

# Forestville Wesleyan

162 years of ministry, 2020



# Walk The Way

See Clearly... Follow Closely

All who want to save their lives will lose them. But all who lose their lives for my sake will find them.  
Matthew 16:25

# 162<sup>nd</sup> Local Church Annual Journal

June 2020

**Our mission,** To become lifelong followers of Jesus Christ, living holy lives of love and service, inviting others to discover God's goodness and grace.

**Our message,** To discover the hope of wholeness, turning away from a life of prideful self-concern to be transformed by seeking God's identity and way for us, trusting in the forgiveness, love and provision of Jesus Christ.

**Our method,** To be engaged in serving God's purpose for our world and walk together in beloved community as brothers and sisters in Christ.

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**Local Church Conference Minutes**  
**Sunday, May 19, 2019 at 1:00 pm**

- I. Call to Order 1:07 pm
  - A. Prayer – Pastor Bruce prayed at 1:11 pm
  - B. Our mission, message and method
    - Our mission**, To become lifelong followers of Jesus Christ, living holy lives of love and service, inviting others to discover God’s goodness and grace.
    - Our message**, To turn from sin and join God’s family trusting in the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ.
    - Our method**, To be transformed by our relationship with Jesus, serving God’s purpose and walking together as brothers and sisters in Christ.
  
- II. Verification of the Roll – 21 members present, (19 members voted)
  - A. Present at the meeting: Trish Beitz, Doug Day, Bruce Ellis, Patti Ellis, Joshua Ellis, Mary Joan Fleming, Lawrence Gollnitz Sr, Larry Gollnitz Jr, David Holland Jr, Debbie Powell, Darci Paul, Kay Richard, Debbie Rodriguez, Crystal Rose-Williams, Rebecca Thornton, Lenette Wdowiasz, Shawna Wickmark, Gloria Windsor, Jane Wright, Richard Wright;
  - B. Brief discussion of overall membership – removals
  - C. 43 members total
  
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  - J. Mission Financial – able to have surplus and distribute funds to other projects guided/directed by Missions Committee
  - K. Neighbor to Neighbor Financial
  - L. Auditor – Church Treasurer (General) report – reported \$154 for Missions erroneously deposited in Building Fund, will correct and redeposit in correct accounts
  - M. Jane Wright motioned to approve above reports, Trish Beitz gave support, all in favor – motion approved
  
- IV. Business
  - A. Member Recognition
    - 1. Members removed from membership: Josh DeGolier, Kimberly Gollnitz – of their own accord
      - i. Judi Rose transferred membership to Nazarene Church but still listed in church journal as member
    - 2. Transfer of membership
    - 3. Member Recognition
    - 4. Servant Award: Gloria Windsor
    - 5. New Member
  - B. Elections
    - 1. Appointment of Election Tellers
      - i. Doug Day made the motion, Debbie Day gave support, to appoint Dylan Hawkins as an election teller, all in favor – motion approved.
    - 2. Nominating Committee Report
      - i. Names on ballot as per Nominating Committee

- ii. Jane Wright made the motion to add Debbie Powell's name on ballot for Nominating 2020 Nominating Committee, Doug Day gave support, motion carried
- iii. Debbie Day made the motion to add Crystal Rose-Williams's name on ballot for Nominating 2020 Nominating Committee, Doug Day gave support, motion carried
- iv. Trish Beitz made the motion to add Rich Wright's name on ballot for Nominating 2020 Nominating Committee, Doug Day gave support, motion carried
- v. Doug Day made the motion to add Kay Richard's name on ballot for Nominating 2020 Nominating Committee, Trish Beitz gave support, motion carried
- vi. Kay Richard motioned to close/approve nominations for committee, Debbie Rodriguez gave support, all in favor – motion approved

C. Elected to 2019-2020 LBA

- i. Secretary – Shawna Wickmark
- ii. Treasurer – Trish Beitz
- iii. Sunday School Superintendent – Darci Paul
- iv. Trustee – Larry Gollnitz Sr.
- v. Director of Missions – Jane Wright
- vi. Member at Large – Rebecca Thornton
- vii. Church Auditor – Allen Chase
- viii. Offering Tellers – Lenette Wdowiasz  
Debbie Powell
- ix. Alternate Tellers – Debbie Rodriguez  
Kay Richard
- x. Assistant Treasurer – Sylvester Cleary
- xi. 2019 Conference Delegate – Paul Knoop
- xii. 2019 Conference Alternate – Mark Powell
- xiii. Conference Alternate (second alternate) – Shawna Wickmark
  - 1. As of 2019, due to district recalculation, this church will only need one (1) conference delegate each year (was changed in prior year to two (2) delegates)
  - 2. We will also vote for delegate for current year (2019)
- xiv. 2020 Nominating Committee:
  - 1. Rich Wright
  - 2. Crystal Rose-Williams
  - 3. Debbie Powell

**\*Please note that Dave Holland and Crystal Rose-Williams were present for conference but did not vote in the election**

D. Church Budget

- 1. Total church budget increase by 2.5% for 2019-2020
- 2. The LBA voted to increase Pastor's salary by 4%;
- 3. Doug Day made motion, Lenette Wdowiasz seconded to approve new items, all in favor – motion approved
- 4. Kay Richard made motion to include Joshua's insurance and \$720 increase to church budget, Darci Paul gave support, motion approved
- 5. May 2019 (budget is set for May 2019 to April 2020) not included in budget presented

E. New Business

F. Outlook for the Upcoming Conference Year

- 1. Projects
- 2. Ministry Events

G. Other Business

VI. Prayer

VII. Adjournment – Joshua Ellis motion to adjourn at 2:31 pm, Trish seconded, all in favor – motion approved.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Shawna Rose-Wickmark  
May 19, 2019



## **Local Board of Administration Summary of Action**

*May 1, 2019 – April 30, 2020*

1. Approved the motion to keep woodwork (windows, arch, chair rail) in sanctuary painted white, use neutral window tones and rounded design for stained glass window display.
2. Elected Jane Wright as vice chairman of the Local Board of Administration.
3. Accepted the resignation of Mike Opie as Trustee.
4. Approved Nominating Committee Report (2019).
5. Approved the names elected for Nomination Committee
6. Approved the Pastor/Church Agreement Form to Local Church conference (2019).
7. Approved recommended budget for 2019-2020 year.
8. Approved the use of vacation time for Pastor Ellis.
9. Approved Servant of the Year Award Recipient.
10. Approved the transfer of membership of a member to another church/denomination.
11. Approved the removal of names removed from member list due to death or per their own request.
12. Approved the recommendations to accept new members.
13. Approved the 2019-2020 budget.
14. Approved the LBA Meeting Schedule, all reports will be submitted/separated monthly.
15. Approved the appointment of Debbie Powell as treasurer of Neighbor to Neighbor.
16. Approved motion to check pricing locally for upholstering chairs
17. Approved the discussion of appointing member as Trustee by LBA
18. Approved the purchase/distribution of gift cards and thank you cards for Joshua Kwilos
19. Approved the purchase of heat wire and PVC for drain
20. Approved the commitment of funds and the from Mary Jo Fleming Memorial to be used for Sunday School teaching room including audio visual equipment, teachers' storage cabinet/shelving, Bible Story Canvas Prints, repairing the wall, paint and window blinds.

21. Approved the commission of a new memorial plaque to replace previous plaque to honor members that have passed away
22. Approved Pastor Bruce and Patti to attend the Pastor and Spouse Retreat in Ellicottville in February
23. Approved the creation of Student Ministry/Assistant Position, as a LBA voting member
24. Approved the hiring/appointment of Dylan Hawkins as Student Ministry/Assistant Position
25. Approved the establishment of a procedure of separation of duties for Neighbor to Neighbor. Appointed Deb Rodriguez (Cosme) handle receipts and make deposits. All donations from Karen will be deposited in Neighbor to Neighbor bank account.
26. Approved the creation of a student internship position and the appointment of position and appointed Joshua Ellis as summer internship at approximately 25 hours a week with a \$2,000 stipend.
27. Approved the recommendation of Dylan Hawkins to District Board.
28. Approved the plan to hold annual church conference at the end of June 2020. Also approved the plan to postpone the annual local church conference until 2021. Church journals will still be completed and 2019-2020 reports.
29. Approved the helping and planning of an outreach/music project by honoring medical staff and the Forestville Fire Department for this summer.
30. Approved the appointment of Crystal Rose-Williams as the treasurer of Neighbor to Neighbor.
31. Approved to allow Matthew Ellis to store his salt/gravel on the property in Forestville;
32. Approved the purchase of Media Shout 7 and the Song Select and Streaming License for online streaming of services/groups.
33. Approved the purchase of boom stand.
34. Approved the purchase of books for staff for staff development purposes.



Seeing Clearly    Following Closely    Walk in the Way

We have now completed our 29<sup>th</sup> year of ministry here on Ball Hill. What a journey it has been. We have experienced the blessings and bumps of being a beloved community in Christ. I am thankful for God's unrelenting hope and love for us. He never gives up leading us toward life. In every season together we have experienced His faithfulness.

Throughout this conference year we have seen a decline in attendance which has stirred consideration of our focus and priority. I believe our calling to make disciples must move beyond our attention to Sunday morning worship. Who we are as Christ followers must be reflected in standing apart from our world and yet being made one with it. In contemplation we discover space separate from the world that allows us to see it and ourselves clearly. We then must courageously release all that clouds our vision and suffocates the breath of God. This clarity frees us to step into the breach of our world with the hope of reconciliation, the restoration of life and the love of Christ. This refocus will call each of us to invest in listening well, deep relationship and loving service.

We have been experiencing what feels more like a fictional novel rather than reality, but here we are, nonetheless. **The 2020 theme, "Walk the Way"** is shaping our hearts and calling us to pay attention to what I believe are the essential qualities to equip us to navigate the challenges of what is happening in our world and the call of the church to be present in the midst of it. **Seeing clearly** is the path of spiritual discipline to journey into an experience with Christ that grows emotional maturity, deep spirituality and true identity. **Following closely** is leaning into obedience to serve the purpose and ways of Christ. This is a matter of engaging with our world in what we are uniquely called and qualified to accomplish. **Walking the Way** is allowing the gospel to have its effect in every part of life.

Overview:

- In June we hosted the Forestville Baccalaureate service with Rev. Becky Wood speaking and our worship team providing the music.
- Tuesday Morning Bible Study continued with the Gospel of John as our focus.
- We baptized Dylan Hawkins in July.
- Tent meeting speaker was Rev. Steven Dunmire with Michael Farrow providing the music.
- We installed stained glass panels in the sanctuary and covered "The Good Shepherd" mural with a fabric panel and cross along with many other small projects to maintain our buildings.
- Season of monthly men's fellowship breakfasts
- Dylan Hawkins was sent on a short term mission trip to Lebanon. We hosted the Chili Cook off in February to support the work of Youth for Christ Lebanon.
- Our Christmas music program looked a little different this year with a variety of participants with narration written by Rev. Patricia Ellis.
- We created and hired an assistant staff position
- We developed our online presence with our website, including online giving and streaming of our worship services.
- Throughout the first 4 months of COVID-19 we provided: morning reflections Monday through Friday, Tuesday Bible study with Zoom, Wednesday Prayer with Zoom, Thursday Live Worship with Facebook, Friday Communion with Zoom, Saturday Adult Sunday School with Zoom and Sunday Children's Sunday School with Zoom and Worship with Facebook Live.
- Fulfilled pastoral care responsibilities and endeavored to live as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

The next pastoral call/review will be completed in 2021 with the District Superintendent and the L.B.A.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Reverend Bruce Ellis

## **Assistant Pastor Report 2019-2020**

### **Music**

Our Christmas program looked a little different this year. In place of our annual cantata, we presented an "Evening of Christmas Music". This included choir numbers, sacred and classic, readings, instrumentals, vocal solos and ensembles, our worship team as well as special selections for children. We were able to share this program with the East Leon Wesleyan Church. I want to thank everyone who participated and especially for their flexibility since the program seemed to be in a constant state of flux. Thank you also to Dylan Hawkins and Ryan Paul for stepping up and being our 'tech' guys.

As always, it is a joy and privilege to be able to work with our worship team. Their dedication, flexibility and willingness to serve has been a blessing. A huge thank you to Darci Paul, Celeste Allen, Joshua Ellis, Dylan Hawkins and Ryan Paul for their commitment during our quarantine to provide music not only for Sunday morning worship, but for our Thursday night worship sets as well. We have sorely missed Syl Cleary on bass and Adam Lukasik on vocals and percussion. We are all looking forward to being back together again.

Other areas of music ministry in which I've served:

Organizing/practicing music for worship team and various services: Chautauqua County Seniors Honor banquet, Ash Wednesday service, Good Friday service, Celebration of life services for Mary Jo Fleming and Nelson Crowell, Forestville Central School Baccalaureate, Outdoor service for Church picnic, organized choir dinner.

### **Women's Ministry**

While attending Refresh Family Camp, several of our ladies met together and decided we wanted to begin a monthly get together for the purpose of encouragement, building community and spiritual growth. We held two get togethers in the fall and had plans to hold a spring brunch to kick off a meeting monthly throughout the summer. Those plans are on hold (but not forgotten) until further notice.

### **Miscellaneous Ministries**

Taught Adult Sunday School/Saturday School classes  
Served at Neighbor to Neighbor  
Chili Cook-Off, Bake-Off  
Attended District Conference, Refresh Family Camp and LDJ meetings



Participated in Wednesday night Prayer meetings, Tuesday Bible Studies, Friday night Communion  
Helped prepare food for: Men's Breakfasts, Choir Dinner, Bible Studies, Christmas fellowship, Church dinners, tent meeting, LBA Christmas gathering, etc.  
Attended LBA Retreat  
Hosted church picnic at parsonage  
Participated in Emotionally Healthy Spirituality small group  
Participated in Sunday evening services/activities  
Helped with Christmas decorations  
Helped clean annex and church as needed  
Christmas flower orders and pick up  
Attended Memorial Day services at Forestville VFW  
Hosted guests at parsonage  
Counseled  
Worked 2-4 days/week at Fredonia Pediatric and Adolescent Dentistry

I cannot help but think how differently this year has passed than what any of us expected or could have imagined. It has been a blessing to have Joshua home during these last few months and to have him serve as a summer intern at the church, even though it has been hard not to spend time with the rest of our family and our church family. Our worlds, personally and nationally, have been turned upside down. "Quarantine", "social distancing", and "ppe" are a part of our everyday vocabulary. Sadly, we have walked through the loss of lives due to the deadly viruses of Covid19 and racism.

God has provided a way for us to stay connected with the body of believers through the means of technology during all of this. "Church" has been different, but certainly not dead. "Church" must continue to be different even as we return to gathering together in one place. We must continue to change to address the issues that we have had the privilege of being able to 'brush aside'. I am struck by Jesus's words in Matthew 25:40(*The Message*),  
*"Master, what are you talking about: when did we ever see you hungry and feed you, thirsty and give you a drink? And when did we ever see you sick or in prison and come to you?" Then the King will say, "I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me-you did it to me."*  
May we continue to have our eyes opened to those around us who have been overlooked or ignored. May we see more of what Jesus sees, serve more like Jesus serves and love more like Jesus loves.

Respectfully submitted with love and gratitude for this church body,

Rev. Patricia Ellis

**Youth Treasury Report  
2019-2020**

<b>Income</b>	
Balance forwarded	<b>\$1119.38</b>
Fundraisers(flower sale)	144.00
Donations	41.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1304.38</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>	
Fundraisers	<b>\$108.00</b>
<b>Year End Balance</b>	<b>\$1196.38</b>

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Patricia Ellis





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Dylan Hawkins  
Assistant/ Teen Ministry Director

## 2019-2020 Annual Report

### **Teen Ministry**

The position that I now hold, continues to be a testament of God's work. Against all reason, against all common sense, he has led and provided. Admittedly, Covid-19 has been a big distraction from the creation of a teen program, yet I remain optimistic about what is ahead. I am hopeful that as we begin to gather again, that there will be a hunger in the hearts of youth for fellowship.

### **Technology**

Another clear demonstration of God's hand at work was the technological progress we had made pre-Covid. We had already had conversations about online giving, streaming, upgrading equipment, etc. The past few months certainly accelerated the process, nonetheless we were already moving in the right direction. As we continue to move forward, I believe our church is better equipped to share the gospel.

### **Lebanon Mission**

Traveling to Lebanon to see the work that Youth For Christ is doing with Syrian Refugees was an experience I will never forget. The Love of Christ continues to heal deep and long standing wounds. In a desperate situation God continues to provide. The partnership formed between FWC, Filmore, Levant and Watermark continues to be fruitful. In the coming year, I am looking forward to continue to build on these relationships and find new ways to partner with our brothers and sisters in Beirut.

### **Personal Life**

This year has been the most important and productive year of my life. After the damage of a decade of addiction, God has healed. He has healed my spirit, broken relationships with family, and has provided me with direction and purpose. Through the love of Christ in this body, I have been given the opportunity to give great attention to my relationship with God. I'd especially like to thank Rich and Jane Wright for their generosity in providing me a place to live.

I am looking forward to the coming year, pursuing ministerial training through the District and whatever else God may have planned for His Church.

Sincerely,  
Dylan Hawkins

Forestville Wesleyan  
**Treasurer's Year End Report**  
**May 2019 - April 2020**

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$ 3,110.97</b>	
<b>Receipts</b>		
Tithes and Offerings	\$ 93,458.42	
Other <i>(bequest &amp; tent meeting)</i>	\$ 12,186.30	
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>\$105,644.72</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>		
Pastoral Salary	\$ 25,940.00	
Assistant Pastor Salary	\$ 2,400.00	
Assistant Salary <i>(includes benevolence)</i>	\$ 3,250.00	
Travel reimbursement	\$ 2,004.00	
Wesleyan Pension	\$ 2,411.00	
Health Insurance	\$ 720.00	
Life Insurance	\$ 821.37	
Sabbatical account	\$ 600.00	
Parsonage Utilities <i>(electric, phone, fuel)</i>	\$ 3,128.80	
Parsonage Expenses <i>(furnace service, septic)</i>	\$ 419.00	
Retreats <i>(Refresh, pastor/spouse)</i>	\$ 530.00	
<b>Total Pastoral Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 42,224.17</b>
Church Utilities <i>(electric, phone, fuel, DFT)</i>	\$ 5,638.17	
All-season Maint. Contract	\$ 2,100.00	
WNY Assessment <i>(includes balance from prior year)</i>	\$ 8,163.40	
Worship/Ministry	\$ 1,569.69	
Speaking Stipends	\$ 100.00	
Office Supplies	\$ 1,010.13	
Outreach	\$ 1,889.03	
Services <i>(tax prep, piano, website, ADT, trash, mower)</i>	\$ 1,094.76	
Fees <i>(Chautauqua alarm)</i>	\$ 50.00	
Property/Liability Insurance	\$ 2,074.50	
Workman's Comp <i>(pd after year end)</i>	\$ 0.00	
Taxes	\$ 210.23	
Licensing	\$ 306.66	
Retreat <i>(LBA)</i>	\$ 75.00	
<b>Total Church Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 24,281.57</b>
Fellowship Hall Utilities	\$ 262.19	
Fellowship Hall Maintenance/Supplies	\$ 114.00	
<b>Total Fellowship Hall Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 376.19</b>
<b>Total Disbursements</b>		<b>\$ 66,881.93</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b>\$ 41,873.76</b>



**Balance in Education Fund as of 4/30/20:   \$ 290.94**  
**Balance in Sabbatical Fund as of 4/30/20:   \$2,302.01**

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Respectfully submitted,

*Patricia Beitz*  
Patricia Beitz, Treasurer

# Sunday School Superintendent

## 2019-2020 Yearly Report

<p><b>Teacher's responsibilities:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be prepared each week with a lesson that connects students with the relevancy of scripture and challenges students to live biblical truth</li> <li>2. Be timely to start classes, teachers of younger students should be in the classroom by 9:55am</li> <li>3. Be praying for your students each week</li> <li>4. Be sure all of your prospective students and absentees are contacted on a regular basis</li> <li>5. Contact Sunday Superintendent as soon as you know you will not be there for your class</li> <li>6. Communicate with the Sunday Superintendent with any needs or concerns <i>(i.e. supplies, unresolved behavioral concerns)</i></li> </ol>	<p><b>Curriculum Goals:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To be familiar with the books of the Bible and where to find them</li> <li>2. To memorize the Lord's prayer, the apostles creed and the 10 commandments</li> <li>3. To understand the qualities of God's character and His work</li> <li>4. To have a working knowledge of God's plan of salvation</li> <li>5. To have a working knowledge of the key themes of the Bible</li> <li>6. To memorize one scripture verse each month appropriate to the lesson or theme</li> <li>7. To practice applying God's truth to everyday life</li> <li>8. To offer opportunities for students to accept Jesus's invitation of forgiveness and fellowship</li> </ol>
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### Sunday School

#### Attendance:

PreK-1<sup>st</sup> grade, Darci Paul: 1 to 3 students average  
 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade, Pastor Bruce Ellis: 1 student average  
 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade Dylan Hawkins: 1 student average  
 Adult, Pastor Patti Ellis: 10 students average  
 Art Sunday, Rebecca Thornton: 2 to 5 students average  
 Music Sunday, Darci Paul: 2 students average

#### Jr. Church

Attendance: 4 to 5 students average

Teachers: Jane Wright, Debbie Powell, Shawna Wickmark, Adam Lukasik, Mary Jo Fleming, Darci Paul (fill-in)

#### Meetings

- Sunday School and Jr. Church team meeting, August 31
- Suit up Sunday planning meeting, September 28
- Easter Egg Hunt and Outreach Event meeting, March 2
- Preparations for Mary Jo Fleming Memorial Renovation Project with Jane Wright, February 20 and May 28

#### Special Events

- Suit up Sunday, November 3 (six regularly attending students, two new students)
- Art Sunday, Sept. 22 (three regularly attending students, one new student) and Dec. 22
- Music Sunday, Oct. 6 (one regularly attending student, one new student)
- Easter Egg Hunt and Outreach Event, April 4 (*cancelled due to Covid-19*)

#### Covid-19 Efforts

- Sunday morning Music and Storytime for Sunday School and Jr. Church students (mid-March to end of quarantine period)



- Packed and delivered Easter baskets to families in the church and community (10-15 baskets delivered), led by Pastor Bruce with help from Pastor Patti, Pastor Karen Cleveland, Dylan Hawkins, Jane Wright, Darci Paul, and all who donated candy
- Packed and delivered care packages from Sunday School/Jr Church team to families in the church and community (8 families, 15 total packages delivered), led by Jane Wright with help from Pastor Bruce, Pastor Patti, Dylan Hawkins, and Darci Paul

### **Superintendent Activities**

- Served as a church board member, attended meetings
- Attended Church Board Retreat, Oct. 25 & 26
- Taught PreK-1st Grade Sunday School Classes
- Attended Adult Sunday school classes when there were no Sunday School students
- Served as a worship team member
- Provided refreshments for church dinners and special events
- Participated in choir rehearsals and performances
- Attended choir dinner
- Attended and volunteered at funeral for Mary Jo Fleming (music, refreshments, clean up)
- Attended and volunteered at funeral for Nelson Crowell (music, refreshments, clean up)
- Planned and organized the Mary Jo Fleming Memorial Renovation Project with Jane Wright
- Volunteered at Neighbor to Neighbor food pantry during Covid-19 crisis
- Served as an offering teller during Covid-19 crisis

This year was a roller-coaster of ups and downs and crazy turns. Our team has worked tirelessly to continue providing for our church and community members through the loss of our beloved Mary Jo and during the Covid-19 pandemic. New ideas and plans have been shared to create more effective and inclusive programming for all who walk in our doors. Although we were not able to hold some events due to the coronavirus, we look forward to the possibilities that are laid out before us in the year to come!

God is working here at Forestville Wesleyan Church in ways that are unexpected and unfathomable. God is so good! **THANK YOU** to all those who have helped in any way this year! YOU are greatly appreciated! Your service and support are essential to the health and growth of our programming (and all programming) here at the church. I am honored to have served in this position this year and happily look forward to where God leads us next!

Respectfully submitted,

*Darci L. Paul*

Darci Paul  
Sunday School Superintendent, 2019-2020



**Projects Completed:**

- Regular building maintenance and repairs throughout the year
- Colored glass panels were installed in the sanctuary windows
- Balcony chairs were replaced and reupholstered to match sanctuary pews
- Sanctuary walls were touched up
- Wainscot was installed in the church basement
- New signage was designed/replaced
- Internet infrastructure was improved
- New computers for church office and sanctuary were installed
- Railroad ties replaced around parking lot
- New parking lot drainage installed adjacent to church
- Parking lot was leveled and new stone was installed
- Parking lot lights replaced
- Church driveway widened
- Sanctuary piano restoration/serviced
- Sanctuary wainscot was refinished
- Sanctuary emergency exit steps installed
- Parsonage front porch steps replaced
- Parsonage service door replaced from storm damage
- Worship recording and video equipment installed
- Memorial plaque updated and repaired

**Upcoming Repairs/Maintenance:**

- Furnace room outlet/junction box replacement

**Upcoming Projects:**

- Replace front doors of church
- Exterior wall repair in rooms 102 and 104
- Fellowship Hall window blinds
- Preschool Room redesign
- Replace sanctuary sound equipment

**Study Items:**

- Fellowship Hall Handicap Ramp replacement
- Fellowship Hall Rain Gutters

**Church Trustees,**

*Larry Gollnitz*  
*Debbie Rodriguez*  
*Ryan Paul*



Forestville Wesleyan Church - Building Fund Report for May 2019 to April 2020

Opening Balance as of May 1, 2019	\$2,962.97
Add Deposits May 2019 to April 2020	\$8,291.22
Total	\$11,254.19
Subtract Expenses	\$8,233.72
Balance as of April 30, 2020	\$3,020.47

**DEPOSITS**

May-19	\$2,510.00
Jun-19	\$160.00
Jul-19	\$10.00
Aug-19	\$10.00
Sep-19	\$250.00
Oct-19	\$2,020.00
Nov-19	\$80.00
Dec-19	\$230.00
Jan-20	\$345.00
Feb-20	\$1,940.00
Mar-20	\$390.01
Apr-20	\$346.21
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$8,291.22</b>

Expenses

5/2019 - Church Blinds	\$1,318.20
6/2019 - Mission Fund (CORRECTION)	\$155.00
7/2019 - Assessment	\$307.00
8/2019 - PAD-A-PEW	\$145.00
8/2019 - Home Depot	\$199.36
9/2019 - Home Depot	\$218.47
9/2019 - Chris Phillips (PARSONAGE WORK)	\$705.00
10/2019 - PAD-A-PEW	\$681.00
10/2019 - Michelle Hoff (WINDOWS)	\$500.00
11/2019 - Home Depot	\$81.78
12/2019 - Michelle Hoff (WINDOWS)	\$2,070.99
12/2019 - Home Depot	\$33.32
1/2020 - Debbie Powell (CHAIRS)	\$1,200.00
2/2020 - NONE	\$0.00
3/2020 - (PARSONAGE GARAGE DOOR)	\$589.60
4/2020 - STOP CHECK PAYMENT	\$29.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$8,233.72</b>

\*NOTE – Deposit for 5/4/20 - \$19.12 and Check #120 to Matthew Ellis for \$363.29 cashed on 5/5/20

**Leaves true balance of \$2,676.30 as of 5/5/2020**

Respectfully Submitted

**Deborah L. Cosme-Rodriguez**

## Missions Report 2019-2020

The Forestville Wesleyan Missions Committee had it's year cut short due to the regulations put in place due to Covid19. We were still able to accomplish some of the goals we had set for the year.

In September we gathered school supplies for the Forestville Central School System. These were given to the school office to be distributed as needed.

November and December had us busy with our Christmas project. We raised money for Youth For Christ, Lebanon. We also helped fund Dylan Hawkin's trip to Lebanon in November.

February was the Chili Cook Off. We once again raised funds for Youth For Christ whose leaders were planning on a trip to the states in May. This was canceled due to Covid19.

We had just geared up for our new Missions Pledge Drive, "Guardians of the Gospel" and had one Sunday to present it before the church had to go on line.

During Social Distancing we have tried to keep in touch with the children and adults in the congregation. I have helped fill Easter Eggs, Surprise Bags and have been sending children Post Cards. I also provide the Tuesday Morning Reflection on Facebook. I continue to serve on the District Board of Ministerial Development as with many groups we have moved to meeting on line.



This year we lost Mary Jo Fleming, my right hand lady. She will be greatly missed and big shoes to fill. That being said, we need you to join us on the adventure that is the Mission's Committee. Please see me if your heart for Christ leads you to serve with us.

Thank you to Lynette, Kay ,Dylan, Debbie and Pastor for the ideas and work that they have put into missions.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jane L. Wright*

**Mission's Treasury**  
**May 1, 2019– April 30, 2020**

Balance - May 1, 2019	\$ 5,879.88
Receipts – May 1, 2019 – April 30, 2020	<u>+\$ 8,803.76</u>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>\$ 14,683.64</b>
Disbursements –May 1, 2019 – April 30, 2020	<u>- \$ 7,295.51</u>
<b>Balance on hand – April 30, 2020</b>	<b>\$ 7,388.13</b>

**Breakdown of receipts for 2019-2020:**

Faith Promise	\$ 6,865.75
Square Inc	\$ .01
Lebanon Special Offering	\$ 837.00
Transfer from Building Fund	\$ 155.00
Dessert Bake Off	\$ 436.00
Chili Cook Off	<u>\$ 510.00</u>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>\$ 8,007.00</b>

**Breakdown of disbursements for 2018-2019:**

Chris George support	\$1,000.00
Tim Gallant support	\$1,000.00
Jim Pickett support	\$1,000.00
Grace Community church (dessert bake off)	\$ 500.00
Checking account deposit slips	\$ 16.50
Chris George – missionary gift	\$ 200.00
Denny Willis – Lebanon travel expenses	\$1,329.00
Dylan Hawkins – Lebanon trip expenses	\$ 900.00
Rev. Becky Wood – Baccalaureate speaker	\$ 150.00
Local Family Assistance	\$ 200.00
Square Inc	\$ .01
Neighbor to Neighbor Food Pantry	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
<b>Total disbursements</b>	<b>\$7,295.51</b>

Respectfully submitted,

*Kay Richard*

Kay Richard  
Treasurer



## **Neighbor to Neighbor Annual Report 2020**

The Neighbor to Neighbor Food Pantry is still counted as an asset for the families that the pantry serves. The pantry has an average of almost 4000 individuals a year. It also serves almost 3000 individuals thru the food express in which everyone is able to receive food without proof of income. This is about 1200 or so households and serves 40,000 meals are given through Neighbor to Neighbor. Since March we have had to implement the Covid 19 procedures guidelines by Food Bank Of Western NY. We had to reduce our volunteers down to 5 and we had to do curbside service, That means nobody had to sign and we packaged food up and delivered it to the individual families at their cars. I would like to thank Dylan Hawkins, Darci Prentice, Pastors Patti and Bruce Ellis for all of their help during this transition. We continue to serve in this fashion and will until released from Food Bank. God continues to Bless the pantry with friends, Food and guidance. Thank you Father!

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Karen M. Cleveland

## NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR END OF YEAR REPORT

May 1, 2019 – April 30, 2020

### Account 7000 (checking)

Beginning Balance      \$6,183.25

Ending Balance          \$4,187.74

### Account 6000 (debit)

Beginning Balance      \$253.48

Ending Balance          \$3,902.19

Respectfully Submitted,

*Crystal G. Rose-Williams*



Joshua Ellis  
Forestville Wesleyan Church  
2020 Journal

### **Student Internship Report**

Firstly, I would like to thank the Forestville Wesleyan Church for an invaluable experience. When it became clear that my summer was not going to unfold the way that I had planned and that the 2020 Summer Ministry Teams were going to be canceled along with the remainder of my semester on campus at Houghton College, I had no clue what my next steps would be. After being offered and prayerfully considering a summer internship either here or in Anchorage, Alaska, I decided to take the position here and I believe that God has a lot to teach me through this opportunity.

In this unique season, I am constantly discovering the necessity of flexibility when serving in ministry as we moved all of our activities to online platforms. I am learning of the consistent provision of God as our expectations of financial need are exceeded at every turn. But perhaps most significantly, I am learning the value of my voice in the world as a part of the next generation of the church. There are infinite ways for me to continue to grow in maturity and experience and I look forward to seeing how this internship plays a part in shaping who I become.

Respectfully submitted,

Joshua A. Ellis



# Appendix



## In Memorial

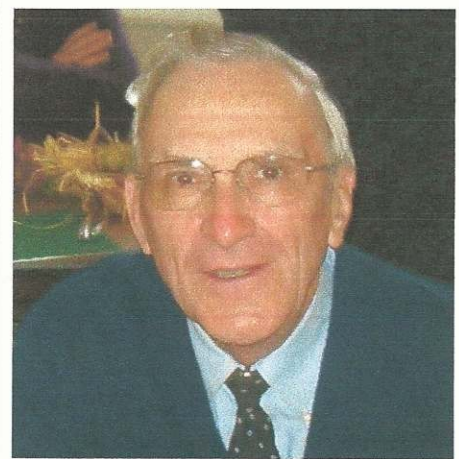
We have been blessed because you were the hands and feet of Jesus...



### **Mary Jo Fleming, 1932 - 2019**

Church Member Since 1963

Mary Jo made her way home, Thursday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019. She was an example of the love of Christ, inspiring faith and bringing encouragement to all those around her. She had a gift for creatively teaching children the truths of the Bible. Mary Jo was constant in grace and generosity; her hands were always busy with creative projects reminding us of our value in God's eyes. Her life in Christ will continue to shaped who we are.



### **Rev. Nelson D. Crowell, 1927-2020**

Church Member Since 1998

Rev. Crowell heard Jesus say, "Well done..." Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as he finished his journey. Nelson grew up here on the hill and was sent out from this church to serve Christ's Kingdom. He was a man of wisdom and kindness. He planted and pastored churches across the WNY District. Nelson's commitment to his faith through a lifetime service and leadership continue to bear fruit.

For the glory of God, may we live this great story of love that has been faithfully passed on to us.



PASTOR-CHURCH AGREEMENT INFORMATION

NAME OF CHURCH Forestville Wesleyan Church

NAME OF PASTOR Rev. Bruce Ellis

AGREEMENT FOR THE YEAR OF JUNE 1, 2020 THROUGH MAY 31, 2021

PASTORIAL VOTE INFORMATION:

1. No vote was taken because the pastor is serving under a previous call of:  
\_\_\_\_\_ two years \_\_\_\_\_ four years  extended call.
2. The last pastoral vote was taken month 4 day 19 year 2009.
3. Date of pastoral vote this year None taken.
4. The vote was for: \_\_\_\_\_ four years  extended call.
5. Number of ballots cast: \_\_\_\_\_ in favor; \_\_\_\_\_ opposed.
6. The pastor's reply was \_\_\_\_\_

FINANCIAL AGREEMENT FOR THE COMING YEAR: (NOTE DISCIPLINE PAR. 283)

1. Pastor's actual cash salary per week \$500.00 3.01%
2. Pastor's car allowance per week \$38.54
3. Pastor's pension  12%; other \$260/month
4. Pastor's medical and Hospital Insurance paid by the church  yes \_\_\_\_\_ no
5. Pastor's equivalent of Social Security paid by the church  yes \_\_\_\_\_ no.
6. Parsonage furnished by the church  yes \_\_\_\_\_ no.
7. Utilities furnished by the church  yes \_\_\_\_\_ no.
8. Other benefits provided Dental Insurance / vision @ \$480<sup>00</sup> yr.

Note: If the pastor is to supplement his church income by outside employment, has this been mutually agreed upon by the pastor and church? \_\_\_\_\_ yes  no.

Vacation Days:

30 Days Paid Vacation (does not include legal holidays/days off) Not to proceed 5 Sundays

Special Meetings (Outside Speaking Invitations, Worship Events, Revivals, Camp Meetings, etc.):  
\_\_\_\_\_ Days Including \_\_\_\_\_ Sundays Other approved by LBA

Days Off Each Week:

This year I choose Monday as my day off.

Signatures:

Pastor Bruce Ellis

LBA Vice-Chairperson James L Wright

LBA Secretary [Signature]

To be completed by the Vice-Chairman, a copy filed at the church, and the original returned to the District Office.

## Wesleyan Pastor's Job Description

### General Qualifications

**Job Summary:** Serve as the spiritual shepherd, teacher and administrative overseer of the local church, preaching the Word, directing the worship, administrating the sacraments and ordinances of the church, taking the comforts of the gospel to the sin –burdened, the sick and the distressed, discipling converts, nurturing and instructing believers, equipping and enabling them for their part in ministry, and serving as chief executive officer in the government of the local church.

**Working Relationships:** The pastor is responsible for the spiritual care and teaching of the Word to his flock. The pastor's responsibility in turn would be to the local body of believers, while working closely with, the District Superintendent, Local officers, auxiliary leaders, L.B.A. and D.B.A.

**Length of Service:** The pastoral vote will be for two years. Or there can be an initial call of four years or an extended call recommended of course by the LBA and approved by the District Superintendent.

**Spiritual Gifts most needed for this position:** Gifts for this position would be, but not limited to, are as follows; Shepherding, Teaching, Rebuking, Spiritual Discernment, Nurturing, Training, Compassion, Tenderness, Patience, Self-control, Love, Peacemaking, Wisdom and Confrontation, Leadership and Evangelism.

**Special Skills needed for this position:** administrative skills, motivational skills, conflict management skills, counseling skills and business management skills. Must be able to be on call 24 hrs a day 7 days a week.



Missions 10 yr. report	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	Totals
Balance brought forward	\$7,174.49	\$6,835.89	\$5,853.78	\$7,183.68	\$8,390.78	\$8,025.78	\$6,425.04	\$7,224.48	\$6,631.48	\$5,879.88	
Faith Promise receipts	\$8,611.58	\$8,540.00	\$8,693.69	\$9,545.00	\$7,915.00	\$7,804.10	\$9,336.00	\$8,688.00	\$7,370.00	\$6,865.75	\$83,369.12
Other receipts	\$1,751.99	\$1,851.40	\$3,986.45	\$1,967.75	\$2,107.50	\$1,162.50	\$1,479.00	\$2,072.00	\$637.00	\$1,938.01	\$18,953.60
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>\$10,363.57</b>	<b>\$10,391.40</b>	<b>\$12,680.14</b>	<b>\$11,512.75</b>	<b>\$10,022.50</b>	<b>\$8,966.60</b>	<b>\$10,815.00</b>	<b>\$10,760.00</b>	<b>\$8,007.00</b>	<b>\$8,803.76</b>	<b>\$102,322.72</b>
<b>Disbursements: Total for year:</b>	<b>\$10,702.17</b>	<b>\$11,373.51</b>	<b>\$11,350.24</b>	<b>\$10,305.65</b>	<b>\$10,387.50</b>	<b>\$10,567.34</b>	<b>\$10,015.56</b>	<b>\$11,353.00</b>	<b>\$8,758.60</b>	<b>\$7,295.51</b>	<b>\$102,109.08</b>
Missionary support	\$4,900.00	\$4,900.00	\$4,900.00	\$4,900.00	\$5,300.00	\$5,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$45,900.00
Local missions	\$1,800.00	\$1,375.75	\$1,550.00	\$550.00	\$500.00	\$264.84	\$850.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,150.00	\$200.00	\$9,490.59
Hephzibah Help - a - Kid	\$130.75	\$169.40	\$157.50	\$159.00	\$149.00	\$196.00	\$159.00	\$158.00			\$1,278.65
Neighbor to Neighbor Food Pantry	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00			\$10,000.00
World Hope - Rahul	\$408.00	\$408.00	\$408.00	\$408.00	\$480.00	\$480.00	\$480.00	\$300.00			\$3,372.00
Chill destination	(P. Wright)	(Potter's wheel)	(Kenya church)	(E. Schaffer)	(Jan Delang)	(FCS)	Jane Wright	Rev. Basitzi	St. Glanna Center		\$6,083.00
Chill cook off	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$557.00	\$841.00	\$528.00	\$687.00	\$971.00	\$862.00			\$429.96
SPARKS	\$250.00	\$99.99	\$79.97								\$310.00
Dessert Bake Off											\$1,500.00
Indian Camp	\$200.00	\$200.00		\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	Gary Pleva	\$1,052.00	Grace Community	\$500.00	\$1,552.00
Children's ministry	\$155.92	\$170.39	\$72.77	\$92.65			\$150.00	\$200.00			\$1,400.00
Misc.	\$50.00	\$73.98					\$140.05				\$695.14
Misc description	(food)	(missions campaign)					(Ellis 25 <sup>th</sup> yr party)				\$280.53
World Vision		\$600.00			\$900.00						\$16.50
FLAME Bibles	\$107.50										\$1,500.00
Gifts	\$100.00										\$107.50
Haiti	(missions trip)	\$300.00									\$310.00
Rev. Shamenta		\$1,000.00									\$417.00
Forestville Central /Character Initiative											\$1,150.00
Disaster Relief				\$919.00	\$200.00	\$1,100.00	\$200.00	Baccalaureate			\$2,419.00
Disaster Relief destination			\$1,625.00		\$202.00						\$1,827.00
WNY District - missions budget			Hurricane Sandy		ebola						
Forestville Fireman bags - 9/11 celeb							\$437.00	\$664.00	\$643.00		\$1,744.00
Veteran's bags							\$616.51				\$616.51
Baccalaureate Speaker									\$125.19		\$125.19
Missions trips										\$150.00	\$150.00
Gifts to visiting missionaries	\$400.00		\$200.00	\$400.00	\$600.00	\$200.00	\$400.00	\$200.00		\$229.00	\$2,229.00
Square Inc.										\$200.00	\$2,600.00
World Hope										\$0.01	\$0.01
Faith Comes by Hearing - Bible sticks	\$700.00	\$300.00		\$336.00			\$295.00	hurricane relief			\$1,131.00
Special Offering		\$276.00						\$167.00			\$1,000.00
Wesleyan Church Relief Fund		Forestville Fire		Joe Graf				Hephzibah			\$2,301.00
Relief Fund recipient				Don Sunshine	river blindness	river blindness	\$1,000.00	\$500.00			\$2,000.00
<b>Total disbursements</b>	<b>\$10,702.17</b>	<b>\$11,373.51</b>	<b>\$11,350.24</b>	<b>\$10,305.65</b>	<b>\$10,387.50</b>	<b>\$10,567.34</b>	<b>\$10,015.56</b>	<b>\$11,353.00</b>	<b>\$8,758.60</b>	<b>\$7,295.51</b>	<b>\$102,109.08</b>





**Our Mission:**

To become lifelong followers of Jesus Christ,  
living holy lives of love and service,  
inviting others to discover God's goodness and grace.

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Assistant	Mr. Dylan Hawkins	Cell	(551) 486-1044