

First Presbyterian Church Of Warren
3000 E. Twelve Mile Road
Warren MI 48092

ANNUAL REPORT

2023

Mission Statement

First Presbyterian Church of Warren is a welcoming family of God following Christ's teaching and putting faith in to action.

Vision Statement

We seek to become a hub to care for the community together than any of us could do alone.

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CLERK OF SESSION STATISTICAL REPORT

	2023	2022	2021
LOSSES			
Active Roll Removal		0	13
Certificate of Transfer		3	1
Deaths	5	8	7
Other Removals		1	1
ADDITIONS			
Faith			9
Certificate of Transfer		3	2
Net Change	-5	-9	-11
Active Roll Total	136	141	147
Weddings			
Baptisms	4		2

**First Presbyterian Church of Warren
3000 E. 12 Mile Rd., Warren, MI 49092 (665)
Minutes of Special Congregational Meeting
December 10, 2023**

Place	Sanctuary
Moderator	Pastor Julie Delezene
Opening	Pastor Julie opened with prayer at 11:10 am.
Quorum	a quorum was met.
Purpose	To elect officers and committee members, to amend by-laws, and to dissolve the installed pastoral relationship.

Minutes of the Previous Meetings

Motion by Kevin Smith to approve minutes of the congregational meeting on February 13, 2022.
Adopted

Nominees for Ministry Position

By motion, Ruling Elder Bob Nowaczewski, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, presented the following candidates for election of Nominating, class of 2024.

Nominating (Class of 2024)

Ann Lawrence
Amy Nault

Personnel (Class of 2024)

Jonessa Dobbs

Ruling Elder – (Class of 2024)

Glenn McIntyre

Ruling Elder – (Class of 2026)

Mac McDougall
Bob Nowaczewski

Deacons – (Class of 2025)

Ellen Rose
Liz McIntyre
Vacant

Pastor Julie opened the floor for other nominations, Kelly Brown nominated herself for vacant position on Deacons, second.

Action – By unanimous vote, all the nominees were elected to office. Giving thanks to the nominating committee and those willing to serve.

Bylaws Amendments

Motion to insert the following:

Meetings of the Congregation (insert: Session, and Nominating committee) may take place virtually or in a hybrid fashion. Adopted

Motion to strike out the following:

There shall be a representative nominating committee appointed and elected in the following manner. Two members shall be elected from the congregation at large. In addition, two members shall be appointed by the session from amongst its own members. One of the two session members shall act as chairperson. One member shall be appointed by the board of deacons from amongst its own members. This committee shall bring to the congregation meeting nominations of at least one person for each office to be filled. Additional nominations may be made from the floor by an eligible voter.

And replace with:

The congregation shall form a nominating committee in the following manner. There shall be 3 active members on the nominating committee. One of the members shall be a ruling elder who is currently serving on session. The other 2 members not serving on session shall be elected from the congregation at large annually. The pastor shall be a member ex officio and without vote. Full opportunity shall always be given to the congregation from the floor of the congregational meeting by any active member of the congregation. A majority of all active members present, and voting shall be required to elect. Adopted

Dissolution of Pastoral Call

Motion to dissolve the installed pastoral call of Rev. Julie Delezenne effective January 20, 2024. Adopted

Motion to adjourn with prayer.

Closing - Pastor Julie closed with prayer at 11:17 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Motta
Acting Clerk of Session

Attested to by: _____
The Rev. Julie Delezenne, Pastor

Stewardship Annual Report for 2023

Stewardship of First Church is committed to serve by presenting God's plan for us to use what has been given to us in great generosity to advance His causes. Each of us are given abilities of different types, all of which are useful in God's eyes. So we are working with members of First Church to support the application of our bountiful resources.

Mac McDougall serves as the Stewardship leader. There is no longer a Stewardship Elder position due to Session member reduction. Barb Stein, a long time participant in the Stewardship Committee, has been ill for some time and recently passed away! We dearly miss her invaluable commitment with excellent thoughts and contributions in many ways. Dave Mansfield is a guest participant with the Stewardship and Finance Committee as Adult Recorder. Dave Marshall is also a guest of Stewardship and provides valued suggestions based on his experience. They assist the Committee to complete obligations to the Congregation in Pledge drives, documenting and reviewing some of these commitments. We wish to recognize the long, excellent work of John Jowers who is "trying" to retire. Although he was not part of Stewardship, his work did supplement our work in many ways. Pastor Julie attended the Stewardship meetings to oversee our work, brought new areas of concern and contributes with unique and Faith based ideas.

We have worked on expanding the usefulness of the First Church website online contributions as more folks use this for their financial transactions. See the new QR code for online financial contributions for multiple ways.

The Stewardship Committee has completed or worked on the following items during 2022:

- Worked with the Adult Recorder, Dave, to facilitate individual statements for 2nd Quarter, 3rd Quarter and End-Of-Year.
 - Pledge Sunday preparations involved promoting our theme and raising consciousness of First Church commitments in Mission emphasizing service to our communities. A letter of appeal, a color news page covering significant happenings and a pledge card for the mailed packet were prepared and mailed.
 - Worked with Pastor Julie to present Stewardship material in her sermons and services.
 - Tabulated pledge cards by recording names and pledge totals for Operating Budget income analysis for the 2023 Annual Report. Pledge names and amounts were presented to the Adult Recorder. Note: We observe strict confidence in maintaining individual pledge amounts only to a few responsible officers of First Church.
 - Prepared offering envelopes with per capita notes/envelopes to pledgees. Summarized pledgee names for the Counters.
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-Dave Marshall wrote Spirit Articles for the newsletter updating the Congregation with Financial and Stewardship insights.

-Worked with the Finance Committee to form First Church Operating Budget for 2024

We wish to thank Stewardship Committee Members for 2023 as well as the Finance team for their outstanding commitments. Also, Stewardship wishes to thank the First Church congregation for their generous financial commitments with 49 pledges! And the result of these was \$93,772. Thanks for the commitments.

REVIEW OF 2022 FINANCIAL RECORDS

November 10, 2023

Mrs. Darlene Rozman
Clerk of Session
First Presbyterian Church
3000 E. 12 Mile Road
Warren, MI 48092

Dear Darlene,

I have reviewed the financial records of the First Presbyterian Church of Warren for the calendar year 2022 and have found them to be in order.

My review included:

- Money received and deposited

- Records of receipts

- Requests for disbursements

- Monthly statements for checking, and investment accounts

- Salaries budgeted and paid for staff personnel

- Federal and state taxes paid and appropriate forms submitted

Sincerely,

David J. Marshall
Auditor
