included activities for the younger attendees. In June, we usually gather for breakfast at a local restaurant.

As we continue in 2025, I hope you will consider adding PW gatherings to your monthly journey in faith. **Please consider joining us, February 15, at 3pm in the fellowship hall for our annual tea. We will have a large section of teas and plenty food to enjoy. Invite your friends and family and give PW a try.** You'll be glad you did.

Beth Rivenbark

# Hilton Presbyterian Preschool

Annual report for the Hilton Presbyterian Preschool for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024

Hilton Presbyterian had another successful year. Enrollment was steady throughout. Enrollment format for classes remained the same with two 5-day classes, three 3-day classes, and three 2-day classes.

The board of directors met five times during the school year to plan and discuss preschool business, focusing on student and family needs, fiscal status, operations, and staffing. As always, the meetings were well attended. Members include: Sarah Flowers (Chair), Ginny Chilton (Vice Chair), Brent Bickings (Treasurer), Megan Ailsworth (Church Member at Large), Ashley Long (Secretary), Molly Hunter (Parent Rep.), Ashley Hayes (Member at Large), Kate Henderson (Member at Large), and Susan Murphy (Preschool Director and advisor for the board). The board of directors is committed to supporting the purpose of the preschool in fostering a Christian environment that nurtures the student's readiness for literacy and celebrates the individual child.

We had several changes in our staff this school year. After several years, Mary Murray decided to retire and one of our current 2-day class teachers, Megan Lefkowicz, filled her spot. Cara Miller, who served as an assistant, left for other job opportunities. With these changes we hired on a new teacher, April Miller, to fill the 2-day class; and we hired a new assistant to help with the 2 1/2 year old class, Anita Cervantes. They have both been wonderful additions to the group. Sara Leone is still helping out in different roles as needed. She was hired this year to aide us during arrival time for students.

Attached is the end of year financial statement that reports a summary of the receipt and disbursements of funds. We have had several opportunities to organize fundraising events throughout the school year that have benefited our program.

In closing, 2024-2025 will begin the 60th year of Hilton Presbyterian Preschool. This is such a special time for the preschool. We have been blessed to serve so many children of Hilton and our surrounding areas for many years. We are grateful for the continued support of this community and church that allows us to provide such a loving and positive educational ministry. We look forward to another great year!

Sincerely,

Sarah Flowers  
Hilton Presbyterian Preschool Board of Directors (Chair)



2023-2024 Budget

INCOME:

	Students	Fee	Total	
<b>Registration</b>				
5 Day	16	\$ 75	\$ 1,200	50 5 day
3 Day	24	\$ 75	\$ 1,800	63 3 day
2 Day	16	\$ 75	\$ 1,200	70 2 day
Co-op	10	\$ 75	\$ 750	
			\$ 4,950	
<b>Supplies</b>				
5 Day	16	\$ 100	\$ 1,600	
3 Day	24	\$ 85	\$ 2,040	
2 Day	16	\$ 80	\$ 1,280	
Co-op	10	\$ 80	\$ 800	
			\$ 5,720	
<b>Tuition (9 month totals)</b>				
5 Day	16	\$ 250	\$ 36,000	
3 Day	24	\$ 190	\$ 41,040	
2 Day	16	\$ 140	\$ 20,160	
Co-op	10	\$ 140	\$ 12,600	
			\$ 109,800	
<b>Lunch Bunch Receipts</b>			\$ 5,760	
<b>Tuition Remission</b>			\$ 0	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>			\$ 126,230	

EXPENSES:

Salaries	\$ 119,406
Substitutes	\$ 2,200
Workers Comp	\$ 350
Conf/Training/CPR	\$ 1,500
Utilities	\$ 4,000
Supplies and Equipment	\$ 2,000
Petty Cash	\$ 800
Special Events	\$ 375
Advertising	\$ 0
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	\$ 130,631
<b>Projected Profit/Loss</b>	\$ (4,401)

Teacher	Salary	Raise \$	Raise %	New Salary
Director Pay - Susan Murphy	\$ 9,087.44	\$ 408.93	4.5%	\$ 9,496.37
Susan Murphy (5)	\$ 16,086.36	\$ 723.64	4.5%	\$ 16,810.00
Mary Murray (5)	\$ 16,086.36	\$ 723.64	4.5%	\$ 16,810.00
Jill Manning (3+Co-Op)	\$ 16,436.36	\$ 723.64	4.4%	\$ 17,160.00
Margaret Goggins (3)	\$ 9,461.03	\$ 624.97	6.6%	\$ 10,086.00
Jaime Cox (5) Aide	\$ 9,543.22	\$ 825.53	8.7%	\$ 10,368.75
Kim McNight (3)	\$ 8,997.17	\$ 1,088.83	12.1%	\$ 10,086.00
Magen Lefkowitz (2)	\$ 6,433.87	\$ 290.13	4.5%	\$ 6,724.00
Sharon Rajanayakam (2)	\$ 6,433.87	\$ 290.13	4.5%	\$ 6,724.00
(2) Aide	\$ 3,741.15	\$ 406.35	10.9%	\$ 4,147.50
Lunch Bunch				\$ 2,700
Obligation w/FICA				\$ 111,112.62
		\$ 6,105.80		\$ 119,406.19



Hidenwood Pres 22-23				Grace UMC 21-22				Resurrection Lutheran School 19-20			
	Registration	Tuition			Registration	Tuition			Registration	Tuition	
2 day	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ 75	2 day	\$ 200	\$ 300					
3 day	\$ 205	\$ 205	\$ 68.33	3 day	\$ 200	\$ 330			3 day	\$ 125	\$ 275
5 day	\$ 320	\$ 320	\$ 64	5 day	\$ 200	\$ 365			5 day	\$ 125	\$ 350

  

Chestnut Memorial Preschool 21-22			Denbigh United Presby			AVERAGE			HPP - Proposed Rates				
	Registration	Tuition		Registration	Tuition		Registration	Tuition		Registration	Tuition		
2 day	\$ 135	\$ 130					2 day	\$ 162	\$ 148	2 day	\$ 155	\$ 140	\$ 70
3 day	\$ 145	\$ 155					3 day	\$ 176	\$ 186	3 day	\$ 160	\$ 190	\$ 63
							5 day	\$ 224	\$ 320	5 day	\$ 175	\$ 250	\$ 50

  

Yorkminster Presby			Grace Epis Day School			
	Registration	Tuition		Registration	Tuition	
2 day	\$ 150	\$ 135	2 day	\$ 175	\$ 140	\$ 70
3 day	\$ 175	\$ 165	3 day	\$ 205	\$ 165	\$ 55
			5 day	\$ 250	\$ 245	\$ 49

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