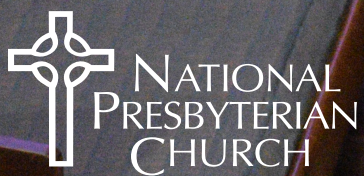




ANNUAL REPORT **2018**





Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What a marvelous year we have shared together at National Presbyterian Church!

- Vacation Bible School attendance doubled from 2017 as children learned of God's faithfulness.
- Mission teams served in the Dominican Republic in the summer, during Great Day of Service in the spring, and throughout the year in and around our city.
- Twenty-four small groups met in and around DC to reflect on God's word in community.
- Over 600 new guests were warmly welcomed and invited to connect with opportunities to worship, grow, care, and serve together in community.
- National held the most successful capital campaign in its history as it looked forward to the next 50 years.

Each one of you play a vital role in making ministry flourish here at National.

Thank you to our children and youth leaders, small group facilitators, table hosts for "The Story," ushers, greeters, singers, musicians, flower ministry volunteers, deacons, Stephen Ministers, sacraments team, connections ambassadors, and *so many more* who give sacrificially of your time, talents, and resources to lead people to become faithful followers of Jesus Christ.

As you read through the stories of God moving in our church during the past year, we hope that you get a sense of the Holy Spirit working through each of us as members of the body of Christ.

"Equip the saints for the work of ministry."
—EPHESIANS 4:12

As we reflect on a wonderful 2018, we look ahead to the opportunities we have as a church to worship, care, grow, and serve together this year. In 2019, we look forward to building plans coming together for our Capital Project, increasing our support of Christian mission organizations through our Capital Campaign, local, and international mission partners, and finding new ways to grow together in Christian discipleship.

May God bless our ministry in the year ahead,


DR. DAVID RENWICK
Senior Pastor


JOHN GREGG
Clerk of Session



Building Together for the Next 50 Years

After 50 years at Nebraska Ave, National now has plans to build together for the next 50 years.

On March 11, 2018—just a few months after celebrating the 50th anniversary of laying the cornerstone of our church campus on Nebraska Avenue—National launched an ambitious building campaign, with Campaign volunteers visiting hundreds in the congregation to share the proposed plans.

By the end of 2018, 460 families and individuals made a commitment to support the Capital Campaign over the next five years, with commitments totaling nearly \$13 million.

486 households have made a commitment or gift to the Capital Campaign

\$4.7 million has been given and

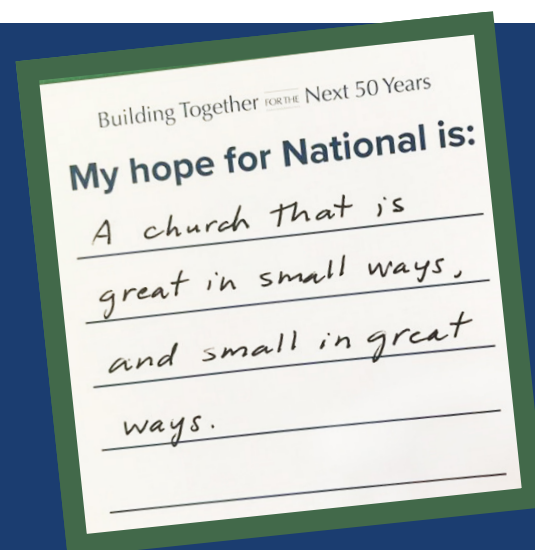
\$12.9 million committed to Building Together for the Next 50 Years.

"I believe in God's church. I believe in this specific church, in this corner of the world. I believe that God is asking us to maintain this beautiful, sacred space to assure his people a place to worship and to learn—a place accessible to all of our family. I believe he is asking us to

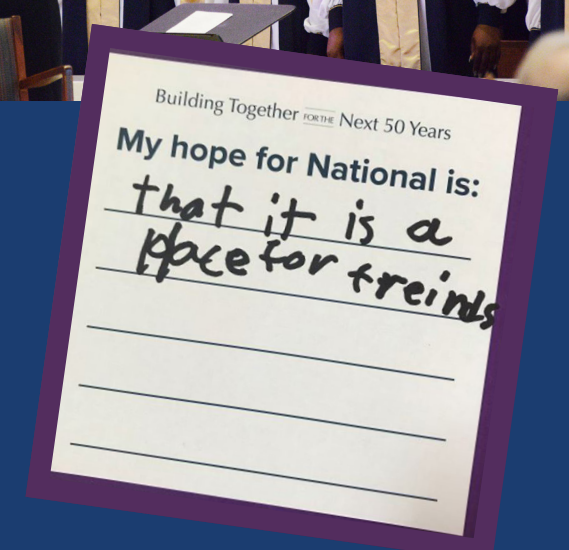
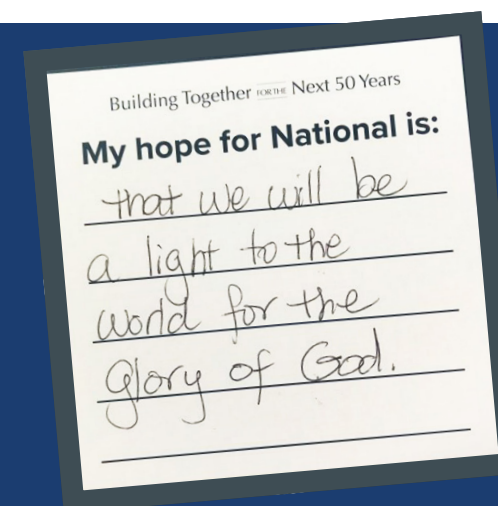
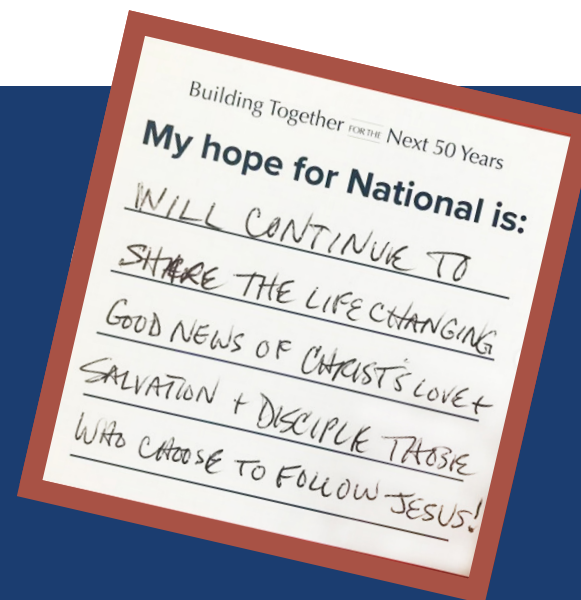
reach out to our community and to our world in mission work...asking us to become a holy place that beckons to those who we haven't yet met. A sanctuary that calls to those with a gnawing hunger and thirst for a relationship with God to come, and be filled." —DELORES ZIEGLER

The outpouring of generosity and enthusiasm has been remarkable! The Capital Project will make much needed improvements to our facilities with a focus on accessibility, unification of programs, creation of additional rooms, and addressing deferred maintenance.

\$1 million of the funds raised will be used for the expansion of our mission to the city and to the world. Our Capital Campaign will support two Christian programs serving families at risk in Southeast DC (Little Lights, and Young Life South DC), and three Christian missions overseas focusing on refugees: two in the Middle East (Marka Church in Amman Jordan, and The National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon), and one in East Africa (the International Association for Refugees at the Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya).



"The one who sows generously will reap generously."
—2 CORINTHIANS 9:6





Ministering to the Military

Being a caregiver is both rewarding and emotionally taxing. Spouses and family members of wounded veterans carry an especially heavy load, as they often travel hundreds of miles to military hospitals with little to no personal effects.

During the summer of 2018, the National Presbyterian Church family stepped up to care for these caregivers, collecting toiletries, snacks, self-care items and Bibles to include in caregiver support bags.

Volunteers from National's Military Ministry packed 70 Caregiver support bags to donate to local Warrior Transition Unit Caregivers.

"Our event focused on service outside the walls of our church, and was profoundly meaningful. Assembling support bags was our small way of encouraging through prayer and service those who are often overlooked in their selfless mission to care for our military heroes." —DICK PERA

Hundreds of members and friends of National received care and prayer

69 people served in National's ministries of care

Caregivers in our own congregation served faithfully throughout the year to share the love of Christ. Deacons, Stephen Ministers, pastors, and others provided emotional and spiritual support to those in the church experiencing difficulty in their lives, and Connections Ambassadors welcomed new guests each week with a warm smile and conversation.



Engaging in Membership

"Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it." -1 Corinthians 12:27. When Scott and Lisa Herndon and Scott and Pam Jung became members of National Presbyterian Church on May 20, 2018 they took to heart our Christian call to act as the body of Christ in the world. Alongside their fellow new members, they dove into ministry at National, leading discussion as Table Hosts for "The Story," serving on mission trips, connecting with youth as confirmation mentors, and creating new opportunities for men's fellowship.

"At National we saw a church that seems to be gaining momentum in so many ways, and was one that we could find nearly limitless ways to contribute and to deepen our spiritual lives," said Scott Jung. "Every Sunday, as we drive home down Nebraska Ave, I tell Pam how lucky we are to be part of the church."

Engagement in the ministry and mission of National deepens community within the church, and encourages personal growth in Christian discipleship.

72 new members in 2018

603 guests warmly welcomed

1,582 total members as of December 31, 2018



"The best day of our church experience was the day our daughter, Virginia, was baptized. It meant a lot to us to have the affirmation that we were going to raise her in the church, and that people within the church would help foster her relationship with Christ."

—SCOTT AND LISA HERNDON





In June 2018, a group of sixteen people from National joined longtime mission partner Foundation for Peace to serve churches that we've worked with over the past three years.

Foundation for Peace works in the Dominican Republic, Haiti, and Kenya to build and improve health clinics, schools, churches, and community centers.

One of the keys to the success of their ministry is Foundation for Peace's commitment to partnerships. Mission team members work hand in hand with the local community as they build, educate, offer medical care, worship and minister together. Teams typically return to the same community year after year developing deep, long-lasting relationships. Our church has

"Let your light so shine so that people will see your good works and glorify your father in heaven." –MATTHEW 5:15-16

Building on a Foundation of Service

benefitted greatly from these partnerships, making lasting friendships over the years as we served God together.

In just one week, our team laid the groundwork for a new bridge, beautified a playground for local kids, led a one-day Vacation Bible School and a men's Bible study, fixed lots of toilets, and made lots of friends. Our team returned grateful for the church's prayers and God's work in the Dominican Republic!

Mission trips are just one way that National spreads the Good News to a world in need. Our partnerships with missionaries and faith-based organizations around the world proclaim Jesus as Lord and Savior, care for the vulnerable, and build up the global church.

"Although we had been to the Dominican Republic three times previously on vacation, the mission trip provided a very special experience allowing us to engage with the Dominican community and to spend quality time with a great group. The mission group had a wide range of generations and we have all stayed very close since we have returned. Pam and I certainly came home with more out of this trip than we were likely able to deliver our hosts."

— SCOTT AND PAM JUNG



Giving Generously to Mission

Our 2014 Strategic Plan outlines a specific commitment for National's growth as a church that bears witness to Jesus Christ in our city and world. The Serve operating budget has gone from \$292,100 in 2013 to \$479,300 in 2018—an increase of 64%!

Thank you for your continued generosity!

\$452,457

Distributed to mission partners and ministries, including:

\$8,921

Raised for the PC(USA) One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

\$10,395

Distributed to the Salvation Army and World Vision for disaster relief

\$77,506

Distributed from Mission Gifts for Christmas to support charities in DC and throughout the world

\$529,963

Total distributed to our mission partners and to ministries proclaiming Jesus as Lord and Savior, building up the global Church, and caring for the vulnerable.

"Our yearly updates have been so enriching for me, both as a time to reflect back on my year and verbalize what God has been teaching me and also to continue to learn and glean wisdom from Kim, who was encouraging and teaching me our first December 5th and continues to do so through sweet conversations at least every year." —CASSIE CALL (GROSE)



Keeping the Connection

While a student American University, Kimberly Williams Malone served as a youth leader at National Presbyterian Church. On December 5, 1998, Kimberly was at a youth group event speaking with Cassie Grose (now Cassie Call) about where life was going to take her. On that day, Kimberly said to Cassie, "I want you to call me every December 5th to give me an update on what has been going on in your life."

Over the last 20 years, Cassie and Kimberly reconnected every December 5th for an annual account of what happened over the year, and where they saw God moving in their lives. On December 5, 2018, Kimberly and Cassie celebrated their 20th annual call.

Volunteers like Kimberly walk alongside our youth every day at National, encouraging and supporting them in their journey of faith. The long-standing bonds forged at a pivotal time in teens' lives are instrumental in encouraging their walk with God.

Youth at National are paired with one-on-one mentors during their confirmation process, form friendships during small groups, retreats, and service projects, and learn about their Christian faith from dedicated Sunday School teachers.

"You are the body of Christ, and individually members of it."
—1 CORINTHIANS 12:27

13
youth confirmed
in 2018

24
volunteer youth
leaders in 2017-2018



At Joyful Markets put on by NPC mission partner Martha's Table, families and children can select from fresh, seasonal produce and healthy pantry staples. Three times in 2018, volunteers from our Adult Fellowship group spent the afternoon at Fort Stanton Recreation Center in Southeast DC, warmly greeting shoppers and handing out healthy fruits and vegetables.

The Adult Fellowship group participated in numerous service projects throughout the year, including packing backpacks with school supplies for 52 formerly homeless children at Friendship Place, making sandwiches for

"When I served at the Martha's Table pop-up market at Fort Stanton, I wasn't sure what to expect. I expected to work hard and be useful; what I did not expect was the deep joy I encountered. Everyone was loving, respectful, and generous of spirit. Now I volunteer eagerly whenever a Martha's Table market opportunity arises, because I know it will truly be a chance to 'serve the Lord with gladness.'"
—ANDY IRELAND

the homeless after worship monthly, and assembling gifts for our Easter and Christmas guests. Through our local mission partners, we shared the love of Christ with our city.

163
volunteers at
Great Day of
Service 2018

9,400
sandwiches for
the homeless
made in 2018

Serving in Our City





Rediscovering God's Story... Shaping Our Own Story

"I go to Sunday School, and then the contemporary service, and then to high school girl's small group and each time there is a different leader that brings a different perspective on 'The Story.' It allows me to see classic Sunday School stories from so many different perspectives... multiple people are teaching and pulling out different sides from the same story."
—MADDY MURPHY

In September 2018, we welcomed some remarkable guests to church: "Zacchaeus," who climbed a tree looking out onto the courtyard terrace. "Jonah and his whale," who graced the church fountain. "Esther the queen," who walked regally in our garden. These Biblical figures shared their experiences with children and families in the church, and affirmed our own important place in God's story today.

In the fall of 2018, National began a church-wide movement to know and grow in God's word through reading "The Story," a condensed version of the Bible set in chronological order. Over 800 copies of "The Story" were given to adults, youth, and children in the church to follow throughout the year.

"Speaking truth in love we must grow up in every way into Christ."
—EPHESIANS 4:15

On Sunday mornings, preaching and teaching focused on a chapter from "The Story," enabling all ages to discover a deeper appreciation of their spiritual roots.

In Sunday School, children learned stories from the Bible and how those stories show God's love for them. Youth

24 small groups met throughout the year for friendship and Christian discipleship.

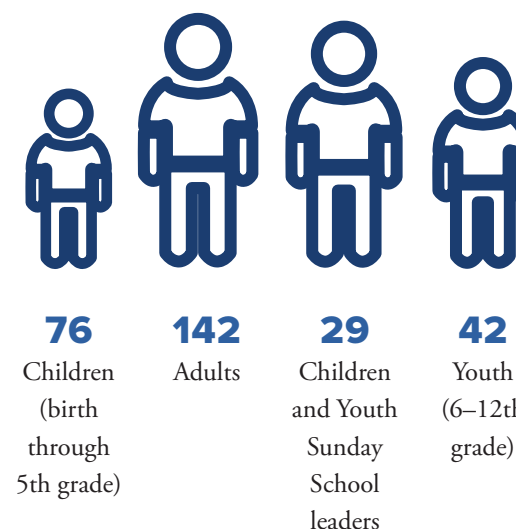
met in Sunday School and small groups to interpret God's word and to apply it in their lives today.

Adults gathered in Stone Hall for "The Rest of The Story"—an exploration of how the Bible holds meaning in daily life through a weekly video summary and small group discussion. Another large group gathered each week in the Chapel for a deep dive into the Biblical history, context, and content of "The Story."

Through preaching, teaching, and small groups, the entire National Presbyterian Church community studied God's word *together*, rediscovering how we are each a part of God's amazing story.

"Sometimes when we read the Bible by ourselves we don't understand it. We need—like we are doing now—to sit down with people and talk about the stories and come to understand more, and more, and more."
—SERGE NYA

Average Sunday School participation



BY THE Numbers

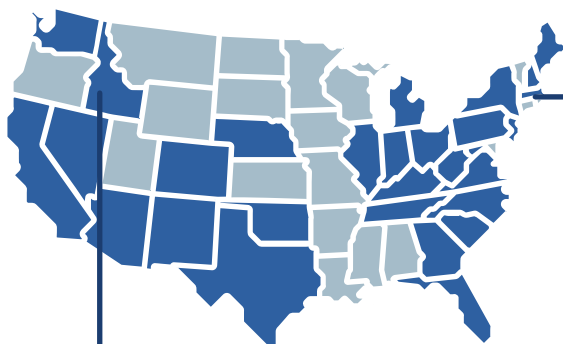
"Those who are generous are blessed,
for they share their bread with the poor."
—PROVERBS 22:9

Average Weekly Worship Attendance

YEAR	ONLINE	IN-PERSON	TOTAL
2018	240	681	921
2017	219	681	900
2016	215	684	899

Online Worship

"As always, I am grateful that you provide the weekly videos of your church services, so that I can worship as a Presbyterian each week, as I do not have a Presbyterian church in my area."



29
States

6
Countries

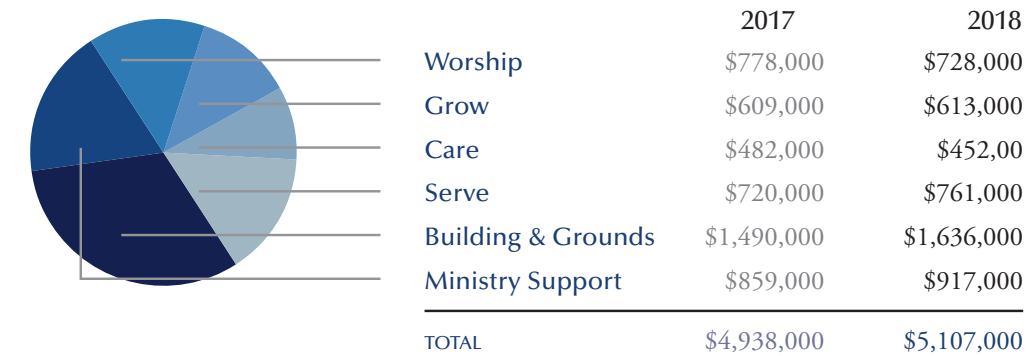
"Accessing these consistently magnificent and impactful sermons through your archive is a true blessing."



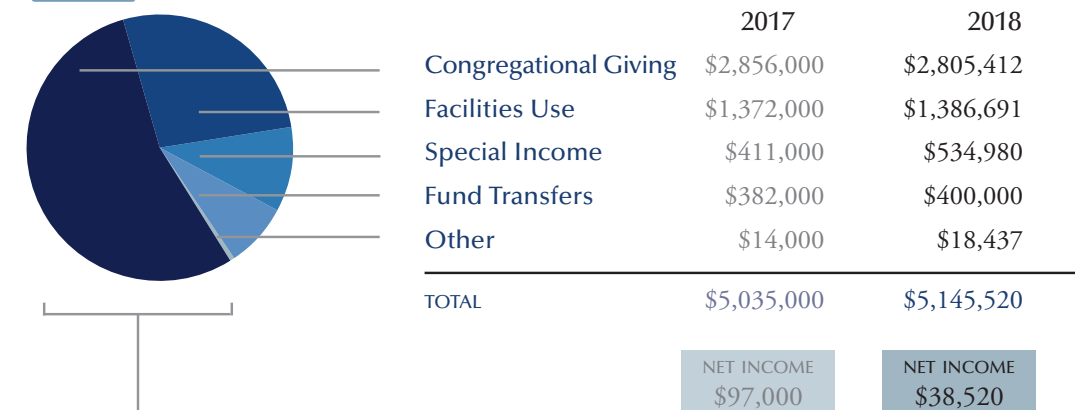
"Let us not neglect to meet together."
—HEBREWS 13:25

2018 Operating Expenditures

Personnel, administration, and governance expenditures are included in each ministry area.



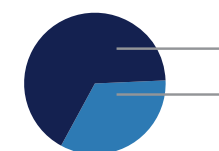
2018 Income



NET INCOME
\$97,000

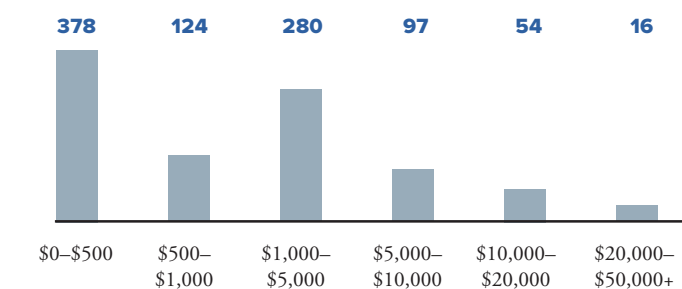
NET INCOME
\$38,520

Congregational Giving



Commitments	\$1,867,968	Contributed by 342 families and individuals
No Commitments	\$943,204	Contributed by more than 607 families and individuals

Annual Giving By Household



Investments

The investment portfolio began 2018 with a value of \$6,574,000 and ended with a value of \$5,709,000.

Legacy Gifts

In 2018, National was blessed by bequests from the following donors:

- John Anderson
- The Bradshaw Estate
- Shirley Fowler
- Emmet Mittlebeler
- Charles Pridmore
- Caroline Van Mason
- Irene Williams

Thank You!

National was blessed with many dedicated leaders and volunteers in 2018, including the following:

PASTORS

Dr. David Renwick, Senior Pastor
Rev. Donna Marsh, Associate Pastor for Serve
Dr. Joyce Emery, Interim Associate Pastor for Care Ministries
Dr. Quinn Fox, Associate Pastor for Grow
Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus, Parish Associate
Dr. Nancy Fox, Parish Associate

STAFF * = *part time*

- J. Theodore (Jim) Anderson* (Library/Archives/Older Adults)
- Robin Clement (AA for Membership)
- Betty Conn (AA to Senior Pastor)
- Sarah Crumley (AA for Facilities)
- Dr. Michael Denham (Music)
- Todd Fickley (Organist)
- Kristin Franke (Youth)
- Hilda Labrada Gore* (Contemporary Worship) *through March*
- Carolann Haley (Asst. to Music)
- Rubelio Interiano (Asst. for Facilities)
- Joanna Zorack-Greene (Contemporary Music)
- Melanie Lenhard* (Assoc. for Grow)
- Liz Martin (AA for Care)
- Cate McCrory (Children)
- Bill McNett (A/V & Operations)
- Janet Meyers* (Bookstore)
- Jessica Mullery (Communications)
- Susan O'Banion (AA for Serve)
- Kemet Rakiatu (Administrator for Membership and Connections)
- Leslie Saum (Connections)
- Madison Sharp (AA for Facilities)
- Leah Skrine (Business Manager)
- Mary Ann Smith* (Bookkeeper) *through December*
- Diane Stewart (Facilities)
- Kristi Teems (AA for Grow)
- Amy Thompson* (Family Associate)
- John Marienau Turpin (Serve)
- Katharine Wystrach (Office Manager)

- Facilities Contractors*
 - » Able Services
 - » Stone House Group
- IT Contractors*
 - » Fernando Sabio (IT)
 - » Jay Gordon (IT)

SESSION

- John Gregg (Clerk)

CLASS OF 2019

- Thea Bournazian
- Fred Byus
- Jonathan Dickey
- Kim Jensen
- Mary Beth Nethercutt
- Nancy Peterson
- David Schauer

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- Beth Bartholomew
- John Bernbaum
- Dennis Burgart
- Rich Davies
- Nancy Piho
- Lucille Smiley

CLASS OF 2021

- Peter Backlund
- Aaron Doty
- Barbara Mitchell
- John Neely
- Mary Jo Pera
- Bryce Pippert

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- Kathy Byus (Moderator)

CLASS OF 2019

- Laura Atchison
- Brenda Balta
- Kathy Byus

- Christopher Chai
- Jan Childress
- Roger Coy
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- George Kabwe
- Serge Nya-Wandja
- Janet Risseuw
- Dolores Slaugh
- Bryan Smith
- Mike Unger
- Paul Waymack
- Gus Wessels

CLASS OF 2020

- Betsy Burke
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- Renee Dragics
- Michelle Fenton
- Janet Gordon
- Marianne Gray
- Claudia Hamblen
- David Nickels
- Gerri Hall Nickels
- Alan Prebyl
- Jennifer Prebyl
- Megan Schmoll
- Martha-Rosalind Stainton
- Jeanne Su

**"Be shepherds of
God's flock that is
under your care,
watching over them...
being examples to the
flock." –1 PETER 5:2,3**

CLASS OF 2021

- Alfreda Bennett
- Jane Crumpler
- Ryan Crumpler
- Nyla Beth Gowel
- Lawrence Glaser
- Amelia Kegan
- Kim Keriakos
- John Tingley

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM

- Jana Toner (Chair)

YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM

- Joanne Leshner (Chair) *through June*
- Susan Theis (Co-Chair) *beginning in June*
- Wray Muoio (Co-Chair) *beginning in June*

ADULT MINISTRY TEAM

- Fred Byus (Chair)

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- Dorin Munteneu (Chair)
- Grace Endres (Vice-Chair)

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- Kim Jensen (Chair)
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- Dick Pera (Chair)

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- Glenn Schmitt (Chair)

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- Peter Backlund (Chair)

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- Jennifer Richwine (Chair)
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COMMITTEE

- Anne Shelburne (Chair)
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- Aaron Doty (Chair)
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- Barbara Mitchell (Chair)
- Mary Beth Nethercutt (Vice-Chair)

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- Mary Jo Pera (Vice-Chair)

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- Thea Bournazian
- Bruce Boyd
- Allison Gordon
- Ruthie Lovejoy
- David Moore
- Sandy Sharpe

**We remember and honor the life of
Adele Jackson, who passed away on
September 6, 2018.*





Affiliated Organizations

The National Presbyterian School (NPS) offers quality faith-focused education for over 300 boys and girls from age 3 to Grade 6.

The NPC Fund for Charitable Giving, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization which provides a variety of planning and giving arrangements to assist individuals with their charitable giving.

*Leading people to become
faithful followers of Jesus Christ,
together in God's world.*

**Jesus said:
"Follow me."
—MATTHEW 4:19**



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