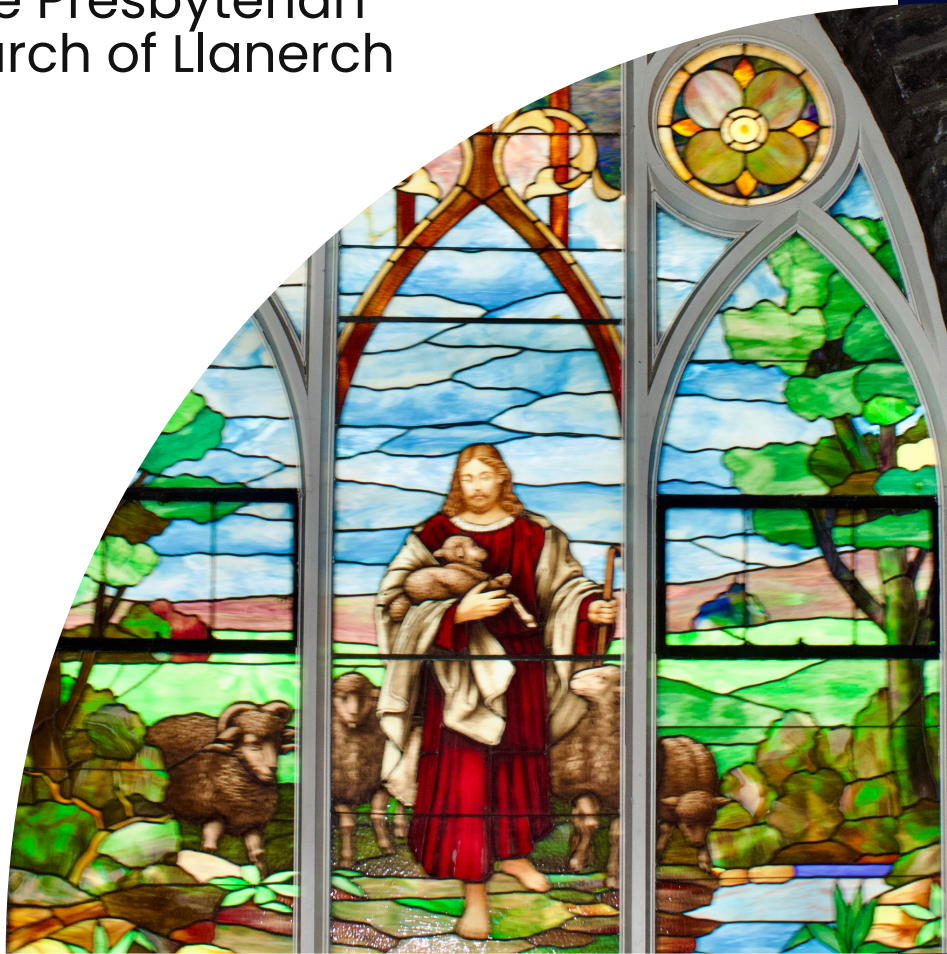




The Presbyterian
Church of Llanerch



2023

Annual **REPORT**

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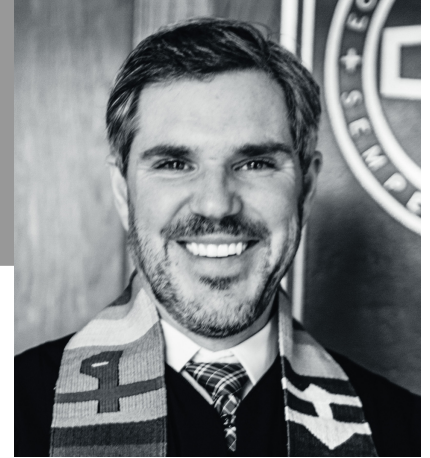
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LETTER FROM THE PASTOR



Dear Friends,

Looking back over the previous year, considering what wonderful blessings we have received, anticipating the goodness of the Lord for what is beginning to happen, I have had one Scripture ringing loudly in my ears:

They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord to display God's glory.

The year ahead marks the 115th anniversary of this congregation. From a small Bible study seeded in the Dunwoody home, the Spirit of God has grown a joyful community of faith, which stands steadfast as an oak to proclaim the glory of God to our neighbors. We have stood while Haverford and Darby townships grew around us. We have witnessed the advent of great cultural movements whether distant or near. We have gathered, nearly every Sunday, to proclaim Life in the Spirit—a life of faith, friendship, and service in the name of Jesus Christ. And now, despite the hardship of a global pandemic, we are beginning to grow again.

As you read the report that follows, I ask you to consider what care and stewardship will help train an oak of righteousness into something even more joyous. Over the previous year, we have been busy with our stewardship of what God has given us. We have eliminated some of our spiritual and physical clutter. We have refurbished the Social Hall and repaired various plumbing and HVAC problems. We have opened our worship services to participation by all ages.

What comes next for this sturdy oak of the Presbyterian Church of Llanerch? How will God continue to reshape us and reform our congregation so that we can prosper in the 21st century environment in which we find ourselves? I ask you to keep these questions in mind as we celebrate the year behind us and review the budget for the year ahead of us.

God has great things in store for us.

Grace and peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William Searight'.

William Searight

WHO WE ARE

Our Mission

The Presbyterian Church of Llanerch is an inclusive Christian community whose members have been saved by God's grace, united by God in Jesus Christ, and given by God as a light to the nations.

Our mission is patterned after the example of Jesus Christ, who came "not to be served but to serve."

To that end, we seek to think with the mind of Christ, to love with the heart of Christ, and to act as the Lord requires, doing justly, loving mercy, and walking humbly with our God.

Session

Class of 2024

Donna Helms, *Clerk*
Kate Hiebert

Class of 2025

Craig Kane
Joan Sheppard

Class of 2026

Paul Gibson
Gabrielle Vivanco

Staff

William Searight

Pastor

Kelly Dilorio

Communications Coordinator
Preschool Co-director

Georgia Schrom

Minister of Music

Debra Ford

Preschool Co-director

David Pokorny

Treasurer

Mary Kane

Financial Secretary

Ministers

All of us, together

CONGREGATIONAL REPORT



Membership and Attendance

Active Members	113
Baptisms	2
Average Weekly Attendance	25
Average Attendance December 2022	32
Average Attendance December 2023	37

Stewardship

Donors*	45
Gifts for Congregational Ministries	\$84,966.58
Special Giving	\$1,690.00
Average Gift per Donor	\$1,925.70
Total Gifts 2023	\$86,656.58
Total Gifts 2022	\$86,810.87

* The designation "Donors" includes all gifts from individuals and/or families, whether made in-person, by mail, or online.

NEW GROWTH



A Small Sample of All We Did This Year

Worship

A Blessing of Pets – April 23

Children's Sabbath Services – September 24, October 29, November 26, January 28

Bell Choir returned with 2 new members

Children's Choir reconvened including 7 vocalists on Advent 4

Guest Musicians:

Easter

- Matthew Zimnoc, bass

Christmas

- Cynthia Folio, flute
- Heather Gardner, soprano
- Jennifer Smith, soprano
- Gregory Boatman, tenor

Education and Faith Formation

For the summer Vacation Bible School we called the "Hero Hotline" to learn Biblical stories of those whom God calls. Thirty-one children responded joyfully to God's call, aided by nine middle school shepherds and fourteen adult volunteers. With music, dancing, science projects, crafts, snacks and storytelling, we listened together for God's call.



Thank You

To our many volunteers who brewed coffee, brought pastries, arranged the table, decorated the Fellowship Room, and offered the Hospitality of Christ... Thank you.

To our many volunteers who brought candy, hung lights, played music, greeted costumed children, and made Spooky Fun a success.... Thank you.

To our many volunteers who made food, set up tables, brought out decorations, played the piano, and made our Advent Lunch and Christmas Tea a joyful and holy time... Thank you.

To our many volunteers who cleared flower beds, gathered leaves, swept walkways, planted, watered, tended, and made the exterior of the building beautiful... Thank you.

To our many volunteers who decorated the sanctuary, prepared us for special celebrations, fixed plumbing issues, replaced lights, spruced up, cleaned up, and generally made the building interior a faithful home for many... Thank you.

To our many volunteers who donate their time for tasks that receive little recognition, who spend their time and money to help out when no one notices, and who have made our Spirit-filled life more full... Thank you.

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

James 1:17

MISSION PARTNERS



Working together to do more



This year we partnered with Chester Eastside Incorporated, Heifer International, unicef, Breaking Bread, Alcoholics Anonymous, the Red Cross, Boy Scout Troop 434, Cub Scout Pack 462, two troops of Girl Scouts, the Maniac Magee Run, Broad Street Ministry, and the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).



We currently lease the manse to Rev. Eustacia Moffett Marshall and her family. Rev. Marshall serves the New River Presbyterian Church. What follows is a brief description provided by Ruling Elder Lois Hayman-El from their Session:

The Mission of New River is to multiply leaders and disciples of Jesus who love God, love people, and serve the world because the love of Jesus makes all things flourish.

New River Presbyterian Church is the combination of three streams that has become one river (formerly First African Presbyterian, Calvin Presbyterian, and Good Shepherd Presbyterian). The three congregations committed themselves to coming together and remaining in West Philadelphia in service with that community.

We have a dynamic Pastor, Rev. Eustacia Moffett Marshall, who led us through the height of the pandemic. We developed online worship and Bible Study. We have vibrant worship. Music and art are a big part of the people experience.

Since Easter 2023, we worship in-person and online in the facility that was at formerly First African Presbyterian Church. We worked with Partners for Sacred Places, and developed a Community Advisory Council. Rev. Marshall has developed relationships with community organizations to partner with us. Rev. Marshall's installation as our permanent Pastor was held at the largest neighborhood high school.

We have a food cupboard. We have a Senior Emergency Fund to assist West Philadelphia residents as well as members of the congregation who are over 50 to address crises. We offer affordable space to the community to hold events. We partner with the University of Pennsylvania to provide a free clinic twice a month to deal with health, dental and social service needs in our facility. Our facility is used as a voting location. We aim to continue as a community hub and complete the restoration of our facility so that we can resume holding NA meetings, day care, and summer camp. We are in the process of developing a CDC to move us forward.



GENEROUS GIVING

The Philadelphia Inquirer

NEWS > PHILADELPHIA



Mending the world one zipper at a time at Broad Street Ministry

A core group of volunteers set up shop every week at the nonprofit to fix clothing items brought in for repairs by people who are unhoused.

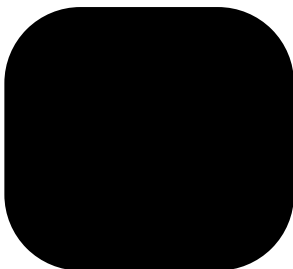
Breaking Bread A residential shelter in Upper Darby for unhoused adults. Organized by the student-run Emergency Housing Unit of Philadelphia, with support from Homeless Services Coalition for Delaware County.

Teams of Church members served meals and made donations of supplies to groups that have increased from 7 residents to about 20 over the course of the year. Boy Scout patrols from Troop 434 also took on the Breaking Bread project in 2024.

More than 700 lbs. of food and 100 lbs of clothing donated to Chester Eastside, Inc.

A small herd of goats donated through Heifer International.

Red Cross Blood Drive Our October blood drive collected 38 units of blood, which could potentially save 114 lives in regional hospitals.





February 11, 2024

To our Supporters and Partners at Llanerch Presbyterian Church, greetings and blessings to you all. On behalf of the volunteers, staff, and board of Chester Eastside – but most of all the people we serve – I am writing to offer our deepest gratitude for the variety of ways you have supported our programs and services over many years.

As you may know, Chester Eastside was founded almost forty years ago by the Presbytery of Philadelphia. The original goal was to have a place of mission that was desperately in need that the congregations of the Presbytery would support. Last year nearly 40% of our overall revenue came from faith communities. With that support we provided over 143,000 meals last year. Our afterschool program continues to provide a refuge for students in our community every day from September to May. We still offer a summer camp, which serves up to 40 students, and operates throughout the month of July.

In these, and all our other programs, volunteers are the backbone of what we do. I am proud to say that the Presbytery's model initiated in 1985 continues to be a source of light, hope, learning, joy, and...

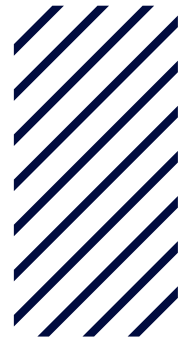
Peace,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Andy Jacob'.

Rev. Andy Jacob, Executive Director
Chester Eastside, Inc.

PRESCHOOL REPORT

2022-2023 School Year



The Llanerch Presbyterian Preschool is one means by which we serve the young children and families of our community. Every child who comes through our doors is taught and nurtured in a Christian environment.

The year was challenging—June Hoyle, our Director of over 40 years, retired at the end of February due to family matters. And yet our staff, parents and leaders pulled together to continue our program as a positive atmosphere in opening the doors for our children.

Weekly Enrichment Programs

- Terrific Tuesdays - Science and Art
- Extended Days

Field Trips

- Highland Orchards
- Llanerch Fire Company

Helping Others

- Food Collection for Hope United Methodist
- Hats and Mittens for Spanish Health Ministry

Camp Llanerch

- May -June 2023
- Theme: Space

Thanks to our Teachers

June Hoyle Director of School
Teacher, 4-year Olds, Sept - Feb

Debra Ford Co-Director of Preschool
Teacher, 4-year Olds, Feb-May

Kelly Dilorio Co-Director of Preschool
Assistant Teacher, 4-year Olds

Caroline Dilorio Teacher, Pre-K

Barbara Pretz Teacher, Terrific Tuesdays

Beverly Schmitt Teacher, 3-year Olds

Lindsay Carlin Assistant Teacher, 3-year Olds

Joining Us for 2023-24

Deb Clements Assistant Teacher, 3-year olds

Llanerch Presbyterian Preschool

Financial Results

September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2023

INCOME

Registrations		1,275.00
Tuitions		
Regular	57,178.00	
Discounts	(1,642.00)	
Explorer's Club & Extended Days	3,035.00	
Camp Llanerch	5,174.00	
Total Tuitions		63,745.00
TOTAL INCOME		65,020.00

EXPENSES

Total Payroll (incl. taxes & extended days)	46,014.19	
Camp Llanerch payroll	4723.18	
Teacher bonus (\$100 ea./incl taxes)	723.36	
Educational expenses	260.00	
Facilities Expenses	675.25	
Licenses	75.00	
Supplies & Curriculum	1,026.20	
Other miscellaneous expenses	158.00	
Church Expenses Offset	5,000.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES		58,655.18
NET OPERATING RESULTS		6,364.82

Ministry Budget

	2023 Budget	2023 Actual	2024 Budget
▼ Services of Worship	\$ 4,320.00	\$ 2,677.37	\$ 4,200.00
Special Musicians	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 900.00
Supply Organist	\$ 600.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 600.00
Supply Pulpit	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 378.00	\$ 1,200.00
Music Library Purchases	\$ 120.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 120.00
Organ Maintenance	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
Worship Supplies	\$ 300.00	\$ 499.37	\$ 480.00
Flowers and Sanctuary Decorations	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
▼ Caring and Compassion	\$ 120.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 120.00
Deacon Fund	\$ 60.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 60.00
Church Programs	\$ 60.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 60.00
▼ Education and Formation	\$ 780.00	\$ (168.04)	\$ 600.00
Nursery Attendant	\$ 300.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 300.00
Church School Supplies	\$ 60.00	\$ 123.84	\$ 60.00
Adult Education Materials	\$ 60.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 60.00
VBS	\$ 60.00	\$ (351.88)	\$ 60.00
Youth Programs	\$ 60.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 60.00
Misc. and Other	\$ 240.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 60.00
▼ Community Space - Main and Westminster Buildings	\$ 32,940.00	\$ 37,656.03	\$ 34,620.00
Cleaning Service	\$ 9,420.00	\$ 9,552.80	\$ 9,420.00
Electricity	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,847.30	\$ 12,600.00
Water	\$ 720.00	\$ 873.12	\$ 900.00
Supplies	\$ 600.00	\$ 915.30	\$ 900.00
Maintenance	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 10,002.51	\$ 6,000.00
Lawn Care	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 3,465.00	\$ 2,400.00
Snow Removal	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,400.00
▼ Administration	\$ 18,420.00	\$ 18,743.79	\$ 19,140.00
Phone and Internet	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 3,939.05	\$ 4,200.00
Printing	\$ 600.00	\$ 576.12	\$ 600.00
Postage	\$ 420.00	\$ 296.00	\$ 420.00
Supplies	\$ 240.00	\$ 499.12	\$ 360.00
Equipment Leasing	\$ 600.00	\$ 47.49	\$ 240.00
Insurance	\$ 8,400.00	\$ 9,950.00	\$ 9,600.00
Social Security Taxes	\$ 3,360.00	\$ 3,344.76	\$ 3,360.00
Financial Expenses	\$ 480.00	\$ 91.25	\$ 240.00
Stewardship	\$ 120.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 120.00

	2023 Budget	2023 Actual	2024 Budget
▼ Mission (in the form of offerings and benevolences)	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 2,109.00	\$ 6,000.00
Presbytery of Philadelphia (Per capita and Unified Mission)	?	?	?
One Great Hour Offering	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,305.00	\$ 0.00
Chester Eastside Inc.			
Sunday Breakfast Mission			
Breaking Bread Shelter			
Heifer Project			
Combined	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 804.00	\$ 6,000.00
▼ Staff	\$ 112,324.00	\$ 110,418.96	\$ 113,150.56
Pastor - 20 hours	\$ 67,696.00	\$ 66,696.72	\$ 68,522.56
Music Minister - 15 hours	\$ 21,648.00	\$ 21,642.84	\$ 21,648.00
Office Admin - 15 hours	\$ 19,080.00	\$ 19,079.40	\$ 19,080.00
Treasurer - as needed	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,900.00
▼ McCleary House (Manse)	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,612.11	\$ 15,480.00
Property Tax	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,390.89	\$ 12,480.00
Maintenance	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,221.22	\$ 3,000.00
▼ Capital Improvements	\$ 0.00	\$ 59,960.00	\$ 0.00
Social Hall Renovation		\$ 37,150.00	
Westminster Boiler Replacement		\$ 12,940.00	
McCleary House (Manse) Boiler Replacement		\$ 9,870.00	
Total for all ministries	\$ 189,904.00	\$ 247,059.22	\$ 193,310.56



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