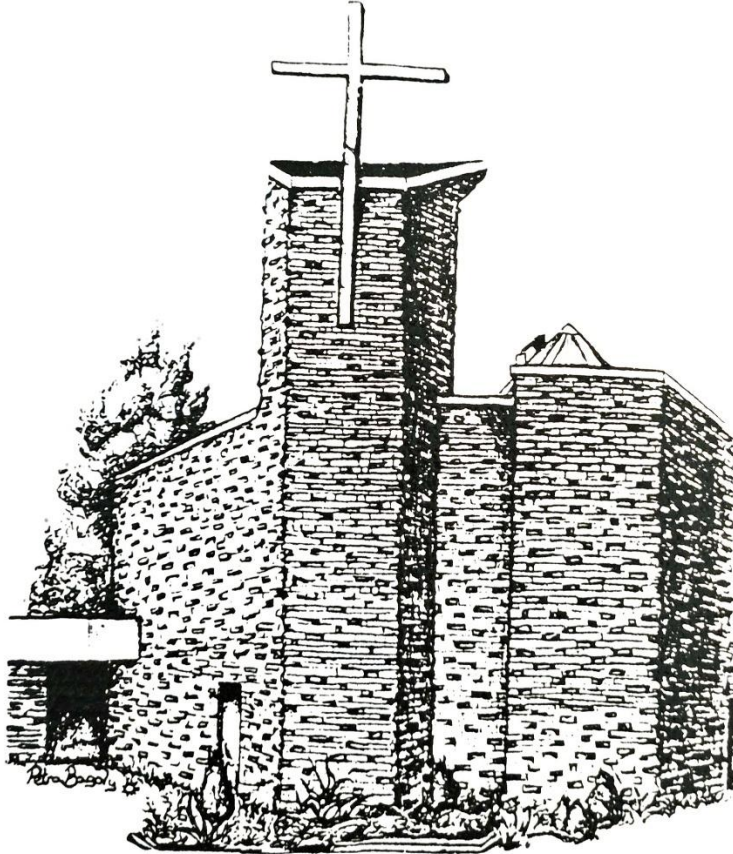


Gates Presbyterian Church 2025 Annual Report



Our Mission Statement:

As a joyful community,
empowered by the Holy Spirit;
We worship God,
follow Jesus
and love our neighbors.

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(As of 2/5/2026)

Church Staff

Rev. Laura Bachmann, Pastor
Tracy Burkovich, Treasurer
Roy Smith, Choir Director
Deborah White, Jr. Choir Director
Andy Pratt, Pianist and Organist
Christine Cook, Bell Choir Director
Evan Mikoll, Video Live Stream Director
Bev Switzer, Childcare Provider
Alex MacFarlane, Asst. Childcare Provider
Sue Eckhaus, Administrative Assistant

Directory of Church Boards for 2026

Elders

Jan Beutner-Shirtz
Janice Bilohlavek
Kecia Binko
Paul Gluchowski
Sheri MacFarlane
MaryBeth MacKenzie
Katie Steinmiller
Tom Ward
Bridget Wohlers

Deacons

Chris Arcara
Dave Balsley
Jeannie Bauman
Betty Blystone
Carrie Dykes
Mary Hadley
Kay Harder
Margaret Militello
Simon Njumbwa
Janice Phillips
Barb Snaith
Bruce Taylor

Trustees

Dan Charcholla
Steve Christensen
Ed Coons
Gary Dykes
Keith Hadley
Eric Paquin
Jim Poole
Chris Thornton

Pastor's Report

³⁰ Jesus also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³² yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." Mark 4:30-32

This year, against the backdrop of a wider world that often felt chaotic and unfamiliar, GPC remained a place of community and commitment as we strived to live out the things we say we believe. I was struck in particular by the slow work of God as a number of tiny mustard seeds, planted in faith, nurtured in patience, awaited with joy, burst forth from the soil of GPC's faithful efforts to partner with God in the world.

As I have reflected on our year together, I have been naming all those tiny seeds and thinking about how they have grown.

Seeds of welcome. This year, our partnership with the El Shaddai community has flourished. Their presence in our building has brought energy and joy that has blessed us in so many ways. In January, we accepted their invitation to partner with them to begin a tutoring program. Many of our GPC members volunteer in this ministry and it has been a joy to witness the budding relationships growing across all parts of this new community. Meanwhile, Pastor Heritage's deeply faithful leadership has shepherded his community and ours, modeling love, compassion, generosity and hope that has overflowed his flock to enrich and comfort the GPC community too.

Seeds of shelter. As the months flowed by, we have all witnessed the growth of our Churchview Commons building taking shape across our parking lot. If all goes well, next spring 45 new families will begin to move into that space and we will have the opportunity to welcome them as they move into the neighborhood, learning about who they are and how we can partner with them to create a thriving new community. Years of patience have paid off as this seed of an idea has germinated, taken root and is finally growing in leaps and bounds.

Seeds of nourishment. All year, we have continued the work of our feeding ministry in both body and soul. From monthly food collections and partnerships with SWEM to create Christmas baskets, to weekly lunches for St. Joe's and Weekend Food bags for our local school children, we have tried to honor the truth that, for a hungry person, the good news looks like bread. At the same time, we have also focused on ways to build our spirits and form our faith by taking action to honor our Matthew 25 commitment to fight racism. In the spring, we hosted a set of Sacred Conversations on Race and in the fall, more than a dozen members and staff attended a five-week session on becoming an anti-racist taught by our friends from Third Presbyterian Church. Together, we are learning how to recognize institutionalized racism, in particular where it is impacting our friends in El Shaddai, and how to respond as true advocates for the dignity, agency and well-being of our neighbors.

Pastor's Report, cont'd

Seeds of pastoral care. This year, we laid nine beloved members of our community to rest, sometimes in rich celebrations of life and sometimes in quiet graveside ceremonies. I had the privilege of spending time with many of those who entered the resurrection life this year, and with their grieving families as we considered how best to bless and release their loved ones back to God. It is always a rich experience to be invited into the important moments of a family's life and I treasure the quiet times in hospital rooms and living rooms, the honest conversations in unexpected moments, the opportunities to know someone's heart just a little more than I did before. I am so thankful for the wisdom and the legacies of generosity, compassion and faith that our members leave behind. I am so grateful for the web of our community that continues to step forward to care for those who mourn. And I am humbled by the trust you put in me to walk with you in such meaningful moments of your lives.

Seeds of worship. Throughout it all, we have continued to worship with creativity and energy. This year, we have been blessed by the teaching of our own members as they filled the pulpit, by the beautiful music not only of our choir and music staff, but also of a multitude of our members, ranging from the smallest to the tallest, as they shared their own musical gifts in worship and at the coffee house, each praising God in their own special way.

There are so many other seeds we could name here; no doubt you have your own list of favorite blooms you would include. I encourage you to read the following reports submitted so faithfully by many in our community. In them, you will witness the many ways we have gathered together to love God and love our neighbor, planting seeds and trusting in their growth throughout the year.

As we make our way into 2026, I can only imagine how these seeds will continue to grow. I can only see a glimpse of what new seeds God may invite us to plant. I can only wait in wonder as we witness the way God's love will cause these seeds to bear fruit, a new and beautiful harvest pouring into our community.

With gratitude and love for our beloved community,

Rev. Laura Bachmann

Board of Deacons

The Deacons continue to serve and support the ministry of Gates Presbyterian Church as set forth in Scripture as one of Compassion, Witness and Service.

Visits to hospitals, nursing homes and homebound members' homes are ongoing. There are approximately 12 church members, who are homebound, who have received phone calls, visits and personal cards through 2025.

God bless the families who have lost a loved one in 2025. We were able to do several "in person" memorial services in 2025 but some families chose not to have a service at Gates Presbyterian Church. Our sympathies go out to the families of the following: Buz Bauman – 5/21/2025, Marilyn Downs – 5/24/2025, Keith VanNostrand – 6/14/2025, Sue Mancini – 8/2/2025, Ruth Fraty – 12/20/2025 and Tom Smith (No memorial service was done at Gates Presbyterian).

We would like to thank Rebecca Circle for continuing to provide bookmarks with names of our homebound members for the congregation to send Christmas cards. This devoted group of ladies have been doing this for years and the cards sent by the congregation are a joy to our homebound members. Thank you!

Our Crisis Coordinator, Mary Hadley, is always willing to contact members of our congregation who might need meals provided. Thank you, Mary!!

Many cards were sent throughout the year to church members experiencing joy, loss and illness. Thank you to Linda Sidore for sending those cards. Thank you, also, to Jan Brewer for her monthly thinking of you cards and birthday cards to our homebound members. We appreciate Linda and Jan for your commitments in sending these thoughtful cards.

The prayer shawl ministry continues and is still very popular with shawls given out to those in need of comfort. Thank you to Dorothy Mundt and Jan Brewer, plus all of the ladies that are in Dorothy's group making these beautiful shawls.

We also had two special presentations this year:

On April 8th, Sarah Greenfield Culp, Spiritual Care Practice Partner and Reverend Alisa Unells from St. John's Home, presented on "Dementia Reflections on Caregiving" and on December 18th, Bridget Wohlers, who is a Palliative Care Nurse, talked about "Compassionate Listening in Difficult Situations" sharing her experience as a Palliative care nurse. We were also able to share our personal situations and how to handle them.

Many thanks to our Deacons who have completed their term on the Board of Deacons: Linda Sidore, Jan Brewer, Sue Poole, Anne Tonery-DeMars and Bill Shirtz. We also want to thank the Deacons who will be continuing the work of the Deacons in 2026: Barbara Snaith, Margaret Militello, Kay Harder, Betty Blystone, Janice Phillips and Carrie Dykes. We are welcoming new Deacons: Simon Njumbwa, Bruce Taylor, Dave Balsley, Chris Arcara and Jeannie Bauman who will be joining the Deacons in 2026.

A special thank you to Mary Hadley for recording the minutes of each monthly meeting and to Sue Poole who stepped in and helped with the minutes as well. Both of your help in recording the minutes is very much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Snaith, Deacon Moderator

Board of Trustees

Trustees by definition are church members who have volunteered to serve for two years. They are entrusted to manage and maintain the equipment, supplies and property for the congregation in accordance with the accomplishment of the mission of Jesus Christ in the world. Once a Trustee, always a Trustee.

Our long-time custodian Bob Staszewski retired at the end of the year and the decision was made to change to a commercial cleaning service, Experience Quality Cleaners, owned and operated by Ken and Ronda Terry.

Building repair/improvement projects undertaken:

- Removed old wooden folding tables from garage creating much space
- Cleared out and demolished the old BOCES shed next to the garage
- Repairs to the hot water (boiler) heating system
- Sealer applied to new concrete sidewalk poured in 2024

Yearly Responsibilities undertaken or monitored:

- Budget and track expenditures
- Roof inspection and maintenance repair work
- Security inspections
- Heating & Air Conditioning unit inspections
- Fire extinguisher and fire suppression system inspections
- Lock up scheduling – coordinate weekly volunteers to secure the building after worship
 - Lawn maintenance: Grass mowing – both weekly schedule, and winter storages & service of the equipment; Weed management.
- Spring & Fall church clean up scheduling
- Snow “redistribution” team to keep our facility safe for staff, congregation & groups during the winter months. Including annual maintenance for the equipment
- Seasonal inspection of smoke detectors, alarms, clocks, heat tapes in roof drains and general maintenance cleaning the roof
- Building use: We continue to keep our facility open to many groups:

Thank you to all those who served on the Trustees committee this year. They are Chris Thornton, Dennis White, Steve Christensen, Dan Charcholla, Ed Coons, Scott Grace, Eric Paquin, Jim Poole, and Keith Hadley.

We say goodbye to Dennis White and Scott Grace. We welcome to the committee starting in 2026:

Gary Dykes & Tom Ward (liaison from Session).

We thank the congregation for their continual support and trust placed in us to maintain and preserve the grounds and facility of our church for the future.

Serving Christ and GPC,

Keith Hadley, Chairperson

Music Ministries

2025 was a year of old favorites and exciting new adventures in the musical life of Gates Presbyterian. Highlights included the seasonal favorites that we all know and love, the premieres of several new arrangements and original anthems composed by both Andy and Roy, an all-chant service that celebrated the tradition of medieval plainsong, and a brand-new cantata (Gloria) premiered in November. We also joined Bill Hammond and three other local congregations for another Christmas collaboration video and moved outside the worship center for our annual coffeehouse and cabaret performances.

We continue to be grateful for Andy Pratt's many talents as he leads us every week on the piano, organ, and guitar. His preludes, postludes, and offertories are a musical and spiritual delight. Guest pianists Chip Bachmann, Kris Ohman, Yuhe Su, and Julie Smith have also made important contributions to our musical life this year.

Jared and Katie Steinmiller, Paul Gluchowski, Dylan Bachmann, Paula Sousa, and Jim Renfrew have all made contributions to services this year. We are thankful to them and to all others who have so generously shared their talents.

Debbie White has continued to lead a thriving Junior Choir this year, and she is a constant source of creative worship planning whenever our youngest singers are involved in Sunday morning worship.

We were all thrilled to hear the Bell Choir under Christine Cook's leadership look forward to hearing this part of our musical community rejuvenated.

Roy Smith made regular contributions on his trumpet and led the adult choir in both new and familiar choral music.

This report was prepared by Roy Smith, director of the GPC Adult Choir

GPC Crafters

Out of sight out of mind, but we are still working behind the scenes making mittens and scrubbies. This year we have been taking orders and selling off some of our inventory. We still have a limited supply of a few items. \$44.00 has been deposited into the general fund from our sales. Sales will continue as long as we have inventory and/or orders. Thank you to all who have continued to purchase items.

Submitted by Janice Bilohlavek

Mission/Peacemaking Team

Jesus said, "For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

(Matthew 25)

*This scripture guided the mission team in thoughtful consideration
how to best serve our Lord and His people.*

Much of our mission work was done in collaboration with our generous and dedicated GPC Family:

- The Amazing Monday Lunch Crew is now in its 6th year of preparing bag lunches for guests of St. Joe's. Each week this team meets to prepare 80 bags lunches (which include tuna and PBJ sandwiches, fruit and cookies) plus 20 extra P&J sandwiches (due to the need) to be distributed by St. Joe's staff each Tuesday. This is possible due to the many items that are donated or purchased with funds from our congregation and friends.
- The monthly Saturday food collections help stock the shelves at SWEM, as well as providing toiletry items to Coldwater House, St. Joe's, and YWCA and Grace House.
- The Weekend Food Ministry provided weekend lunches to children who participate in the district's free lunch program. We continued our support of children in 2 elementary schools. (See separate report)
- The Coat Collection started in October and continues through the cold weather months. We collect winter outerwear for Cameron St., St. Joe's and refugee families through our sister church El Shaddai.
- Dinner was prepared by the mission team for the Protestant students at the U of R in March and November- promoting relationships and sharing ideas with our future leaders.
- The Lenten Wall of Food- nonperishables were collected to stock SWEM Food Cupboard.
- We joined our friends at Homesteads for Hope for the Trunk or Treat fun at the farm.
- Our participation in the Cameron Family Gift Drive provided Christmas gifts for 5 children and 2 adults in a family, gifts for children Christmas party, and gifts for children "to buy" for their parents.

Mission/Peacemaking Team, cont'd

The Mission Team is tasked with the responsibility of spending 10% of the funds received by the church annually. In 2025, a good portion of our financial funds have gone to those we have had a long-standing relationship with: St. Joseph's, Cameron St. Ministries, and SWEM Food Cupboard. We also financially supported others locally:

- Family Promise-addressing the crisis of family homelessness in Monroe County
- La Madonna Della Strada home for homeless, providing food and shelter.
- House of Mercy- emergency shelter, food, clothing, health/wellness, and social services

And in more personal ways:

- Purchased work gloves for workers at the Father Tracy Advocacy Center.
- Helped an unhoused man living outdoors in the Gates area- with warm insulated clothing and waterproof gloves, thermos socks, and hand warmers... he was very appreciative!
- Financially Supported 3rd Presbyterian's efforts to build beds for children who do not have one.
- Purchased waterproof gloves and hand warmers for St. Joe's guests

Those who are seeking opportunities for a new start... reaching the potential God sees in each of us.

- Our Blend Coffee and Roastery (formally Coffee Connection)- Provides employment training and job creation for women in recovery from addiction.
- Grace House - Provides a smooth transition to community life for men parolees and shelter for the homeless.
- Delphi Rise- Offers prevention services through counseling and education, recovery through treatment services, and mental health support and emergency response.
- Willow- Support and advocacy for victims of & those at risk of becoming victims of domestic violence.

We supported the following because we believe our faith teaches us to welcome all His children... working for peace and justice:

- El Shaddai Church in their efforts to help their African brothers and sisters who are refugees.
 - We helped provide rent for a refugee living in unsafe conditions.
 - We supported the El Shaddai Tutoring Program offered at GPC both financially and with tutors.
 - GPC hosted 2 nonprofit immigration rights organizations (at no cost to GPC.) The mission team donated money to the organizations for the important work they do.
 - Financial relief to Pastor Heritage so that he could devote his time to helping his refugee families find pathways to jobs, help them with their language barriers, provide community support for those in duress and grow the church in order to worship in their own language.
 - When SNAP benefits were suspended during the government shutdown, the mission team donated gift cards for food for 8 families in El Shaddai Church
- Homesteads for Hope- a place to serve adults of all abilities in an inclusive, agricultural style community. We purchased the supplies and Tom, Keith, and Bill built shelving units in their basement. Through our partnership we also had a worship service there in the fall.
- Rural Migrant Ministries- working for a just rural NYS, especially farm workers and rural families.
- We donated to Omar's Go Fund Me, who has been illegally detained in ICE detention for immigrant aid.

Mission/Peacemaking Team, cont'd

In addition to our local mission support, our mission dollars also have national and global impact. We have had a long history with Jamaica, and donated money to their building project at the Green Island School, where GPC had sent many youth work groups in the past. We supported the Presbyterian Mission for Co-partners, who work all over the world to improve living conditions and spread the news of Jesus Christ. In 2025, Gates Presbyterian supported Jeff and Christi Boyd in the Congo. We also sent donations to the Presbytery Disaster Assistance Fund to help meet the needs of the many global disasters this year, (California wildfires, humanitarian aid to war torn countries, Hurricane relief, Palestine Hunger Relief, and other natural disasters, etc.). We joined First Presbyterian Church in Pittsford's "Safai to Kenya" with a financial donation to benefit orphaned children in Kenya. We learned of an organization called "Widows And Orphans" that works around the globe helping people in desperate situations and contributed financially. And the mission team continues to support our Guatemala Partners.

Members of our team have searched ways to be in community with the people God puts in our path. We look forward to being in community with our future neighbors at Churchview Commons and the YWCA.

GPC Mission Team Members in 2025 were Chris Arcara, Betty Blystone, Sally Christensen, Sam Dykes, Diane Howe, Simon Njumbwa, Derek Peacock, Linda Sidore, Bev Switzer, Anne Tonery-DeMars, Eric Vail (Financials), Tom Ward, and Al Waugh.

Most meetings will continue to be on the first Monday of each month.

Respectively submitted by Mission Team Members

Nominating Committee

Thank you to all of the Ruling Elders, Deacons, and Trustees who have served and completed their terms faithfully in service to Gates Presbyterian Church, as well as to those who needed to pursue other callings at this time.

Elders	Christine Cook
	Adam Switzer
Deacons	Jan Brewer
	Bill Shirtz
	Anne Tonery-DeMars
	Linda Sidore
Trustees	Dennis White
	Scott Grace

Our 2025 Nominating Team included Mary Hadley (Deacons), Keith Hadley (Trustees), and Tom Ward (at large), and MaryBeth MacKenzie (Elder, Nominating Committee Chair). We began our search process at the end of the '25-'25 school year. Our final slate of candidates was approved at the Congregational Meeting 12/14/2025, and new officers were installed 1/4/2026.

To serve beginning January 2026:

Elders:	Kecia Binko	2 year term	Deacons:	Simon Njumbwa	1 year term
	Sheri MacFarlane	2 year term		Carrie Dykes	2 year term
	Tom Ward	2 year term		Margaret Militello	2 year term
	Katie Steinmiller	2 year term		Jeannie Bauman	2 year term
	MaryBeth MacKenzie	Last yr. of term		Chris Arcara	2 year term
	Bridget Wohlers	Last yr. of term		Bruce Taylor	2 year term
	Jan Beutner-Shirtz	Last yr. of term		Dave Balsley	2 year term
	Janice Bilohlavek	Last yr. of term		Janice Phillips	Last yr. of term
	Paul Gluchowski	Last yr. of term		Barb Snaith	Last yr. of term
			Betty Blystone	Last yr. of term	
			Mary Hadley	Last yr. of term	
			Kay Harder	Last yr. of term	

Nominating Committee, cont'd

Trustees:	Keith Hadley	2 year term
	Steve Christensen	2 year term
	Chris Thornton	2 year term
	Gary Dykes	2 year term
	Ed Coons	Last yr. of term
	Dan Charcholla	Last yr. of term
	Jim Poole	Last yr. of term
	Eric Paquin	Last yr. of term

Thank you very much to the Nominating Team members for all of their dedicated time and efforts. Welcome to all of our new members willing to serve God as leaders in the ministry of Gates Presbyterian Church.

Respectfully submitted,
MaryBeth MacKenzie
Nominating Team Chair

Personnel Team

We are grateful to our GPC staff for their continued dedication, creativity and care with which they each approach their various roles and responsibilities.

We are truly blessed that Sue Eckhaus accepted being hired for the position of GPC Office Administrative Assistant April 1, 2025 replacing Karen Kozlowski who was hired back in April 2018. Sue has continued to provide so many vital services that our previous Office Manager had provided. We are thankful for Sue coming to GPC and the skills that she has brought with her and the vision she has provided to look for ways to continue to provide so many things that we all count on coming from our GPC office staff. We know how important it is to have Sue as a Staff Member of GPC and welcoming her has been a substantial thing.

Online worship continued to be a valuable offering and a way for those near and far to worship and be in community at GPC. We were fortunate to have added additional trained substitutes, including Jared Steinmiller to help cover for Evan Mikoll in this important position as needed.

Music is a very important and valued part of the GPC worship experience under the direction of Roy Smith Choir Director, Debbie White Jr Choir Director, Andy Pratt Pianist/Organist, and Christine Cook as Bell Choir Director. Thank you to those people who have filled in for our music team members when needed, including Chip Bachmann and Kris Ohman along with other people. The congregation enjoyed a variety of music and original compositions, both vocal and instrumental, performed by all ages throughout the year as part of the worship services and a very special Cantata titled *Gloria* composed by Roy Smith which was so very special.

We are truly blessed that Rev. James (Jim) Renfrew our GPC Pastoral Associate continues to fill in at times for Pastor Laura Bahmann when she is away for Sunday worship services. In addition, Rev. Renfrew is also prepared to be an emergency substitute for Pastor Laura on very short notice. In addition to preaching, he is also available to conduct funerals, make home visits, lead Bible Study, work on mission projects, or anything else that would help Pastor Laura manager her very busy schedule.

Our team coordinated with the Trustees to identify a commercial cleaning company Experience Quality Cleaners to contract with to provide future cleaning services replacing our longtime custodian Bob Staszewski who retired December 1, 2025. We thank Tammy Carney who filled in for Bob when Bob has been unable to be at GPC this year and for fulfilling the custodian responsibilities.

During the months of November and December we reviewed the 2026 salaries of our staff members and the 2026 Terms of Call for Pastor Laura Bachmann and presented initial 2026 recommendations to Session. The 2026 Terms of Call for Pastor Laura Bachmann was presented to the congregation during a congregational meeting in December for consideration and ultimate approval. We remained ready to work with Session throughout the budget process. As the Head of Staff, Pastor Laura proved to be a valuable resource and guide to our team in this time, as well as throughout the year.

Personnel Team, cont'd

Our 2025 GPC staff and substitutes:

- Rev. Laura Bachmann, Pastor and Head of Staff
- Rev. James R. Renfrew, Pastoral Associate
- Karen Kozlowski, Office Administrator, (no longer a GPC staff person as of 1/24/2025)
- Sue Eckhaus, Office Administrative Assistant (hired 4/01/2025)
- Tracy Burkovich, Treasurer
- Roy Smith, Adult Choir Director
- Debbie White, Jr. Choir Director
- Andy Pratt, Pianist and Organist
- Chip Bachmann, Pianist Substitute
- Kris Ohman, Pianist Substitute
- Christine Cook, Bell Choir Director
- Evan Mikoll, Video Live Stream Director
- Jared Steinmiller, Substitute Video Live Stream Director
- Bob Staszewski, Custodian (no longer a GPC Staff person retired as of 12/01/25)
- Tammy Carney, Custodian Substitute
- Bev Switzer, Child Care Provider
- Alex MacFarlane, Assistant Child Care Provider
- Anne Tonery-DeMars, Child Care Provider Substitute
- Thank you to all other Substitutes some of which who volunteered

We are very grateful to have such faithful, caring and hardworking people making up our GPC staff. Thank you all!

Respectfully submitted,

The Personnel Ministry Team:

Carrie Dykes, Deacon

Keith Hadley, Trustee

Eric Vail, At Large

Rev. Laura Bachmann, Pastor

Property Development Team

2025 Pathstone Churchview Commons Construction Project report

Roughly 1 year ago, Pathstone Corp. broke ground on the collaborative project with Gates Presbyterian Church, where the conception began in 2018. Now the project is in the final last months before it is planned to open for occupancy. Thank you all for your patience.

Over this past year all of the infrastructure has been installed, and yes there has been disruption to the church's property appearance to make this happen. But after the snow disappears in a couple months, the activity to bring the landscape back to normal, with the following changes: the lawn will be replaced, the playground will return in a new location, 5 new trees will replace those that were removed, and one big feature being our parking lot will be completely replaced & lastly signage at the driveway entrance.

At present, the exterior of Churchview Commons is nearly completed, and tremendous activity on the interior where some parts are nearing completion. Depending on the section, each has its own construction schedule, but twice monthly we attend their schedule meeting/Zoom call with Home Leasing, the company in charge of construction where the overall schedule is reviewed, and details are shared. After those meetings, we can present issues that are of concern to resolve. It has been a very good working relationship. The worksite is among the safest, and most efficient projects of this type in the state.

On January 12th, there was a meeting between Pathstone's team, a member of the GPC Property Development team and a HHAP (Homeless Housing and Assistance Program) representative where she explained all of the review processes, expectations and oversight that will be occurring regularly. It was extremely valuable, enlightening and comforting for our understanding.

This spring will be very busy in preparation for the opening late summer. We will keep everyone informed as we approach this momentous occasion, as well as any of the activities that will occur affecting our daily operations, such as the parking lot replacement.

Feel free to reach out to the team to ask any questions.

Respectfully submitted, Churchview Common team members:

The Rev. Laura Bachmann, Tom Ward, Jan Beutner-Shirtz, Ed Coons & Bill Dassero

Public Worship Team

The primary focus of the Public Worship Team is to support one of the four core ministry values of our church - worship. The Team collaborates with the Pastor and our Music Ministry team in planning worship services and activities for each church season. Team Responsibilities include but are not limited to the following:

- Assuring that the liturgical seasons are reflected in the sanctuary (candles and paraments).
- Scheduling of Liturgists, Usher teams and Communion Servers.
- Arrangement for and hosting of guest pastors when needed.
- Preparation of communion elements.
- Scheduling and recruiting help to decorate and undecorate the sanctuary for liturgical seasons. Advent, Christmas, Easter and Pentecost.
- Arranging for Advent Candle Lighters.
- Providing support for special services as needed – Baptisms, Funerals/Memorial Services, Weddings, Mid-Day Worship and Blue Christmas.

The elements of our worship experience have become more “normal” thanks to the many volunteers who fill the support roles for each service.

Communion: The process by which communion is served has evolved to a point that it is working well. We continue to use prefilled cups on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and in July, August and September.

Offering: We recognize that many fulfill their giving intention electronically or using a bill-pay service, and many others submit monthly or quarterly. We will continue to pass the patens during the offering time as a reminder to reflect on the gifts we give to and receive from our church community.

I am grateful to the dedicated members of the Public Worship Team – Jan & Tom Brewer, Kathy Coons, and Janice Phillips in collaboration with Rev. Bachmann. The team is grateful to all of those in our GPC family who so graciously serve as liturgists, ushers, communion servers, greeters, decorators and candle-trimmers and to those who willingly pitch in to help with whatever is needed.

Opportunities:

- If you would like to serve as an usher or liturgist, please contact any of the team members listed in the paragraph above.
- Volunteers to help set up and/or clean up communion are welcome and anyone who has been ordained as an Elder or Deacon is eligible to serve communion.
- If you have ideas about ways to enrich our worship experience and are willing to help develop and implement them, please consider joining the PW team.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheri MacFarlane, Chair

Feeding Ministries

The St. Joe's Lunch Program and the Weekend Food Ministry are not line-item expenses in the church budget. The only funds regularly allocated via GPC are proceeds from bottle returns which are not included in anticipated income. There are occasional gifts from the 10% of anticipated income that is allocated by policy for uses determined by our Mission Team.

These programs are supported by our congregation, friends and neighbors – those who donate funds, those who donate food and those who put it all together

That the need for programs like these is so great is troubling. That our congregation and friends are able to consistently meet the needs of some of our most vulnerable neighbors is a blessing to all concerned.

Lunches for St. Joe's

The Monday Lunch Crew is now in the 6th year of preparing bag lunches to be distributed by St. Joe's staff on Tuesdays. In 2025 4,000 bag lunches were prepared as well as 1,000 extra PB&J sandwiches.

We had been fortunate to have received donations of bread and snacks from Freihofer's for several years. Unfortunately, this source was shut down. Another source for bread was found; Midstate Bakery now donates bread each week.

As a result of the increasing cost of groceries and the loss of donated snacks, the average value of bag contents is now ~\$5.00 (up from ~\$4.00 in 2024) for items that are donated or purchased with funds donated by our congregation and friends. Total value of donated items used for St. Joe's lunches in 2025 is \$20,000.

Weekend Food Ministry

We are now in our fourth year of providing food to area children via our Weekend Food Ministry.

We provided 1,105 Weekend Food bags in 2025. Many thanks to all who have generously provided food items for the bags and to those who graciously help to pack the bags.

The need for food assistance among Walt Disney Elementary School families remained steady at 19 bags for each week that school was in session in 2025. The need among Neil Armstrong families increased gradually from 13 at the beginning of January to 22 from early May through the end of the school year. Now a Community School, Neil Armstrong has an onsite food pantry and is no longer in need of weekly bags but have asked that we provide a supply of lunch and snack items for children in particular need.

Rising costs increased the value per bag by nearly 20% to \$6.50 from \$5.55 in 2024. Total estimated value of bags provided in 2025 = \$7,182.50. Lunch and snack items provided to Neil Armstrong School add ~\$180 (6 x \$30) for a total of \$7,362.50.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheri MacFarlane

2025 Balance Sheet

Gates Presbyterian Church 2025 Balance Sheet

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1000 - Cash	
1000 - Checking Operating Acct	\$19,547.49
1005 - MM Escrow Fund	\$237,654.89
1100 - CD Memorial Funds	\$28,165.28
1105 - CD PTW Funds	\$80,528.86
Total 1000 - Cash	<u>\$365,896.52</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>\$365,896.52</u>
Total Current Assets	\$365,896.52
Other Assets	
1300 - Mustard Seed - Morgan Stanley	\$134,209.84
1400 - Endowment Fund - Fidelity	\$312,545.58
Total Other Assets	<u>\$446,755.42</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$812,651.94</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
2000 - Accounts Payable	\$6,701.85
Total Accounts Payable	<u>\$6,701.85</u>
Total Current Liabilities	\$6,701.85
Long Term Liabilities	
Total 6000 - MM Escrow Fund	\$237,654.89
Total 7500 - CD Memorial Funds	\$28,165.28
Total 7600 - CD PTW Funds	\$80,528.86
Total 8000 - Mustard Seed Fund	\$134,209.84
Total 9000 - Endowment Fund	\$312,545.58
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>\$818,040.37</u>
Total Liabilities	\$824,742.22
Equity	
1990 - Fund Balance - Operating	\$15,633.64
Retained Earnings	(\$28,522.02)
Net Income	\$798.10
Total Equity	<u>(\$12,090.28)</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>\$812,651.94</u></u>

Submitted by : Tracy Burkovich, Treasurer

2025 Actuals & 2026 Budget

Gates Presbyterian Church 2025 Actuals & 2026 Budget

	12/31/25 Actual	2025 Budget	APPROVED 2026 Budget
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Prior Year End Balance	\$12,077	\$13,605	\$798
2024 / 2025 / 2026 ERTC (Covid Payroll) Funds	\$14,275	\$0	\$25,000
Escrow Funds Released	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$0
TOTAL FUNDS ON HAND	\$38,352	\$25,605	\$25,798

INCOME PROJECTION

Confirmed Giving	\$243,884	\$213,427	\$242,267
Anticipated Pledges	\$0	\$16,955	\$14,500
Unpledged offering	\$0	\$13,502	\$0
PPP/Covid Funding / Fox Estate	\$0	\$0	\$0
Building Use	\$14,877	\$19,000	\$19,400
Churchview Commons / Pathstone	\$0	\$0	\$5,000
Fund Raising	\$1,606	\$2,500	\$2,500
Loose Offering	\$2,396	\$2,500	\$2,000
Per Capita	\$2,266	\$3,000	\$2,000
Initial Offering	\$0	\$50	\$50
Special Donations & Misc.	\$0	\$0	\$0
Interest from Key Bank Money Market Account	\$5,028	\$5,500	\$3,325
Distribution from Endowment Funds	\$13,200	\$13,200	\$13,750
Distribution from Mustard Seed	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$8,725
Presby / PCUSA Special Offerings	\$960	\$1,000	\$1,000
TOTAL INCOME PROJECTION	\$293,217	\$299,634	\$314,517

TOTAL ANTICIPATED INCOMING FUNDS

	\$319,492	\$325,239	\$340,315
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Submitted by: Tracy Burkovich, Treasurer

2025 Actuals & 2026 Budget, cont'd

**Gates Presbyterian Church
2025 Actuals & 2026 Budget**

EXPENSE SUMMARY	12/31/25 Actual	2025 Budget	APPROVED 2026 Budget
Staff Support	\$218,868	\$223,274	\$238,295
Maintenance / Operating	\$52,313	\$52,341	\$55,000
Programming	\$17,336	\$18,560	\$21,835
Mission Programs	\$30,177	\$29,863	\$41,104
GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES	\$318,694	\$324,038	\$356,235
TOTAL INCOME LESS EXPENSES	\$798	\$1,201	(\$15,919)

Fund Balances:	
General MM Funds - 12/31/25	\$237,655
CD - Pave the Way - 12/16/25	\$80,529
CD - Memorial Funds - 12/17/25	\$28,165
Mustard Seed Fund - 12/31/25	\$134,210
Endowment Fund - 12/31/25	\$312,546
TOTAL Invested & Money Market Funds	\$793,104

Operating Capital - KeyBank MM - 12/31/25	\$0
Operating Capital - Key Bank Checking - 12/31/25	\$19,547
Accounts Payable / CCd - 12/31/25	\$6,702

Submitted by: Tracy Burkovich, Treasurer

2025 Actuals & 2026 Budget, cont'd

**Gates Presbyterian Church
2025 Actuals & 2026 Budget**

STAFF SUPPORT		12/31/25 Actual	2025 Budget	APPROVED 2026 Budget
111	Pastor Salary *	\$48,677	\$44,933	\$45,533
112	Pastor Housing Expense *	\$30,944	\$28,564	\$28,564
113	Pastor Housing Utility *	\$4,806	\$4,436	\$4,436
114	Pastor Medical Ins./Ded. *	\$0	\$0	\$0
115	Pastor Social Security	\$5,464	\$5,044	\$5,090
116	Pastor Pension & Benefits	\$37,958	\$33,511	\$43,411
117	Pastor Travel/Bus. Exp.	\$3,207	\$4,000	\$4,000
118	Pastor Continuing Education	(\$2,858)	\$4,000	\$4,000
162	Video Live Streaming Director	\$8,192	\$7,760	\$7,954
131	Office Manager Salary	\$20,189	\$24,271	\$24,275
134	Treasurer	\$6,460	\$6,500	\$6,500
135	Payroll Service	\$710	\$1,800	\$850
141	Choir Director	\$11,424	\$11,500	\$11,787
142	Junior Choir Director	\$5,082	\$5,125	\$5,125
143	Organist	\$9,703	\$10,500	\$10,070
144	Bell Choir Director	\$200	\$500	\$500
146	Service Musician Substitute	\$725	\$750	\$750
153	Custodian	\$12,935	\$14,350	\$0
	Custodial Celaning Service	\$1,941	\$0	\$23,300
160	Child Care Provider	\$2,585	\$2,850	\$2,850
161	Asst Child Care Provider	\$2,522	\$2,280	\$2,280
165	Background Checks	\$496	\$100	\$100
171	Workers' Compensation	\$1,463	\$4,000	\$1,500
172	Social Security	\$6,042	\$6,500	\$5,420
	Subtotals	\$218,868	\$223,274	\$238,295

Submitted by: Tracy Burkovich, Treasurer

2025 Actuals & 2026 Budget, cont'd

**Gates Presbyterian Church
2025 Actuals & 2026 Budget**

MAINTENANCE / OPERATING EXPENSE		12/31/25 Actual	2025 Budget	APPROVED 2026 Budget
210	Building, Grounds & Equipment	\$7,362	\$8,000	\$8,800
220	Major Repair & Improvement Fund	\$6,253	\$6,634	\$3,000
260	Ongoing Roof Maint	\$2,340	\$1,200	\$3,000
	Building Maintenance	\$15,955	\$15,834	\$14,800
215	Refuse Collection	\$1,534	\$1,500	\$1,700
240	Gas & Electric Utilities	\$17,418	\$12,500	\$19,200
242	Water	\$476	\$400	\$600
243	Water & Sewer Tax	\$225	\$481	\$500
245	Telephone / Internet	\$2,633	\$2,500	\$2,800
	Utilities	\$22,286	\$17,381	\$24,800
230	Office Supplies / Postage	\$1,505	\$2,700	\$1,700
232	Computer HW/SW Repair/Purchase	\$4,472	\$3,500	\$4,600
246	Insurance	\$7,814	\$7,076	\$8,600
249	Snow Removal	\$280	\$5,000	\$300
255	Pest Control	\$0	\$850	\$200
	Operating Expenses	\$14,071	\$19,126	\$15,400
	Subtotals	\$52,313	\$52,341	\$55,000

Submitted by: Tracy Burkovich, Treasurer

2025 Actuals & 2026 Budget, cont'd

**Gates Presbyterian Church
2025 Actuals & 2026 Budget**

PROGRAMMING		12/31/25 Actual	2025 Budget	APPROVED 2026 Budget
310	Per Capita/Gen Assmbl/Synod/Presby	\$10,010	\$10,010	\$10,080
320	Stewardship	\$0	\$500	\$750
361	Session Programs	\$942	\$500	\$1,000
375	Copyright / Website Licenses	\$693	\$700	\$700
390	Personnel Committee	\$927	\$100	\$100
	Admin	\$12,571	\$11,810	\$12,630
315	Membership & Hospitality	\$0	\$400	\$400
370	Deacons	\$539	\$300	\$300
	Hospitality	\$539	\$700	\$700
330	Public Worship	\$578	\$500	\$500
331	On Call / Guest Worship Leaders	\$1,200	\$2,000	\$4,400
341	Music - Organ Tuning	\$975	\$850	\$975
342	Music - Piano Tuning	\$530	\$200	\$530
348	Junior Choir Music	\$0	\$150	\$0
349	Adult Choir Music / Musicians	\$250	\$800	\$800
	Worship	\$3,533	\$4,500	\$7,205
351	Spiritual Journeys Committee	\$474	\$300	\$300
352	Ministry with Youth	\$0	\$500	\$500
353	Ministry with Children	\$219	\$750	\$500
	Spiritual Growth	\$693	\$1,550	\$1,300
	Subtotals	\$17,336	\$18,560	\$21,835

Submitted by: Tracy Burkovich, Treasurer

2025 Actuals & 2026 Budget, cont'd

**Gates Presbyterian Church
2025 Actuals & 2026 Budget**

GENERAL MISSION		12/31/25 Actual	2025 Budget	APPROVED 2026 Budget
420	Presby Mission Support	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$0
451	Pillars of the Church	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
452	Mission Co-Partners	\$3,100	\$1,700	\$0
425	Presbyterian Disaster Assistance	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$0
	Special Offerings: Pent/OGHS/Peace	\$960	\$1,000	\$0
	Subtotal PCUSA	\$8,260	\$7,900	\$0
450	New Mission Projects (Undesignated)	\$2,303	\$4,000	\$0
457	Guatemala Partners	\$800	\$800	\$0
480	Youth Work Project	\$600	\$600	\$0
486	Jamaica Mission	\$400	\$0	\$0
	El Shaddai Mission	\$5,000	\$0	\$12,000
487	Mission Leadership	\$0	\$500	\$0
	Subtotal Mission At Work	\$9,103	\$5,900	\$12,000
453	Hunger	\$2,555	\$4,513	\$0
454	SWEM food cupboard	\$480	\$1,000	\$0
458	Rural Ministries	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
	Subtotal Food Justice	\$4,035	\$6,513	\$0
456	Cameron Comm. Ministries	\$1,110	\$2,000	\$0
460	Refugee Resettlement	\$1,700	\$1,700	\$0
466	Urban Churches	\$450	\$450	\$0
470	St. Joseph's House of Hospitality	\$2,665	\$2,400	\$0
477	Housing	\$1,254	\$1,000	\$0
478	Rehabilitation Services	\$1,200	\$1,600	\$0
481	Willow	\$400	\$400	\$0
	Subtotal Social Justice	\$8,779	\$9,550	\$0
	General Mission Totals	\$30,177	\$29,863	\$41,104

* 2026 Mission detail to be determined by Mission team in early 2026

Submitted by: Tracy Burkovich, Treasurer

**Gates Presbyterian Church
2025 Actuals & 2026 Budget**

SUMMARY

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Submitted by : Tracy Burkovich, Treasurer

Money Market/Escrow Balances

Gates Presbyterian Church
2025 Money Market / Escrow Balances

Designated and Non-Operating Funds	1/1/2025	Receipts	Expense	12/31/25
Designated Funds: Ongoing Programs				
PAVE THE WAY - Trustees - Major Repair	\$6,266.77	5,604.00		\$11,870.77
PAVE THE WAY - Pathstone - Deposits - HOLD	\$0.00	5,000.00		\$5,000.00
Mustard Seed	\$125.00	14,875.00	(15,000.00)	\$0.00
Memorial Funds (moved from separate acct)	\$3,577.67	6,099.96	(5,723.94)	\$3,953.69
Guatemala Group	\$4,620.31	7,925.00	(10,320.23)	\$2,225.08
Pastor's Emergency Fund	\$1,425.00	14,313.00	(14,220.07)	\$1,517.93
El Shaddai Tutoring (Cozy Cabaret) / Mission	\$0.00	1,775.00	(1,597.78)	\$177.22
Pastors Travel / Cont Education (TOC Contracted)	\$4,469.84		(4,469.84)	\$0.00
Women's Brunch	\$308.00		(308.00)	\$0.00
Mission Funds - Coffee House	\$0.00	1,600.01	(1,600.01)	\$0.00
Memorial Garden / Labyrinth	\$6,670.84	1,975.00	(6,927.98)	\$1,717.86
Weekend Food Ministry (incl Bottles & Cans)	\$4,384.96	3,420.42	(3,367.61)	\$4,437.77
Designated Funds: 2024 / 2025 Budget				
2025 / 2026 Prepaid Pledges	\$3,209.00	15,604.00	(5,709.00)	\$13,104.00
2025 Budget - Presby Refund re: Bldg Lease	\$12,000.00		(12,000.00)	\$0.00
2025 Deposits for Operating Account	\$0.00	278,306.86	(278,306.86)	\$0.00
2025 Endowment Funds	\$0.00	\$13,200.00	(13,200.00)	\$0.00
Presby Grants:				
Presbytery of GV Grant	\$0.00	3,975.00	(3,975.00)	\$0.00
Delphi Rise Training - 3/8/25	\$1,727.10		(1,727.10)	\$0.00
Undesignated Funds:				
Interest from MM Account - to Operating Income	\$0.00	4,998.48	(5,028.35)	(\$29.87)
Ohman Family Gift	\$0.00	30,000.00		\$30,000.00
ERTC /PPP Funding rebates - Designation Pending	\$43,402.13	22,104.53	(14,275.00)	\$51,231.66
Patricia Fox Estate Funds - Designation Pending	\$8,619.11			\$8,619.11
Olsen House Proceeds - Designation Pending	\$93,929.67			\$93,929.67
Smith Memorial Gift	\$0.00	10,000.00	(100.00)	\$9,900.00
BALANCE	\$194,735.40	\$440,776.26	\$ (397,856.77)	\$237,654.89

Submitted by : Tracy Burkovich, Treasurer

GPC Endowment Fund

Maple Capital Management continues to manage GPC Endowment Fund holdings. Funds are held by Fidelity Investments.

- The account balance as of 12/31/2024 was \$295,027. As of 12/31/25, balance was \$312,546.
- Change in Fund value in 2025 was \$33,039 (+11.2).
- In accordance with the change to Endowment Policy approved by Session January 2024, annual distributions from the fund of between 4% & 5% of the prior five (5) years) balances are now made to support GPC ministry and mission. Session approved distribution of 4.5% for 2025 which was \$13,200. Total distributions since the inception of the Endowment Fund = \$103,408
- There were no gifts to the Endowment Fund in 2025; historic donor value remains at \$89,227.
- Investment allocation is currently 60% Equities and 40% Fixed Income.

The intent and care taken when the GPC Endowment Fund was originated and the oversight and management since have served us very well.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheri MacFarlane, Chair

Memorial & Special Gifts Fund

Gates Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund Special Gifts and Disbursements in 2025

Account Information

Balance in MM Account 12/31/2024		\$3,577.67
Memorial Gifts Received		\$6,099.96
Estate Checks		
Transfer from other accounts		
Total Disbursements		(\$5,723.94)
Balance in KeyBank CD as of 12/17/25		\$28,165.28
Account Balance for Current Date	12/31/2025	\$32,118.97

Contributions given in 2025 in memory of

	Disbursements	
Frona Rossman		
Robert Reynolds	Janice Bilohlavek postage	\$73.00
Deborah Incardona	El Shaddai	\$5,000.00
Buz Bauman	Roy Smith	\$500.00
Sue Mancini	Grief Books	\$150.94
Keith VanNostrand		
	Total Disbursements	\$5,723.94

Account Breakout:

Childrens Music	\$0.00
Music Program	\$3,008.45
Designated Gifts	\$449.37
Mission	\$1,745.88
Library	\$434.16
Youth Programs	\$8,808.54
Future Desig-Salline Brown	\$190.00
Deacons	\$100.00
Lawn Tractor	\$795.00
Undesignated Gifts (incl CD Int)	\$16,587.57
Totals	\$32,118.97

Submitted by: Tracy Burkovich, Treasurer

Memorial Garden Fund

The Gates Presbyterian Church Memorial Garden was dedicated August 11, 2013, and has become peaceful and comforting place to sit and contemplate thoughts and stroll along the brick walkway viewing the names of those who are honored or remembered as special people in our lives. The Memorial Garden is also used as a special gathering place for prayer and meditation as is the Labyrinth completed in 2018.



The GPC Memorial Garden is financially self-sustaining and is maintained through the use of donations, fees paid for the interment of cremains and the sale of engraved bricks that will be placed in the memorial walkway.

The Memorial Garden Committee invites you to visit the Memorial Garden and walkway as the walkway is accessible through the Sanctuary doors that access going outside and also the door just beyond the sanctuary entrance across from the church office.

There is great emotional, spiritual, and psychological value in the time-tested traditions surrounding the way we lay our loved ones to rest. Cremation can be used as an alternative to cemetery burial while maintaining the traditional funeral home calling hours and funeral/memorial service. The Memorial Garden increases our choices by providing a sacred space, not a cemetery, on our church grounds to remember those who have died.

If you would like more information regarding the Memorial Garden, please contact a member of the Memorial Garden Committee: Janice Bilohlavek, Ginny Barley, Ed Coons, Barb Snaith, Andrea Unson, Carrie Dykes, Bill Dassero, Eric Vail, Rev. Laura Bachmann.



We remember and honor Mary Hughes who passed away on August 27, 2022. Mary had a vision of creating a Memorial Garden at GPC and with Mary's guidance and passion the Memorial Garden became a part of the mission and ministry of Gates Presbyterian Church in 2013.

Submitted by: Eric Vail

The sacred souls interred in the Memorial Garden include		
Jack Hughes (2013)	Dorothy Marie Whiteman (2017)	James Bartel (2022)
Jack Westfall (2013)	Scott Walker (2017)	John Walker (2022)
Fred Meyer (2013)	George Bilohlavek (2017)	Mary Hughes (2022)
Jim Bartell (2013)	Thomas Cathy (2017)	Buz Bauman (2025)
Vi McMahan (2013)	Judy Gluchowski (2018)	Keith VanNostrand (2025)
Joyce Kern (2015)	Marjorie Westfall (2019)	Alan Beardsley (2025)
John McMahan (2015)	Scott Blystone (2019)	Tim Beardsley (2025)
Ralph O'Keefe (2015)	Jean & Ed Sklair (2021)	Melanie Clark (2025)
Ann Smith (2016)	Pearl Plummer (2021)	

Memorial Garden, cont'd

Special Gifts and Disbursements in 2025

Gates Presbyterian Church Memorial Garden Fund
Special Gifts and Disbursements in 2025

Account Information:

Balance in Account 12/31/2024		\$6,670.84
Memorial Gifts Received		\$1,975.00
Estate Checks		
Transfer from other accounts		
Total Disbursements		(\$6,927.98)
Account Balance for Current Date	12/31/2025	\$1,717.86

Contributions given in 2025 in memory or Honor of

Mary DiGennaro		
Laura Nolan	Disbursements	
William Balsley	Keady (mulsh / weeding)	\$685.00
Keith VanNostrand	Natural stone works (bricks)	\$198.00
Buz Bauman	Keady (expansion)	\$5,855.00
Tim and Alan Beardsley	Ed Coons (Rose bushes)	\$85.99
Norm, Rosemary and Melanie Clark	Natural stone works (bricks)	\$36.00
Joe and Mary Szatynski	Ed Coons (Rose Bush)	\$31.99
Valerie Hungerford	Natural stone works (bricks)	\$36.00
Carol A. Best		
Frona Rossman		
Kaius Lee Steinmiller		
	Total Disbursements	\$6,927.98

Account Breakout:

	2025 Balance	
	Labrinth	\$0.00
	Internment	\$3,600.00
	Bricks	\$5,141.00
	Non Designated	\$1,160.44
	Plants & Maintenance	(\$9,569.02)
	2017 Beginning Balance	\$1,385.44
Respectfully submitted by Janice Bilohlavek	Total	\$1,717.86

Submitted by: Janice Bilohlavek, Financial Secretary

Mustard Seed Scholarship & Fund

Mustard Seed Scholarship Program

Established in 1997, the Mustard Seed Scholarship Fund continues to support the outstanding youth of Gates Presbyterian Church as they pursue post high school education. 2024 marked the 24th year that awards were made from the Mustard Seed Scholarship Fund. Awards have been given to 29 GPC youth and total more than \$124,000.

Mustard Seed Scholarships are currently awarded as one-time disbursements of \$3,000 to successful applicants. Prior to 2021, there was one Mustard Seed Scholarship awarded each year and the disbursements of \$1,500 per year for up to four (4) years were made to the school that the recipient was attending.

There were two Mustard Seed Scholarship recipients in 2025:

Benett Marconi and ***Graham Wohlers***.

Mustard Seed Fund Status

Mustard Seed Scholarship Funds are held by Fidelity Investments and managed by Maple Capital Management.

	Fidelity	GPC	Total
12/31/2024 Balance	\$134,909.18	\$125.00	\$135,034.18
Donations	\$0.00	\$125.00	
Earnings = 11.27%	\$15,210.28		
Disbursements			
GPC to Fidelity			
Fidelity to GPC*	-\$9,000.00		
Scholarship Payments	-\$5,875.00	-\$125.00	
Mgt & Transaction Fees	-\$1,034.62		
12/31/2024 Balance	\$134,209.84	\$0.00	\$135,034.18

***Mustard Seed Funds - Uses**

Through faithful discernment, the Session of Gates Presbyterian Church has determined that Mustard Seed Funds may be allocated to support our children's ministries if necessary to assure the continuation and growth of these ministries. This is in addition to continuation of the Mustard Seed Scholarship program and expanded use poses no risk to the on-going viability of the Scholarship program. For 2025, Session approved disbursement of 7% of the average of Year End Balances for 2021 through 2024. Amount disbursed for these purposes in 2025 was \$9,000.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheri MacFarlane

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