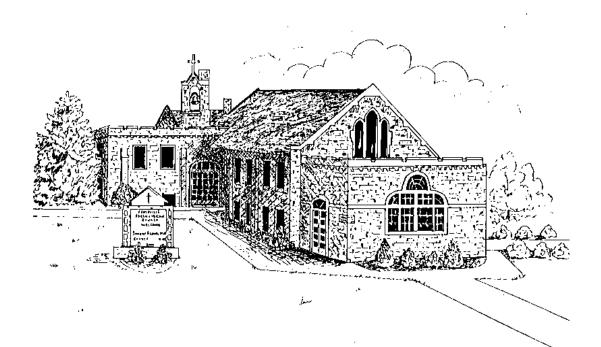
HUNTSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2024 Annual Report



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2024 HPC Leadership

We would like to extend a sincere "THANK YOU!" to those who served as church leadership in 2024:

SESSION

Betsy Shoffstall 2026 – Christan Education Andy Forsyte, 2024 – Property Tony Ganson, 2024 - Worship Scott Risner, 2024 – Finance/Personnel Matt Zarosky, 2024 – Fellowship Dave Yanchik, 2024 – Clerk/Mission/Outreach

DEACONS

Betty Jane Davis - 2025 Donna Brown - 2024 Cindy Brown - 2025 Susan Young - 2026 Trudy Yanchik - 2026

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. ~ 1 Peter 4:1

Pastor's Report

2024 was an eventful year for Huntsville Presbyterian Church!

In Worship we spent time considering a variety of themes from the Scriptures, many of them introspective. Lent offered us lessons in discipline, as we pondered The Practices of the Penitent. After Easter, we thought about what makes for a Church, and all summer we reflected on the refractions of our space, looking that the symbols in the leaded glass that were chosen to anoint our worship space. In late fall, we spent a month studying the wisdom of the Book of James. Advent gave us the start of a new liturgical year and the hope to "Begin Again," as we looked at four visions of the Nativity in the Scriptures. With a thick preaching calendar set for us in 2025, I hope we continue to look to the Holy Scriptures for more ways to grow.

Speaking of growth, we also had a book study of M. Craig Barnes' *Hustling God.* Our conversations have carried over into the first few months of this year. This began after our Confirmation Class ended. For a couple months, I had the privilege of meeting with a group of five teens to talk about the basics of faith, theology, and what it means to be a life-long disciple of Jesus Christ. Some of these had grown up here, but three were new to our community.

Most exciting of all was the celebration of our congregation's 200th Anniversary. Beginning back in September of '23, we began sharing monthly "updates," the baptism and membership records, eventful notes from Session minutes, any relevant information we could find from "this month in our history." I found a lot of these dates and facts by going through our records, but it was Matt Zarnosky who brought the color, sharing great stories of our past that he gleaned in doing *mountains* of reading through narratives, old articles, and boxes of collected history. A special sermon series coincided with our birthday month, reminding us that who we are is, in part, a product of the faithfulness of the generations that have preceded us in this place. In late September, we made a day of it, celebrating with an afternoon of fellowship and food. Truly we have much to be thankful for!

And now, we have the future to look forward to. The gifts of the Church Past have equipped us, the Church of the Present, so we can build the Church-to-Come. Let us work with joy as we join the saints of all Huntsville's ages to build the Kingdom together.

In gratitude and grace,

Pastor Ben

<u>Clerk's Statistical Report December 2024</u>

Total Church Membership as of January 1, 2024	94
Membership Gains:	
Profession of Faith	6
Kirk Beres	
JD Forsythe	
Kaeleigh Flora	
Emma Merrin	
Isaac Merrin	
Annalynn Cline	
Adjustment from previous year	0
Transfer of Membership	1
Donna Stoner	4
Reaffirmation of Faith Andrea Merrin	1
Total Gains:	8
Membership Losses:	
Deaths	2
Jean Fullerton	
Bob Coffman	•
Requested Removal from Membership	0
Inactive Status	0
Total Losses:	2
Total Church Membership as of December 31, 2023	100 (+6 from 2023)
Baptisms:	1

<u>Attendance</u>

Special Services:	Ash Wednesday 41 (+12 from 2023)
	Maundy Thursday 31 (+2 from 2023)
	Easter Sunrise Service (10 am) 62 (+16 from 2023)
	Christmas Eve Service (7pm) 67 (-17 from 2023)
Average attendand	ce special services 51 (+4 in 2023)
Average attendand	ce weekly worship all of 2024 44 (+1 in 2023)

GENERAL FUND - 2024

	EXPENSES
MISSIONS	
Presbytery Giving	\$4,213.00
Weekday Religious Ed	\$1,000.00
Deacons' Mission	\$1,000.00
Local & Far Reaching Mission	\$450.00
TOTAL	\$6,463.00
PASTORAL	
Salary/Housing	\$58,548.00
Pension Package	\$22,833.84
SECA Taxes	\$4,478.92
Medical Reimbursement	\$2,830.00
Professional Expenses	\$819.57
Continuing Education	\$1,759.38
Travel	\$1,592.78
TOTAL	\$92,862.49
WORSHIP & SERVICE	
Office Expenses	\$1,631.01
Music	\$6,155.00
Copy Machine	\$2,489.59
Publicity/Advertising	\$146.80
Fellowship	\$375.89
Office Secretary	\$0.00
Worship	\$462.83
Leadership Training	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$95.78
Visiting Ministers	\$766.92
TOTAL	\$12,123.82
CHURCH HOME	
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Custodian Salary	\$5,751.00 \$2,095.19
Finance & Accounting	\$2,095.19 \$975.10
Employee Taxes	
Insurance	\$3,815.00
Utilities Broporty Improvements	\$8,265.40
Property Improvements	\$0.00 \$18 272 00
Property Maintenance	\$18,373.00
TOTAL	\$39,274.89
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$150,724.20

	INCOME
Offerings	\$130,967.87
Checking Account Interest	\$44.40
College Fund Interest	\$1,951.58
Money Concept Investment	\$14,958.30
Money Clark Annuity	\$1,515.00
Camp Scholarship Interest	\$705.65
Shape Principal CD Interest	\$4.016.76
Memorial Donations	\$1,250.00
Judy Grubbs Est. Donation	<u>\$20.000.00</u>
Total	\$175,409.56

TOTAL INCOME NET GAIN

\$175,409.56

\$24,685.36

ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTS 2024	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>
Clothing Donation	\$225.00	\$280.00
Angel Fund	\$975.00	\$389.56
Daily Bread	\$0.00	\$0.00
Deacons Fund	\$667.86	\$416.00
Youth Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00
Local & Far-Reaching Missions	\$450.00	\$0.00
Sunday School	\$84.73	\$0.00
TOTALS	\$2,402.59	\$1,085.56

Transferred \$20,000.00 from Shape Principal CD to General Fund Account on March 5, 2024.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

<u>CLARK COLLEGE CD</u> Scholarships Awarded 2024 Loans Paid Back 2024	\$10,000.00	\$100.00
<u>CAMP SPONSORSHIP CD</u> All current Clark College scholarship participants are currently attending college	\$275.00	\$0.00
<u>CHRISTMAS CONCERT</u>	\$500.00	\$419.00
200 th YEAR CELEBRATION	\$300.00 \$2.186.72	\$1,968.50

Cookie Walk not held Vacation Bible School not held

Description	<u>2024 & 2025</u>		2025 Dudeet
Description	2024 Budget	2024 Actual	2025 Budget
MISSIONS	¢4.242	ć4 242	ć4 343
Presbytery Giving	\$4,213	\$4,213	\$4,213
Weekday Religious Ed	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Deacons' Mission	\$800	\$800	\$800
Local & Far Reaching Mission	\$450	\$450	\$50
TOTAL	\$6,463	\$6,463	\$5,763
PASTORAL			
Salary/Housing	\$58,548	\$58,548	\$58,548
Pension Package	\$22,834	\$22,834	\$24,172
SECA Taxes	\$4,479	\$4,479	\$4,479
Medical Reimbursement	\$2,830	\$2,830	\$2,830
Professional Expenses	\$1,500	\$820	\$1,000
Continuing Education	\$1,400	\$1,759	\$1,750
Mileage Reimbursement	\$1,000	\$1,593	\$1,000
TOTAL	\$92,591	\$92,863	\$93,779
WORSHIP & SERVICE			
Office Expenses	\$1,600	\$1,631	\$1,600
Youth	\$0	\$0	<u>\$200</u>
Music	\$6,440	\$6,155	\$6,770
Copy Machine	\$3,100	\$2,490	\$2,500
Publicity/Advertising	\$350	\$147	\$150
Fellowship	\$5,000	\$376	\$250
Office Secretary	\$0	\$0	\$2,000
Worship	\$500	\$463	\$500
Leadership Training	\$0	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous (R/E Tax)	\$100	\$96	\$150
Visiting Ministers	\$750	\$767	\$1,500
TOTAL	\$17,840	\$12,125	\$15,620
CHURCH HOME			
Custodian Salary	\$5,751	\$5,751	\$5,751
Finance & Accounting	\$1,785	\$2,095	\$4,000
Employee Taxes	\$998	\$975	\$1,320
Insurance	\$3,300	\$3,815	\$4,000
Utilities	\$9,000	\$8,266	\$9,000
Property Improvements	\$4,000	\$0	\$4,000
Property Maintenance	\$10,000	\$18,373	\$10,000
TOTAL	\$34,834	\$39,275	\$38,071
TOTAL BUDGET/EXPENSES	\$151,728	\$150,726	6452 223
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BALANCE IN ALL FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2024

Petty Cash			\$50.00
-	General Fund	36,524.66	
	Sunday School	2,314.96	
	Youth Fund	683.87	
Checking Acct.	Milroy Class	1,179.13	
	Daily Bread	248.04	
	Deacons Fund	1,817.26	
	Angel Fund	266.72	
	Local & Far Missions	1,723.29	
	Clothing Collection	695.00	
	Total Checking Account		\$45,452.93
Certificates Of Deposit And Investments	Camp Scholarship Fund Shape Bequest Principal Clark College Fund Money Concepts/Clark	18,918.23 129,839.22 46,780.76 59,783.80	
	Money Concept Invest	221,792.96	
	Total CDs & Investments		<u>\$477,114.97</u>
	Total	All Funds	<u>\$522,617.90</u>

NOTE;By terms of the wills, the following funds cannot be spent:Money Concepts/Clark Bequest Principle\$50,000Clark College Fund Principle\$20,000

Mission and Outreach

The Mission and Outreach Committee provided support to several families and local service organizations.

We were able to fill 10 boxes for the Christmas Shoe Box collection.

Submitted by Dave Yanchik

Mission Accomplishments for 2024

Donations from and through our church to specific groups, individuals, and ministries for the purpose

of assisting others and sharing the Gospel.

Budgeted Mission	
Presbytery Giving	\$4,213.00
Weekday Religious Education	\$1,000.00
Angel Fund	
Paid Electric Bill	\$300.00
Tornado Relief	\$675.00
Mission Budget (Distributed by Deacons)	
Blessing Box	\$400.00
Indian Lake Elementary PTO	\$400.00
Local and Far Reaching Missions Buckeye Girls State	\$400.00
Total Mission Expenditure	
	\$7,388.00

Property Committee

I had another wonderful year at church, I enjoyed my time. We've done many projects to improve the church. Fire and boiler inspections were completed. We worked on the flat roof again. We installed a new automatic handicapped door. We also had a new bridge built in preparation for the 200th Anniversary. In addition, a very special thanks to Jerry Fry for keeping the yard nicely mowed. Andy and J.D. also mow the hill and weeded around the church regularly. Tom Brown also does a nice job keeping the no-school property well-maintained.

Respectfully submitted, Andy Forsythe

Personnel Report

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, ²⁴ since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

~ Colossians 3:23-24

The 3 paid employees are: Minister-Pastor Ben Beres (14 years), Treasurer-Joyce Gordon (16 years), Custodian-Lori Zarnosky (10 years). The secretary position is currently being filled by Scott Risner.

The roles and responsibilities for the Pastor and Secretary were used to evaluate performance throughout the year.

Lori and Joyce participated in the self-evaluation process; Pastor Ben did not submit a selfevaluation for 2024. As a part of the evaluation process each employee assesses the areas that are rewarding, challenging, the objectives of the position and areas that need assistance.

> Respectfully Submitted, Scott Risner

Board of Deacons

Matthew 5:14-16

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

2024 Board of Deacons Terms of Office and Assignments:

- Cindy Brown 2025 Moderator
- Trudy Yanchik 2026 Secretary
- Susan Young 2026 Greeting Cards
- Donna Brown 2024 Flowers, Users, Acolytes
- Betty Jane Davis 2025 Kitchen and Funeral Meals

Meetings were held 0n February 4 and November 19.

This past year our duties included:

- Preparing Communion elements for 15 services,
- Serving 2 funeral dinners Jean Fullerton and Bob Coffman
- Ordering and displaying Easter flowers and Christmas poinsettias
- Visits in person and phone calls to Church members and friends
- Mailing birthday, anniversary, thank you notes, and other greeting cards as needed
- Maintaining the memorial plaques
- Maintaining and supplying the kitchen
- Monitoring and supplying the Blessing Box (with help from Bev Martz
- Distributing our mission funds
 - \$400 IL Elementary PTO for students in need
 - \$400 Blessing Box

Trudy Yanchik resigned her position in December due to moving out of the area. In January 2025 Betty Jane Davis moved from Deacons to Session. In 2025 Bev Martz will join the Board of Deacons for a 3 year term and Donna Brown will reup for another 3 year term.

Submitted by Cindy Brown, Moderator

1 Peter 4:10–11 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever.

Worship Team

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. " \sim Luke 6:37

For 2024, I organized weekly Lay Reader, Greeter, organized summer music, and a Christmas Concert. All Sundays were covered by a Lay Reader, where not all Sunday's had a greeter.

The following are the summer music dates and who performed for us.

Vocalist:

Belle Elliott DeGraff June 2 and July 28 Bob Fultz Bellefontaine June 9 Wade Breedan Missouri (played songs from his CD) June 16 Friends of God Logan County June 23 Community Choir Logan County June 30 Jeremy Liles July 14 and August 25 Patrick Plikerd Bellefontaine July 21 and August 4 Chanteurs September 1

<u>Piano</u>:

Mike Hall July 7 Anthony Zamora August 18

Once again, this year I organized a Christmas Concert for December 5, 2024. There were 107 people in attendance with an additional 21 online and donations were \$419.

Performers included: Huntsville Presbyterian Choir Mike Hall Nadine Tussing Majesty Quartet Marilyn Derrick Smith Jean Ann Mclaughin Patrick Plikerd Jeremy Liles Shannon Reames

Other supported activities:

- Attended monthly session meetings
- Attended and supported Back & Forth meetings
- Served communion
- Supported and participated in shoe box collection
- Collected offering
- Sunday morning greeter with my wife Sharon
- Supported fellowship after Sunday service
- Supported church attendee with personal troubles
- Lay Reader

Respectfully Submitted,

Session Member Tony Ganson <u>Finance Committee</u>

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

~ 1 Timothy 6:17-19

The church finances increased in 2024 for the general fund and decreased for the investment accounts. The general fund account increased by 84% (\$20,770) and the investment accounts decreased 1.5% (\$7,028), due to moving funds from the investment to the general fund. The overall finances have increased 2.7% (\$13,742) due to the special donations and an increase in the investments.

In our annual review with Dodds Wealth Advisors for our 2 investments accounts, we decided not to change the funds since both investments are low risk and have had good returns in previous years.

The financial audit for 2023 was completed. Thank you to Matt Zarnosky for helping with the audit.

2024 Budget \$151,728; 2024 Actual Expenses \$150,726; 2024 Income \$152,262.

2025 Budget \$153,233.

Respectfully Submitted, Scott Risner

	9 Year Co	mparison	
Year	Checking	Investment	Total
2016	\$49,325	\$449,734	\$499,059
2017	\$39,809	\$460,593	\$500,402
2018	\$37,812	\$462,850	\$500,602
2019	\$26,521	\$489,253	\$515,774
2020	\$42,979	\$485,693	\$528,672
2021	\$50,941	\$509,393	\$560,334
2022	\$28,453	\$493,414	\$521,867
2023	\$24,683	\$484,143	\$508,876
2024	\$45,453	\$477,115	\$522,618

Daily Bread of Indian Lake 2024

Daily Bread of Indian Lake is still open two days a week. We serve between 25 to 35, sometimes 40, on a recurring basis.

Our diners have become a group of people mostly needing a place to socialize and receive a meal. Daily Bread hopes to be able to prepare different meals in 2025 to attract new diners. If anyone would like to help serve or prepare a dessert, please contact me. Our church serves on the second Tuesday of each month.

Thank you to those who have helped this past year.

Submitted by Joyce Gordon, Coordinator

Jesus told the crowd to sit down on the ground. Then he **took the seven loaves and the fish**, and when he had given thanks, he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and they in turn give to the people. They all ate and were satisfied. ~ Mark 8:6-8

UNITED CHRISTIAN SERVICES OF INDIAN LAKE FOOD PANTRY

"Targeting hunger in the Indian Lake area by providing nutritious food to people in need."

Recipients in 2024

Children age 17 and under794
Seniors age 60 and over1.248
Adults age 18 to 59 <u>1,646</u>
Total3,688
(2023 3,631)

<u>Financial Breakdown, 2024</u>

Total Income (donations)	\$14,029
(\$7,159 decrease from 2023	3)
Total Expenses	\$25,244
(Approx. \$8,020 increase fro	om 2023)

Total food distributed to recipients equals 15,000 days of food to those in need in the Indian Lake area (over 85,000 pounds of food this year). Expenses include food purchased from Second Harvest Food Bank in Springfield and local grocery stores, non-perishables (soap and toilet paper) purchased from grocery stores, rent for our space in the Russells Point Municipal Building, and liability insurance.

2022	2023	2024
21.50%	20.80%	21.00%
34.70%	36.90%	34.00%
43.80%	42.30%	45.00%

UCS Food Pantry provides 3 plus days of food each visit. Recipients may visit the pantry once per month. For the last several years, UCS Food Pantry has been able to provide additional food to recipients at Easter (a ham), Thanksgiving (a turkey) and Christmas (a ham). The remaining cost for these special items has occasionally donated by local residents, thus reducing the impact to our reserve account.

UCS Food Pantry wishes to thank everyone for their financial and food contributions. Many people in our area need help to provide nutritious food for themselves and their families. Without you, we would not be able to continue this outreach.

- Financial donations may be mailed to P.O. Box 56, Russells Point, OH 43348.
- Food donations may be dropped off at the pantry during distributions hours. (12:00 pm to 3:00 pm, 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month.).
- The pantry is in the rear portion of the Russells Point Municipal Building.
- The food pantry is open two times a month on the second and fourth Thursday from 12 until 2.
- Food is delivered from Second Harvest on the Wednesday before we are open. If you would like to help unload deliveries or working at the pantry, please contact Joyce Gordon.
- THANK YOU to everyone who donates food items to the pantry. A basket is in the foyer for the items.

Volunteers are always needed, too! Stop by during distribution hours to see how the pantry works. We have a great group and would welcome new helpers.

Fellowship Committee

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

- 1 John 1:7

The Fellowship Committee of 2024 would like to thank everyone for all of the help with making each event a success. The following is a list of events that we all participated in.

- We all enjoyed the Lenten Soup events every Wednesday evening during Lent.
- Easter breakfast in the church basement and the Milroy room
- We had flowers for all the ladies on Mother's Day, and what a day it was with so many smiles and laughs with the moms!
- Graduation Sunday Annie Braig and Camdon Tuttle were recognized for graduating high school. We had presents and a University of Findlay cake and many pictures were taken.
- Cake Pops were a hit on Father's Day!
- Summer cookout at the No School property. Everyone brought delicious food to share, Andy donated the meat to cook on the grill again, and who can forget the corn hole games. Matthew and Bob were ready to defend their 2023 title, but it ended up being a casual cornhole day. Maybe the competitive spirit will be back in 2025.
- The big event of the year was the 200-year celebration of the HPC! It took the whole congregation to pull off such a great event, as everyone contributed their services! We had many people who moved away, came back to participate in the celebration, along with community members, friends, and family as they all shared so many great memories. It was a beautiful fall day with a big tent in the parking lot, the Young Family dessert tent under the big maple tree, many tables full of food along the outside wall in the grass, soft serve ice cream at the main entrance, and prizes were handed out all day long.
- We had a potluck in December in the church basement. We had great food, and awesome fellowship. Marylin Wilson shared so many great stories from her childhood, as she had a captive audience that she was able to share so many laughs with.
- After church snacks in the Milroy room were a frequent occurrence in the first half of the year, and it was always great food and great fellowship!

Respectfully submitted, Matt Zarnosky

Nominating Committee

God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.

- Hebrews 6:10

The 2024 Church Nominating committee consisted of Elder Tony Ganson and Elder Andy Forsythe with Support from Pastor Ben Beres.

The Nominating Committee selected slate of officers for 2025 as follows:

SESSION:

Andy Forsythe	3 year term	Class of 2027
Tony Ganson	3 year term	Class of 2027
Betty Jane Davis	1 year term	Class of 2025
John Tuttle	1 year term	Class of 2025

DEACONS:

Bev Martz	3 Year Term	Class of 2027
Donna Brown	3 Year Term	Class of 2027

No Nominating Committee was selected for 2025.

The congregation approved the slate of officers.

Thank you to all who served on the committee and a big Thank You to those of you who are willing to serve.

Respectfully, Submitted, Tony Ganson & Andy Forsythe, Committee Chairs

2024 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE HUNTSVILLE PESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DATE: Sunday, December 15, 2024 TIME: During Worship hour MODERATOR: Pastor Ben Beres

- 1. Confirmed the presence of a Quorum
- 2. Recognized and thanked the nominating committee, led by Elders Ganson and Forsythe
- 3. Recognized and thanked Elders Yanchik, Zarnosky, and Risner and Deacons Yanchik and Davis for their past service to our church.
- 4. No Candidates for Offices of Deacon or Elder had been secured by the Nominating Committee
 - a. There were no nominations from the floor
 - b. Call was made to all to consider stepping up and serving.
- 5. Invited Elder Risner to help share approved 2025 Budget
- 6. Elected Elder Risner as moderator pro-tem, and Pastor Ben was excused.
- a. Pastor's terms of call were presented and questions were fielded.
- 7. Pastor Ben returned and invited a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- 8. Motion to adjourn was made by Marilyn Wilson and Seconded by Tony Ganson, after which we continued worship with Communion.

Submitted by Pastor Ben Beres

DATE: Sunday, February 9, 2025 TIME: During the Worship Hour MODERATOR: Pastor Ben Beres

- 1. Opened meeting time with prayer
- 2. Clerk's Report by Betty Jane Davis
 - -Clerk declared the presence of a sufficient Quorum

-Clerk gave approval that the Docket was in order.

- 3. Pastor Ben announced the Slate of Elders and Deacons that had been acquired
 - -Betty Jane Davis and John Tuttle for Ruler Elder
 - -Donna Brown and Bev Martz for Deacon
- 4. No further Nominations were offered from the floor when solicited.
- 5. A vote was taken for the slate of proffered officers. The slate was approved.
- 6. Thanks were extended to the volunteers and a motion to adjourn was invited. Motion was made by Tony Ganson and Seconded by Donna Martz.
- 7. The meeting was adjourned, and we continued in worship with the Installation of Officers.

Submitted by Pastor Ben Beres