

FAIRVIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
LAWRENCEVILLE, GEORGIA

# 2023 Annual Report

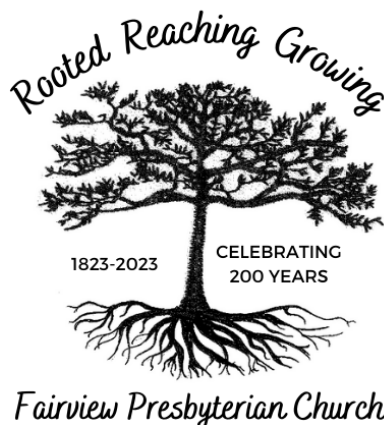
Dear friends,

At our Annual Meeting in 2023, you adopted a new mission statement for Fairview, to ground us and lead us into our 201st year! I continue to reflect on how lucky we are to be the ones getting to experience Fairview's bicentennial. We stand on the shoulders of a multitude of saints who have come before us, and we now pave the way for the next generations. What a beautiful privilege. 2023 was, in many ways, a year of experimenting. We tried on a new committee structure; we held two large community events (Fill-the-Truck in May and a Cemetery event honoring Revolutionary War veterans in October). We tried new ways of worshiping, including: more joint services with On the Way and Lawrenceville Presbyterian, more involvement and inclusion of our Scout Troop, an outdoor Animal Blessing, and occasional interactive services in the Fellowship Hall. I am proud of the ways you have shown an open heart and a willing spirit - to "try on" new ideas without fear. I have noticed a sincere shift in mindset - from anxiety to gratitude. You are no longer simply trying to survive; you are trying to seek God's will and trust in God's leading. As your pastor, there is nothing better than that.

The coming year will require challenging decisions. Together, we will need to discern the next phase of pastoral leadership (our designated covenant ends in November 2024, but can be renewed). We may need to think even more outside-the-box to find ways of sustaining Fairview's ministry into her next chapter. But I am confident that if we keep our hearts in the right place, and our trust in the Lord, we will find the path that God is preparing for us. Thank you for your continued faithfulness.

Love,

Melissa McNair-King



Building on generations of  
faithfulness, our mission is:  
To deepen our roots in Christ,  
To reach out in Love,  
To grow in God's grace.

# 2023 Church Leadership

## Staff:

Rev. Melissa McNair-King, Pastor  
Margo Smith, Office Administrator  
Lisa Grimsley, Music Director  
C. Ann Gittings, Accompanist

## Session:

Chris Crooker  
Beth Feustel  
Alice Hinton  
Allilson Bascas  
Janet Russell  
Clara Gilbert, clerk

## Deacons:

Paul Hinton  
Roger Rushton  
Sally Campbell  
Joel Nash  
Donna Redfern  
Mary Moon

Treasurer: Mary Bettinger

Investment Trustees: Mary Bettinger, Carlos Bascas, Tony Grimsley

Anna Craig Fund Administrators: Clay Feustel, Steve Curry, Don Bettinger

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## 2023 By the Numbers...

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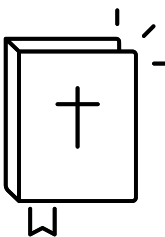
Active Membership

43 


Average Worship Attendance  
(in person)

2 

New Members

21 

Bible Study or  
Sunday School Participants

140+ 


Cards sent by Deacons

195 

Homecoming Participants

2,787 

Pounds of food given to  
Lawrenceville Co-op

\$15,761 

Given to Mission

count-  
less 

Lives touched,  
far and wide

# 2023 Highlights...

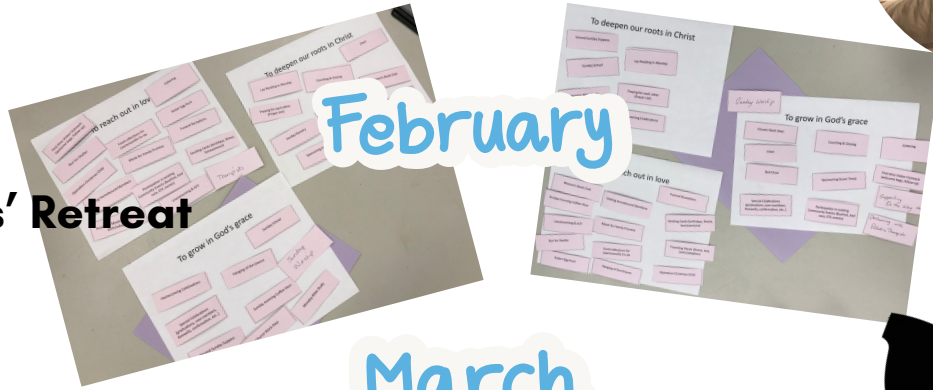
## January

**Epiphany Party & White Elephant Gifts**



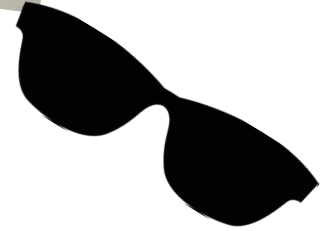
## February

**Officers' Retreat**



## March

**Lenten "Secret Service" (Acts of Kindness)  
Playground Renovation is completed**



## April

**Palm Sunday & Egg Hunt with On the Way**

**Holy Week services with Lawrenceville Presbyterian**

**Easter Sunrise & Worship**



May

**Fill the Truck Community Event**



June

**Homecoming Craft Days & Church workdays**



July

**Joint worship with On the Way  
Summer Trivia Contests**



August

**Bicentennial Homecoming**



# September

**Host for Lawrenceville  
Co-op community meeting**



# October

**Blessing of the Animals  
Ceremony for Revolutionary War Veterans**



# November

**16th Annual Run for Shelter**



**Hanging of  
the Greens**



# December



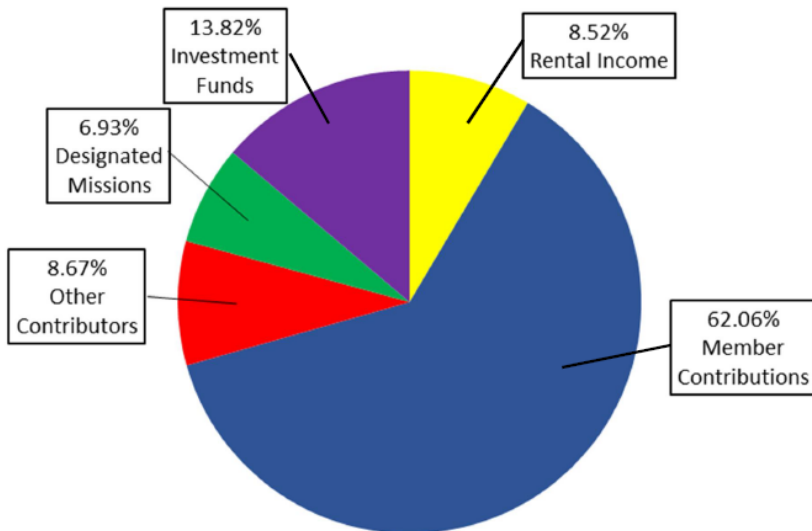
**Peace Light of Bethlehem  
Christmas Cantata**

**The Giving Tree  
Diaper Drive  
Christmas Eve Nativity & Candlelight**

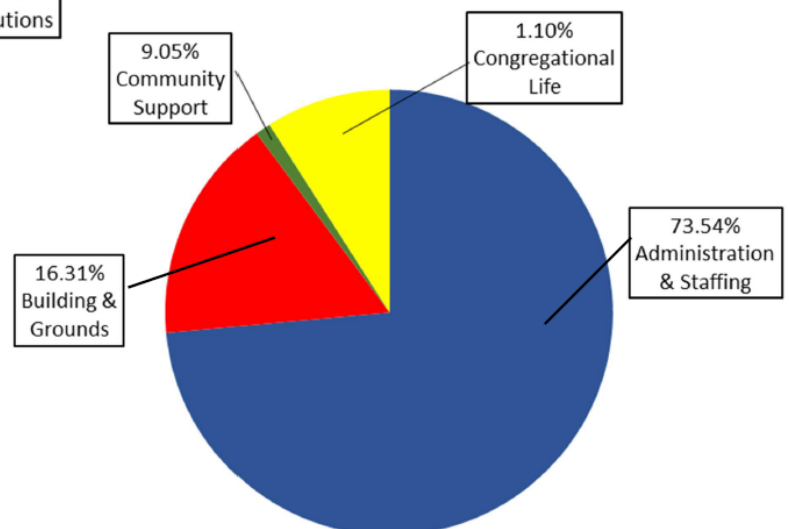
# 2023 Financial Report

	2023 Budget	2023 Actual
<b>INCOME</b>		
Rental Income	\$ 14,000	\$ 16,925
Member Contributions	\$ 116,195	\$ 123,262
Other Contributors	\$ 8,000	\$ 17,228
Designated Missions	\$ -	\$ 13,761
Investments Funds	\$ 36,941	\$ 27,441
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 175,136</b>	<b>\$ 198,617</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>		
Administration & Staffing	\$ 151,323	\$ 146,060
Buildings & Grounds	\$ 32,235	\$ 32,390
Congregational Life	\$ 2,700	\$ 2,190
Community Support	\$ 4,750	\$ 4,205
Designated Missions	\$ -	\$ 13,761
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ 191,008</b>	<b>\$ 198,606</b>
<b>NET IMPROVEMENT/DECLINE</b>	<b>\$ (15,872)</b>	<b>\$ 11</b>

*2023 Actual Income*



*2023 Actual Expenses*



# 2023 Financial Report

For 2023, the Session approved a budget with a deficit of (\$15,872), with the faith that God would provide. With God's many blessings, we experienced higher than expected donations and lower than planned expenses (excluding Designated Missions Support of \$13,761). In addition, we used \$9500 less in investment funds than budgeted to support this break-even position. The combination of all of this left us with a net break-even position at the end of 2023.

During 2023, donations were made to the Pavilion fund in the amount of \$26,937. We have paid 50% down for the pavilion shade structure and concrete foundation. The committee is working diligently with the supplier to submit and receive permits from the county, so that the work can begin. We have \$26,583 cash available to complete this project.

Donations were made in the amount of \$3,250 to support the Anna Craig cemetery fund.



Fairview has the following investment balances at the end of 2023:

- SEI Funds: \$356,114
- American Funds: \$206,024
- SEI Anna Craig Funds: \$211,848