PLACES IN THE HEART

2019 Annual Report

Church of the Palms
“CHURCH OF THE PALMS IS PART OF MY FAMILY AND WHO I AM.”

- Kelly Dreels
In C.S. Lewis’ children’s book The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe four children are on a journey exploring a new land called Narnia. Along the way they meet up with a couple of talking beavers who tell them that the land is ruled by a great lion named Aslan (the Christ figure in the story). The children are curious about this lion and they are concerned what might happen if they should meet him. One of the children asks, “Is he safe?” To which one of the beavers responds, “Safe? Who said anything about being safe? ’Course he isn’t safe. But he’s good.”

As I write this we are, as a church, in the midst of reading and discussing James Bryan Smith’s three-volume collection of books: The Good and Beautiful God, The Good and Beautiful Life, and The Good and Beautiful Community. If there is nothing else we take away from this study and conversation it will be the idea that God is GOOD and BEAUTIFUL. And that might be enough because I’m not sure there could be a greater draw into the divine than to know that what awaits us is good and beautiful.

The Psalmist invites us to “taste and see that the Lord is good.” And I suppose that the chief way anybody tastes and sees the Lord is through the life of the Lord’s people. How else are they to be assured of God’s goodness and beauty than to see it reflected in God’s people – those who have drawn close to the lion and received his goodness and beauty. I guess that’s what CHURCH is about – carrying out the mission to be the agents of God’s goodness and beauty. We bear the awesome responsibility of convincing people through who we are and what we do that God is good and beautiful.

But that is not usually a SAFE thing to do. Our encounters with God are likely to lead us outside our comfort zones to think about what creative ways we might display the goodness and beauty of God. It’s one thing to draw close to God in worship and Bible study, it’s another thing to take on the challenge of being the unique reflection of God’s goodness and beauty in the world. We take that seriously, though, here at Church of the Palms. So much of what you will read and see in the following pages are the efforts we put forth to give people a real “taste” of the goodness and beauty of the Lord. It’s really the only reason we exist.

In the year ahead, as we draw deeper into the heart of God, may it be our goal to feel less and less safe as we help people more and more taste and see that the Lord is good…and beautiful!

Grace and peace,

Stephen D. McConnell, Senior Pastor
January
Dr. McConnell’s God & Hollywood series included discussions on *Jerry Maguire*, *The Truman Show* and *It’s a Wonderful Life*. We also welcomed Washington Post columnist Michael Gerson as part of our Community Speaker Series.

February
We held our 2nd annual Love. Life. Celebrate. event.
We also welcomed David & Crystal Downing as part of our Community Speaker Series.

March
The original musical *Song of Paul* (written and composed by Steve Sipes).
We recognized and celebrated 22 high school seniors.
We welcomed Kim Phuc Phan Thi, as part of our Community Speaker Series.

July
Over 250 children and their families were welcomed on our campus for our 8th annual Day of Hope. Children went home with backpacks and bellies full!
Family Ministry also sent our first group of families (parents serving right alongside their children) on mission to the Dominican Republic.

August
We kicked off a new year with Bon Voyage Sunday! With good music and great food, we embarked on the Good Journey together – the journey into the life God most wants for us.

September
Student Leaders in our Palms Academy of Leadership and Service (PALS) conceived of and led an effort to send over two pick-up trucks full of disaster relief supplies to the Bahamas.
As a congregation we began reading *The Good and Beautiful God* by James Bryan Smith.
**October**

Our annual Chili Cook Off offered over 31 pots of chili to sample (and judge).

As part of our Community Speaker Series, we welcomed pastor, author, speaker and leading figure in the emerging church movement, Brian McLaren.

30 people joined Dr. McConnell on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

**April**

Our month started with our popular Easter Egg Hunt. Over 150 families hunted for more eggs then you could count and learned a little bit more about Jesus at the same time!

At the end of the month we confirmed 14 8th grade middle school students.

**May**

We hosted our first Palliative Care Seminar with Dr. Peter Graper, which helped gave birth to the mission and vision for a new Senior Wellbeing Initiative (more info to come in 2020).

We welcomed back our brother and sister “snow-birds” with our 2nd annual Homecoming Sunday (we ate over 70 pies!).

We also recommitted our time and resources to feeding the hungry with our annual Food Pantry offering and Rise Against Hunger event, where we packed over 10,000 meals.

**June**

Students and adults served lots of children during Vacation Bible School, where the kids learned that when “Life is Scary, God is Good!”

**November**

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**December**

We proudly hosted the 75th “Diamond Jubilee” performance of the Christmas portion of Handel’s Messiah to a sold-out crowd.

In another beloved tradition, we welcomed 65 children on our campus for Parent’s Day Out and our annual children’s Christmas Pageant.
CONGREGATIONAL LIFE HIGHLIGHTS

Grief Support & Faith-Based Recovery Groups
The groups continued to serve Church of The Palms and the community at large.

Stephen Ministry
We welcomed 12 to our ministry (9 from the Class of 2019). We now have 62 Stephen Ministers, which includes 10 leaders.

Exec. Board of Deacons
We have 157 Deacons, which includes 18 Executive Committee Members. All Deacons pray for and care for the entire congregation in times of need and celebration.

Wednesday Night Life
We completed a very successful year with Dr. Stephen McConnell as the lead teacher. Topics included: God & Hollywood, Reflections on the Holy Land, Guide to the Next Chapter of Your Life, Faith in a Pluralistic Society. We also had Dr. Daniel Watts speak on the Healthy and Happy Brain as well as visits from mission partners.

Singles Fellowship
32 singles met monthly for fellowship in 2019.

Senior Wellbeing
Under the leadership of Senior Pastor Dr. Stephen McConnell and Dr. Peter Graper, we launched this ministry to serve our congregation and the greater Sarasota community.

Adult Christian Education
The number of classes grew on Sunday mornings and during weekdays. Classes include: The Bible from Scratch; The Light Will Shine: A Study for Advent; Heroes of the Old Testament; I Peter; Journey of Paul; II Corinthians; The Gospel According to Luke; Two Steps Forward: Persevering in Hope and more.

Life Together Small Groups
23 small groups studied and discussed weekly The Good and Beautiful God by James Bryan Smith. Prior to that, we discussed Sunday Sermons.

Fellowship Groups
Two Wine Tasting Fellowship events were held with 31 people in attendance at each event. Sixteen Tables of Six Dinner Fellowship Groups met monthly or bi-monthly getting to know one another as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Presbyterian Women
PW fed and clothed people who were hungry and impoverished locally, nationally and globally. PW mission projects served children and women at risk, and knitting and sewing for the sick and the poor. 9 PW Circles studied the Book of Genesis monthly.

Home Communion
45 Elders and Deacons served 58 homebound members and friends monthly.

Prayer Shawl Ministry
Over 100 hand-knitted prayer shawls were given to those who were ill, lonely or grieving.

Watercolor Wednesday
Weekly support continued through are with an average of 12 participants.

A Good Journey Story by Ann Widen
Our small group kept The Good Journey moving. We shared life experiences, ideas, and awareness of others. We became close friends and I look forward to the next Journey. My spiritual life has increased as my physical life has slowed down. I love the Sunday morning service, the quietness, the music, the message and a bit of laughter. The church has enriched my life by encouraging daily Bible readings, praying often and the fellowship of the congregation.
YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

HIGHLIGHTS

1,000 Student Volunteer Hours Served
(Not including VBS)

Vacation Bible School
Seventy students served 4 hours a day for 5 days for a total of 1,040 serving hours.

16 Students
Achieved 30 hours of volunteer service giving them a $100 discount on a summer mission trip.

Youth Groups
Grew with the addition of 13 new students.

Palms Preschool
133 families enrolled and helping 7 students with tuition assistance.

New Families
Grew with the addition of 26 new families. Three of those families came from the Palms Preschool.

Back To Basics Tutoring
There were 124 students enrolled, with more expected in the second semester of school. A total of 137 adult volunteers served as registrars, tutors, substitute tutors, and supervisors. Total tutoring hours from September through December was 1,747 hours.

New Children
Grew with the addition of 21 new children, ages birth - 5th grade. 25 children were baptized.

A Good Journey Story
by Kelly Dreels

First, I want to tell you how much I love being a part of the small group reading The Good and Beautiful God. Wonderful, wonderful, wonderful experience. Before joining this small group, I had not experienced the intimate, non-judgmental and trusting conversations these small groups provided. The soul training exercises allowed for deep conversations and made us really examine ourselves, how we practice our spiritual discipleship and most of all with whom we interact.

There’s a feeling of belonging that I had not experienced in other churches I attended. Since we’ve been attending Church of the Palms, my faith has grown and I’m excited to share it with others. I am looking forward to the next small group as we read The Good and Beautiful Life.
PALMS CENTER
HIGHLIGHTS

Pickleball
This very popular activity has been going strong since the gym first opened. Four sessions per week with an average attendance of 25 (35 in season). Average collection per session: $84.

Firm Believers Exercise Class
An ongoing class for over 20 years. Two classes per week, with an average attendance of 18. Average collection per class: $35.

Trivia Night
Held once a month with an average attendance of 32. Average collection: $165.

Gentle Grace Yoga
This program started as a staff-only offering and grew to include the local community. Held once a week with an average attendance of 8. Average collection per class: $42.

Adult Basketball League
40-year YMCA league joined our church in October 2019. Three sessions per week, with an average attendance of 12. Average collection per session: $29.

Revelation Wellness Exercise Class
New class offering began in November 2019.

A Good Journey Story
by Britton Stevens

My small group really gave me the connection I was looking for in a church family. We laughed and drank coffee, but also got into some deep religious and spiritual questions. The things I fret about today as a mom of a young child are put in perspective by 70 or 80-year-old women who are like, “been there done that, not worth worrying about.” The God and Beautiful God addressed the necessity of creating margins, or leaving space, in our busy lives between activities instead of rushing from one task to the next.

I feel I have become a more whole, balanced person by attending Church of the Palms. The church community piece was missing for a long time in my life. I tried several churches and finally have found the right fit. Each week I attend, I hear what I need and it strengthens my resolve to try to be a messenger of God’s love to the next person. Everyday life is so much richer when you have a sanctuary to come to and be recharged.
BY THE NUMBERS
STATISTICAL REPORT 2019

1,836
TOTAL ACTIVE MEMBERS
ENDING 12.31.19

Gains +119
Certificate of Transfer (+30)
Profession of Faith (+11)
Reaffirmation of Faith (+64)
Restored to Rolls (+1)
Confirmation Class (+13)

Losses -89
Jordan Goodwin to Clergy Status (-1)
Certificate of Transfer (-7)
Removed Upon Personal Request (-17)
Removed by Direction of Session (-14)
Deaths (-50)

118
TOTAL AFFILIATE MEMBERS
ENDING 12.31.19

Gains +9

Losses -5
Removed Upon Personal Request (-3)
Transfers to Active Member Rolls (-1)
Deaths (-1)

FOOD PANTRY
14,471
TOTAL REQUESTS FOR FOOD

19,079
# of Bags Distributed
53,475
# of People Served
21,388
# of Children Served

27
BAPTISMS
Infant/Child (25)
Adult (2)

10
MARRIAGES
All marriages on campus and those by our pastors for members off campus.
In Memoriam

Beverly Andersen
Dolores “Dee” Ardito
Glynn Armitage
Jack Ashcraft
Raymond Baker
Margery Baruch
Nancy Black
Norene Brueck
Robert Brueck
Martha Burger
Ellen Cavanaugh
Martha Church
Ellen Combs
Joan Daly
Chris Dechow
Grace Dimich
Nancy Esry
Helmer “Barney” Frisk
Kathleen Funk
Maribel “Penny” Goodell
Arthur Graham
Lynne Grimshaw
Carolyn Guyton
Estelle Honner
Gerald Huge
Barbara Keyser-Fennell
Jane Kidney
Donald Koontz
Oscar Lindberg
Margaret McCampbell
William McCampbell
Mosby Mitchell
James O’Shea
Isabel Pedersen
Carol Pezowicz
Arlene Reetz
Lloyd “Jack” Reynolds
Betty Rose
Sylvie Routier
Thomas Rowe
Shirley Schickler
Gwen Sullivan
Barbara Sweeney
Clinton Terry
Lois Thompson
Alexander C. Thompson III
Dolores Tierney
Jeanne VanderValk
Mary Velte
James Wanting

Officers
- Andrea Jackson
  President of the Corporation
- Gerry Hailey
  Vice President
- Fred Chamberlain
  Treasurer
- Linda Getzen
  Clerk to the Session/
  Secretary of the Corporation
- Chris Bonnet
  President of the Foundation

Elders on Session
- 2020
  Andrea Jackson
  John McQueen
  Robin Sego
  Dotti Tyle
- 2021
  Joan Emrich
  Cliff McHenry
  Lou Stern
  Sandi Stewart
- 2022
  Marcia Baarson
  Linda Calvert
  Gerry Hailey
  Matthew Straeb

Executive Committee
Board of Deacons
- 2020
  Robert Luedeka
  Marsha Quattlebaum
  Barbara Schaal
  Richard Thompson
  Margaret (Peg) Tonn
  Carol Washchuk
- 2021
  Barry Buchanan
  Judy Colvin
  John Kennedy
  Andrew McFall
  Maxine Perry
  Stephen Soboleski
- 2022
  Emily Conklin
  Phil Ellis
  Tom Fulton
  Bob Irwin
  Charlene Nowak
Nominating Committee

To the Session and Congregation of the Church of the Palms,

The Nominating Committee of the Church of the Palms is pleased to present the following nominees for 2020:

- Four nominees for the Elder Class of 2023
- Seven nominees for the Board of Deacons: Six for the Class of 2023 and one for the Class of 2022
- Forty nominees for the Shepherding Deacon Class of 2023
- Five nominees for the Nominating Committee: Four for two year terms and one for a one year term
- Two nominees for the Memorial Garden Board for three year terms

These individuals were selected from the names suggested by the congregation, the pastoral staff, and the nominating committee. The selection criteria included worship attendance, participation and leadership in church activities, and evidence of a vibrant relationship with Jesus Christ. Additionally, we chose these nominees based on their talents related to the requirements of the particular position.

Respectfully submitted,

2019 Congregational Nominating Committee
Robin Sego
Chairperson
Marcia Baarson       Emily Conklin
Reid Wettersten      Sally Irwin
Don Schalekamp       Judy Falkenthal
Fran Patterson       Brenda Tucker

OFFICE OF ELDER

Elder Nominees

JEANNE ASAKURA

Jeanne grew up outside Philadelphia and earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Drexel University in 1969. She was a stay-at-home mom until the youngest of her 3 children started school. Jeanne was an administrative assistant in the insurance industry for 25 years before retiring in 2002. As a member of Church of the Palms since 2016 she has served as a greeter, communion server, Shepherding Deacon, a packer in the Food Pantry, registration facilitator at Day of Hope, and on the committees of the Samaritan Charity Golf Tournament and Spring Luncheon. Jeanne and her husband Ken moved to Sarasota in 2005. They enjoy playing golf and visiting their 4 granddaughters. She looks forward to the privilege of serving as an Elder.
ANDREA JACKSON

Andrea and her husband Monty joined the church with their children, Bailey and Webb, when they moved here from Atlanta in 2001. All of them have served the church in many ways over the years. Most recently, Andrea was an Elder on Session also serving as Chairman of the Administration and Finance committee, Secretary of the Foundation Board and a team member on numerous mission trips to Honduras. Andrea is honored to be serving again on Session and helping our church grow and flourish.

JASON MORTON

Jason has lived in Florida for 22 years, the last four years in Sarasota. He and his wife Victoria have enjoyed active involvement as members of The Church of the Palms. A member of the church since 2011, Jason has served on the Executive Board of Deacons, as a Shepherding Deacon and as an Instructor for S.H.A.P.E. classes. He currently serves on the Television Ministry. He has a son who is currently studying Culinary in Mississippi. Jason enjoys reading, golf, travel and family time. He looks forward to the privilege of serving as an Elder.

PAM WILLIAMS

Pamela Williams is originally from Buffalo, NY. She joined the Church of the Palms in 2009 with David Williams and they were married in the Chapel the following year. Pamela is currently a Medical Librarian for Johns Hopkins All Children’s Hospital. She earned her MLS from the University of Buffalo and her MS as a Counselor of Education from Canisius College. Pamela has actively served in a variety of ways throughout the years, primarily as a greeter, member of the Leadership Hospitality team, usher and Shepherding Deacon. Her favorite hobbies are photography, scrapbooking and card making. She is looking forward to the privilege of serving as an Elder.

OFFICE OF DEACON

Deacon Nominees

TIM BANISTER

Tim was born and raised in Evansville, IN. He came from a very devout Christian family who attended and served in the local Presbyterian Church. He graduated from Evansville College with a degree in Business. His career began with Sears, including a 10 year stint at their headquarters in Chicago. He went on to work for 20 years for Logo Athletic, Inc. as their Vice President of National Sales. He and his wife, Kathy, moved to Sarasota in 2009 and started attending Church of the Palms in 2012. He and Kathy are both Shepherding Deacons, Communion Servers and Greeters. He served as an Ambassador at Day of Hope and volunteers with the Food Pantry. Tim has 2 children, 4 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. He and Kathy have been married for 37 years, and they are so happy they found Church of the Palms.
ELIZABETH DEXTER
Elizabeth is a Sarasota native; she moved to Atlanta for college and lived there 20+ years, returning to Sarasota in 1996. She currently works as the Technical Publications Coordinator and Compliance Manager for a small software firm headquartered in California. She was confirmed at First Presbyterian (Sarasota), and is grateful for having been raised in a Christian family. Over the years, she has been part of several other churches that have enabled her to deepen her faith in the Lord. She started attending COP in early 2017, and became a member in March 2018. She currently serves as an Usher and as a Shepherding Deacon. She is also a member of the Thursday Morning Women’s Discipleship Group. She looks forward to serving as a Deacon at COP, living out “Love God, Love Neighbor.”

BOB LUEDEKA
Bob moved to Sarasota with his family from Erie, Pennsylvania in 1973. He worked for 35 years for the City of Sarasota in its Neighborhood and General Services Department. In 1981 he decided to continue the work of our Lord so he joined Church of the Palms. He is a past Elder, Deacon, Chairman of the Easter Sunrise Service, and Head Usher. Presently he is again a Deacon, Shepherding Deacon, and Stephen Minister. He continues to serve as an usher, to help with the Easter Sunrise Service, and to work in the Food Pantry. The Church of the Palms continues to be an important part of his life serving the needs of the church in helping others.

FEE MERCER
Fee moved to Sarasota from Boston in 1974 and joined Church of the Palms in 1976. Her children, Todd and Laura, were active in all the youth programs and mission trips. They were also confirmed and later married at COP. As Fee’s faith grew through many Bible studies, particularly the Disciple Series, she was led to put her faith into action. This brought her into Stephen Ministry (2002) where she continues today as a Stephen Leader. She has also served as a Deacon, a small group facilitator (Companions in Christ & Companions on the Journey) and Great Banquet Lay Director (2 years). In addition, she has given her time in many areas such as: ushering, greeting, photography and Day of Hope ambassador. She feels that it will be a privilege and an honor to once again serve as a Deacon - serving you, the church community.

SUE STOLBERG
Sue grew up in Ashland, Ohio and, after graduating from Purdue University with a B.S in Pharmacy, worked in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey before moving to Sarasota. She joined Church of the Palms in 2004 and has been an active member volunteering in the Food Pantry, church office, and Day of Hope. Sue has enjoyed serving as a Shepherding Deacon and on the First Impressions, Day of Hope and Nominating Committees. Recently she became a Stephen Minister, and she’s looking forward to serving as a Deacon.

PEG TONN
Peg has been a member of Church of the Palms for almost 30 years. She has served in many capacities including as a Sunday School Teacher, a Shepherding Deacon, a volunteer in the Food Pantry, and a Stephen Minister. She greets the congregation every Sunday as an Usher in the Sanctuary Traditional service and makes people feel welcome. She feels blessed to be able to serve and looks forward to this opportunity to serve in another compassionate position.

TOM WEBBER
Tom grew up in Michigan, eventually attending the University of Michigan. After serving two years in the Army, Tom joined the U.S. Government in 1966 as an intelligence officer. After a satisfying career that took his wife Dee and him to many locations, he retired in 1993. He and Dee moved to Sarasota and he began a second career as a small business owner. They joined Church of the Palms that fall and have been active with several local missions. Tom previously served one term as Elder.
Shepherding Deacon Nominees
Class of 2023

Andersen, Ellen
Andersen, Katherine
Andersen, Roy
Boeger, Julie
Bonifield, Marie
Burket, Karen
Cunningham, Bill
Cunningham, Ellen
Dickinson, Linelle
Dickinson, Roger
Dingle, Karen

Frisosky, Margo
Gillespie, John
Goshorn, Catherine
Haas, Nancy
Hancock, Jane
Hoigne, Nancy
Jason, Eric
Jeffrey, Kirk
Jordan, Patricia
Keck, Deborah
Kita-Spivey, Yoko

Leuner, Rick
McAbee, Dell
McCabe, Diane
McQueen, Mary
Meade, Gaye
Midkiff-Willis, Mary Ellen
Morley, Vicki
Neisler, Susan
Nunemaker, Sally
Pierce, Linda
Piver, Donna

Piver, Lee
Quattlebaum, Kyle
Schaal, Barbara
Todd, Carlene
Watrous, Helen
Williams, Barbara
Wilson, June

Nominating Committee
Two Year Terms

John Cavanaugh
Paul Nielsen
Christi Schitea
Mary Ann Vollrath
Judy Rodda (one year term)

Memorial Garden Board
Three Year Terms

Lee Gast
Jan Ricci
“CHURCH OF THE PALMS WONDERFUL CONNECTION”

Participants pack meals during the Rise Against Hunger event held in November.
CHURCH OF THE PALMS HAS SERVED AS SUCH A WONDERFUL CONNECTION FOR ME AND MY FAMILY.”

- Britton Stevens
Memorial Garden Board
Annual Report

The Memorial Garden was dedicated in April 1993. The boundaries of the Garden were established by the Session as the area around the Oak tree and the ground around the Chapel. The Memorial Garden Board was established to oversee the Garden and the engraving of the Memorial Garden Wall. The Board reports to the congregation with oversight of the By-Laws by the Session.

Members of the Church of the Palms and spouses are eligible to have their cremains spread in the Garden. An application with a $500.00 fee per individual is required. The fee covers the engraving of the name on the wall and for the perpetual care of the Garden. Memorial Garden Funds are maintained in a dedicated account in the church treasury for day to day expenses, and the balance of the funds are maintained by the Foundation for the Church of the Palms.

The fund balances are:

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### 2019 INCOME

- Applications & Gifts $11,800

### 2019 EXPENSES

- Maintenance, postage, paper, etc. $3,704.92

**Board Members**

Sue Angle • Lee Gast • Judy Armitage • Ginny Greenawalt • Jan Ricci • Paul Nielsen

Respectively Submitted,

**Judy Armitage**

Memorial Garden Board Treasurer
Total Mission Support

**Mission (External)**

**Benevolence - PRP, PCUSA**

Beth-El Wimauma PRP  
Mision Peniel Immokalee PRP  
Cedarkirk PRP  
Kirkuk Presbyterian Church (Iraq)  
Middle East - Pam Schubert  
Strong Kids, Strong Emotions

| Total Benevolence PRP, PCUSA | $40,500 |

**Worldwide Missions**

Honduras Eye Clinic  
Honduras Good Samaritan  
Wycliffe - Darcie Drymon  
New Hope Bulgaria - Dimitri Todorov  
Nicaragua Young Life

| Total Worldwide Missions | $35,900 |

**Local Missions**

Brothers & Sisters Doing the Right Thing  
Resurrection House  
The Good Samaritan Mission  
Pastor’s Assistance  
Extra Commitment  
Mission Expo  
Mission Interpretation

| Total Local Missions | $22,903 |

Total Global Missions  

| $99,303 |

**Mission (Internal)**

**Session Missions**

Palms Preschool Scholarships  
Wilkinson Elementary  
Samaritan Counseling

| Session Mission TTL | $55,356 |

Total Mission Spend  

| $154,659 |

**Special Offerings & Designated Gifts**

Advent Dinner *(Benefiting Samaritan Counseling)*  
Day of Hope  
Food Pantry  
Palms Preschool  
Special Gifts for Missions  
Tutoring  
Two Cents a Meal

| Total Other Gifts | $162,352 |

**In-Kind (Internal)**

Palms Preschool  
Good Samaritan  
Day of Hope  
Food Pantry  
Back to Basics Tutoring

| Total In-Kind | $169,558 |

**$277,161**

2019 Total Mission Support

For a detailed breakdown please refer to the Financial Report available on our website at www.churchofthepalms.org
# 2020 Annual Financial Report for the Operating Ministry Budget of Church of the Palms

## Income

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## Expense Detail

### Spiritual Community

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### Palms Preschool

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Report of the Foundation for the Church of the Palms

The Board of Directors of the Foundation is pleased to report that in 2019 it approved grants totaling $231,000 to the Church of the Palms and its mission partners. Each year the Board of Directors considers grant requests that are submitted through the Session. A grant guideline is determined each year by the Directors. In accordance with its bylaws this amount is 4% of a 5 year rolling average of the unrestricted assets. In 2019 the amount was $232,033.

Grant requests were approved in 2019 as follows:

- **$15,000**  
  Honduras Eye Clinic, to purchase a new van

- **$37,000**  
  Theological Leadership Grant, first year of multi-year, assisting 2 staff members to pursue advanced theological study

- **$54,000**  
  Faith and Society Speakers Series for 2020

- **$30,000**  
  Faith and Society Special Speaker Series

- **$125,000**  
  Open Palms Extra Mile

As set out in more detail on the following page, the Foundation ended 2019 with unrestricted and restricted assets of $7,352,342. Restricted accounts consist of Memorial Garden Fund $139,241, Scholarship Fund $68,107 and Food Pantry Fund $90,446.
BEGINNING BALANCE 01/01/2019  $ 6,543,661  
Bequests and donations 15,400  
Dividend/interest income 133,691  
Foreign tax withholding (4,757)  
Change in accrued interest 1,159  
Change in market value 964,727  
Expenses (13,018)  
Fees (52,000)  
Grants made (231,000)  
Distribution to Scholarship Fund (5,522)  

ENDING BALANCE 12/31/2019  $7,352,342  

The Foundation would not exist and could not support the church without the vision and generosity of its donors, past and present. We are thankful to those church members who have included the Foundation in their estate plans. As a small token of our appreciation our donors are recognized in the Legacy Society and if desired on the Legacy Tree located in the Narthex of the Sanctuary.

Beginning in 1983, the Foundation has distributed in excess of $5 million dollars and has been a faithful steward of all the gifts it has received. We will continue to work hard and be true to: Honoring the Legacy - Advancing the Mission.

It has been a privilege to serve as President of our Foundation in 2019 and I would like to express my appreciation and gratitude to our hard-working board members, Sonja Veal-Volino (Treasurer), Leslie Jeffries (Secretary), Bill Reynolds, David MacMillan, Marlene Petro and Bruce Steeves. We look forward to welcoming our newest member, Matthew Straeb, as we say farewell to David MacMillan who has been a valuable member of our board for the past 6 years. We thank you for your leadership, David.

The Board looks forward to an exciting new decade and what plans God may have in store for us, and we appreciate your continued support and prayers.

Christopher P. Bonnet  
President for the Foundation
WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE PALMS. OUR DEEP COMMITMENT IS TO LOVE GOD AND 
LOVE NEIGHBOR. WE CELEBRATE AND EMPLOY ONE ANOTHER’S GIFTS, EXPERIENCE, 
AND KNOWLEDGE. WE EMPOWER EACH OTHER IN CREATING A MEANINGFUL IMPACT. 
AND WE SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER’S GROWTH AND WELLNESS.