

HAMPTON BAPTIST CHURCH

2020 Book of Reports for January 1 through December 31



Annual Church Night

Annual Meeting of
Hampton Baptist Church
Hampton, Virginia
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Pastor's Annual Letter

January 27, 2021

Dear Hampton Baptist family,

It is with joy that I sit down to write my first annual letter to you as your pastor. I have enjoyed serving Hampton Baptist Church, and I am deeply thankful for the way that you have welcomed my family. I look forward to the day when we regather in person so that we can continue to build deeper relationships with one another.

In the three months that I've been with you, I have seen much to be thankful for. I was pleased with the spirit and energy in our first Path Forward townhall discussion, and I look forward to the next one. I think that we have a promising strategy to retire our debt, eliminate deficit spending, and put the church on firmer financial footing. I'm thankful for those who have given such careful thought and preparation to our finances.

Even with the challenges of COVID-19, our church has remained active in our community. Many members from Hampton Baptist participated in the Juneteenth Faith Walk after the killing of George Floyd. Members from Hampton Baptist have continued to meet regularly with other churches in Hampton, to build relationships and be ready to speak about our community's challenges from a united, faith-based perspective. I'm thankful for the way that our members are invested in the good of our city.

I'm also grateful for the technological strides that have been made. The ability to continue worship, Bible study, and Sunday School virtually has been a huge accomplishment, and one that the church did not even imagine a year ago. I'm thankful to those who made this possible (and who worked so hard to iron out the kinks) so that we could continue in ministry together.

I'm also thankful for all the people who continue to make our church life possible. While much has changed, we still have volunteers who answer the phones, serve at SAME, lead in worship, teach the word of God, manage committees, and more. The year 2020 may not have been the year we wanted, but you still stepped up and did what needed to be done. That willing, adaptable spirit is a huge blessing for our church.

Finally, I'm most thankful for the faithfulness of God in this season. Over the past few years, I've often thought about an essay that Dietrich Bonhoeffer once wrote titled "After Ten Years." It contained his reflections on what he had learned after 10 years of resisting Nazi rule in Germany. Our situation certainly hasn't been as dire as his was, but there's a line in his essay that has come back to me again and again: "One may ask whether there have ever before in human history been people with so little ground under their feet." That is a feeling that I can relate to—in the past few years, I have often felt that the ground has been ripped out while I stood on it. Each passing day brought something else that I never expected. It has been a deeply unsettling time.

With that feeling of disorientation, I appreciate what Bonhoeffer says that he learned in his context:

"I believe that God can and will bring good out of evil, even out of the greatest evil. For that purpose, he needs [people] who make the best use of everything. I believe that God will give us all the strength we need to help us resist in all time of distress. But he never gives it in advance, lest we should rely on ourselves and not on him alone."

We do not know what the year ahead will bring, or how we will face it. But the faithfulness of God is waiting for us there, ready to supply all of our needs—at the moment when we need it—according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. When the time comes, we'll find the way. Thanks be to God.

In the hope of the gospel,

Andrew Garnett

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

And the God of love and peace will be with you -- 2 Corinthians 13:11 NIV

1. There's a sweet, sweet spir - it in this place, And I
sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, And I
2. There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive Till you
one to prof - it when you say, "I am

know that it's the spir - it of the Lord. There are
know that it's the pres - ence of the You're the
know Him in His full - ness, and be - lieve.
going to walk with Je - sus all the

Lord. Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, Sweet Heav'n - ly Dove,
way."

*You're right here with us Fill - ing us with Your love. And for these

bless - ings We lift our hearts in praise; With - out a doubt we'll know

that we have been re - vived, When we shall leave this place.

God of Every Generation

Chester L. Brown

GENERATION

Gary E. Lewis

1. God of ev - 'ry gen - er - a - tion, Lord of ev - 'ry chang - ing hour,
2. Light, O Lord, our dark - est val - leys, Point us to Your sun - lit skies,
3. Join us to the saints a - round us And to those whose deeds are done;
4. God of ev - 'ry gen - er - a - tion, Lord of ev - 'ry chang - ing hour;

Speak a - gain Your truth a - mong us, Fill us with Your prom - ised pow'r.
Lest we stum - ble in our blind - ness And pass by Your glo - rious prize.
That with voic - es joy - ful ring - ing We may praise Your time - less Son.
Speak a - gain Your truth a - mong us, Fill us with Your prom - ised pow'r.

Make of us Your new cre - a - tion, Filled with grac - es from a - bove;
Give to us a new com - pas - sion For an earth still filled with need,
Grant that noth - ing less - er tempt us To ne - glect Your gra - cious call,
Go be - fore us, great Re - deem - er, Lord and Guide of all our way;

That in wor - ship and in ser - vice We may share Your won - drous love.
That with cour - age we may tri - umph O - ver sin and death and greed.
For the fu - ture comes to meet us And this day de - mands our all.
Lead us through this age of won - der To Your grand and glo - rious day!

WORKERS TOGETHER WITH GOD

TRUSTEES

Susanna McKendree Scott Seymour William Trimble

LIFE DEACONS

Phil Curtis Lucille Everhart
Cynthia Otte (passed Jan. 20) Gary Powell Frank Schneider

TERM DEACONS

<i>Term ends Dec. 31, 2020</i>	<i>Term ends Dec. 31, 2021</i>	<i>Term ends Dec. 31, 2022</i>
Bill Abeyounis	Greg Bane	Jane Austin (Lifetime Deacon Nov. 2020)
Kim Coleman	Jeff Barefoot	Lisa Smith (for Jane Austin)
Chris Farrow	Linda Byrd	Ann Bane
Nancy Forbes	Chuck Clemens	Susan Crigler Castle
Becky Glass	Jon Ewing	Ken Goetzke
Robert Hudson	Phil Everhart, Jr.	Melissa Lerner
Don Garber	Carole Lynn	Lit Little
Dick Everett	Susanna McKendree	Ken Matthews
Amy Witcover -Sandford	Betty Miller	Tommy O'Bryan
Scott Seymour	Jenny Sigler	Jim Puckett II

Chairman: Nancy Forbes
Vice Chairman: Vivian Deal Secretary: Wanda Matthews

CHURCH OFFICERS

Clerk: Brenda Cole
Treasurer: Carol Seymour
Financial Secretary: Ann Michael
Moderator: Greg Bane

ORGANIZATIONS

Sunday School Director: Jon Ewing
Sunday School Asst Director: Lisa Garber
WMU Director: Marian Supplee (temp.)
Chief Usher: Gary Powell

STAFF

Dr. Michael Clingenpeel, Intentional Interim Pastor (concluding Oct. 2020)
Reverend Andrew Garnett, Pastor beginning (Oct. 2020)
Dr. Roy Belfield, Jr., Minister of Music/Organist
Mr. Aaron Whittington, Director of Youth
Mrs. Darlene Scheepers, Administrative Assistant
Mr. Larry Jones, Facilities Technician
Dr. Chester Brown, Pastor Emeritus

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The Bylaws of Hampton Baptist Church state: "An annual business meeting of the church shall be held on the fourth Wednesday of January and reports shall be submitted for the entire year's work." (Article III, Section II). (*The date was changed due to prior building commitments for the housing of Nights Welcome.)

HAMPTON BAPTIST CHURCH

2020

BLESSINGS

Baby Dedication

ADDITIONS

Profession of Faith/Baptism

Transfer by Letter

Pastor Andrew & Jessie Garnett

LOSSES

Death

Letter of Transfer or Drop

Cynthia Otte
Frank Ranson
George Steinmetz
Joe Griffin
Bev Doyer
Neal Lewis
Ashton Elliott (Past Member)
Ruth Geringer
Neal Lewis
Jerry Richard
Latrell Malone(*)

MEMBERSHIP JANUARY 1, 2020	1101
New members by profession of faith/baptism	0
New members by letter of transfer/statement	2
New members under Watchcare (*not included in Totals)	<u>(*0)</u>
Total Additions	1103
Losses by letter of transfer/request to be dropped	0
Losses from Watchcare (*)	(*1)
Losses by death	<u>9</u>
Total Losses	9
 MEMBERSHIP DECEMBER 31, 2019	 1094

All required reports were filed. The business and activities of the church, recommendations of the deacons, and special programs and events have been recorded in the Clerk's Book.

Brenda Cole, Clerk
Darlene Scheepers, Administrative Assistant

AUDITING COMMITTEE

No report at this time.

Don Garber, Chair

BAPTISMAL COMMITTEE

No Baptisms to report for baptismal committee for 2020. I would like to thank Phil Everhart, Jr. Tommy O'Bryan, Mildred Barnes and Gary Powell for their continued support and dedication to this important service and our church.

Kay Powell, Chair

CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

Members are Tracy Hudson, Corinna Payne, Cheryl Pearce, Brooke Puckett, Nancy Trimble, Lit Little, Tommy O'Bryan, Lindsey Bane, and Jon Ewing. The Children's Committee did not meet in 2020.

Jon Ewing, Chair

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

The Constitution Committee met early in the year to continue consideration of certain provisions in the By-Laws that may need revision. After initial meetings with the Intentional Interim Pastor, the project was put on hold during the COVID-19 pandemic and to allow for the call of a Senior Pastor. No changes to the By-Laws were recommended or voted on during the year. There remains in place an ad hoc committee formed in late 2019 by the Chair of the Board of Deacons to consider and make recommendations concerning the church's existing standing committees. This committee, which includes members of the Constitution Committee, Jim Puckett II and Chuck Clemens, will work with the new Senior Pastor to develop recommendations relating to the existing committee structure to be presented to the members during 2021.

Scott Seymour, Chair

BOARD OF DEACONS

We began the year on Saturday, January 11 with our annual retreat held in the Fellowship Hall. It was attended by 23 deacons and our interim pastor, Mike Clingenpeel. After offering our thoughts on several reflective questions, we broke up into small groups to problem solve a situation presented by Dr. Clingenpeel.

On Sunday, January 12, Kim Coleman was ordained during our worship service as she began serving out her husband's unexpired term.

We were saddened at the passing of one of our Life Deacons, Cynthia Patrick Lawson Otte, and four former deacons - Frank Ranson, Beverly Doyer, George Steinmetz, and Neal Lewis. Each played a vital part in the workings of our church.

Transparency continued to be a goal of mine. All church members were welcome at our monthly meetings. It is important that everyone had the opportunity to know the business of the church.

In February we held a soup & salad Deacon Lunch followed by an Active Shooter presentation given by our own, Jeff Barefoot. It was well attended, and important information disseminated.

In mid-March, we, along with the rest of the country, were thrown a curve ball - COVID-19. We began having our monthly meetings on ZOOM - including two call meetings. Interestingly, there was better attendance on those than in person.

We have seven Deacon Teams. Some are more active than others. One of our teams - Emeritus, chaired by Susan Crigler Castle, continued to be very active throughout the year by sending cards and making sure that each person was remembered with flowers from the weekly sanctuary arrangements.

We supported SAME asking for permission to apply for several grants - which they received. Several of our deacons have worked tirelessly to get some of our building repairs completed. Meetings were not held in March (due to the pandemic) and August (there was no business to discuss). Jane Austin, Jon Ewing, Gary Powell, and I worked to update HBC's guidelines for deacon duties and responsibilities. Some parts still need to be tweaked by the current deacon teams. From a list of qualifying deacons (those who have served at least three complete terms), Jane Austin was voted in as a new Life Deacon first by us and then by the church membership.

Due to COVID-19, we were not able to do some of the activities that we would normally engage in such as a Prayer Retreat and a second Deacon Lunch.

Thank you to Jon Ewing, vice-chair, and Jane Austin, secretary, for serving with me this year and willingly doing whatever I asked of them. A thank you also goes out to the outgoing deacons who have served with me for the past three years - Bill Abeyounis, Dick Everett, Chris Farrow, Don Garber, Becky Glass, Robert Hudson, Scott Seymour, Amy Witcover-Sandford and Kim Coleman, Larry's widow, who graciously completed his term.

I have been richly blessed and have enjoyed serving in this capacity for the past two years.

Nancy Forbes, Chair

EDUCATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Members are Jon Ewing (Dir of SS), Becky Glass (Deacon), Brenda Cole, Raynelle Ewing, Beverly O'Bryan, Betty Miller, Carol Seymour, Mary Etta Brown, and Mary Dotson. The Educational Advisory Committee did not meet in 2020.

Jon Ewing, Chair

FINANCE COUNTING COMMITTEE

The Finance Counting Committee is responsible for receiving each Sunday's offering and counting the offering as designated by each contributor. It then deposits the funds into the church's bank account and certifies the results, by written report, to the appropriate church officials.

Early in the year, because of the COVID 19 dangers, the practice of gathering a group of committee members to process the offering was discontinued. For the remainder of the year and into the future, the processing has been done by one of the three co-chairs on a rotational basis. Also, during the year there have been suggestions for the increased use of electronic giving options, which could eventually affect the makeup and procedures of the committee.

Lit Little, Chair

FINANCE PLANNING COMMITTEE

In accordance with the church constitution, this year the Finance Planning Committee presented a financial program, an estimated budget, and a final budget to the deacons and then the church for approval. Pledge cards were mailed to members and a stewardship message was delivered to the congregation. In addition, the committee continues to monitor progress on our ten-year financial plan. While we still have work to do to eliminate our debt and end deficit spending, we are making good progress.

The approved 2020 budget reflects an approximate 1% reduction from 2020 levels. We continued to deficit spend in 2020 and final numbers will not be known until early February 2021. Also, in 2020, we refinanced the remaining debt with Old Point National Bank, lowering our interest rate and in the process lowering our annual debt service on the loan by over \$11,000 per year. To retire the remaining debt, we have reviewed with the deacons the timing and plan for our 3rd Capital Campaign. Once the debt is retired, we will no longer need to deficit spend each year.

Finally, pledges are slightly down for 2021. We are hopeful more pledges will be received early in 2021. We received 46 pledge cards for 2021 totaling \$268,666. We are all part of a generous and giving community of faith.

In the face of a pandemic, the church has done well financially. Well done good and faithful servants!

Pat Garvey, Chair, Financial Planning Committee

FLOWER COMMITTEE

The Flower Committee continued to function and thrive in spite of the COVID pandemic that brought almost everything else to a halt! Folks continued to provide beautiful fresh flowers for our Sunday services just as if nothing had changed. Ken and Sandy Matthews and Heather Klose gifted the church with lilies at Easter and poinsettias at Christmas.

The members of this committee work diligently to beautify the church during holiday seasons, hanging wreaths, arranging lilies and poinsettias, and other touches that add to the decor. Because of their dedication to this ministry, our Emeritus members and others in need enjoy the floral arrangements as well as continued contact from their church family. This year, these special committee members were: Brenda Cole, Nancy Trimble, Patty Price, Toni Wilkins, and Susan Crigler Castle.

The committee wishes to commend Larry Jones and Darlene Scheepers for their continued willingness to help make this ministry a success.

Jane Garvey, Chair

GREETER COMMITTEE

The committee did not meet in 2020.

Greg Bane, Chair

HISTORY COMMITTEE

The History Committee did not meet in 2020.

Several years back, the History Committee decided we needed to update the History of Hampton Baptist Church, written and published at the time of the 175th Anniversary, in time for the 225th Anniversary. Some progress was made in compiling information, reading old newsletters, sermons and Deacons Reports; but a combination of events, including moving our archives out of the History workroom to a closet in the Heritage Room, the demolition of the Education (“New”) Building and construction of the new annex, and personal health issues preempted the completion of the project. My hope is that the History Committee can return to this project and achieve a product in time for the 230th Anniversary.

Wanda Matthews, Chair

INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Hampton Baptist Church Portfolio

	12/31/2019	12/31/2020
Savings		
Money Market	\$4,160	\$4,160
Old Point CD	\$32,433	\$32,880
Vanguard Index Funds	\$475,167	\$508,514*
Total	\$511,760	\$545,554
Memorial		
Money Market	\$4,396	\$4,397
Total	\$4,396	\$4,397
Total Portfolio	\$516,156	\$549,951

* \$50,000 withdrawal

Music Account: \$40,204

The stock market began 2020 strong and bullish but was upended early as it gave way to the pandemic and the forced shut down of the economy. By late March, the market had declined 34%. For the remainder of the year, the market staged a remarkable recovery aided by aggressive policy measures by the Federal Reserve and economic stimulus by Congress. The S&P 500 capped a tumultuous and volatile year as it pushed higher by 16.3% and the church portfolio was almost identical, up 16.2%. Asset allocation at year-end was 93% equity and 7% fixed income.

Ron Chance, Chair

KITCHEN COMMITTEE

The committee met once on committee night to discuss plans for the 2020 year.

Because of the COVID19 pandemic, the kitchen was not leased or used by any outside organizations, or large groups for cooking or preparing meals. It was used by S.A.M.E. and Night's Welcome people for staging and distributing meals.

No major problems were reported. One minor problem was reported for a mal-functioning thermometer on the old refrigerator. The temperature inside was as required. The technician suggested that we should purchase portable thermometers for the refrigerators and freezer rather than bear the expense for replacing the bad thermometer. That was done.

As required annually, the hood over the cooking area was inspected and recertified.

Because of the pandemic and lack of use of the kitchen no other formal meetings of the committee were held.

Roy Austin and Chuck Clemens, Co-Chairs

LORD'S SUPPER COMMITTEE

The Lords Supper Committee is responsible for the purchase and up-keep of the Lord's Supper elements, linens, and equipment. In 2020 the committee prepared for 3 Regular services and 4 services with the cup and wafer combined.

The committee consisted of seven members: Carole Lynn, Raynelle Ewing, Faye Everett, Jenny Sigler and Gary Powell. A special thanks to Joyce Clemens as our sub and Bonnie Madre for making the loaf bread. Thanks, and appreciation to all of you for your dedication, commitment, and service. A special thanks to all extra-fill-in help for assisting the committee.

Kay Powell, Chair

MEMORIAL FUND COMMITTEE

Our committee members for 2020 included: Vivian Deal, Lucille Everhart, Ann Hogg, Virginia Kanoy, Steve Sandford, and Nancy Forbes, chair. HBC has three (3) counting committees, and at least one Memorial Fund member is on each of those committees. This helps us track all memorial gifts in a timely manner. An acknowledgement to all contributors is sent out by our committee. Monthly letters are written to the bereaved family listing the name/s of each contribution made in memory of their loved one. Also, included with this letter is the cumulative amount received and to what fund it was designated.

During this year, contributions were received in memory of Cynthia Otte, Frank Ranson, Beverly Doyer, George Steinmetz, Joe Griffin, Neal Lewis, Erin Lewis, Doug Simmons, Virginia Johnston, Larry Coleman, Doug Heard, Steve Barnes, and Margaret Hatchett. About half of the contributions were for the building fund, the others for the memorial fund. Families have 5 years to determine where they would like their memorial gifts to be used.

As of December 31, 2020, the Memorial Fund has approximately \$4, 500.00 in it. Just a reminder, within the last two years undesignated memorial money was used to replace all 96 windows in the old section of the church and to refurbish the parlor - money well spent, and much needed.

Nancy Forbes, Chair

MISSION STATEMENT

Hampton Baptist Church, a fellowship of Christians baptized to symbolize their faith that Jesus Christ is Son of God and Savior, is united in covenant for the proclamation of that message, the worship of God, observance of ordinances established by Christ, instruction in spiritual growth, cooperative endeavors with other churches, and service to society consistent with the gospel imperative.

VISION STATEMENT

Adopted in 2007, it helps us define who our church is and where we are going:

"From generation to generation, we will seek to proclaim the good news of God's grace by following the example of Jesus Christ who ministered to the needs of others through teaching, serving, and loving God and neighbors."

MISSIONS COUNCIL

This year the Mission Council continued to oversee, guide and prioritize mission activities at HBC. Due to the pandemic, we have not met in person since the beginning of 2020. However, we have been able to further the mission of HBC. Along with continuing 2019 funding to support CBF (including the Village of Hope), the BGAV, the PBA, HELP and the Pastoral Counseling Center, we increased our support to the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank and became a partner member of THRIVE peninsula. THRIVE supports our community through critical bill assistance, a food pantry, financial coaching as well as other supportive services which keep individuals and families from losing their homes. This has been especially important during the pandemic. Amy Witcover-Sandford has been trained as a Master Financial Education Volunteer and beginning in the Fall began meeting with THRIVE clients at St. John's church for financial coaching sessions. SAME is working with THRIVE to discuss the possibility of bringing financial coaching to SAME guests as well. (Let Amy know if you would like to volunteer to be trained).

The Mission Council also participated in the Downtown Hampton Churches KNOCK OUT HUNGER Food Fight food drive. This drive was spear headed by Hampton Baptist Church, First Presbyterian, and the Foodbank. The first "Round" was in June and the effort brought in 5,281lbs and \$5,787.00 which equates to a total of **28,429 meals**. "Round 2" was in November with a collection of 1,037lbs and \$4040.00 equaling **17,197 meals**. In 2021 we hope to have a "Round" each quarter. This is a great way for Hampton churches to come together to serve the community.

During 2020 SAME and ANW (A Night's Welcome) purchased nearly **23,500lbs** of product from the Foodbank. (Please see their reports for detailed information about these programs). The WMU continued to enact mission work despite the pandemic and despite the retirement of long-time director Marian Supplee. (Their report is also included elsewhere).

Perhaps during a time when we are so physically separated, the importance of the Mission Council is more keenly felt. Through the dedication and hard work, through the large hearts and giving hands of so many at HBC, we have been able to make God's love felt in tangible ways in our community and around the world.

Amy Witcover-Sandford, Council Chair

MUSIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The music ministry at Hampton Baptist experienced a very traumatic year that mirrored most everyone's attitude about this past year. Musicians and singers were especially hard hit because we weren't able to do what we love to do on a regular basis, if at all. Our first hard hit was the cancellation of the Messiah (Easter section) performance, which was to be a joint collaboration with the St. Johns choir. This happened at the start of quarantine when we really had no idea what was going on and was an incredible shock to all participants.

All of that being said, we are so incredibly blessed to be under the leadership of Dr. Roy Belfield, who has made the best of the situation. As we began recording services to broadcast to members when we were not allowed to go to church, Roy invited musicians who could provide socially distanced solos or small group performances to enhance the recorded videos. Our tech-savvy crew even started splicing in previous preludes for us to enjoy at the beginning of the service.

As we were able to join in worship at the church, we continued to have HBC musicians and some guest musicians come in and enhance the worship service by providing music. Many people took turns playing the handbells so that we could have the Chiming of the Hour at the beginning of every service. And as always, a weekly highlight was Roy's masterful and emotional playing on our beautiful piano.

Staying back home again during the advent season, Roy gifted our congregation with beautiful organ solos of some of our most loved and missed Christmas music that were sent out on Facebook. We had a larger group of socially distanced singers and also the Ambrosia Quartet provide music for our Lessons and Carols service. (Again, thanks to our IT dept and especially Aaron for taping and putting these together).

Our hope for the coming year is that we will again be able to sing or play together to God's glory when we are finally safe enough to be together. What a wonderful day it will be, hearing the music again that has been such a treasured part of our history and ministry.

Alystra Barefoot, Chair



MUSIC MINISTRY AT HAMPTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Sandy Taylor, Director of Concord Choir

Mike Bjorklund, Director of HBC Youth Handbell Choir

Dot Little, Director of Steeple Singers

Cheryl Pearce, Assistant Director of Melody Choir

Nancy Trimble, Director of Melody Choir

Roy Belfield, Minister of Music/Organist

Thank you to the members who provided music for our morning worship services in December and January. If a choir/non-choir member is interested in providing music for our worship services, please reach out to me. Also, if anyone is interested in playing the chiming of the hour for a Sunday morning service, please let me know.

DECEMBER 2020

December 6 - Martha Owens

December 13 - Lessons and Carols Service

December 20 - Beth Goddin, guest soprano

December 27 - Alystra Barefoot & Corinna Payne, sopranos

JANUARY 2021

January 3 - Terrence Bennett, guest tenor

January 10 - Emelia Goetzke, soprano

January 17 - Bob Crute, tenor

January 24 - Jeff Joyner, guest tenor

January 31 - Jackie & Melissa Coleman, handbell duet

Our virtual Lessons and Carols service was held during worship service on Sunday, December 13th. We were blessed to have the Ambrosia String Quartet as our guest musicians who also accompanied several members of our Music Ministry. Thank you, Billy and Nancy Trimble, Suki Pierce, and Jess and Toni Wilkins, for your generous instrumental sponsorships. Also, thank you to Chester and Mary Etta Brown, for their annual sponsorship of harpist Vince Zentner, our guest musician for Christmas Eve.

Submitted by Roy L. Belfield, Jr., Minister of Music/Organist

2020 Nominating Committee Report

Liz Abeyounis, Lindsey Bane, Dexter Bird, Lin Eure, Vivian Deal (chair), Virginia Kanoy, Frank Ranson, Ellen Velissarios, Amy Witcover-Sandford

	Chair	Members	2020 Nominations
Auditing	Don Garber	Don Garber, David Glass, Cliff Moore	Added Cliff Moore
Baptismal	Kay Powell	Phil Everhart, Jr, Tommy O'Bryan, Gary Powell, Kay Powell, Mildred Barnes	
Children's Committee	Jon Ewing (Director of SS)	Tracy Hudson, Corinna Payne, Cheryl Pearce, Brooke Puckett, Nancy Trimble, Lit Little, Tommy O'Bryan, Lindsey Bane, Jon Ewing	
Church Council	(Presiding Officer-Current Pastor)	Mike Clingenpeel (non-voting), Aaron Whittington (non-voting), Darlene Scheepers (non-voting), Roy Belfield (non-voting), Nancy Forbes (Deacon Chair), Jon Ewing, Alyson Galloway, Marian Supplee, Pat Garvey, Carol Seymour, Tommy O'Bryan, Phil Everhart, Jr., Brenda Cole, Sharon Melson, Lisa Clemens, Betty Miller, Amy Witcover Sandford	Nancy Forbes (Deacon Chair, Jon Ewing (SS Dir), Alyson Galloway (Youth Chair), Marian Supplee (WMU), Pat Garvey (Finance Plan), Carol Seymour (Treas), Tommy O'Bryan/Phil Everhart, Jr. (Premises), Brenda Cole (Clerk), Sharon Melson (Sr. Adult), Betty Miller (Choir), Lisa Clemens (Special Events), Amy Witcover Sandford (Missions Council)
Constitution & Bylaws	Scott Seymour (chair)	Scott Seymour (22), David Glass (20), Ken Goetzke (21)	
Deacons	Nancy Forbes (chair), Jon Ewing (vice-chair), Jane Austin (secretary)	Life Deacons - Phil Curtis, Lucille Everhart, Gary Powell, Frank Schneider, (20 - Robert Hudson, Don Garber, Dick Everett, Bill Abeyounis, Chris Farrow, Nancy Forbes Becky Glass, *Kim Coleman (For Larry Coleman), Amy Witcover-Sandford, Scott Seymour) (21 - Greg Bane, Jeff Barefoot, Linda Byrd, Chuck Clemens, Jon Ewing, Phil Everhart Jr, Susanna McKendree, Betty Miller, Jenny Sigler, *Carole Lynn (For Keith Ethridge)	2020-2022 New Term Deacons 1. Jane Austin 2. Ann Bane 3. Susan Crigler Castle 4. Ken Goetzke 5. Melissa Lerner 6. Lit Little 7. Ken Matthews 8. Tommy O'Bryan 9. Jim Puckett II 10. Toni Wilkins
Educational Advisory	Jon Ewing(chair)	Jon Ewing (Dir of SS), Becky Glass (Deacon), Brenda Cole, Raynelle Ewing, Beverly O'Bryan, Betty Miller, Carol Seymour, Mary Etta Brown, Mary Dotson	Added Mary Etta Brown, Mary Dotson
Finance Counting	Lit Little (chair) Betty Miller, Nancy Forbes, (co-chairs)	Vivian Deal, Lin Eure, Virginia Kanoy, Melissa Lerner, Frank Ranson, Mary Jane Ranson, Frank Supplee, Jess Wilkins, Toni Wilkins, Bill Hurt, Ann Hogg, Lit Little, Betty Miller, Nancy Forbes	Committee remains intact
Financial Planning	Pat Garvey (chair)	Jackie Coleman (20), Pat Garvey (20), Betty Miller (21), Lisa Smith (21), Billy Trimble (21), Carol Seymour (21), Nancy Forbes (21), Sandy Matthews (22), Bonnie Madre (22), Don Garber (22)	Added Sandy Matthews (22), Bonnie Madre (22), Don Garber (22)
Flower	Jane Garvey	Susan Castle, Brenda Cole, Jane Garvey, Ann Hogg, Jenny Sigler, Nancy Trimble, Toni Wilkins	

Committee	Chair	Members	2020 Nominations
History	Wanda Matthews	Paul Garber, Jane Garvey, Robert Hoffman, Nancy Trimble, Wanda Matthews	Committee remains intact
Investment Management		Susanna McKendree (Trustee), Scott Seymour (Trustee), Billy Trimble (Trustee), Bob Buchan (Asst. Treasurer of Invest), Ron Phelps (21) Steve Sandford (22), Ron Chance (20)	Committee remains intact
Kitchen	Roy Austin, Chuck Clemens, (co-chairs)	Jeff Barefoot, Mike Bjorklund, Bob Kimsey, Wade Miner, Susan Castle, Amy Witcover-Sandford	Added Roy Austin, Chuck Clemens, Amy Witcover-Sandford
Lord's Supper	Kay Powell	Carole Lynn, Gary Powell, Raynelle Ewing, Jenny Sigler, Kay Powell, Joyce Clemens (sub.)	Joyce Clemens will sub as needed
Memorial Fund	Nancy Forbes	Steve Sandford (22), Vivian Deal (21), Virginia Kanoy (21), Lucille Everhart (22), Nancy Forbes (22), Ann Hogg (21)	Committee remains intact
Mission Council	Amy Witcover-Sandford	Phil Everhart, Amy Witcover-Sandford, Jackie Coleman, Patty Price, Susan Castle, Carol Seymour, Nancy Trimble, Chris Farrow	Added Nancy Trimble, Chris Farrow
Music Advisory		Alystra Barefoot, Dexter Byrd, Mike Bjorklund, Corinna Payne, Neal Lewis, Juli McKendree, Bonnie Madre, Roy Belfield (non-voting)	Added Juli McKendree, Bonnie Madre
Night's Welcome	Phil Everhart, Jr.	Lisa Clemens Gaffney, Bob Kimsey, Jackie Coleman, Don Garber, Phil Everhart, Jr., Dawn Gerbing	Added Dawn Gerbing
Nursery	Brooke Ewing	Jon Ewing (Dir of SS non-voting), Brooke Ewing, Corinna Payne (Director of Cradle Roll), Sarah Puckett, Rachel Farrow, Josh & Jake Farrow	
Personnel	Scott Seymour (chair)	Scott Seymour (20), Lynne Goetzke (21), Becky Glass (21), Jimmy Michael (22), Sarah Puckett (22)	Added Jimmy Michael, Sarah Puckett
Premises	Phil Everhart, Jr. & Tommy O'Bryan (co-chairs)	Roy Austin, Jeff Barefoot, Andy Johnson, Lisa Smith, Chris Farrow, Phil Everhart, Jr., Tommy O'Bryan, Dexter Bird, Justin Martinez, Steve Elder	Added Dexter Bird, Steve Elder, Justin Martinez
Recreation	Tommy O'Bryan	Dawn Gerbing, Jim Puckett II, Amy Witcover-Sandford, Steve Sandford, Tommy O'Bryan	Committee remains intact
SAME	Amy Witcover-Sandford	Nancy Trimble, Dawn Gerbing, Amy Witcover-Sandford, Patty Price, Susie Gardner, Martha Cuevas	Added Susie Gardner, Martha Cuevas

Committee	Chair	Members	2020 Nominations
Senior Adult	Sharon Melson	Roy Belfield (non-voting), Brenda Cole, Ann Hogg, Carole Lynn, Orvin Melson, Doris McClenney, Vernon McClenney, Sharon Melson	Committee remains intact
Special Events	Lisa Clemens (contact person)	Trish Denton, Melanee Scott, Lisa Smith, Nancy Trimble, Debbie Puckett, Lisa Clemens	Committee remains intact
Technology	Jon Ewing	Jon Ewing, Lin Eure, Jim North, Judy North, Jim Puckett II, Steve Sandford, Juli McKendree, Dexter Bird, Bruce Owens	Added Bruce Owens
Wedding Guild	Ellen Velissarios, Lindsey Bane (co-chairs)	Lindsey Bane, Nancy Forbes, Debbie Puckett, Sarah Puckett, Lisa Smith, Nancy Trimble, Ellen Velissarios	Committee remains intact
Youth	Alyson Galloway (chair) Dir. Of Youth SS Dept	Alyson Galloway, Alystra Barefoot, Lynne Goetzke, Chris Farrow, Jim Puckett II, Ashley Cooper, Scott Seymour, Mark Taylor, (Youth Reps.) Kaleah Coleman, Luke Owens, Josh Farrow	Added Mark Taylor, Kaleah Coleman, Luke Owens, Josh Farrow
Church Clerk		Brenda Cole	
Assistant Church Clerk		Sarah Puckett	
Treasurer		Carol Seymour	
Assistant Treasurer		Susanna McKendree	
Assistant Treasurer Invest.		Bob Buchan	
Financial Secretary		Ann Michael	
Assistant Financial Secretary		Jim Puckett, Sr.	
Missions Secretary		Nancy Trimble	
Director of the Sunday School		Jon Ewing	
Assistant Director of Sunday School		Lisa Garber	
Director of WMU		Marian Supplee	
Chief Usher		Gary Powell	
Assistant Chief Usher		Bill Cole	
Usher 1		Dave Gaffney	
Usher 2		Jack Miller	
Church Moderator		Greg Bane	
Trustees		Susanna McKendree, Scott Seymour, Billy Trimble	
2020 Nominating Committee for 2021 Nominating Report			
Ellen Velissarios (chair), Lisa Clemens, Diane Forrest, Jane Garvey, Lit Little, Jim Puckett, II, Steve Sandford, Susan Lewis, Melanee Scott			

NURSERY COMMITTEE

The nursery was not in use most of this year due to COVID. Mrs. Maggie Davids remains our head nursery worker, and we are elated that she was blessed with her own baby this year, Sophie Noelle. We look forward to having Sophie in the nursery with two more babies that were born into our fold this year. In calling Andrew Garnett to be our pastor, we gained Andrew's and Jessie's baby girl, Cecelia. Before the year ended, Greg and Lindsey Bane added a third baby to the Cradle Roll, Grayson Thomas. Our toddlers will have such a great time teaching those babies the ropes of the nursery and sharing their Goldfish and animal crackers with them! Ms. Virginia Trescot continues to care for all of our children on Wednesday nights. We had expected to move the nursery this year, but COVID struck, and it looks like it will be a bit longer. The nursery is a happy place where our smallest of children learn of the love God and their church have for them.

Respectfully submitted,
Brooke Puckett Ewing, Chair

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

We are grateful to all the Church staff for the tremendous effort they put forth during 2020 to keep our church functioning and flourishing during the pandemic. Thanks to their efforts the congregation was kept safe and regular worship and many of our missions continued albeit in modified or remote format. We are grateful for the work of the Pastor Search Committee that brought Andrew as our new Senior Pastor. We look forward to working with him in the years to come.

As you know the Personnel Committee serves as the "Human Resources" component of our church and having good communication with our staff, other committees and congregation members allows us to work together to help the staff as needed. We were able to do this by meeting at least once a month (3rd Mondays at 7pm) prior to limitations on in-person gatherings. We continued to meet, as necessary, via Zoom during 2020. Notwithstanding our limitations, we were able to complete annual discussions and reviews with all our full-time staff members during the year.

Looking ahead to 2021, the Committee will continue updating personnel job descriptions. I transitioned off the Committee on December 31, 2020. The Committee will appoint a new chair from its membership in early 2021 and present that information to the church body. Please keep all our staff and the Committee in your prayers as they continue to do their good works for our congregation this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Seymour, Chair

PREMISES COMMITTEE

This was a productive year for premises repairs. We had Safe Place Solutions survey our building. They wrote a report identifying several areas of concern and gave us recommendations for solutions. The areas of concern are the original flat roof, outdoor utility pit, Sanctuary crawl space and attic, mold and humidity in the sanctuary, 2nd floor mechanical room and hallway, Victory garden foundation vents, and several roof leaks. We are working on getting quotes to repair the concerns and

looking at what we can repair ourselves. The ceiling outside the baptistry sanctuary entrance was repaired and painted. Work on the old office area was completed and the Southeastern Prison ministry moved in the walls where the old speakers were mounted in the fellowship hall were repaired and painted. The hallway leading to the choir loft was repaired and the hallway was painted.

Phil Everhart, Jr. and Tommy O'Bryan, Co-Chairs

RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Recreation Committee was unable to sponsor the Annual Church Picnic due to Covid-19.

Tommy O'Bryan, Chair

SENIOR ADULTS (*THE SWINGING SENIORS*)

JANUARY - NO EVENT

FEBRUARY - VALENTINE'S LUNCHEON IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL OF HBC ... A NICE MEAL WAS PREPARED BY ROBERT HUDSON. DOT LITTLE LEAD US IN SONGS AND DOOR PRIZES WERE GIVEN FROM TABLE DECORATIONS ... A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL, WE HAD A LARGE GROUP.

MARCH - NO EVENT, DUE TO COVID

APRIL - NO EVENT, DUE TO COVID

MAY - NO EVENT, DUE TO COVID

JUNE - NO EVENT, DUE TO COVID

JULY - NO EVENT, DUE TO COVID

AUGUST - NO EVENT, DUE TO COVID

SEPTEMBER - NO EVENT, DUE TO COVID

OCTOBER - NO EVENT, DUE TO COVID

NOVEMBER - NO EVENT, DUE TO COVID

DECEMBER - NO EVENT, DUE TO COVID

As you can see, we were not able to have but one activity in 2020. We were very sorry, but due to Covid, we knew we could not be active, so hopefully by late 2021 we may resume ...

We were deeply sorry, as we enjoy being together with our HBC friends ...

We hope all stay well, until we can be together again.

Thanks for your continued support!

Sharon Melson, Director of HBC Senior Adults

SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

Special events budget for 2020 stayed intact due to the global pandemic. I'm looking forward to when we can all gather together once again. Thank you!

Lisa Clemens, Chair

SUNDAY SCHOOL

In January, the Adult Sunday School classes were the JP Allison class (facilitator Pat Garvey), the Garber-Berean-Pathfinders class (facilitator Mike Bjorklund), the Emmaus class (rotating leaders, including Becky Glass, Carol Seymour, Robert & Tracy Hudson, Jackie Coleman, and several others), and the LLL class. The Youth and Children's Sunday School classes were the Middle & High School class (facilitator Scott Seymour), Children's Grade 5 (facilitator Brenda Cole), Children's Grade 3-4 (facilitator Nancy Trimble), Children's Grade K-2 (facilitators by Mildred Barnes and Raynelle Ewing), Pre-School (facilitators Sandy Taylor and Virginia Trescott), and Nursery (facilitator Maggie Davids). Lisa Garber is the Assistant Director for Sunday School.

From January to mid-March, Sunday School classes met regularly in person. Since then, several classes continued via Zoom. Classes that continued meeting digitally included JP Allison, Emmaus, Middle/High School, and Children's (as a combined K-5 class facilitated by Nancy Trimble and several of the other teachers). The Garber-Berean-Pathfinders class joined the JP Allison class at this time. Digital classes saw an upturn of membership initially as some geographically distant and past members attended classes, but classes soon resumed their typical sizes. All current adult classes now use the Nurturing Faith curriculum, and several have incorporated video studies as well. The combined Children's classes are using a digitally based curriculum, initially with supplies mailed out by Nancy Trimble and then through quarterly packets.

During Advent, a more casual Monday evening class facilitated by Carol Seymour was created and advertised to start in January 2021. The initial content is a video study of various Christian topics, which is also being used by the Emmaus class. Also, during Advent, the Children's class met with the JP Allison class before attending their normal session to continue their tradition of having the children light Advent candles.

Jon Ewing, SS Director

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Members are Jon Ewing, Lin Eure, Jim North, Judy North, Jim Puckett II, Steve Sandford, Juli McKendree, Dexter Bird, and Bruce Owens.

The technology committee has been busy this year. While we have not met formally, we have been adapting to meeting virtually using new technologies. Judy North continues to oversee the current website, and funding has been procured to update the site. We have continued our presence on Facebook and Pastor Andrew Garnett has added an Instagram component.

We also (mostly) installed a new AV system in both the Sanctuary (which was only used once during Andrew's call weekend) and in the Fellowship Hall, which gives video and audio capabilities in both places. We will be adding the finishing touches in 2021. While more complex, the system allows us to use the Fellowship Hall as overflow and to stream online and record from either location. We have been streaming from the Fellowship Hall since mid-March, first on Facebook using phones and then, since September, with the new system using Zoom and Facebook. As with all new things, we have experienced growing pains as the technicians learn the ins and outs of not only a new system, but also a new (to us) technology. Aaron Whittington has been invaluable during this process.

Jon Ewing, Chair

TRUSTEES

2020 Mary Moore West Scholarship Fund

A meeting of the Trustees of Hampton Baptist Church was held August 4, 2020, to consider matters pertaining to the Mary Moore West Scholarship Fund and the income of the Memorial Fund designated for scholarships. In attendance were all the Trustees, L. Scott Seymour, Susanna D. McKendree, and William F. Trimble, Jr. Mr. Trimble reported that as of June 30, 2020 the Scholarship Fund consisted of a checking account, \$595.23, and a Wells Fargo account, \$23,649.22 cash and \$44,125.70 stocks for a total of \$67,774.92. The Memorial Fund generated \$547.88 in interest in 2019 that is required to be used for scholarships. The stocks generated \$2,318.82 of dividends for a total (including Memorial Fund interest) of \$2,866.70 of income for 2019. According to the records, there is approximately \$3,463.21 of available income from prior years that has been reinvested.

Applications for Scholarships were received from:

Lauren Farrow, who will be a third-year student at Virginia Tech

Abby H. Barefoot, a first-year student at the Shenandoah University

Blake Matter, a second-year student at Mississippi State University

Robert Wheeler Hudson, a first-year student at Virginia Military Institute

Elizabeth V. Owens, a fourth-year student at James Madison University

Joshua Farrow, a student at the Newport News Apprentice School

Israel Galloway, a first-year student at Methodist University

After due consideration of each application, the Trustees elected to award a \$600.00 scholarship to each full year applicant. The total amount for scholarships awarded this year will be \$4,200.00. A balance of \$2,129.91 has been preserved to be available to fund future scholarship awards.

The Trustees further authorized investment of the remaining funds in a Wells Fargo account.

Susanna D. McKendree, L. Scott Seymour, & William F. "Billy" Trimble, Jr., Trustees

WEDDING GUILD

There were no weddings held at Hampton Baptist Church in 2020, largely due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our committee members and chairs remain intact for 2021.

Lindsey Bane, and Ellen Velissarios Co-Chairs

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

2020 BOOK OF REPORTS

Article I.

Article II. WMU YEAR END REPORT - January through December 2020



“WE’VE A STORY TO TELL

In the HBC WMU Yearbook, we are reminded of our WMU Emphasis. “Since 1888, WMU, in good times and challenging times, has focused its efforts on supporting missionaries and spreading the gospel around the world by emphasizing the importance of praying, giving, going, and learning about missions.

JANUARY - Peninsula Rescue Mission

FEBRUARY - HBC WMU sponsored a “Missions Leadership Team Training” session for local churches and Associations. The workshop, “Come to The Table” was led by Laura Davis, Director of Missions Involvement, WMUV (WMU of Virginia). We met in the Fellowship Hall. Our ladies provided coffee and refreshments. Lunch from the Grey Goose was provided for all by the WMUV.

One of our mission’s groups hosted a Brunswick Stew Dinner for residents of Seton Manor. This is the 8th or 9th year they have done this.

We all know that beginning in March, our in-person meetings were curtailed. However, that did not stop our ladies. Our mission groups continued service to others, and there were some zoom meetings as well.

Ladies in WMU made financial donations to the Peninsula Rescue Mission, Care Net Peninsula, HELP Dental Clinic, Global Missions, HELP, Lackey Free Clinic, and Standing Rock Indian Reservation. Mission groups made peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for SAME. During the fall, the ladies in one of our groups “adopted” our college students. Each college student was sent a gift card so that they could treat themselves to something good during exam time. Meanwhile, zoom meetings were held.

Mission Friends, GA’s and RA’s met each Wednesday night until Wednesday nights were curtailed. But that did not stop us! GA’s and RA’s continued with virtual meetings.

AUGUST - Marian Supplee resigned after 22 years as HBC WMU Director on August 31, 2020. ((Later, my friends of the HBC WMU made a donation of \$600 to the Lackey Free Clinic in my honor. (One of my favorite charities, I was speechless!). This gift allows the Clinic to provide much needed healthcare services to those who are less fortunate and unable to access medical and dental assistance. Thank you all so much for giving so generously! Also thank you also for the more than generous retirement gift.)

Marian Supplee, WMU Director (retired)

YOUTH COMMITTEE

Well, what can I say about 2020 that'll be much different than anyone else. Overall, our group just like the rest of the world lost many things that we are "used to," you may even say that we take for granted daily such as the simple act of face-to-face fellowship ... I could be brutally honest with you and let you know that for most of the youth group it was a year we hope NOT to ever relive again, but personally I tend to try and find the silver lining in every situation so here it goes. One main thing I personally think we all experienced (even though it was forced) was to slow down and figure out a way to do things differently, in a world where we rarely get a chance to slow down and live in the moment, we are in. Change can be hard but now we all know that it is doable.

The youth group moved forward with Youth Sunday for the congregation, but it was completely virtual. Nonetheless, it turned out wonderful. **THANKS, Aaron,** for all the time you put into the online presentation. For graduation Sunday, thankfully the seniors were able to go into the church and speak still, we were just social distanced in the new fellowship hall with a socially distanced family only reception after to recognize our seniors.

In the fall we had a socially distanced pumpkin painting event in place of our annual pumpkin carving event we typically have. We had tables set up farther apart and the pumpkins went home with each youth who participated instead of delivering them to homebound members. It was a nice afternoon for all. The only "outing/retreat" the youth had in 2020 was in November to Eastover. It was a weekend with only our youth group and the intention was for the youth to bond and grow while still being as safe as possible. The weekend was extremely enjoyable to all of those who attended.

In December, our traditional Gift wrap fundraiser at Patrick Henry Mall was cancelled however, we did compromise with a single day of social distanced gift wrap for HBC members so that the youth could wrap, and the congregation could also benefit if interested. That gave us the opportunity to do a little something during the holiday season in a safe way.

We are looking forward to what 2021 holds.... **GOODBYE 2020 !!!!**

We continue to have hope that this upcoming year will be brighter and better for not only our Youth Group but our church with the new addition of the Garnett family.

Alyson Galloway, Chair



The mission of SAME is to create an interfaith community by addressing nutritional and physical needs with our neighbors who are homeless or living in poverty so we might together experience the fullness of God's love and grace.

A Brief History of SAME

About 13 years ago, Alexis Frenc and I took over the Soup Kitchen at Hampton Baptist Church from the capable and loving hands of Dan and Margret Menser. At that time Dan would serve primarily a sandwich and a hot bowl of soup to about 60 guests each Monday and he had a budget of \$400. Alexis and I ... and very soon after that, Nancy Trimble when she retired, and a host of volunteers from HBC and from our personal friends began cooking up a more substantial meal each week. Although we were somewhat hesitant and even a bit fearful of the people who came each week who were so very different from ourselves, we all felt the pull of loving neighbor as self and pushed ourselves beyond our comfort zones to start and get to know our neighbors in need.

It was clear to us that we were going to need more money, so we organized a hot dog stand during Bay Days, and it was this money that became our working budget for the first few years. At that point we were spending about \$4,000/year for SAME. This increase was mostly because we were purchasing more fresh food and we were not shopping at the Foodbank. The Foodbank was on Warwick Blvd, had extremely inconvenient hours for shopping and their product was questionable at best. We were also sought inclusion in the Hampton Baptist Church budget to cover the \$4000 if we could not raise the funds, so we would still be able to cook a hot meal each Monday for our guests.

During these first years of involvement, we were also getting to know the folks that came each Monday. We spent more time talking with folks as they got their meals, shared clothing when we got donations and began to see the truth that in God's eyes the value of those of us in the kitchen preparing the meal was no different the value of those who came to eat. By 2010 we were spending close to \$11,000/year and raising most of the necessary funds through our Hot Dog Stand, donations from HBC members and from other churches and groups such as the BGAV.

In 2013, when the church decided to pull down the building that housed the kitchen, we all felt the call to somehow continue the ministry and were blessed to be welcomed with open arms to the kitchen and dining hall at 1st Presbyterian Church. We packed up all our food and some of our equipment and headed over. It was there that we began finding **new** ways to love our neighbors as ourselves - we developed a clothing closet and started our toiletry program. Although we had been asked many times for toiletry products, we did not realize at the time that 57% of food insecure people report going without food to buy personal hygiene products.

Shortly after arriving at 1st Presbyterian, Alexis and many of our volunteers left to start a new Monday lunch program, Full Circle Ministry, at Parkview Baptist Church. We were overly excited that there would be more people accessing nutritious hot lunches, but we had also left us with a sudden need to replace 5 or 6 regular workers. It was the case then, and is the case now, that there are ALWAYS people that want to help... they just do not know how! As you can see in the sheet included and, in your packet, and these pictures, we have volunteers that come from many different groups.... As well as the many that are friends of current volunteers or totally unconnected folks who just wanted a place to serve.

In 2015, we changed the name of the Soup Kitchen to SAME – So All May Eat. Kelly Steinmetz Ward volunteered her services and created a SAME logo and we created a Mission Statement: The mission of **SAME** (So All May Eat) is to create an interfaith community by addressing nutritional and physical needs **with** our neighbors who are homeless or living in poverty so we might together experience the fullness of God’s love and grace. At this point we were serving around 5000 meals each year to nearly 900 different individuals. This year we also opened each Monday during the summer for a bag lunch distribution for the first time. This means that since 2015, SAME has been operating all year around... hunger and poverty does not take a vacation, so neither do we!

In 2016 new HBC facility was completed. For our guests, who are used to being in the basements of churches, moving into the new HBC fellowship hall brought the same joy and excitement at getting to be in such a beautiful space that we **all** felt the first time we toured the new building. We carved out a space for our clothing closet and were able to utilize the “old pantry” off the Jones Fellowship Hall to house much needed freezers. By this time, the Foodbank had moved into a beautiful new facility with more space, better freezer, refrigeration and dry good storage and we were there shopping regularly. At the Foodbank the rule is – if we can use it and they have it we need to buy it! You never know if it will be gone the next time we are there. The additional freezers allow us to purchase meats (one of the most expensive items) when they have them.

In 2016, we also began a new program in partnership with the Foodbank: The Mobile Food Pantry. Once a month the Foodbank brings 6 to 11 thousand pounds of food for us to distribute to 120 families in need. SAME has organized not only the funding for this program through memorial and honorary donations, but also recruited, trained, and directed the 20 to 30 volunteers needed. We also began van rides home for our guests without cars who could not carry all the food home on the bus.

We implemented a full toiletry and feminine hygiene program. Until 2020, most of this program had been facilitated through the generosity of donations but in late 2019, we received a grant from Langley Federal Credit Union which now funds about ½ the cost of this program and has allowed us to be a more reliable source for our guests. Each week we have feminine and bladder control products available and hand out a different toiletry product to our guests.

All of this has continued, even once the pandemic was in full swing. With permission of the church, the SAME volunteers were allowed the continued use of the church building. We drastically reduced the number of volunteers and began serving to-go meals outside. **Because of the dedication of our volunteers and the support of HBC, we did not miss 1 Monday because of the pandemic.** Many other food serving programs closed down.

We partnered with The Salvation Army and their Food Truck as well as Bojangles to cook some Mondays taking the pressure of our smaller group of volunteers. We also partnered with a group from First Baptist (who was shut down and not serving their regular hot meals on Tuesday) who came and helped with our distribution and gave out non-perishable food bags. Especially important during this time, we partnered with The Ezer Initiative which works with the City to help the homeless who are being housed in hotels since shelters were shut down in March. We have been supplying them with 60 to 80 cooked meals each Monday which means we are now cooking for 120 to 140. These changes meant higher costs as well and we were able to obtain grants from both the BGAV and The Peninsula Community Foundation with Impact 100. Even when the Foodbank stopped the MFP program in March to concentrate on large 200-400 car distributions, we purchased food from the foodbank **ourselves** and boxed it up for home deliveries to the people we knew did not have cars or the ability to access these large pantries. Now we are again working with the Foodbank to host a MFP once a month, but we are also continuing to deliver to people at home. In September we delivered to nearly 70 households. Each one got 3, 20 to 30lb boxes of food which included frozen meats and fresh produce.

During the pandemic, we also connected with Berkley Commons and Langley Village – both senior apartments that had been serviced by the Foodbank but whose grocery distributions were cancelled. We stepped in and at least were able to bring some food to these folks who are unable to get out to pantries.

After the initial weeks of the pandemic, during which our Clothing Closet continued to sort through donations, Martha Cuevas, and her crew, including Patty Price, devised a way to open up outside. Of all the changes made since March of 2020, the Clothing Crew should be especially recognized for the dedication, flexibility, and innovations to be sure our SAME guests had access to much needed clothing. Each Monday, they roll out at least 4 racks of clothing all organized by size so our guests can easily find what they need. Shoes are also available and any shoe donations that we cannot use are taken to THRIVE for their Shoe Mission which is a fundraiser for them and supports the development of micro-enterprises in nations like Haiti where the shoes are re-purposed and sold by local entrepreneurs. When we take them shoes, THRIVE allows us to exchange them for shoes we know are needed by our guests. This is also a wonderful time for us to get to know our guests and be able to share in each other's joys and struggles.

SAME has grown, changed, and adapted to meet the needs of our neighbors living with food insecurity. We have secured funding from various sources and in 2020 have raised nearly \$19,000 dollars. This included a first-time grant donation from Langley Federal Credit Union and funds from both Food Lion Feeds Foundation and Empty Bowls Virginia Peninsula (who were able to distribute funds even though their fundraising event was cancelled). During the year we spent over \$15,000 on all our programs.

Through our MFP program this year we have served **959** families, **295** of which included children and **522** which included seniors. We delivered over **84,000**lbs of food even though the program shut down due to COVID for 3 months. By changing our program to include delivering groceries, we were able to reach more than **386** families who could not access the large drive-thru distributions. In total, the MFP served **2150** individuals the equivalent of **19,350** meals with the help of **150** different volunteers who donated over **560** hours! This year's volunteer groups included City Life Church, St. Marks United Presbyterian Church, NAREB – National Association of Real Estate Brokers, as well as many individuals not associated with one organization.

In 2020, through our Monday lunch program we distributed the following:

- 6116 Lunches
- 450 Backpacks (enough easy-to-microwave food for 3 days)
- 439 One Day Bus Passes

Clothing including coats, shoes and jackets, hats, scarves, and gloves, and Bombas socks.

232 Families received boxed grocery deliveries from April through June when the Foodbank had closed its Mobile Food Pantry program

61 Families were helped with Pantry provisions (Shelf-stable food is ALWAYS available for anyone in need. If you know of someone in need of food, please contact Amy, Dawn or Nancy).

123 Dinners were prepared and served by Langley Village. We partnered with them to purchase food from the Foodbank.

All of this was accomplished through the hard work of **172** volunteers who put in over **4,127** hours.

Before the pandemic, we had begun working with THRIVE Peninsula to bring Financial Counseling to SAME. We hope to pursue this much needed program once COVID restrictions are lifted. We are also looking into ways to ease the discomfort of our guests during the pandemic where many public indoor spaces, including restrooms are closed.

As you can imagine, the more time we spend with our neighbors in need, the more we see in them the beauty of God that is inherent in everyone. As the people who come each week become our friends, gone are our fears, gone is our hesitancy to engage truthfully, out of love of others with our guests. Our comfort zones have expanded by pushing the boundaries just a little and we have been blessed to see the beauty of God's love in the hearts and smiles, the laughter, and tears of the folks that we are beyond blessed to be able to serve and serve with each Monday.

Amy Witcover-Sandford
Coordinator, SAME – So All May Eat
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2020 Financial Report was not available at this time.

NIGHTS WELCOME MINISTRY

We had another good week for our guests in A Nights Welcome. We were able to supply the guests with showers most nights. The Emmaus class, Coastal Community Church, the Garvey's, Crute's, and Austin's, GA's and RA's, Spiker, Biker, and Hikers, a class from Hampton University instructed by Ben Cuker, Robert Hudson, Alexis Ferenc, the Gaffney's, Mullins, Scott's, Seymore's and Barefoot's, Youth, McKendree's, Susie Castle, and many others helped supply smiles and meals. Dawn Gerbing and Lisa Gaffney were a tremendous help throughout the week. The guests watched football on Sunday and played Bingo on Thursday. The guests were able to stay in all day MLK day and were provided lunch by SAME. The C3's (Calvary Community Church) came MLK day to help with showers and serve our guests. Many night owls came out and sat up in the wee hours to monitor and assist our guests during the overnight hours. Thank you for all the support, labor hours, prayers, contributions, and help during this week. The guests enjoy coming to HBC because they can feel God's Love by your service to Him. Thank you!

Phil Everhart, Jr., Chair

