



Boone Memorial Presbyterian Church  
PC(USA)  
2024 Annual Report

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## Reports of Committees

### Administration Committee / Personnel Committee

*Cheryl Forse (Chair)*

We are grateful for the wonderful staff that keeps our church running smoothly.

Organist – Sylvia Hunt leads us into worship every Sunday, guides us through songs both old and new, and always sends us out with joy. We are so thankful for her committed service to our congregation.

Office Coordinator- We were sad to say goodbye to Kayla Severson as our office coordinator. We are happy to welcome Luke Elmer to the position. We first met Luke when he worked on our website as a project at the C of I.

We also said goodbye to Rachele Bell who kept all of our financials in order. We have hired an outside company to track our finances.

Minister - Pastor Katey leads us with creativity, love and thought provoking sermons. She takes care of each of us when we need her help as we move through life's joyful and challenging moments. She also works hard behind the scenes on technology as we minister to those who cannot worship with us in person.

Pastoral Assistant - Deanna Watson has been a valuable asset to our worship. Her service has allowed Katie to work on some of the behind the scene things that enhance our worship and our outreach

### Resource Committee

*Paul Mann (Chair), Tim Winsley (Co-Chair), Wayne Oyama (Treasurer), Karen Alldredge, Nancy Randall, Howard Van Slyke, Teresa Taylor*

The Resource Committee's projects and responsibilities that have been completed or are ongoing are:

- Utilized extra funds from fire sprinkler grant to:
- Upgrade heater system for Westminster
- Installed new flooring in chapel
- Removed pews from chapel
- Replaced several doors with fire door
- Increased the number of security lights
- Landscaped lawn damaged by water main installation
- Electrical panels were inspected & passed
- Sanctuary boiler was inspected during the summer and passed

- Participated in a Partner in Sacred Places program
- Created wheelchair accessible space in sanctuary
- Privately owned Daycare is renting Westminster Center.
- Continuing tenants in 1301 Dearborn.
- Tenants increased by 1 as did pets
- Continuing tenants in 1324 Dearborn.
- Scout House rented as storage unit.
- Lawn company for mowing and bush trimming.
- Snow removal company for walks and parking lot.
- Weekly boiler water chemistry readings.
- Janitorial service for church offices, sanctuary and restrooms.
- Installing new gutters & leaf guards on sanctuary
- Making progress on ADA compliant ramp for sanctuary building
- Fire Dept inspections identified small issues that have been corrected
- An analysis of Boone assists was completed
- Edward Jones funds have been utilized to balance check book
- Romeos & volunteers worked on gardens, lawns, closets

## Worship Committee

*Susan Shurtliff (Chair), Rev. Katey Schwind Williams (ex officio)*

We continue to be led in worship by Pastor Katey, with the able skills of Sylvia Hunt on organ and Deanna Watson preaching once a month. We are grateful to all of them for sharing their talents with our community.

In February, we began our Lenten series on spiritual practices, entitled "Be Still and Know". As we read through the gospel of Mark, Pastor Katey taught us different ways to engage with God, and we practiced them during worship. We celebrated Easter on March 31.

In July, we celebrated "Christmas in July", where we revisited the Christmas story with a lessons and carols service on the 28th.

In October, we held a "Blessing of the Animals" service. It was held outside, and the congregation was encouraged to bring their pets with them to worship. Mostly dogs joined us, but Pastor Katey also blessed some pictures of cats and other pets. Communion was served for the humans with treats

available for the pets. Everyone was well-behaved and had a wonderful time - we hope to make this an annual event.

Our Advent series was entitled "The Gifts of Women". The sermons focused on the four women that Matthew included in his genealogy (Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, and Bathsheba), and we shared how the gifts we've received from the women in our own lives have impacted us. Pastor Katey also provided a reverse Advent Calendar, as she's done in the past. Several people commented that this was an especially interesting and meaningful series.

Thank you to Susan Shurtliff for keeping the candles lit, providing palms for Palm Sunday, and changing the paraments.

## Nominating Committee

*Rev. Katey Schwind Williams (Moderator), Karen Alldredge, Cheryl Forse, Sharon Hubler, Lorraine Mann, Jan Van Slyke, Tim Winsley*

At the September Annual Congregational meeting, the nominating committee nominated Howard Van Slyke and Pam Carr for new three-year terms as elders, and Tim Winsley for a second three-year term as an elder. The committee also nominated Jan Van Slyke and Sharon Hubler to a second three-year term as deacons. Rick Mack, Pam Traughber, Teresa Taylor, Kathy Neufeld, and Susan Shurtliff were put forth as the next Nominating Committee, to serve until the next congregational meeting in September 2025. The slate was passed unanimously.

## Christian Education Committee for 2024

*Laddene Korhonen (Chair), Karen Alldredge, Cheryl Forse, Tim Winsley*

- **Children's Sunday School**

Karen Alldredge has remained flexible and has taught age-appropriate classes to children who attend. She has been creative in conducting lessons and incorporating cooking and crafts for the older children. Thank you, Karen, for your love and dedication to each child who walks through Boone's door.

- **Adult Bible Study**

- 2024 was a year that had four courses for adult participants, which included 10-14 individuals. We began with a study using the FollowMe curriculum from the Growing in Faith series. The class, *Practice Joy* contained four sessions: See Joy in God's Creation, Rejoice in God's Mercy, Share Others' Joy, and Practice Joy in All Times, and began on February 4 and ended on March 3, 2024.
- The second study was *Practice Spiritual Disciplines*, a six-week class that included Fast, Pray, Listen to God, Embrace Simplicity, Unplug, and Try Different Practices and scripture related to each topic. The schedule was flexible to accommodate the Bell Choir during the season of Easter.

- The time between Easter and Fall was utilized by starting a Boone Book Club. The group suggested several books and a vote was taken on which ones we would read. We set two dates during the summer to discuss the books. Two books were chosen: Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis and The Book of Joy by His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, and Douglas Abrams. Thank you Rick and Margo Mack for your expert facilitation skills in making the Book of Joy session special.
- Our Fall class began September 15 and ended October 6 with the third study: *Practice Generosity*. The four sessions included Share Resources, Share Wisdom, Share Justice, and Share Power. The practice of generosity expresses the sum of the Ten Commandments, the Torah/law, the prophets, and the Gospel of Jesus: to love God and neighbor.
- The fourth class, *Hope* began on the last Sunday of October with four sessions concluding before Thanksgiving. The four sessions are Hear Hope, See Hope, Offer and Receive Hope, and Proclaim Hope. The powerful message of the class is hope is based on trust in God and God's promises. Hope is what tethers us to God and helps us to keep going, even when we can't see the way forward.

A special thank you to Cheryl Forse and Tim Winsley for their dedication, preparation time, and moderation skills. Your gifts are appreciated.

## Presbyterian Women's Association / Bible Study

*Karen Alldredge (Chairwoman)*

Boone Presbyterian Women meet the fourth Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Fireplace Room with the exception of not meeting in November and meeting the first Wednesday of December. We have a coffee/social hour followed by Bible study and lively discussions. This year we studied the Ten Commandments.

We are invited to attend gatherings of Presbyterian Women in the Boise Presbytery and we take turns assisting with these meetings. We voluntarily provide financial assistance to Presbyterian Women of the Boise Presbytery. Boone Women assist with funerals and/or weddings when called upon. We fill eggs for the annual Easter Egg Hunt and help with kitchen cleaning.

All women of Boone are invited and encouraged to attend our gatherings.

## Mission Committee

*Kathy Neufeld (Chair)*

In 2024, Boone Memorial Presbyterian Church members and friends used their gifts and talents in many different ways to help others in the immediate community and around the world.

Red Cross blood drives were held at Boone on July 9, September 11, and December 2. Teresa Taylor assumed responsibility as blood drive coordinator while Kathy was still working, and she has continued in this position. Several volunteers from the church have also provided invaluable assistance with blood drives, which have been held in the back of the sanctuary.

Our quilting ministry has been thriving under Donna Oyama's leadership. We held "Blessing of the Quilts" events on Christmas and Easter Sunday. The quilts were donated to West Valley Hospital. The group meets on Thursdays, and each beautiful blanket is truly a labor of love.

As temperatures rose to over 100 degrees during the summer, our congregation collected items to help those without suitable housing: water bottles, sunscreen, sunhats, bug spray, and other items, including pet food. These were donated to WiCap, along with our usual food donations. Some items were also donated to Catch.

In August, we collected school supplies to fill nine backpacks. These were donated to Hope House.

Boone participated in the annual Canyon County Crop Walk on October 20. We were represented by five walkers, and raised \$1031. Local organizations receive 25% of the total raised in Canyon County; the rest is distributed by Church World Service to areas of need around the world.

In November, we made a \$200 donation to "Shop with a Sheriff".

Finally, our congregation continues to give to our denomination's special offerings. One of my goals for the new year will be to make sure I keep them in everyone's mind and provide visual information about the important projects that these offerings fund.

## Fellowship Committee

*Margo Mack (Chairperson)*

The goal of the committee is to promote Christian fellowship. The responsibility of the committee is to plan and promote church get-togethers, social activities, and Sunday fellowship (coffee hour). In February 2020, I began my chairpersonship. In the month of March 2020, the coffee hours, and other social activities, were suspended due to the contagious and susceptibility of COVID-19.

## The Board of Deacons

*Jan Van Slyke (Care Coordinator), Sharon Hubler (Secretary), Robbi Busse (Communion), Pam Traugher (Moderator), Rick Mack (Session Liaison)*

The Deacons continued to provide care to parish members via cards and calls and meals as needed through 2024.

The Deacons were called upon to provide cookies, lemonade and coffee for Allen Shurtliff's funeral service. Meals were also provided for Susan.

The Deacons also provided refreshments, per the request of the Fellowship committee, for the LGBTQ panel, hosted by Boone.