

Island Presbyterian Church
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2023 Annual Report



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Prepared for our Annual Congregation Meeting

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2023 ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING
January 14, 2023
11:00 a.m.

AGENDA

Call to Order and Opening Prayer – Pastor Ken Ritchie

Declaration of a Quorum – Mary Orr, Clerk of Session

The 2022 Annual Reports

- Clerk: Mary Orr
- Stewardship/Finance/Treasurer Report – 2023 Year End Report – Kathy Coker and Debbie Marchant
- 2024 Budget – Kathy Coker
- Pastor's Report
- Other Ministry Reports

Thanks to those Officers who served:

Elders: Donna Garcia-Devlin, Donna Barksdale

Deacons: Debbie Loven, Neva Scheffknecht

Election of Elders and Deacons:

- Presentation of Slate of Candidates for the offices of Elder and Deacon - Mary Orr
 - Elder for the Class of 2024 – Donna Barksdale
 - Elders for the Class of 2026 – Debbie Loven, Maureen Dean, Mike Morell
 - Deacons for the Class of 2026 – Suzanne Balluck, Karen Hauf

Election of Officer Nominating Committee – Mary Orr, Chair

- Presentation of Slate of Candidates to serve on the Officer Nominating Committee – Mary Orr
 - Debbie Loven, Chair, Elder serving on Session
 - Victoria McGuire, Member of Congregation
 - Erik Larsen, Member of Congregation

Motion to Adjourn Congregational Meeting:

Motion to Open Corporation Meeting:

Motion to Adjourn Corporation Meeting:

Closing Prayer – Pastor Ken Ritchie

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MEMBERSHIP:

ACTIVE ROLL: We started the year with 69 active members and ended 2023 with 73 active members.

NEW ACTIVE MEMBERS: 8

- Clayton Smith – by reaffirmation of faith
- Sarah Smith – by reaffirmation of faith
- Mike Morell – by letter of transfer from Westside Presbyterian Church, Ridgewood, NJ
- Elen Morell – by letter of transfer from Westside Presbyterian Church, Ridgewood, NJ
- Natalie Morell – by letter of transfer from Westside Presbyterian Church, Ridgewood, NJ
- Karen Hauf – by reaffirmation of faith
- Paul “Cookie” Cooper – by reaffirmation of faith
- Erik Larsen – by letter of transfer from Christ Lutheran Church, San Antonio, TX

NEW AFFILIATE MEMBERS: 2

- Scott and Tami Robinson were received as affiliate members of IPC, and will also retain their membership at their home church Northwood Presbyterian Church in Spokane, Washington.

MEMBER LOSSES: 4

Four (4) members have been removed from the Active Roll, either by their own request, or because they have not attended IPC for an extended length of time.

MEMBER DEATHS: 1

- Jeff Singleterry

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

The average attendance for 2023 was 60, which includes in-person worship in the sanctuary and at the beach, as well as virtual worship via Zoom and Facebook.

To compare 2023 to 2022, the average attendance for 2022 was 53.

It continues to be noted that the Facebook videos of the worship services have been viewed at later times by quite a few others who did not watch the services live.

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SACRAMENTS:

We celebrated the Lord's Supper twenty (20) times in 2023, including our regular 10:00 a.m. sanctuary worship service, our 8:00 a.m. beach service during the summer months, and at the Easter Sunrise Service. The Lord's Supper was also celebrated by those attending Street Ministry seven (7) times.

BAPTISMS: 4

- Chloe Smith
- Margot Smith
- Eliza Smith
- Annabel Smith

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Orr, Clerk of Session

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STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

The year 2023 had 31 Pledgers with a total of approximately \$85,000, and the actuals came in at \$95,508.00.

Our pledgers met and surpassed the total pledged amount.

The year 2024 has 37 Pledgers with a total of approximately \$140,000 pledged.

Our special Giving for the 2023 Year is as follows:

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Giving for special offerings 2023		% to	To Presbytery Mission Agency	% to church	To Mission at Island Presbyterian	% to mid council (Mission Presbytery)	to Mid Council
One Great Hour of Sharing	1,054.50	1	\$1,054.50				
Peacemaker offering / Peace and Global Witness	303.00	0.5	\$151.50	0.25	\$75.75	0.25	\$75.75
Pentecost	365.00	0.6	\$219.00	0.4	\$146.00		
Joy Offering	385.00	1	\$385.00				
Timon's Christmas	\$461.00						
Total to be sent	\$2,568.50		\$1,810.00		\$221.75		\$75.75

Timon's Christmas Offering on Christmas Eve was \$461.00

We sent a pre-annual giving statement for those all who gave in 2023 in October to allow everyone to review their giving to date. This is also a time that allows folks to notify me of anything I may have input into our system incorrectly and made the modifications.

The stewardship letters were sent out and returned by the beginning of December with great success.

The final Giving statements can be picked up at the back of the church Sunday January 21, 2024, and will be mailed January 31, 2024 for those who do not pick them up.

Please note that if you find any issue, I am happy to correct it and reprint a new statement.

As we look at 2023, we look back and see that we had a deficit in our budget to pay for the Full-time pastor and an increase in our insurance.

We have a strong giving church, and we are blessed.

The finance committee is praying that the congregation will support our fulltime pastor.

Debbie Marchant
Stewardship and Finance Committee

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FINANCE & TREASURER REPPORT
Balance Sheet 2023

Island Presbyterian Church - Corpus Christi TX
Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2023

Saturday, January 6, 2024

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Account Name

YTD Balance

Assets

1-1110 American Bank	50,155.02
1-1111 Stifel Money Market	12,798.02
1-1112 Texas Presby Foundation	333,011.79
1-3110 Buildings Orig Cost	285,507.66
1-3120 Buildings Accum Dep	(285,507.66)
1-3130 Building Upgrades	45,866.53
1-3310 Furniture and Fixtures	157,722.71
1-3320 F & F Accum Depreciation	(157,722.71)
1-3400 Land	126,437.16
1-3401 Parking Lot	43,553.26
1-3402 Closing Costs	15,215.77
1-3420 Parking Lot/CC Depreciation	(58,769.03)
1-3430 Bank Balancing	(3,631.47)
Total Assets	\$564,637.05

Liabilities

2-1400 Payroll Withholding	7,332.31
2-1800 Unrestricted Endowment	333,011.79
2-2100 Maintenance Fund	(322.00)
2-2300 Fellowship	40.00
2-2600 Memorials	175.00
2-2700 Mission	2,492.00
<i>Accounts Payable/Vendors</i>	6,379.32
Total Liabilities	\$349,108.42

Fund Balances

Building Fund Balance	(20,922.10)
Deacons Emergency Fund Balance	1,666.35
Disaster Reserve Fund Balance	32,626.97
Fellowship Fund Balance	6,984.61
Memorial Fund Balance	11,446.54
Mission Balance	10,040.04
Music Fund Balance	1,403.39
Operating Account	172,282.40
Total Fund Balances	\$215,528.20

Total Liabilities and Fund Balances **\$564,636.62**

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FINANCE & TREASURER REPPORT
Budget for 2024 with Previous Years' Comparisons

Island Presbyterian Church		2024 Budget DRAFT					
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	Budget	
	2020	2021	2022	2023 OCT	2023	2024	
Income							
4010 Mem Pledge Inc	89843	76596	84140	70865	90508	119000	
4020 Non-Pledge Inc	19523	41848	48917	34440	43010	25000	
4030 Loose Offering	2305	3543	4419	4709	5425	6000	
4040 Interest Income	743	20	3	9	9	5	
4050 Facility Donations	3186	2476	2358	2931	3120	0	
Fellowship Donations			0	822	830		
Covid Relief MP	1500						
Minister Supplement						0	
Bld & Grounds							
Operating Income	117100	124483	139837	113776	142902	150005	
5100 VBS							
5250 Peacemaker	200	140	607				
PCHAS	75						
5450 Pentecost	175	208	612				
Joy	225	1197	546				
5400 One Great Hr	360	277	1148				
5500 Timons			566				
Deacon's Emer							
Mission Fund		1034	5315	4638	5715		
Fellowship		30					
	118135	127369	148631	118414	148617	150005	
5800 Special Gifts	2519	2021	1586	828	828		
	120654	129390	150217	119242	149445	150005	
Expenses							
6120 Printing/Repro	1634	484	167		0	0	
6110 Small Equipment							
6130 Misc	154	237	318		0	0	
6140 Computer	2565	2774	3490	1556	1759	1500	
6150 Postage	57	0	58		0	75	
PPP Wages	18310						
PPP Utilities	1559						
Presby Meetings							
Training							
6160 Office supplies	45	50	793	903	1277	650	
6170 Telephone	1053	1100					
	25377	4645	4826	2459	3036	2225	

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	ACTUAL 2020	ACTUAL 2021	ACTUAL 2022	ACTUAL 2023 OCT	ACTUAL 2023	Budget 2024
6280 Pentecost	175		120		219	
6260 One Great Hour	360		228	1054	2108	
6270 Peacemaker	150		460		151	
VBS-PCHAS			500		0	
Deacon's Emer						
6230 Timons						
6220 Local Missions	3648	2298	5315	1620	4147	3570
Joy Offering	225		1207	621	621	
Presby	1200	0	630			630
6250 Per Capita	1586	0	630			630
6210 Local if Funds		1034	2525	2350	1278	
	7344	3332	11615	5645	8524	4830
6310 Security sys	902	450	737	468	564	500
6330 Maintenance Salaries	6843	8475	8130		0	0
Janitorial					0	0
Supplies		26	0			275
Misc		50	0		0	
6350 Maint & Repair	6280	3386	2686	1384	1711	3800
6370 Utilities	4578	5871	10665	7310	8694	13000
Contract Serv					0	0
6360 POA Fees	2508	2508	1804	1804	1804	1804
Janitorial					0	
Small Tools					0	0
	21111	20766	24022	10966	12773	19379
6510 Curriculum/Supplies	230	273	254	0	0	400
Special Events						
6530 VBS		0	0			1500
	230	273	254		0	1900
6610 Hospitality	175	45			80	3000
Men's Fellowship						
	175	45	0	0	80	3000
Pastor Search				3726	5334	
6710 Salary	39149	40000	41738	35381	50285	44000
Housing Allow						33500
6720 Auto/Travel	0	0	160		779	2000
Phone Reimburs						
Pension/Medical				3168	8940	30225
Life/Dental						
Medical Ded						

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	ACTUAL 2020	ACTUAL 2021	ACTUAL 2022	ACTUAL 2023 OCT	ACTUAL 2023	Budget 2024
6730 Prof/Conf						0
Moving						5929
SECA						2000
Cont Education						117654
	39149	40000	41898	42275	65338	
Salaries Combined				42086	50942	51000
6810 Secretary	6584	9400	10239		0	0
6820 Music Director	12923	16000	16815		0	0
Music Supplies			67		0	0
6830 Accompanist	7269	9000	9746		0	0
Nursery Pers					0	0
6860 Payroll Taxes	6969	4567	6692	5885	7732	3902
Music Fees		500			0	0
	33745	39467	43559	47971	58674	3902
Communion Sup		0				
6910 Music Program		130	440		0	300
6920 Supplies	244	2057	278	1429	1697	300
Audio/Visual		0	400		0	2600
6930 Supply Pastor		1125	396	3281	3281	1350
Memorial Fund Expense					1015	
6940 Supply Organist	100	0	350	100	100	100
Nursery			438			
	344	3312	2302	4810	6093	4650
Advertis/Marketing		45	440		50	
7030 Fall Festival						
Stewardship						
7040 Treasurer	798	640	678	3228	5037	300
Outreach						
7050 Insurance	9119	13824	16082	18341	25469	18000
Session Designated			1200			
Loan Payment						
	9917	14509	18400	21569	30556	18300
7060 Special Gifts	852	122	483		0	
	138,244	126,471	147,359	135,695	185,074	175,840
	-17590	2919	2858	-16453	-35629	-25835
		284191				
	20192	18980				
	<u>2602</u>	<u>306090</u>				

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PASTOR'S REPORT

The individual reports contained in this Annual Report speak to the mission of God locally, regionally, and globally. Once again, this community of faith has been faithful in following Jesus in the mission of God. The witness of Island Presbyterian Church to the love of God in Jesus Christ is awesome. Barbara and I are experiencing this firsthand. Thank you for your support, encouragement, and love. We appreciate your open-arms welcome! We are so thankful to be here with you!

As I reviewed Pastor Kris' report from 2022, I see many of the same ministries that are still as exciting and promising as they were in 2022! I see life abundant in our community! Within the report she wrote, "We stand at a crossroads – hopeful for a new minister, hopeful to increase our commitments to others, hopeful to become a strong and welcoming congregation – the body of Christ – together." We are no longer at that crossroads because the Spirit is leading us on the path forward!

A year ago, Barbara and I were in prayer about God's call in our lives. A year ago, the church was in prayer about whom the Lord was calling to pastor the church on a fulltime basis. That the church was willing step out in faith and take a risk was one of the exciting positives to me about the pastoral opportunity at Island Presbyterian Church.

As we finish 2023 and begin 2024, the Lord has brought us together to be about the business of being the body of Jesus Christ. What does it mean to be the body of Christ in today's culture of narcissistic consumerism mixed with threatening fear? It means we joyfully love God, love others as ourselves, and make strong disciples for Jesus Christ.

To love God is to allow God to be the center of our lives, around and upon which everything is based and dependent. The love of God is expressed in heart-felt and Spirit-empowered worship, surrendered and humble prayer, and committed and faithful discipleship. Love of God is a response to God's grace, love, salvation, and deliverance in our lives and for the world. Loving God is the vertical beam of the cross of Christ.

The call to love others recognizes that we have been reconciled to not only God through Jesus Christ, but to others as well. Loving others is a sacrificial commitment to imitate Jesus in the everyday contexts of our lives through compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, mercy, and the other gifts of the Spirit. Loving others is a witness to the transforming nature of Christ's justification and sanctification in our lives – evidence of the promise to be transformed into the image of Christ. Loving others is the horizontal beam of the cross of Christ.

Making disciples is the recognition that the church, as the body of Christ on earth, has a clear purpose. The call to make disciples assumes that others around us are lost and that we have a passion to see them found in the kingdom of God. Making disciples is a purposeful activity that involves loving, serving, sharing, witnessing and inviting – all of which is dependent upon the gifting and direction of the Holy Spirit. Making disciples is the affirmation that the One crucified now lives as the Resurrected Lord of all time and place to the glory of God the Father.

Moving forward in our journey with Jesus, we will encounter challenges and opportunities, questions and issues as we discern what it means to love God, love others, and make disciples. I eagerly look forward to this coming year as we journey with Jesus!

In Christ's Love, Pastor Ken

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WORSHIP COMMITTEE

During 2023 worship returned to what we call “the NEW normal”. Virtual/contactless worship with TV technology, online streaming and videos as part of the service have become the norm. Our technology plan and implementation were completed; however, we will continue to refine our technology. The ZOOM and PowerPoint operations checklists were rewritten to incorporate the new single person operation of our technology, presentations, and online streaming.

As in 2022, one of our biggest challenges was having enough volunteers to cover worship during vacations, holidays, and taking equipment to the Beach Service. If you would like to help out with any of these tasks, please let Bob Orr know; we can use all the help we can get.

The IPC Prayer Warriors’ Facebook Page continues to be a place where people can share their prayer needs and get support from those who participate in the page. Many outside the church have learned of the page and ask that we pray for them. There are currently 43 members in the group.

In worship, the committee has tried to offer communion as often as feasibly possible including the first Sunday of the month and as many appropriate special Sundays as possible. Special Sundays included Transfiguration of the Lord, Ash Wednesday, where we tried drive by “Imposition of Ashes” with limited success; it appeared the time scheduled to impart the ashes did not coincide with Island drive time.

On Palm Sunday there was a procession of fresh cut local palm branches which entered the church to the ringing of bells and special decorations of the chancel in fresh cut palm branches. On Maundy Thursday worshipers entered a stripped sanctuary and participated in a Maundy Thursday service. Easter Sunday Beach Sunrise Service was held this year with the combined congregations of Island in the Son Methodist Church and Island Presbyterian Church at our traditional Whitecap Beach location. The weather cooperated and a very large crowd of worshipers greeted the sun’s first rays with shouts of “He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed”. Worshipers at the 10 AM service were greeted by the large cross now draped in white and the chancel decorated in white artificial lilies. The worship committee decided to transition to artificial flowers for special occasions such as Easter and Advent in an effort to reduce expense and in consideration of those who are allergic to the pollen.

We began May with Beach Church and planned to continue through September. However, with feedback from session the committee decide that we should end Beach Church with Labor Day Sunday. On Pentecost Sunday we decorated with Barb McGinnis’ wild flames of the Holy Spirit and multiple images/mobiles of the spirit, flames, and doves descending from the ceilings. We moved through the Church calendar planning worship for World Communion Sunday, Reformation Sunday, All Saints Day, Hunger and Homeless Sunday, Christ the King Sunday, and looked forward to Advent.

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WORSHIP COMMITTEE

On Sunday, October 1st we welcomed our new pastor Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie and his wife Barbara. Pastor Ritchie met with the Worship Committee for the first time in October and focused on learning the traditions and ways in which we worship. He stated he would not be changing anything in the immediate future, needing to learn more about our congregation first.

Along with the Fellowship Committee, Buildings and Grounds Committee, and the Mission Committee, we entered Advent with Hanging of the Greens on the Saturday immediately prior to the first Sunday in Advent. Our advent services continued with traditional Advent Wreath readings and lightings. We continued the tradition of the traveling Magi, culminating their journey a bit early on December 31 with a special children's sermon focused on the Three Wisemen. This Advent season has Epiphany, and Baptism of the Lord both falling together on the first weekend of January 2024. Christmas Eve in 2023 fell on Sunday. We celebrated with our regular morning worship service at 10:00 am and again at 6:00 pm. During the evening service we celebrated the arrival of the Christ Child with a "Carols and Candlelight" service. Our thanks go out to all the folks that participate in worship, Lay Leaders, technology staff, ushers, communion servers and preparers, and to all those who touch the service in any way.

Music continued to be an integral part of our worship in 2023 as we continued to present a mostly normal music program. Holidays continue to be difficult for our choirs; our people travel and we often have trios or duets during the holidays. David Hiser, Choir Director, and Ross Bernhardt, Accompanist, provided inspirational solos and duets throughout the year. The handbell choir, aka "The Ding a Lings" have difficulties getting all their members together on a Sunday or on special Sundays to perform. This has led to our videotaping their presentations. It has worked well allowing them to present a good quality performance and to be able to present it when it is needed in worship. Our thanks and gratitude go out to all the Choir and Bell Choir members who contribute to our worship services. If you can read music and can count, you are needed in the bell choir. Contact David Hiser if interested.

Looking ahead to 2024, who knows what the new year will bring? We have a new preacher; expect some changes in worship. We purchased one new banner this year, a Trinity banner, and are working on another, an Ascension Banner. Look for them in worship in 2024. Beach church will have a new sound system to better serve the Easter Sunrise service and weekly summer beach services, and replace the aging system that had started to fail.

The worship Committee will strive to refine and improve our technology presentations to include the electronic bulletin and ZOOM/Facebook live streaming. While the attendance of the live streamed service is low, the "during the week" views are good. We often have 100 views during a week. We will continue to look for new and innovative ways to enhance worship to the "Glory of God". We will try to include more of the congregation in the participation of the service and we will try to find ways that bring you meaningful worship.

Shalom, The Worship Committee

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ADMINISTRATION & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Administration and Personnel committee, along with all Session members and committees, have continued to work on updating the Policies and Procedures manual, as well as revising and defining Personnel and Committee job descriptions. This is an ongoing process, but plans are to bring everything up to date as soon as possible, and continue to maintain that status.

Pastor Kris Bair's Interim Ministry contract was terminated effective October 14, 2023. The congregation expressed our gratitude for the time Pastor Kris has served our congregation, and celebrated her time with IPC with a Luau Luncheon after worship on September 25.

Our Pastor Nominating Committee presented Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie as a candidate for Full-Time Pastor for Island Presbyterian Church in a Congregation Meeting on September 10, 2023, and the congregation approved his call effective September 25, 2023. His first Sunday in the pulpit was October 1.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Orr, Chair

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MISSION & OUTREACH MINISTRY

The Island Presbyterian Church Mission team has 12 members and, during 2023, served eleven ministries. We added one new ministry, Puentes de Cristo, a border ministry. The owner/operator of Girls with Glass discontinued glass collection in early Spring of 2023. We took a hiatus from supporting the Presbyterian Pan American School in 2022 as it was going through leadership and program changes. Unfortunately, things remained unsettled in 2023 so we have yet to re-connect with them.

In 2023 we supported the following ministries:

Animal Rescue: At the start of the year, we supported Shelteramutt. In early Spring, we changed our support to Coastal Bend Small Animal Rescue. At present, we are not supporting an animal rescue organization.

Basic Computer Skills: Gary Balluck continues to teach this popular class with several new members from the Island community. The class is free of charge but donations for street ministry are accepted.

Coastal Bend Blood Bank: We hosted the bloodmobile six times in 2023 and Mary Orr continues to organize the drives.

Coastal Bend Troop Support: Sonia Craig and Mona Singleterry served as liaisons to CBTS. Sonia supplies cards to congregation members and collects finished cards to send to CBTS. We also made cards available to the community at our Spring Fling. Once again, we filled boxes for our deployed troops during the Hanging of the Greens celebration.

Comunidades Unidas Pro Salud, (C.U.P.S.): Donna and Jim Barksdale delivered backpacks filled with school supplies, computers, books and medical equipment to the C.U.P.S. collection center in McAllen, TX. twice in 2023.

Creation Care: Julie Brandon had to discontinued her glass collection at the church. We voted to stop using plastic grocery bags at street ministry and asked the congregation to donate re-usable or paper bags.

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Discussion Group with Tish Betancourt: LCSW Tish Betancourt moderated a monthly discussion group covering a wide range of topics. As of December 2023, Tish will not be offering this service at Island Presbyterian Church.

Presbyterian Children's Home and Services: The organization continues to serve families throughout Texas. With the generous support of the Island Presbyterian congregation, we were able to provide Christmas gifts for fifteen local children in 2023.

Puentes de Cristo: We added this ministry in 2023. Puentes is a Presbyterian border ministry serving the colonias on the U.S. side and asylum seekers on the Mexican side of the border. With help from the congregation, we were able to deliver a check for \$250 for beans and rice to Caly Fernandez of Puentes for a shelter in Reynosa. We also delivered over 60 hygiene kits, toys, books and treats to Puentes. Caly and Abraham Barberi, who pastors a church in Matamoros, took four of our members to a migrant camp near the international bridge. We made a \$300 donation to Pastor Barberi to use for water for the camp.

Street Ministry: The team goes out every month and in 2023 distributed approximately 960 bags of food, over 800 bottles of water, over 900 pairs of socks, (all numbers are approximate), several hundred hygiene products, blankets, clothing, 270 books, and dog and cat food and treats. Pastor Kris joined the team quarterly to administer communion. Pastor Ritchie has taken over that duty and plans to join the street ministry team monthly. We have been blessed with several new volunteers.

Timon's Ministries: Timon's continues to serve the community under new leadership. Kae Berry, longtime director of Timon's, retired in 2023. The offering taken at the Christmas Eve service, as well as the Easter sunrise service, were donated to Timon's.

In May of 2023, we sponsored our third Spring Fling with an invitation to the entire community, including local vendors, to join us at no charge. We appreciate the support of the congregation, especially the Building and Grounds committee.

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New Life Refuge Ministries was the recipient of our share of the Pentecost offering. This organization rescues and cares for the child victims of human trafficking.

The Mission Team continues to work in conjunction with the Worship Team to promote the four Presbyterian Special Offerings.

In 2024 we hope to be able to continue and grow our current ministries but are always open to new ideas and opportunities. In February, we plan to have a dinner/auction. We will be working together with the Fellowship Committee on this event.

I will repeat this paragraph from my 2022 report because several of us feel so strongly about the issue:

We continue to pray for a church van. Some of our members are unable to attend services in person due to lack of transportation. It could possibly increase attendance from members of the community who might join us if transportation is available. It would certainly benefit Street Ministry. This ministry has grown to the point that we can't fit everyone and everything in one vehicle any longer. Lastly, it would make it easier to transport deliveries to several of our ministries and allow us to grow.

Ultimately, everything that we do is contingent upon the support and involvement of the congregation. We are so grateful to be allowed to represent Island Presbyterian in the Mission field. You impact the lives of so many people and we join them in thanking you.

The Island Presbyterian Church
Mission Team
Kathleen Dare

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY

The Christian Education committee members are Maureen Dean, Grace Hahn, Sarah Smith, Debbie Loven and Donna Barksdale, Chair.

Island Presbyterian has had some wonderful growth in our CE program. A family with 4 young children has joined our church and we have begun Sunday School and nursery programs. The classes are taught by our committee members in a weekly rotation.

Our Fall 2023 curriculum changed monthly: FOLLOW ME, GO TELL, WORSHIP GOD.

We had a spring LENT Bible study, weekly and it was well attended. Then we participated in the Church Spring Fling - held on the church parking lot with booths of mission projects, children's entertainment and food trucks. The fling was advertised as an opportunity for the community to learn about our church.

On October 27 and 28 we had our ladies retreat at the Episcopal retreat center in Port Aransas, Pastor Kris Bair, was our retreat leader.

We are now in the process of doing the PW fall Bible study. Each lesson is led by one of our attendees and this has proven to be a very valuable and well attended group.

With a full-time pastor our CE committee is hoping to begin an adult Sunday School class before too long.

Submitted by Donna Barksdale,
Elder and CE chair

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FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

2023 has been a very busy year for the Fellowship Committee. I would first like to acknowledge our committee, below, and thank them for their hard work, dependability, and service.

1. Clayton Smith
2. Ray Ziembinski
3. Mike Morell
4. Debbie Marchant
5. Marshall Lochausen
6. Debbie Loven

I would also like to thank the Worship Committee, Deacons, and Missions Committee for their invaluable assistance in helping us with Fellowship after church on Sunday.

The past year has been a transition for our church, which included adding new members to our committee and getting back to normal following Covid. We also had a little divine intervention when God chose Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie, our new pastor, and his wife, Barbara, for our church.

New protocols were set up relating to the kitchen and our inventory process. Our primary mission is to bring people together in faith to God. In addition, we help with anything related to food and refreshments or setting up for events scheduled by the church, whether it be inside the church, in the annex or an event outside the church proper, such as setting up for the Spring Fling.

As the year ramped up the committee continued to provide refreshments and snacks every Sunday worship, with the assistance of the Worship Committee, Deacons, and Missions Committee. In addition to our regular activities, we also set up for a Celebration of Life, Advent, Epiphany, set up and coordinated a Luau for Pastor Kris's departure, and set up and coordinated an event welcoming Pastor Ken and his wife, Barbara, to their new home. Thank you to all of you who have made all this great year possible. Yes, it has been a very busy year and we plan to do more in 24'.

Cookie

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BUILDING & GROUNDS MINISTRY

Members: Marshall Lochausen, Victoria McGuire, Clayton Smith, Cookie Cooper

Things that were accomplished in 2023:

1. Outside of entire facility was painted.
2. Repairs made to stucco walls across from annex (skate boarders damage)
3. Annex floor and baseboards replaced.
4. Annex painted.
5. West side Security Light replaced.
6. Motion Detector light installed on Pergola to illuminate the north parking lot.
7. Paver bricks were installed in the trash can area.
8. Cleaning service was hired to clean Sanctuary twice monthly.
9. West side parking lot Security light replaced.
10. Ceiling lights replaced as necessary.
11. Switch guards place on switches that control outside lighting.
12. New door lock and knob on office area entrance (auto locking when door closed).
13. Light switch in choir area replaced.
14. Drip irrigation system installed for pots in pergola.
15. Electrical repairs made in Craft Closet by the lounge area.
16. Overhead light replaced in the janitor's storage room in the trash area.
17. Parking lot end barriers removed.
18. West side lot was leveled so that the mower would not be damaged by debris and terrain.
19. Annex was used for voting.
20. Sanctuary used for 2 piano recitals.
21. Faucet by pergola entrance repaired.
22. Dog (puppy) proof fencing was installed on north side of building for Spring Fling.
23. Spring Fling set up and tear down.
24. Nativity Scene erected.

Things that are planned for 2023:

1. Power washing and/or painting for the existing Gypsy Rd sign.
2. New Doors for the maintenance storage room in the trash can area.
3. Repair floor in lounge area next to nursery.
4. Replace interior lights with LED lights as necessary.
5. Inside church to be painted as necessary.

Wish list that hopefully can be done in the future:

1. Possibly some new landscaping.
2. Possibly some changes to the Pergola entrance.
3. New Pulpit furniture (chairs).
4. Refurbish the Courtyard area to make it more useful.
5. New additional signage for the front of the church on Fortuna Bay.
6. New Doors to the Sanctuary from the west side.

Marshall Lochausen
Chairman

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DISASTER PREPAREDNESS MINISTRY

Members: Marshall Lochausen, Victoria McGuire, Clayton Smith, Cookie Cooper

Thankfully there were no major emergencies that occurred in 2023. Although 2023 had been predicted a very high hurricane activity year, none effected our area.

Items that were done or accomplished in 2023:

1. Disaster Preparedness and Building & Grounds Committees combined for 2023 since the members for both committees were the same.
2. Hurricane Windows/Shutters were installed in 2022, thereby eliminating the need to board up the church.
3. Disaster Preparedness manual and job description was updated and provided to Clerk of Session, secretary and each of the committee members.
4. Committee is in process of getting updated procedure manuals from both county and city offices.
5. Committee is in process of going through the manuals and making sure that we are able to comply with procedures as outlined.
6. Investigating the possibility of making our parking lots and vacant lots as a staging area for emergency crews and equipment in the event of an emergency.

Items that need to be done in year 2024:

1. Continue going through our manuals and assigning individuals to certain tasks as outlined.
2. Continue to work on the plan for using our parking lots and vacant lots as a staging area for emergency crews and equipment.
3. Revise procedures manual as necessary if we do become a staging area.

Marshall Lochausen
Chairman

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OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Officer Nominating Committee members are Victoria McGuire, Jim Barksdale, and Mary Orr.

We began 2023 with two (2) vacancies for the office of Elder, and no vacancies for the office of Deacon. Two Elders rotated off Session at the end of 2023, and two Deacons rotated off the Board of Deacons at the end of 2023.

We currently have identified one (1) candidate to fill the one year Elder position for the Class of 2024, and 3 candidates to fill the Elder positions for the Class of 2026, and two (2) candidates to fill the Deacon positions for the Class of 2026. These candidates will be presented to the congregation for election at the Annual Congregation Meeting. Filling these vacancies will give us a full slate of nine (9) Elders and six (6) Deacons.

Mary Orr, Chair

Officer Nominating Committee