



ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2022

BREMEN-BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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2022 REPORTS TO CONGREGATION
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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CLERK OF SESSION
BREMEN-BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FOR THE YEAR 2022

The duties of the clerk of session are spelled out in the Book of Order under Section G-3.0104. The clerk and moderator must be familiar with the contents of the Book of Order in order to assure that the church operates within the parameters of the documents and rules of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the Presbytery of Scioto Valley.

Locally, your session held a total of 9 regular meetings. Attendance was very good with only a .037% of unexcused absences. Elder Sue Henwood and elder (and clerk) Dee Mowry had perfect attendance at all session meetings. Moderator, Rev. Larry Hoffmann had a perfect attendance record. Elders Kerry Boyd, Mike Henwood, Cinda Keller, Corey Riley and Sally Spangler had one excused absence. Retiring Elders, whose terms expired in 2022 were Kerry Boyd, Cinda Keller, Corey Riley and Susan Seifert. The Class of '25 will be Cinda Keller, Carri McCandlish, David E. Mowry and Corey Riley. Our thanks go to the retiring members for their service to the church.

Your session operates under the committee structure with four committees, Christian Education, Mission, Operations and Service. Other (non-elder) church members may be co-opted to any committee as the need arises. The books of the Bremen-Bethel Presbyterian Church were last audited by Scioto Valley Presbytery, on September 26, 2021, at the Bremen-Bethel Presbyterian Church. All records were found to be in order and the records were passed without exceptions.

COVID 19 seems to be subsiding, however, the phone-in option is still available and is being used. Community Vacation Bible School resumed with the Calvary Church as host church and Community worship services again resumed (with sparse attendance.) Loretta Dawson has been hired to assume the role of church secretary/ financial clerk. This has worked out very well to date.

Support was offered by Bremen-Bethel to the Grace Haven House, Lighthouse, Bremen Community Food Pantry, Bremen Swimming Pool, Shriners Children's Hospitals Ohio, Bremen Elementary School breakfast program as well as the One Great Hour of Sharing and the annual Joy Offering. The church contributed over \$200.00 to the Presbyterian Disaster Fund to assist families in the Kentucky/Tennessee area who experienced major tornado damage and \$1,000.00 for the Ukraine War Relief. Many upgrades to the church building and manse were finished under the direction of the Operations Committee.

It has been a busy but productive year for your session as well as the members of Bremen-Bethel.

D. Dee Mowry,
Clerk of Session, 2022

Bremen Bethel Presbyterian Church
Christian Education Committee Report for 2022

Kerry Boyd – Chair
Mike Henwood
Susan Seifert

Children's Sunday School meets weekly during worship.

The Church participated in the Community Bible School, hosted by First Methodist Church. Many of our members help.

The Church recognized two college graduates: Anna Schmidt & Savannah Collis and High School graduate David Burnett. They were recognized during church Service.

Children's program was December 18, 2023 – Cindy Cullumber

SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT 2022

The Service Committee is responsible for the ministry to the church and its members. Those on the committee are Linda Embrey, Sally Spangler and Cinda Keller, Chairman.

Meals and refreshments served are:

January 22, Session Training

February 20th, Jay's Pancakes for the Boy Scouts Breakfast

March 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st, and April 7th meals before Lent Service

April 26th meal after funeral for the family of Hazel VanHorn

May 15th meal for Daisy Girl Scouts

June 6th meal for Bible School and helped with meal June 9th

August 25th, September 22nd, and October 27th meals for Bremen Chamber of Commerce

Communion was served: January 2nd, February 13th, March 6th, April 17th, May 1st, June 5th, July 3rd, August 7th, September 4th, October 2nd, November 20th, and December 25th.

Rev. Wayne Morrison filled the Pulpit January 2nd, April 10th, July 3rd, and July 24th.

Rev. Joan Bolinger filled the pulpit March 27th, March and May 29th.

Cynthia McKay filled the pulpit July 31st and October 2nd.

Rev. Susan Warrener Smith filled the pulpit August 28th.

Mother's Day May 8th and Father's Day June 19th were honored with small gifts.

The church was decorated for Christmas. Poinsettias were purchased by the congregation in memory and honor of loved ones. Four Christmas bags were delivered to the elderly.

Thank you to Cindy Cullumber for the beautiful Bulletin Board in the Vestibule, Also, thank you to those who serve as ushers, lay readers, candle lighters, serve communion, and furnish food for our meals, etc. We appreciate ever one who helps this committee. We could not do it without you,

Cinda Keller,
Chairman

2022 Operations Committee Report

Committee members: Susan Henwood, George Shreyer, Corey Riley

Committee Projects

- April
 - Outside church workday, weeding and mulching flower beds around the church
 - Wells sprayed around the church for insects
- June
 - Replaced gutters and guard around the church
 - A/C units serviced
- July
 - Major basement floor overhaul
 - Elevator inspection
 - Fire extinguisher inspections
- September
 - Added a much needed storage room in the basement
- October
 - Replaced furnace room door
 - Performed annual bell tower inspection
 - Updated lighting in the basement
 - Basement painting by Sue Henwood
- November
 - Completed annual boiler inspection. No issues
 - Basement painting by Sue Henwood
- December
 - Repairs made to over-head garage door
 - Cleaned out the garage
 - Basement painting by Sue Henwood

Respectfully submitted,
Corey Riley

2022 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

The personnel committee made up of the committee chairs and Judy Turner as the congregation representative, met with Joyce Turner and no changes are currently needed.

The church secretary/fiscal clerk position has been filled by Loretta Dawson and she begun working week of October 23.

Ray Schmidt did not want the salary position of the pianist but has been sharing his ministries by filling the role. The church made a donation to Echoing hills in Athens as a thank you for all that Ray has done for the church.

Respectfully submitted,
Corey Riley

2022 Food Pantry

The food Pantry representatives for this year were Linda Young, Bremen United Methodist, Mary Shumaker, St. Mary Catholic, Vickie Winkleman, Calvary United Methodist, Joyce Mohler, Jerusalem Church and Judy Turner, Bremen Bethel Presbyterian Church.

During the year we had 5 open food pantries and served an average 48 families per open pantry. This was an increase from 38 families in 2021. An open pantry is a scheduled date for clients to receive an assortment of food and taxable items.

Our community has been very generous by supplying vegetables, meat, milk, bread, eggs, cheese, margarine and other food items for the open pantries. Our community has also donated items such as clothes, detergent, paper products, shampoo and soap. Our August food pantry included school supplies and book bags.

We also help families who need food at other times during the year on an as needed basis. This year we have served 27 families. In 2021 we helped 26. If a family needs our Food Pantry they should call 211, Information and Referral. 211 will contact us and we will make arrangements to help the family.

In December 2021 we prepared 58 Christmas baskets. We served 56 families in 2022.

Thanks to our congregation for being supportive to the Bremen Food Pantry.

Judy Turner

Zeta Alpha 2022 Report

Zeta Alpha met 13 times during 2022. We finished the bible study, What My Grandmothers Taught Me, in August.

We started our 2022-2023 bible study, Celebrating Sabbath, in September.

We have supported local missions as well as Presbyterian Women missions and made blankets to donate to Shrine Hospital for pediatric patients.

For the Presbyterian Women mission we donated \$100 worth of items to fill 2 backpacks to be given to teenage boys who are released from Perry Multi-County Juvenile Facility.

Upon their release they either return home, where there may not be enough to support them, or they have to find their own ways in the world. The items donated were mainly of a hygienic nature and basic clothing. There were also a couple backpacks that were filled by one of our members. Zeta Alpha also purchased 6, \$25 gift cards for donation to teens who are clients of Huckleberry House in Columbus. Huck House supports young people struggling with homelessness, substance abuse, poverty and violence.

Our local donation was \$150 to Bottoms Up Diaper Bank to help single mothers provide diapers for their children.

We meet on the 2nd Sunday of each month in the church basement 1 hour before church.

Everyone is welcomed to attend.

Judy Turner
Secretary/treasurer

Bremen-Bethel Presbyterian Church Checking Account Activity – 2022

2022				Balance	
Month	Expenses	Deposits*		\$ 48,878.66	12/31/2021
Jan	\$ 9,280.43	\$ 7,015.00			
Feb	\$ 4,967.60	\$ 5,306.78			
March	\$ 6,572.49	\$ 6,846.99			
April	\$ 7,715.03	\$ 8,789.90			
May	\$ 14,303.64	\$ 6,117.90	¹		
June	\$ 5,111.31	\$ 8,298.25			
July	\$ 21,704.81	\$ 6,199.69	²		
August	\$ 5,201.60	\$ 6,735.32			
Sept	\$ 6,588.89	\$ 9,298.28			
October	\$ 10,898.71	\$ 7,384.29	³		
Nov	\$ 7,028.02	\$ 6,096.12			
Dec	\$ 9,392.39	\$ 8,896.19			
TOTAL	\$ 108,764.92	\$ 86,984.71		\$ (108,764.92)	
				\$ 86,984.71	
				\$ 27,098.45	12/31/2022
	* Includes Interest				
	¹ Expenses included \$ 7505.00 deposit on Basement Flooring				
	² Expenses included \$ 7905.00 balance due on Basement Flooring and \$ 6190.00 for asbestos abatement in the basement				
	³ Expenses include \$ 4186.00 for gutter replacement on church				

Bremen-Bethel Presbyterian Church
Treasurer's Report 2022

1. Report on checking account is attached. As of December 31, 2022, the checking account contained "General Fund" money, "Breakfast to Go" money, "Yard Sale" money and "Lilies & Poinsettia Fund" money.

2. A report of the General Fund (money used for regular operating expenses) is also attached.

3. Fund Balances 12-31-22:

- Memorial Fund \$ 77,093.03
- Mission Fund \$ 9,920.08
- Choir Fund \$ 1,251.26
- Permanent Improvement Fund \$ 2,586.22

4. Special Offerings:

- **One Great Hour of Sharing** **\$ 465.25**

\$ 689.00 - 2019 \$ 345.00 - 2020
\$ 859.00 - 2018 \$ 450.00 - 2021
\$ 564.00 - 2017

\$ 333.00 - 2016
\$ 315.00 - 2015

- **Joy Offering** **\$ 590.00**

\$ 415.00 - 2019 \$ 605.00 - 2020
\$ 542.00 - 2018 \$ 501.00 - 2021
\$ 443.00 - 2017
\$ 131.00 - 2016
\$ 360.00 - 2015

- **PDA Ukraine** **\$ 1,000.00**

5. Validated Mission Giving (Benevolence) **\$ 1,557.00**

\$ 1,797.00 - 2019 \$ 1,642.00 - 2020
\$ 1,897.00 - 2018 \$ 1,592.00 - 2021
\$ 1,862.00 - 2017
\$ 1,850.00 - 2016
\$ 1,837.00 - 2015

6. Our assets exceed the 2.0 years of budgeted expenditures required by Session Policy. Please contact me if you have any questions or need further information.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Mowry, Treasurer

**Income and Expenditures
Composite**

Bremen-Bethel Presbyterian Church
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Transaction Date Jan 1 2022 to Dec 31 2022

Income

Regular Income		75,852.20
Total Income		75,852.20

Expenditures

Administration		
<Accounts Without Sub-Categories>	1,550.00	
Personnel salary	8,811.86	
Personnel Other	1,202.34	
Minister	31,410.61	
Office	3,500.50	
Church	6,539.21	
Manse	1,794.74	
Utilities & Insurance	13,172.28	
Administration		67,981.54
Programs		
Service Committee	1,307.65	
Mission Committee	5,451.77	
Programs		6,759.42
Designated Funds		
Expenditures Designated Funds	20,484.44	
Designated Funds		20,484.44
Total Expenditures		95,225.40

Mission Committee Report 2022

The church participated in the collection of donations for the One Great Hour of Sharing.

The committee provided a Valentine's Day luncheon for the congregation.

The church participated with the Bremen United Methodist Church in providing snacks at the Bremen Pool on alternate Tuesdays.

The Mission Committee donated \$250 to the Bremen Food Pantry to be matched by the Bremen Bank.

A donation of \$200 was given to the Grace Haven Women's Shelter.

The church participated in the Bremen Santa in the Village by sharing the true meaning of Christmas and providing an ornament for the children to make.

Thanks to Judy Turner, Brenda Winegardner and Kerry Boyd

The church participated in the Joy Offering in December.

The Mission Committee reviewed the membership roll, made updates to the latest list, and provided recommendations for removal to the Session.

The committee provided funds for the church sign on the village gateway on Route 664 and membership for the Chamber of Commerce.

The Breakfast to Go program has continued to operate throughout the year.

Please see their separate report for details. Thanks to Mike and Sue Henwood for coordinating the program again this year, and to all the volunteers who have donated their time to this important community program.

The books to the nursing homes program continued, see separate report for details.

Thanks to Judy Ackerman for coordinating this program.

Also, thanks to my fellow committee members, Ron Cullumber and Dee Mowry.

Cindy Cullumber

Mission Committee Chair

Breakfast to Go Bags Report for January to December 2022

Volunteers: Dean & Judy Ackerman, Ron & Cindi Cullumber, Marilyn Boyd, Sue Burnworth,
Rose Ann Elliott, Susan Henwood, Mike Henwood

This group donates approximately 11 hours per week to setup & pack the bags.

Volunteer Hours Donated: 219

Average number of bags packed per week:

January 1 thru May 31: 181

September 1 thru December 31: 246

Total Bags Packed:

January 1 thru May 31: 3635

September 1 thru December 31: 2955

January thru May cost per bag was \$1.23.

September to December cost per bag was \$1.16.

Fund Balance 1/1/2022		\$5428.08
Income January – December 2022		
Mission Committee Budget	\$1957.49	
PSV Grant	2000.00	
Donation from Bremen United Methodist Church	1000.00	
Contributions from BBPC Members & Friends	940.00	
Total	\$5897.49	\$11,325.57
Expenses Jan-Dec 2022		\$8729.98
Balance in BtG Funds 31 Dec, 2022		\$2595.59

We also received \$146.97 in In-Kind Donations

Beginning in January of 2022 the bags were packed with several breakfast items and snack items and sent home each Friday at the end of the school day. Students who received the bags did so with the permission of their parents by signing up through the school. When Susan and I took the program over from Kathy Mowery it was serving about 150-160 students a week. It is now serving 250 per week. We work very hard to control our cost and the last 2 years ,with the supply chain and availability of different items each week this has become a much tougher issue.

With the help of our volunteers and the support of the Church, congregation, and our friends in the community we are able to continue this program again this coming year.

List of Book Deliveries to Church Mission Committee, December, 2022

The Ridge	8 Albums	9 Folders
Crestview	8 Albums	9 Folders
Bickford	8 Albums	9 Folders
Lanfair	9 Albums	9 Folders
Primrose	8 Albums	8 Folders
Terrace Court	8 Albums	8 Folders
Buckeye	8 Albums	8 Folders
New Lexington	8 Albums	9 Folders
Reflections	8 Albums	8 Folders
Carriage Court (closed permanently)		

(Approximately the same amount of books were delivered in early summer)

This past December we completed delivering albums of cards and folders of calendar pictures to area nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

This required 1,560 Christmas, all occasion, and postcards for the albums and 1,848 calendar pictures for the large folders. A tremendous amount of cards were needed so we filled out with copies of hymns, scripture readings and pictures from magazines. We were able to find calendars from thrift stores to have enough for the folders.

The staff of all the facilities have expressed how pleased they are that we are able to continue this ministry which was started by Helen Neel many years ago.

All of the expenses for the materials for this past year were paid for by donations. Thank you to everyone who has supported this project.

We have already started working on preparation of summer deliveries so ask that you continue saving your cards and calendars for us.

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NECROLOGY REPORT 2022

Hazel Mae VanHorn died April 23, 2022

Confirmed May 14, 1952

Donald Keith Ankrom died October 6, 2022

Confirmed March 23, 1947

Ordained as Deacon January 31, 1965

Ordained as Elder January 7, 1973

CHURCH STATISTICS 2022

Active Members on the Roll December 2021	47
Deceased Members	-2
Member Gains	+2
Member Losses	-1
Total Active Members December 2022	46