

# First Presbyterian Church On the Square Carlisle, PA



## Annual Report for 2025

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## OUR VISION AND MISSION



*“Through God’s love and power revealed in Jesus Christ and sealed by the Holy Spirit, we are called into a community of lively faith. Honored with a rich Presbyterian heritage, and committed to an enduring Christian witness, we respond to God’s grace through ministries of:*

***Celebration***, *worshiping God with gratitude and vitality;  
and participating thankfully in community with each other;*

***Fellowship***, *connecting people with each other and God in a Spirit of  
wholeness and care in Christ’s name;*

***Spiritual enrichment***, *educating people of all ages for growth in faith and service;*

***Outreach***, *serving local and global missions in Christ’s name.*

*The Meeting House on the Square is where deep roots are nourished  
and growing branches are celebrated in Christ’s name.”*

**First Presbyterian Church  
Worshipping – Connecting – Educating – Serving  
In Christ’s Name**

**ANNUAL MEETING**

**First Presbyterian Church  
On the Square  
Carlisle, PA 17013**

**Sunday, February 15, 2025**

**AGENDA**

Call to Order with Prayer – Rev. Anthony D. Lorenz, Moderator

Clerk's Report

Declaration of a Quorum

Minutes of this meeting to be approved by the Session at its next Stated Meeting

Clerk's Report

Moderator's Comments

Committee / Group Reports

Nominating Committee

Adjournment with Prayer

## PASTOR'S REPORT

Dear Members and Friends of First Presbyterian Church,

"The days are long, but the years are short" is a phrase popularized by Gretchen Rubin about a decade ago. Young, exhausted parents have claimed it as their own, but Rubin originally wrote it as one of her *Secrets of Adulthood*.

In 2025 I celebrated ten years of service as your pastor here in Carlisle. And reflecting on 2025 made me realize that the days are indeed long, but the years are short. In these pages you will find the annual report of another year of mission and ministry of First Presbyterian Church. Allow me to indulge a bit:

In **January** we returned from Christmas and welcomed the New Year. Star Gifts were distributed and I received "fearlessness" which in the end was a good word for me in 2025! Officers were ordained and installed. Session and Deacons reorganized. And we welcomed new members and celebrated two baptisms!

**February** was a quieter month that started with the Ice Art Fest and a beautiful Celtic cross sponsored by the congregation. Meetings went ahead as scheduled and the Men's Fellowship Breakfast met at the Carlisle Diner. We enjoyed the Souper Bowl Luncheon and collected cans and raised funds for Project SHARE.

In **March** the Season of Lent began and we gathered for a service on Ash Wednesday. The Noontime Concert Series and Soup Luncheons kicked off the next week with another slate of talented musicians and cooks. The proceeds again went to support Project SHARE and their good work in our community. The Confirmation Class also began studying together.

In **April** we celebrated Holy Week and the joy of Easter. On Good Friday, the Community Ecumenical Crosswalk stopped at First Church again. The confirmation class continued to meet and learn about the Christian faith and what it means to trust in Jesus. We received new members.

In **May**, spring finally sprang and the month had two definite highlights: on May 4 we welcomed the six members of the Confirmation Class into the membership of the church. Then on May 18 our incredible choir took center stage for Music/Choir Sunday and provided a wonderful worship service filled with inspiring music. We received more new members.

**June** marked the beginning of the usually quieter summer months, but there was still a lot going on. The Deacons and the Mission Committee purchased hundreds of bottles of sunscreen for the SPY Program (Supportive Partnerships for Youth). I was privileged to attend the Graduation Ceremony at the War College, and I finished the month with a week of vacation.

The month of **July** was quiet. I met a researcher in town from Australia. She was learning about one of her ancestors who was a member of First and owned a tavern in Carlisle back in the 1760s and 1770s. At the end of the month I attended a preaching seminar on the Kingdom of God at Calvin Theological Seminary in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

I packed my bags again in **August** and this time headed for Honduras. Presbyterian World Mission was going through a lot of changes in 2025 and our long-time mission co-worker, the Rev. Dori Hjalmarson is no longer serving in Honduras. I was part of a small team from Carlisle Presbytery that went to reassure the Honduras Presbytery of our commitment to the partnership.

In **September** we returned to our regular schedule for Sunday school and Worship. The first Sunday back was also the annual church picnic, filled with lots of good food, fellowship and fun for everyone who participated! On September 13 we hosted the Presbytery of Carlisle for a regular stated meeting. Lots of people volunteered to help with set-up, parking, food, ushering, and clean-up. It was truly a team effort and everyone appreciated our hospitality!

**October** was one of those good, solid months without too many surprises along the way. The church Boards met. I made a quick trip to Ohio for my uncle's funeral. And we ended the month by making hundreds of "Ghost Lollipops" for Spooky Saturday in Downtown Carlisle.

Deacons and Elders served home communion to our Care and Concern List people the first Sunday in **November**. These are folks who are not able to worship with us in person for a variety of reasons. I took a few days off to join a group of fellow pastors in reading and talking about the topic, "Life after Death." The Men's Fellowship Breakfast met at Walnut Bottom Diner. The congregation met to elect officers and approve the pastor's terms of call for 2026. We ended the month by celebrating the First Sunday of Advent in a beautifully decorated sanctuary!

**December** was busy: Advent Prayer Partners, poinsettia order forms, a delicious Advent Luncheon hosted by the Parish Life Committee, Deacons and friends ringing bells for the Salvation Army, and collecting Star Gifts for families at the Community CARES Family Shelter. The best part of December was of course Christmas Eve and the beautiful candlelight service.

So, yes dear friends, the days are long at times with planning and travel and visits and studies and deep, meaningful conversations. There is so much not recorded here of all the things elders and deacons and members do to make the church function and succeed. But the years, they are short! I marvel that it has been ten years since I first showed up here in Carlisle. What a blessed time it has been! I am grateful every day to be your pastor and pray God blesses the rest of our days together.

Peace,

Pastor Tony

## CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

### **Accessions**

#### **Baptism**

Luke Michael Lyman – January 19, 2025

Senna Sophia Eirene Lyman – January 19, 2025

#### **Letter of Transfer**

Sophia Estrella Blinn Wewer – from the Presbyterian Church, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania

Ian Snoke Wewer – from the Presbyterian Church, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania

Kristin Patrice Brenize-Wewer – from the Presbyterian Church, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania

Zachary Hill Myers – from Elkin Presbyterian Church, Elkin N.C.

Sybil MacDonald Myers – from Elkin Presbyterian Church, Elkin N.C.

Jake Glenn Myers – from Elkin Presbyterian Church, Elkin N.C.

Anne Roberts-Samsel – from the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh, N.C.

#### **Profession of Faith**

Colton Samuel Madison

Brenna Alyssa Myers

Emma Grace Weiser

Noah Matthew Weiser

Maximus William Clair Wewer

Samuel McCracken Whitman

Robert Dale Myers

### **Dismissals**

#### **Letter of Transfer**

Kathleen Romberger – to Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Indialantic, Florida

Rita Beck – to Dickinson Presbyterian Church, Carlisle, Pennsylvania

### **Deaths/Funerals**

#### **Active members**

Joseph Temple Dennison – February 10, 2025

Margaret Lydia McKeehen – June 29, 2025

Marcia Alice (Bowman) Toms – November 2, 2025

### **Weddings**

Kara Christine Fetter and Kyle William Ellis – October 31, 2025

## CLERK OF SESSION REPORT

Hello Church Family,

It was an interesting and ultimately fulfilling year for your Session as we tried our best to keep First Presbyterian Church on track as a place where our members study God's love, reflect that love to each other and act on it in our lives.

The newly-streamlined Session – nine members this year, after a 2024 bylaws change – met 11 times in our regularly scheduled Stated Meetings, and then another four times for specially-scheduled “called meetings.” I’m happy to report those special meetings were all called for the best reason we can ever have to meet: The reception of new members.

Through 2025, we welcomed into membership: Luke Lyman and Sophia Wewer; Kristin Brenize-Wewer and Ian Wewer; Confirmands Emma Weiser, Noah Weiser, Sam Whitman, Colton Madison, Brenna Myers and Max Wewer; Sybil, Zack, Jake and Robert Myers and Anne Roberts-Samsel. That's the largest single-year crop of new members in many years at First Presbyterian Church, and it is so gratifying in so many ways. It also sets a high bar for 2026, so if you know someone in your life who is looking for a church... there's still room on the ark.

In September, we also took our turn hosting a meeting of the Presbytery of Carlisle. Thanks to Deb Richcreek, Deb Ryerson, Susan Palyo for organizing and the more than a dozen volunteers who helped with lunch service, parking, and ushering.

This year, we saw Elders Joe Shane and Nancy Jacoby finish terms and rotate off Session. We thank them for their faithful service to the church and the congregation, on and off the board. At the end of this year, we also accepted with regret the mid-term resignation of Richard Bressler, who is heading into retirement and, happily for he and Debra, plans for a heavier travel schedule. As Property Chair, Richard oversaw several capital projects that are keeping our building cool and comfortable as it moves into the back half of its third century.

It is with great gratitude that we welcome Tricia Naylor and Matthew Weiser to new terms as Elders. We look forward to hearing their fresh ideas and employing their talents in new ways in the year ahead. Current Elders Deb Richcreek and Deb Ryerson blessed us by agreeing to re-up for new two-year terms.

As a congregation, we mourned the deaths of members Joe Dennison, Peggy McKeehen, Marcia Toms in 2025, along with the passing our beloved friend the Rev. Bill Beck, but are happy in the certain promise that they are now seeing the fruits of their faith revealed. And we celebrated the baptisms of Luke Lyman and Senna, Luke and Sophia's daughter.

As our congregation continues to grow and evolve, take a moment to cherish the extended family we continue to find in each other, and be attentive to where God leads us on our faith journey in the years ahead.

Faithfully yours,

Charlie Thompson, Clerk of Session



## **WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

Committee Members: Pastor Tony Lorenz, Lynda Mann, Ron Richcreek, Deb Ryerson, Ray Thomas, Art Thompson, Deb Richcreek (chair)

The Committee supports the activities of those who plan and lead worship every week, including Pastor Tony, music director Ron Richcreek, organist Art Thompson, and choir members, for whom we are all grateful.

- Our committee met three times in person (January 8, September 10 and November 5) and communicated by email (April 16 and November 28).
- Committee members provided readers (Deb Ryerson), ushers (Lynda Mann and Ray Thomas), and communion servers (Deb Richcreek).
- A combined list and instructions were given to servers for January–June and July–December.
- Committee member, Deb Ryerson, continued as coordinator for the altar flowers.
- Art Thompson and Deb Richcreek organized the Lenten concerts and luncheons.
- We thank organists David Erikson, Janis Glosenger, and Dan Dorty; pianist Russell Ward; and the Student Ensemble from Big Spring High School, directed by Ed Wilson, for providing the weekly music. We also thank everyone who provided soup and desserts and helped with the luncheons. \$1,845 was donated to Project Share.
- The Lenten Concerts and Soup Luncheons were held on the five Wednesdays during Lent. The average number served at the luncheons was 48.
- Under the direction of Ron Richcreek, Choir Sunday was held in May.
- All Saints Sunday again included having members bring photos to remember loved ones. We were pleased with the increase in participation this year. We also asked members to leave their pictures for a second Sunday to allow more opportunity to view them.
- The committee voted to replace the garland on the balcony railings, which were about 25 years old. Our new garlands (21 garlands / each 9 feet long) were purchased from Christmas Lights, etc., for \$2567.74.
- A special thanks to those who made donations to the Deck the Halls fund. We received \$1,830 in donations, which brought our total cost to \$837.74.
- The Worship Committee handled decorating the church for the Advent season. Those assisting in putting up and taking down the decorations were Bob Davis, Richard Tritt, Nancy Tritt, Trudy Bailey, Bruce Bailey, Charlie Thompson, Jutta Erb-Rogg, Rick Line, Deb Ryerson, Susan Palyo, Lynda Mann, Bonnie Deardorff, Barb Crum, Fred Seltzer and Deb Richcreek.
- The committee once again offered the sale of both virtual and real poinsettias at Christmas to honor friends and loved ones. 99 live poinsettias were purchased; and \$400 from the virtual poinsettias was donated to My Brother's Table.
- The Advent candles and readings were lit and read by members of this year's confirmation class and their families. They included the Wewer, Weiser, Myers, and Whitman families.
- The Committee organized 13 communions by intinction this year. Home communion was served four times to those on the Care and Concern list.

- Special services held throughout the year included Ash Wednesday (attendance 37), Maundy Thursday (34), Good Friday (15), Easter Sunrise (25), and Christmas Eve (121).

Attendance numbers indicate an average weekly attendance of 66 people, with the highest weekly attendance on March 23 (92), Easter, April 20 (114), and Choir Sunday, May 18 (103).

### **Sunday Attendance by Month, 2025**

Below are listed the total and average attendance for each month.

(\*Months with 5 Sundays)

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Avg.</u>
• January	240	60
• February	233	58
• March*	348	70
• April	329	82
• May	306	77
• June*	293	59
• July	248	62
• August*	297	60
• September	258	65
• October	226	57
• November*	374	75
• December	361	67
(Christmas Eve)	121	

Average monthly attendance: 293

The Worship Committee thanks Avis Allen, Richard Tritt, and Brenna Myers for their assistance with the music program, and Charlie Thompson for putting up the outside banners. Many thanks to the committee members for all they have done throughout the year. A special thank you to all the church members for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Richcreek  
Worship and Music Committee, Chair

## **HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

Members of the Human Resources Committee are: Barb Allen, Bruce Bailey, Vicki McLaughlin, Bob Read, Tracy Sommers, and Deb Ryerson (chair).

Early in 2025, Session directed the committee to review Anti-Racism and Anti-Harassment Policies of the Carlisle Presbytery in order to make them applicable to First Presbyterian. We did a thorough review and presented suggested policies to Session, which adopted them in June.

Later in the year, the committee reviewed church employee compensation and the Pastor's Terms of Call. In view of persistent inflation and the excellent job performance of our staff, we recommended increases of 4 percent for the pastor and 3 percent for all other employees. Session approved the employee salaries in October, and the congregation approved the Pastor's Terms of Call at a congregational meeting on November 23.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Ryerson  
Human Resources Committee, chair

## PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE

A big word of thanks to all who donated time and snacks every Sunday to help make Fellowship Hour a welcome part of our congregational life together. It is wonderful to see so many people enjoy a bite, and linger around the tables for conversation each week. Your contributions to the hospitality of our congregation following worship is invaluable.

Thank you to all parishioners, especially Deacons, who always stand at the ready to volunteer their time and efforts to the Committee's events.

Special events in 2025 included:

- **Birthday Sundays** – The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month we acknowledged that month's birthdays with cake or a sweet treat to celebrate our members and friends.
- **"Welcome Back" Sunday** -- A picnic lunch was held September 7<sup>th</sup> to welcome all back to Sunday School and the regular Sunday schedule. Held in Fellowship Hall, the event was well-attended . It featured baked and fried chicken and many favorite side dishes . Our congregation is blessed to have so many great cooks who contributed to the feast. Thanks to all who attended!
- **Advent Luncheon** – This annual luncheon was held on December 7<sup>th</sup> and featured baked ham and roast beef accompanied by many varied sides and desserts. Thanks to all who contributed, served and cleaned up afterwards.

Thanks to all who lent their talent and expertise to make the life of the Parish so vibrant.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Palyo  
Parish Life Committee, chair

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The 2025 Nominating Committee consisted of Elders Nancy Jacoby (chair), Charlie Thompson, and Deb Ryerson; Deacon Vick McLaughlin; and Member-at-Large Connie Husler.

The congregation approved the election of the new officers on November 16 and installed them on January 11.

### *Session*

Matthew Weiser  
Tricia Naylor  
Deb Ryerson  
Deb Richcreek

### *Board of Deacons*

Anita Ashbaugh  
Bruce Ashbaugh  
Jim King (1-yr term)  
Danielle Weiser  
Jeff Whitman

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Jacoby  
Nominating Committee, chair

## MEMBERSHIP AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE

We lost some of our regular outreach opportunities due to changes in Downtown Carlisle Association programming and cancellations of other community events that we have traditionally participated in. That said, it was a good year to focus on internal outreach.

I know our strategic planners were very pleased at the high rate of participation from the congregation in the Holy Cow! survey last year, and we had a great time preparing six youths for membership in a Confirmation Class.

Overall, we welcomed 15 new members overall in 2025.

Aside from the usual work in helping to promote our own special events and worship services, Outreachers did put our best foot forward at two major downtown events:

- Spooky Saturday, Carlisle's annual daytime downtown Trick or Treat. Thanks to Barb Allen, Vicki McLaughlin, Emma Weiser, Sam Whitman and Pat Pepper for helping with our popular ghost lollipops-themed table.
- The Bunny Hop, the community-wide Easter parade. Thanks here to the Myers family, Jim King and Susan Palyo for being our Easter ambassadors.

Master builder Steve Walker and crew members Zack Myers, Joe Shane and Rick Line deserve a collective shout-out for their work in the annual assembly of the outdoor nativity scene in the church yard.

Thanks also to Dirk and Colton Madison for safe storage of the manger roof during the long off-season.

As this team resets for 2026, let's remember the most effective form of outreach is you! We have several regular faces in our congregation now who found us because of a quiet invitation or a friendly invite to our Fellowship Hour.

Thanks for any help you can offer in the never-ending joy of sharing Christian love.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlie Thompson  
*for* Membership & Outreach Committee

## MISSION COMMITTEE

The 2025 Mission Committee consisted of: Deacon Barb Allen, Debbie Bressler, Laura Crim, and Elder Lynda Mann.

Following is a list of the distribution of funds for each quarter of 2025:

### **First Quarter for Local Mission:**

- \$500 to Maranatha
- \$500 to Domestic Violence
- \$500 to Spy
- \$500 to Hope Station
- \$500 to Employment Skills Center
- \$500 to Bethany House
- \$500 to Tomorrow's Neighbors
- \$500 to Safe Harbour

Total amount for first quarter is **\$4,000**

### **First Quarter for non-Local Mission:**

- \$1,000 for Presbytery
- \$1,000 for Reach Out LaFond

Total amount for first quarter is **\$2,000**

### **Second Quarter for local Mission:**

- \$2,000 for SPY

Total amount for second quarter is **\$2,000**

### **Second Quarter for Non-Local Mission:**

- \$1,000 for Presytery
- \$1,000 for Honduras Partnership Fund

Total amount for second quarter is **\$2,000**

### **Third Quarter for Local Mission:**

- \$1,500 to Samaritan Fellowship
- \$1,500 to HACC for tuition help

Total amount for third quarter is **\$3,000**

### **Third Quarter for Non-Local Mission:**

- \$2,500 for Honduras Fund
- \$1,500 for friends of PEB (Presbytery Education Board)

Total amount for second quarter is **\$4,000**

**Fourth Quarter for Local Mission:**

- \$500 - Carlisle Cares
- \$500 - Safe Harbor
- \$1,000 - Project Share
- \$1,000 - My Brothers Table
- \$1,000- Habitat for Humanity

Total amount for fourth quarter is **\$4,000**

**Fourth Quarter for Non-Local Mission:**

- \$2,000 - Hondouras Scholarship Program
- \$1,000 - Reach out LaFond
- \$1,000 - Kids Connection Haiti

Total amount for fourth quarter is **\$4,000**

***Total amount for local mission for 2025: \$13,000***

***Total amount for non-local mission for 2025: \$12,000***

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda Mann  
Mission Committee, chair



## **PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

Listed below are finished projects for 2025:

- Planned maintenance contract with HB McClure:
  - 6 split systems
  - Smith-Iron cast natural gas boiler
  - Energy miser booster tank
- Boiler Air Elimination Tank Replacement
- Sanctuary AC not cooling (found duct detector tripped)
- Replaced outside faucet
- Downstairs Toilets and Lavatory Replacement
- Replaced Duct detector System Sensor and 5600 Series System Sensor

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Bressler  
Property Committee, chair

## **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

In 2025, Pastor Tony continued to lead the adult Sunday school class with, for example, an extended consideration of the Nicene Creed. He also co-taught a six-week class with Elder Joe Shane about the 1925 Scopes "Monkey" Trial. This was the centennial of the trial and Elder Shane focused on the historical events around the trial, and Pastor Tony focused on the history of the Presbyterian Church during this time, with particular emphasis on Christian Fundamentalism.

Elder Lynne Hofferica took the lead on a youth Sunday school class with her daughter and granddaughter. The committee discussed youth Sunday school options with some of the new families that have joined First Church, but time commitments on Sunday mornings continue to pose a challenge.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Shane  
Education Committee, chair

**NOTE: Pages 17-27 purposely omitted.**

## BOARD OF DEACONS

The Deacons who served our congregation in 2025 were: Barb Allen, Mary Jane Blosser, Bonnie Deardorff, Earlene Heckendorn, Rick Line, Vicki McLaughlin (moderator), Kathy Mulvey, Pat Pepper, and Ray Thomas.

### IN OUR CONGREGATION:

~ We reached out to 11-plus members of our congregation on our Care and Concern list through cards, phone calls, visits & Home Communion in an effort to continue to include them as important members of our church

~ We continued to coordinate a transportation chain for members who are no longer able to drive to church.

~ We provided comfort to twelve members who lost loved ones through our *Journeying Through Grief* program, a series of booklets that give helpful insights on the process of grieving

~ We provided *These Days* quarterly devotional booklets (large print format) for members & friends of our congregation.

~ We sent notes to the members we prayed for as listed in the weekly bulletin.

~ We continued our "Dining with the Deacons" events. Once a month we hosted a dinner at a local restaurant for those who don't get to go out much, or just like a good time of fellowship. For those who no longer drive, we provided rides to & from events. ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US!

~ In honor of Father's Day, we conducted our annual "Dinner for Dads" event -- our biggest fundraiser of the year. This year the congregation donated \$710. This money is used to fund "My Brothers' Table" (evening meal program at The Salvation Army) and many other community programs throughout the year.

~ We mailed gift cards at Christmas to seven college students.

### IN OUR COMMUNITY:

~ We gave Visitor Bags with information about First Presbyterian Church's mission & activities to visitors who worship with us.

~ We served three dinners at "My Brothers Table" (The Salvation Army).

~ In February we hosted the "Souper Bowl of Caring" luncheon. We raised \$200 and collected 253 cans of soup for Project SHARE.

~ In March we donated \$250 each to: Bethany House, Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland/Perry counties, Employment Skills Center, Goodwill EMS, Maranantha, SPY, Tomorrow's Neighbors, and YWCA.

~ We provided \$500 of sunscreen to the summer SPY program and raised another \$270 to donate if more was needed.

~ We went to Claremont Nursing Home and provided an "Ice Cream Social" for residents. We served 42 people including a few nurses aides. We also gave each resident a small gift.

~ We helped with Carlisle's Spooky Saturday, handing out around 525 ghost lollipops along with various other candies.

~ We participated in Salvation Army's bell-ringing program, raising \$575.

~ We delivered 243 bags of cookies to the Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry to be distributed throughout the region to truckers and people traveling in the area who are missing home

~ We sponsored an Angel Tree providing gifts to 16 families, a total of 27 children. Each family was also given a Christmas book, *The First Christmas: The Bible's Nativity Story* by N.T. Wright

IN THE WORLD:

~ Together with Presbyterian Woman we sponsored "Blanket Sunday" on Mother's Day, raising \$1100.

The Board of Deacons gratefully thanks everyone who supported our many projects in 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki McLaughlin  
Board of Deacons, Moderator

## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW)**

The Presbyterian Women's group "Faith Circle" met on the first Monday of months January-May and September-December, at 2 PM in Fellowship. We were led by co-moderators Kathy Mulvey and Jean Kretzing (co-moderators), Connie Husler (secretary), and Debby Madden (treasurer). Our Bible Study was "Let Justice Roll Down -- God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation," by Patricia K. Tull. There are currently ten members. We belong to the Carlisle Presbytery Presbyterian Women. There was a Summer Gathering held in August at Green Ridge Village, Newville.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Kretzing, Secretary

### **Treasurer's Report – 2025**

Jan 1, 2025, Opening Balance     \$ 9,397.99

Dec 31, 2025, Closing Balance     \$ 4,813.97

(Note: Due to the financial charges at Santander bank, PW voted to close that account and transfer all funds to M & T Bank):

The \$ 2,797.98 funds marked as "Kitchen Renovations" from the Santander account were used to purchase a CD from M&T bank. Its value currently is \$3,048.63. Unless funds are requested by Session for kitchen renovations, we will renew CD in March of 2026.

PW thanks the church's members and friends for their support during the year. The following donations were made for/to:

- Blanket Sunday
- Thank Offering
- Birthday Offering (to the National Presbyterian Women)
- First Presbyterian Church (to Board of Deacons for local missions)
- Project SHARE
- Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Carlisle
- Safe Harbor
- Salvation Army
- Farmers on the Square, for Fresh Match
- Red Cross of Central PA
- YWCA Pad Pantry

The PW of our church strive to support both financially and prayerfully as many organizations and individuals as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Debby Madden, Treasurer

### **“BOOKS FOR BABIES” PROGRAM**

The “Books for Babies” program continues to support young families expecting new babies through the Carlisle Area Family Life Center.

A total of 161 kits were donated in 2025, each containing a child’s board book, brochure about the importance of reading to babies, along with an invitation to our church, and a handmade baby hat made by Avis Allen or Debbie Bressler.

The income from book sales has dropped off dramatically -- 2025 brought in only \$48. However, the Mission Committee generously gave the program a boost of \$500 in January 2025, of which \$191 remains. This will be applied to continuing book purchases in 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Ashbaugh  
“Books for Babies” Program Coordinator