



2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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Mission Statement:

***The Richwood Presbyterian Church, centered on Jesus Christ,
welcomes all persons, provides teaching to enhance spiritual growth,
and fosters discipleship according to the Lord's example and Biblical direction.***

Annual Reports Of 2022

Session

Rev. Terry Webster was our Interim Minister at the beginning of 2022. Subsequently, he resigned to help with the care of his wife, Marsha. Rev. Webster served again during Advent of 2022 and was offered a new contract beginning February 2023 for 15 hours per week.

The Pastor Nominating Committee continued searching for a new pastor all year long.

Our church membership began the year at 57 Members, with 10 Friends who regularly attend. Virtual worship was part of our Sunday worship due to Covid in Northern Kentucky running at 33%. The Presbytery helped provide money for streaming, with Ted Wilcox, Jim Cook and Erin Horton completing the set-up. Masks and social distancing were voluntary, asking those who attended the in-person services to respect others. Session meetings were held virtually or in-person.

Civil Air Patrol was granted use of the building for their meetings under the supervision of Jamie Henson, Wing Commander,. There was no charge for their use of a classroom, with minimal use of the kitchen.

The Cemetery Board began discussion with Session about a road connecting the ball field portion of the cemetery. This was an on-going discussion during the year, with resolution in January 2023.

Three persons were elected to serve for the 2022 year as Treasurer (Ron Dunn), Clerk of Session (Patti Hester) and Elder Commissioner (Doris Emmert). Elders, Deacons and committee members also served. Many thanks to all of these for their dedicated work toward the sustenance of our church.

We lost Shirley Cook as a member in 2022. Her funeral was held at the church with a reception after.

In October, friend of our church Dr. Frank Frable (husband of former pastor, Rev. Jean Frable) passed. Ruth Wade Brunings, raised in our church from birth, passed in October. We will dearly miss them all.

Patti Hester Clerk of Session

Building and Grounds

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to till and keep it. Genesis] 2:15 (NRSV) You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and fish o the sea, whatever asses the along the paths of the seas. Psalm 6:6-8

This has been a busy year with the help of many hands. Jim Cook, Ted Wilcox, and Jim Lakes did a fantastic job clearing out trees to make the visibility clear for everyone turning right onto Richwood Church Road. The same fellows did an amazing job clearing up the attic after finding a dead raccoon and its damage. Repairing the ceilings of the two closets in the church's foyer.



Jim Lakes continues to keep the grass cut from the parking lot to the manse with the big mower and he uses a push mower to cut the grass between the parking lot and road; this part is hard and hot!

White strips were painted on the back steps for safety. The front steps of the church and manse steps were all sealed. The last project was filling the cracks of the parking lot preparing for sealing the whole parking lot in 2023.

A heavy fireproof safe was donated to the church and installed with ingenuity of Ted and Jim.



Trinity Schafstall and Anita Reed Co-chairs

Christian Education

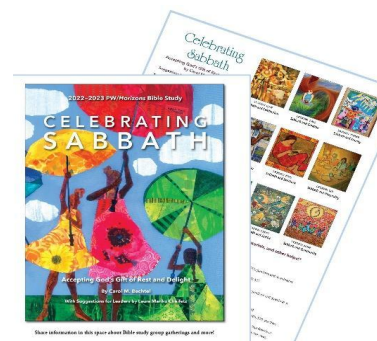
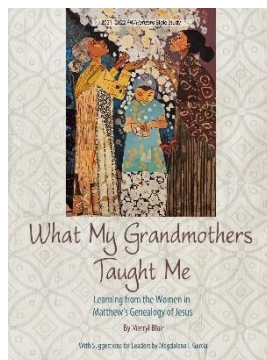
It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Colossians 1:28 (NRSV)

This has been an amazing year. Judy Witsberger has led the Adult Class in the study of Isaiah with a great deal of preparation given to each lesson. Approximately 10-12 in attendance.

Sharon Wilcox has provided Sunday School lessons for the children.

She has also led the Wednesday Brown Bag Bible Study. The Horizon Studies: *What My Grandmothers Taught Me* and *Celebrating Sabbath* This has been a wonderful time of study and sharing.



Each morning Sharon Wilcox has continued providing a devotion on Face Book live to get the day started. We thank Rev. Webster for starting morning devotions. Anita Reed, Chair

Deacons

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10 (NRSV)

The deacons served with dedication, care and love through texts, phone calls, left messages, in person, emails, meals, cards and prayers. When requested we started the prayer chain.

The deacons prepared, set up communion and cleaned up after service and maintained the communion serving pieces in good condition. Each Sunday the deacons straightened up the sanctuary for the next week's service. We made sure everything was in place to lock up the sanctuary. Our gratitude and thanks to all others who helped us.

Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets were prepared and delivered to the less fortunate. The families we served are from Collins Elementary. Food was provided by the continued generosity of members and friends of the church. Your giving was greatly appreciated. After Easter, Pam Nunn graciously took over as chairman of the Deacons while I took a break for personal reasons.

The church lost long-standing members Shirley Cook, Ruth Brunings and Dr Frank Frable who will be sorely missed. Two baptisms occurred in December and the Deacons set up some refreshments and plates and napkins for after service.

The Deacons are welcoming Judy Heiges as a new deacon and are happy that Peggy Dunn is returning for another term. We are also saying thank you and goodbye to Jo Lindauer as she finishes up her term.

Peace, love and joy!

Carolyn Juett

Chairman

Fellowship

God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
I Corinthians 1:9
(NRSV)

May the Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

Easter Egg Hunt was on Saturday, April 9th. Due to cold rainy weather, it was held in the Fellowship Hall and down the halls. All had fun. Very good attendance.

Easter Sunrise Service was on April 17th, going up the hill of the cemetery to the music of Mark Merton, bagpiper. After the service, all returned to the Fellowship Hall for hot coffee and continental breakfast and fellowship.

May 15th, we celebrated our Church's 188th Birthday. There was a Lot of reminiscing and good food with visitors and current members.



Each Sunday after church there were Cookies and Conversation. In good weather, we enjoyed being outside. During cold and rainy weather, we had Lemonade on the "linoleum".

We had the Church Picnic this year in the fall. Deborah Jo Durr was so gracious to have it at her lovely home, across from the Church. Hamburgers and hot dogs were grilled and many sides and desserts were enjoyed by all.

Our Harvest Dinner was held November 6th after Church. Our menu was turkey & dressing and ham! Sides and dessert were in abundance, brought by the great cooks of the church.

Good Attendance!

Fellowship in December included something different each Sunday after Church: hot cocoa, cookie decorating, and homemade cookie exchange.



“Lunch Bunch” was held the 2nd Wednesday of each month, where anyone could sign up to attend. We picked a different restaurant each month. A few of the places we went were Rafferty’s, Jewel’s, Strong’s Pizza, Barleycorns, Blind Squirrel, Beef O Brady’s and Tousey House.





Patsy Spillman, Interim Chair

Finance

God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance so that you may always have enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:8(NRSV)

We had an interesting year financially. The following will be an explanation of key financial results.

1. Our profit and loss, on a cash basis, was a negative \$3,000. We achieved this result even with spending \$6,000 to begin our repair of our parking lot, plus not receiving our usual dividend of \$16,600 from the Smith Foundation until early in January 2023.
2. In early April, it was discovered we had an apparent problem with the payment of our taxes. It was later determined we did have a tax problem from both 2020 and 2021. As a result of this issue, we had to pay \$20,000 in back taxes. This expenditure was included in our cash flow analysis for the year.
3. We had a full year of experience with our diversified investment. As of 12-31-2022, our 3,568 shares of Proctor & Gamble stock was valued at \$540,766, plus we received \$13,000 in Dividends during the year. Our Truist Bank Investment account had a value of \$549,082, plus we received \$17,648 in dividends. We ended the year with a total \$1,089,848 in our combined investment account.
4. In December, Ms. Amy Hahnel was hired as our new Treasurer.

As you can see, we did have an eventful but successful year.

Ron Dunn, Finance Chair

Mission

You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather serve one another in love. For the whole law be summed up in one command: Love your neighbor as yourself. Galatians 5:13-14 (NRSV)

Out of the believer's heart shall flow the rivers of Living Water" John 7:16 (NRSV)

Mission has been busy serving others in a variety of ways:

- Community Action Commission (CAC): Each month a couple members purchase \$200 of food and deliver to CAC. Near the end of the year, there was an increase of homelessness in N.Ky. and we were asked us to change the type of food we brought. It was suggested we purchase foods that could be put in a backpack and didn't need cooking. At Thanksgiving and Christmas, turkeys and hams were provided for those who did have a place to live. On one delivery they were out of food; we heard them say before they knew we were there, *"God will provide..."* and we showed up with food. CAC is so thrilled with our donation each month.
- Fairhaven Rescue Mission: Every other month we prepare food for the men and serve. We feed them both physically and spiritually. We serve between 40-60 men. When the number is low the men get to have seconds and thirds. After the meal the men receive a Spiritual message. The interaction with the men is fulfilling to both men and servers. They are so grateful!
- Day in the Country for West Cincinnati: Children were taken to Big Bone to see the bison and returned to church for lunch and singing and a lesson on the Ebenezer Stone.



- The Giving Tree at Christmas: we had gift tags for Buckhorn Family Services and the Family Nurturing Center in Florence. Both groups were so grateful for what we sent to them.
- February 13th Souper Bowl Sunday! Sunday School attendees brought veggies to make Stone Soup which was cooked throughout worship. After Church, Stone Soup was served. Donations of canned goods for Community Action and money donations were received for Fairhaven Rescue Mission.



- Quilters for Comfort: Nineteen women are now making quilts for those who have lost everything. After the quilt is completed and ready to go to a family, it is blessed during worship then sent out with a Bible to a family. With the disasters in Western and Eastern Kentucky this year, we have sent eight quilts and Bibles. A quilt was also given recently to a family in Glencoe Kentucky, who lost their home to fire. We are now entering our 10th year of quilting. Thanks to the dedicated women from a variety of churches who come each week.



Sharon Wilcox, Chair

Nominating

"But select capable men from all the people—men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain—and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens."

Exodus 18:21

The Nominating Committee consisting of Deacon Pam Nunn, two Members at Large Richard and Kay Griffith, and Elder Chair Deborah Jo Durr, discussed suggestions for Deacons and Elders for the upcoming year.

Nominating Committee procedures, guidelines and responsibilities were reviewed. The Membership list was reviewed.

Each member made suggestions for potential elders and deacons. A list was made and various members agreed to contact potential candidates. As a result, the following were nominated:

Elder:

1. Judy Witsberger 3 year term

Deacon:

1. Peggy Dunn 3 year term
2. Judy Heiges 3 year term

Member's at Large for 2023 committee:

1. Kay Griffith 1 year term
2. Richard Griffith 1 year term

All were elected at the Church's Annual Meeting held in December 2022.

Thank you to our dedicated committee members for their time and invaluable service.

Deborah Jo Durr, Chair

Pastor Nominating Committee

Our committee continues to reach out to the Presbytery for ministers. To date we have received 14 resumes. All were reviewed and contacted. Four were interviewed. Thirteen of the prospective ministers turned down the position for various reasons and one of them we decided against.

At this point, after almost two years of searching, we have decided to add a new dimension to our request and that is yoking. Yoking with another church in the area would mean we share the minister's time and that proportion of the salary. It is not a merger. Each church keeps their own assets, finances, session, staff, officers and bylaws. By doing this we may be able to attract another group of prospective ministers.

Remember to keep us in your prayers as there are many churches looking for ministers but very few available.

Deborah Jo Durr
Pastor Nominating Committee Chair

Personnel

Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. I Corinthians 10:31b (NRSV)

Personnel Committee Purpose: To provide for an orderly, focused and considerate means for the session to build a healthy work environment.

The Personnel Committee compiled all personnel records, organized and updated them by year. A separate book with earlier years was placed in the church office. Newer years will be retained by the Chair for reference purposes.

Our Finance Secretary, Trinity Schafstall, became ill and tendered her resignation. On April 25, 2022 Erin Horton replaced Trinity as Finance Secretary and continued as Administrative Secretary. Erin's title was changed to Office Manager.

Personnel Committee sent job descriptions combining finance and administrative duties for Office Manager to all Session members to review and advise.

A Treasurer was hired. Personnel is working on the job description to be completed in January 2023.

We are also developing a job description for Rev. Terry Webster effective February 1, 2023 as our Stated Supply for one year at 15 hours per week.

Evaluations on all staff were not completed this year. However, they are being scheduled for March of 2023 by this committee.

Thank you to our dedicated committee members, Sharon Wilcox and Ron Dunn for their time and invaluable service.

Deborah Jo Durr, Chair

Worship & Music

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth, Worship the Lord with gladness, come into his presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his. We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and bless his name. For the Lord is good, his steadfast love endures forever, and all his faithfulness to all generations.

Psalm 100

In February Rev. Terry Webster was unable to renew his Interim Contract for personal reasons. He helped out when he could and finished the year with us as Pulpit Supply, preaching all through Advent and providing an Advent Bible Study each week. What a blessing!

Pulpit Supply was provided from mid-February to Thanksgiving by Rev. Dana Stout, Rev. Jaqueline Pinkowski, Rev. Monnie Caine, Rev. Robert League, Rev. Catherine Daniels, Rev. Terry Webster, Sharon Wilcox and Lisa Allgood, General Presbyter. Then there were guest speakers: Mr. Rick Coleman from Gideon's International, Mr. Joran Berry, a missionary with Youth with a Mission (YMAM) visiting from Australia, and our Jamie Henson & Judy Witsberger (Who completed the Preaching class at the Presbytery.)

Sharon Wilcox obtained permission from the Presbytery to officiate Holy Communion at Richwood. After that, Home Communion was served to several of our Homebound families. Communion was served the first Sunday each month and carried to shut-ins that afternoon. Communion was also served on Maundy Thursday and Easter.

There were two baptisms and no new members.



Jill Jantzen provided worship music throughout the year. Annie Weible provided anthems and led the congregation in singing. Each provided wonderful substitutes that did very well with our congregation. We are so blessed to have connections to CCM.

Our Christmas services were disrupted with a terrible winter storm: no Christmas Eve service and no Christmas Day Service. It left a big blank in our lives-Christmas didn't happen! January 1st we had the Christmas Eve service of Lessons and Carols.

Fresh flowers were in the sanctuary for Easter and Christmas and throughout the summer from Patsy Spillman's yard. Allergies take hold of various attendees, making us aware of the sensitivity of others.

We have been blessed, having a variety of folks feeding our soul in worship and leading us in praising the Lord!

Rev. Everett Wade Bedinger's Bible was donated on Church birthday by Ruth Wade Brunings. Rev. Bedinger was pastor here before and after the Civil War.



Sharon Wilcox, Chair

Year End Finances of 2022

Total Investments:	\$ 29,004.35
Total Pledges and Gifts	\$ 86,713.60
Total Income	\$115,817.00
Total Expenses	\$129,380.39
Deficit	(13,563.39)