



Community PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

of Clarendon Hills

2024 Annual Report



A Message from Our Pastor

Reverend Beth Freese Dammers
Pastor / Head of Staff



Beloved Church,

Let us give all thanks and praise to the God!

We are blessed to welcome many new families to CPC. I love the energy these families bring, their warmth and openness and the curiosity of the children. We are so fortunate to share this life of faith with them. As much as they may come to CPC for relationship, nurture and faith formation, we too receive the gift of their companionship, joy and enthusiasm.

Youth Ministry continued to thrive in 2024. We are incredibly grateful for the intelligence and wisdom of the Rev. Susan Tindall, and we celebrated her four years of ministry at CPC in June before she moved to start a new call. Middle school and youth are thriving with the help of many strong leaders and some very committed, wonderful youth.

Church, you continue to be the loving heart of Jesus Christ in the world. Your service to those in need and your generosity to mission projects are tangible ways we demonstrate to our neighbors and the world what it means to be followers of Jesus.

Mission Projects:

- Assisting refugee families with Exodus
 - Children's mission collections of socks, blankets and toys
 - Thanksgiving Dinner for 100+ people
 - And many more!
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We have so much to anticipate: engaging worship, stimulating art, and inspired music. Let CPC continue to be the place where we grow our faith and build lasting relationships!

Beth

We Are A Welcoming, Caring Faith Community

Welcomed New Families

8 Adults

4 Youth

4 Children



Of course, there was cake!

A new PW Circle
was created by the
CPC community at
Oak Trace

OAK TRACE |



A LIFESPACE COMMUNITY®

Strong Participation in Fellowship Events

Trivia Night
with 80 Attendees



Fall Kickoff



Progressive Dinner
with 48 Attendees



CPC website
improvements to better
reach prospective
visitors



CPC Kids' Fellowship



CPC Youth Fellowship



We Supported Our Community with Mission Outreach and Welcoming Activities

Your pledges enabled
\$52,000
in Mission Giving to:
16 Local Charitable Organizations

Amazing free concerts with renowned musicians raise awareness of CPC



242 attendees with 75% from the community

Youth Mission Caravan Trip



Raised >\$3,000 for World Vision



\$4,600 for mission and agencies



Clarendon Hills Christmas Tree Gallery



Serves our community with affordable, high quality child care/ education and planning for public full-day Kindergarten in 2025

More than 100 Thanksgiving dinners for those in need



We Provided Rich, Spiritual Growth and Education For Adults, Children and Youth

26 Adult Ed Classes

Including topics such as:

- Presbyterian Disaster Relief after Hurricane Helene
- Caring for Aging Parents
- Civil Rights Trail Deep Dive

Civil Rights Trail Pilgrimage



Circle of Voices



CPC Youth



Thursday Morning Devotions



Middle School Youth



Moved to Sundays with a "Pre-Cubes" structure

Grace Space and CPC Kids



We Participated in Engaging Worship and Celebratory Blessings

Worship on the Lawn with puppets



Bigger than ever Pet Blessing



Youth Sunday



Christmas Pageant



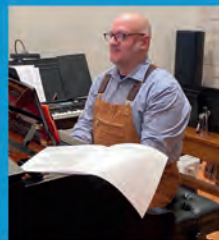
Beautiful Music



Pastor Susan Send-off



Celebrating Jason Hill



Welcoming Robert Sacks



Restarted delivery of Communion to homebound members



Our energetic youth leaders stepping up during search for Associate Pastor



Cube Leaders



Middle School Leaders

Thanks to the APNC as they search for our Associate Pastor



Amy Campbell



Val Cooper



Kendall Florence



Alison Kocoras



Teagan Manning



Ken Monson



Gianni Salbego

We Maintained Strong Financial Health for a Vital Future

| | 2024 <u>Budget</u> | 2024 <u>Actual</u> | 2025 <u>Budget</u> |
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| Revenue | \$732,783 | \$757,358 | \$712,867 |
| Expenses | \$731,555 | \$668,559 | \$758,417 |
| Income | \$1,229 | \$88,799 | (\$45,550) |

- 2024 surplus was \$88,799 versus a planned surplus of \$1,229
- Actual income benefited from stronger than expected interest income, significantly higher plate/non-pledge giving, and 8.6% lower expenses driven by lower Administration, House and Grounds and Personnel expenses
- \$88K surplus, per Session, is being transferred to the Capital fund to support future planned large capital projects
- 2025 approved budget has a \$45.5K planned deficit due in part to a \$30K new line item to the Capital fund to save for future large capital projects

2025 Stewardship

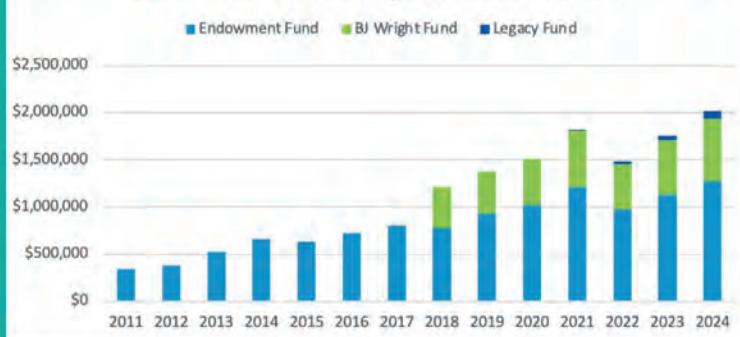


- Pledges to date are \$556, 627, less than 2024's extraordinary \$591,784 but ahead of the previous seven years and put us in a good position to support two pastors
- Average pledges are up 1.7%, highest in church history
- Pledges welcomed from 111 families, including 8 first-time pledgers

Sustained Growth in Endowment Funds, Maintained our Grounds and Created Funding Plans for Needed Building Repairs

Endowment Funds over \$2 Million

Endowment Funds grew 15% in 2024



- Strong financial markets allowed our 3 endowment funds to grow to over \$2 million; the value of the 3 funds increased by 15% to \$2,018,888
- The Legacy Fund received most of the \$35K in gifts and was able to distribute \$1,372 to the General Fund in 2024

- Session approved the future transfer of unused annual Endowment Fund distribution capacity to a newly created sub-account of the General Fund, where it can be used to fund larger capital projects over time
- \$24,861 was distributed from the Endowment Fund for House and Grounds projects
- >\$11,000 BJ Wright Funds were distributed to support Youth and summer interns

We beautified our “Corner in the Community”



Priorities for 2025

Build upon 2024 efforts to:

- Welcome the community to be part of our faith family
- Increase engagement of all ages in worship and other educational programs
- Cultivate a caring community among members and visitors
- Create a strong sense of community and engagement with youth, CPC kids and their families
- Support those in need in the community and beyond through mission and service opportunities
- Ensure the continued financial health of our church