

Sunset Church

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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Message from Pastor Steve

Dear Sunset Family,

Our Mission is to make disciples of all nations – who are being transformed into the likeness of Christ. This is our mission because it is the great commission of Jesus (Matthew 28:19–20). And we defined the word disciple the way the apostle Paul defined a disciple as someone who is being transformed from one degree of glory to ever increasing glory (2 Corinthians 3:18).

And the way we make disciples at Sunset Church is by following our Sunset Discipleship Pathway. The first step on the pathway is to connect to Jesus through faith. We want to see as many people as possible connect to Jesus. We also want to see everyone connect into the body of Christ through Christ-centered community. Our primary way of connecting believers together is through small groups. We long to see all members and a majority of our active attenders experience authentic relationships, belonging, and care through involvement in some kind of small group.

The second step on our pathway is to grow in Christ through spiritual practices. The three primary spiritual practices that we resource and support are worship, Bible study, and prayer. We long to see everyone growing in Christ through both private and gathered worship. During my morning prayer times, I have included listening to the worship songs that we will sing in our upcoming services. I do this on Spotify because they have a lyrics feature which enables me to sing along and worship God. We long to see everyone growing in Christ through Bible study. We do not worship the Bible but we worship its living center, Jesus Christ. The Old Testament, which anticipates the Messiah, and the New Testament in witness to Jesus, both point us to Jesus. Bible study continues to be one of the primary ways that people grow in faith. We highly encourage the study, reading, reflection, meditation, and memorization of the scriptures. This is one of my favorite spiritual practices. We long to see everyone growing in Christ through both private and gathered prayer. We encourage everyone to have a regular daily prayer rhythm. I do my best to pray the Lord's Prayer every morning, pray a Psalm every day, and pray a Prayer of Confession every evening. These daily rhythms of prayer help remind me of the ongoing presence of the Holy Spirit. Our hope is that we all enjoy an ongoing conversational relationship practicing the presence of God throughout each day of our lives.

The third step on our pathway is to serve one another in love. We long to see everyone serving inside or outside the church in the name of Jesus. Jesus came to serve and not to be served, and so we follow his example. But serving is also a tremendous joy and blessing. Jesus says it is better to give than to receive.

The fourth and final step on the pathway is to share the Good News of Jesus. At Sunset Church, we do this in two primary ways. First, we share our 3-word testimonies of how we came to faith in Jesus as our Lord and Savior. We long to see every member of Sunset Church write their 3-word testimony. We also share Good News Stories of Transformation. God is always at work if we only have our eyes open to see. At almost every elders and staff meeting, we ask the question, "Where have you seen God at work?" We call these Good News Stories. We hope to create a culture that shares Good News Stories about what Jesus is doing. There's certainly enough bad news to go around, but the world desperately needs to be encouraged by the Good News of Jesus.

Sunset Church also aspires to live out our core values. Certainly we value making disciples and the steps along the Sunset Discipleship Pathway. We value connecting to Jesus through love and faith. We value connecting into Christ-centered community. We value growing in Christ through spiritual practices. We value worshipping Jesus. We highly value the Bible. We are a house of prayer for all nations. We value serving others in love. We value sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

In addition to these values related to discipleship, we also value celebrating ethnic diversity. God's vision is a vision of an international multi-ethnic church around the world. Our 10-year goal is to more reflect the ethnic makeup of the community within a 5-mile radius of our church. We value being ambassadors of reconciliation. I continue to be amazed at the miraculous ways in which God continues to reconcile broken relationships. We also value investing in the Next Generation. The long-term flourishing of our church depends not only on our support for the Next Generation, but it depends upon tireless investments in our children and youth. Most people come to faith before the age of 18, so we deeply value loving, blessing, and protecting our kids. In our current world of anxiety, our kids need our loving support more than ever. I cannot stress enough how important this value is to our church and its future. And one of my favorite values is that we bless others. We bless others because God is the one who first blessed us. When God created the world he gave a three-fold blessing over his creation. He then spoke words of affirmation calling his creation very good. So we long to create a culture of blessing. We want to be a place that uses our words to build one another up. In particular, we want to create a culture where we affirm others for who they are, appreciate others for what they do, and encourage one another along our journey of faith.

I'm grateful to each and every member of Sunset Church who joins us in our Mission, Discipleship Pathway, and Values. Psalm 133:1 says, "Oh how good it is when

we dwell in unity." I love to imagine our church unifying around our Mission, Discipleship Pathway, and Values. I imagine we would have a lot of Good News Stories to share. And speaking of Good News Stories, I would like to share some good news stories/highlights in my report.

CELEBRATING HIGHLIGHTS (Oct 2021–Oct 2022)

GOVERNANCE:

As the moderator of our Session of Elders, I'm happy to report that we completed our review of the Sunset Bylaws and the Session Policy Manual. We also completed the EPC Leadership Training Guide which is required training for all current elders. We also completed and improved the Senior Pastor Performance Evaluation process. We were happy to receive Nate Salinas as our new Associate Pastor and Teaching Elder to our Session Meetings.

THEMATIC GOAL:

Our thematic goal for Oct 2021–Sept 30, 2022, was that we would "Improve Communications." (You can read about how we approach thematic goals by reading *The Advantage*, Chapter 2 "Creating Clarity" by Patrick Lencioni.) The below are a few of our defining objectives and the results.

1. Launch New Website.

I am profoundly grateful for the work of Mai Anh Hall and our website team. We partnered with Historic Agency to create our new Sunset Church website. This took a tremendous amount of energy and work from everyone involved.

2. Communicate Sunset's mission and discipleship pathway to the congregation.

In the fall of 2021, I preached a sermon series called "Living A Transformed Life." It was a sermon series that looked at the scriptures and heart behind our Sunset Mission "to make disciples of all nations — who are being transformed into the likeness of Christ," and our Sunset Discipleship Pathway that guides how we make disciples at Sunset Church. Each Sunday, during our worship services, we reflected on how we "connect" to Christ and to the body of Christ; how we "grow" in Christ through three core spiritual practices; how we "serve" one another in love; and how we "share" the Good News of Jesus Christ with the world. We also preached about many of our core values as well (i.e., We Are a House of Prayer for All Nations; We Celebrate Ethnic Diversity; We Invest in the Next Generation; We Are Ambassadors of Reconciliation; We Connect into Christ-Centered Community; We Share Good News Stories; We Bless Others).

3. Creating a cohesive plan for future facility updates.

Preliminary work was done with the Worlds of Wow organization that brought to light the need to improve signage at Sunset that in particular allows first-time visitors to feel welcome. There are also several major maintenance projects underway that led us to reach out to Ankrom Moisan architecture firm, specifically to develop a cohesive strategy as we integrate the new digital identity in the building. We are in the process of designing new exterior monument signs and reworking both the interior and exterior wayfinding signage. As a part of the process, we are also working to update both key exterior and interior elements that will further integrate an updated look. I am deeply grateful to Jessica Marshall and her team for all their hard work in this area.

4. A plan for monthly updates from key lay leaders during all staff meetings.

We desired to create a better connection and improve communications between our staff and our key volunteer leaders. We have begun to invite key volunteer leaders to our all staff meetings. It has been fun to hear ministry updates from our key volunteer leaders from Women's Bible Study & Jump4joy (Lori Uhl), Racial Justice (Yukiko Flenbaugh), Global Missions (Mike Hildenbrand), Small Groups, Assimilation & Prayer (Lynn Moore), Sunset Moms (Ada Howe), Congregational Care (Mark & Kathy Viers and Cheryl Hoy), and Reconciliation (Carrie Peeples).

I am profoundly grateful for all our amazing volunteer leaders and volunteers.

HR — NEW STAFF:

I thank God for bringing us some outstanding new staff members. Each one genuinely loves Jesus and Sunset Church. They have each brought new energy and passion for the ministry at Sunset.

- Associate Pastor (Nate Salinas)
- Director of Children & Family Ministries (Daphne Parker)
- Front Desk Receptionist & Facilities Coordinator (Keyara Stamps)
- Outreach Ministry Coordinator (Maddie Brown)
- Youth Ministry Coordinator (Carrie Peeples)
- Children & Family Ministry Coordinator (Carol Means)
- Senior Pastor Coordinator (Lori Uhl)
- Filmmaker/Storyteller (Nicole Flenbaugh)
- Children's Worship Leader (Nick Lind)

I am deeply grateful for each one.

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Message from Pastor Steve (cont.)

HR — STAFF CONNECTIONS:

In terms of staff management, over the last year we have met (at least weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly) with direct reports, and they have met at least bi-weekly with their reports. In addition, we have weekly ministry staff meetings and all-staff meetings for communication.

- **Staff Connections**

We have included an all-staff lunch on the last Tuesday of each month in order to build connection and community. We also tried to create connections by moving the start of our all-staff meetings back so we could have 45 minutes to eat our lunch together every week.

- **Staff Retreat**

We had a wonderful staff retreat last year. Our goal was that it would be spiritually nourishing, restful, and fun. I believe we achieved that goal. We had a guest speaker, Kelly Dickson, who also preached in our “Fruit of the Spirit” sermon series. She did an amazing job calling us to rest in the easy yoke of Jesus. We are hoping to make our staff retreat an annual event. It was a great time to reconnect and pay attention to our spiritual life together.

- **Encourage Staff**

One of our goals this year was to encourage the staff. The staff has experienced many challenges as they have ministered during the COVID pandemic. We were happy to offer a very small token of our appreciation this year as a small thank you. (e.g., COVID gift card, Christmas gift card).

- **Staff Christmas Party**

Michelle and I hosted the staff at our home for our Christmas party again this year. We played a game, ate yummy food together, participated in a silly candy Christmas gift exchange, and had an ugly Christmas sweater contest with prizes. And some stayed for a viewing of *Elf* (one of the greatest Christmas movies of all time in my humble opinion).

HR — PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS:

- **Job Descriptions & Task Lists on Google Drive**

We completed the creation and updating of all job descriptions for all staff. We have also included a task list at the end of each job description. We have put all our job descriptions and task lists in a Google drive folder. All staff can view all job descriptions. Each staff member

has been given comment rights for their job description Google Doc. And each supervisor has editing rights for their supervisee’s job description Google Doc. This allows us to have one location for our job descriptions and an easy process for annual reviews and updates.

- **Initiate a Performance Eval process (starting w/Job Descriptions)**

I am pleased to announce that we have begun our annual Performance Eval process. We have planned to have quarterly meetings for our process. First, we set and evaluate goals (begin in Aug and complete by Oct). Second, we meet to review our Mission, Pathway & Values (begin in Nov and complete by Jan). Third, we meet for Mid-year Goals update (begin in Feb and complete by Apr). Fourth, we review our job descriptions and task lists (begin in May and complete by July). We began our process by starting with a review and update of our job descriptions and task lists.

SERMON SERIES:

- **“Living a Transformed Life” (Sunset Mission & Discipleship Pathway)** (Sept–Nov 2021).

(See comments above in the Thematic Goal section.)

- **“Unto Us a Child is Born” (Isaiah 9:1–7) Advent series** (Dec 2021).

It was wonderful to slow down and reflect deeply on 7 verses that prophetically foretell the coming of Jesus. I attempted to preach sermons in a more reflective way so that we could slow down during the busy holiday season.

- **“Living a Gospel-Centered Life” (Galatians)** (Jan–May 2022).

Galatians is one of my favorite books because it focuses on the Gospel. The Gospel is Jesus + nothing. It was a joy for me to exegetically preach through this powerful epistle.

- **“Holy Week” (Luke)** (Apr 2022).

I loved setting apart Holy Week as its own sermon series. We had a great Palm Sunday worship service which included our kids. Nate Salinas preached a wonderful Palm Sunday sermon. We enjoyed a kids Palm Sunday message as well. It was a joy to meet in person again and wash one another’s feet at our Maundy Thursday worship service. We tried something new on Good

Friday by having a contemplative concert. We contemplated the Stations of the Cross through an original art exhibit. Easter was a joyous celebration. We enjoyed an Easter egg hunt for the first time. We experienced a miracle of the fishes and loaves by feeding over 500 people an Easter breakfast. And we celebrated with a wonderful joyous Easter Service as I reflected on the Angels words "Remember His Words." I'm still so thankful for the joy we all experienced on Easter last year.

- **"Acts of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 1-2)** (May-June 2022).

As we have been able to gather in person this year, I have sensed that our church is going through a rebirth. So I sensed a nudge from the Holy Spirit to preach through the book of Acts, because in the book of Acts we see the birth of the early church. There is a focus on the theme of the work of the Holy Spirit and evangelism. It seemed right to preach through the book of Acts at this time in Sunset's history as we rebirth our church after a long pandemic season of COVID and the challenges of gathering together in person.

- **"The Fruit of the Spirit" (Galatians 5:22-23, special artwork)** (June-Aug 2022).

We had a wonderful sermon series on the Fruit of the Spirit. As there are nine different fruits we decided to hear from different preachers as well. We also included a call for artists to create works of art on each of the Fruit of the Spirit. Each artist shared how they created their artwork during our worship service and prayed. It was a truly inspirational time of creativity and worship. I'm deeply grateful for how the Lord has blessed Sunset Church with many wonderful preachers. I am praying through what it means to encourage, equip, and empower all our amazing young teachers. We are a truly blessed church.

- **"Acts of the Holy Spirit: Adventures of Peter" (Acts 3-10)** (Sept-Nov 2022).

I'm excited to see what the Holy Spirit will do as we continue in our Acts of the Holy Spirit sermon series. This series will focus on the Acts of the Holy Spirit through the Apostle Peter. It will be an exciting journey ahead.

HIGHLIGHTS AHEAD (Oct 2022-Oct 2023)

I would like to highlight our current Thematic Goal:

Healthy Transitions

Duration: Oct 2022-Feb 2023

(5 months, 4-6 objectives):

- Successful transition to Subsplash
- Successful transition to Christmas Outreach 2022
- Successful transition to online HR group
- Successful transition of Youth Group to new space
- Successful transition of Children's Ministry to the Gym
- Successful transition to a new Church Administrator (July 2023)

Sermons

These upcoming sermon series plans are subject to change as the Holy Spirit directs:

- **"Acts of the Holy Spirit: Adventures of Peter"** (Sept-Nov 2022).
- **"Songs For A Savior"** (Advent) (Dec 2022-Jan 2023).
- **"Acts of the Holy Spirit: Adventures of Paul"** (Jan-Apr 2023).
- **"Reconciliation"** (tentative) (June-July 2023).
- **"Gospel of John"** (Sept-Nov 2023).

As you can see, God has been at work in wonderful ways, and there are many Good News Stories to share.

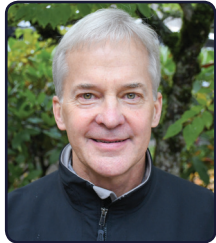
I am grateful for Sunset Church. I have a hopeful and optimistic view of our future.

God bless you always,
Pastor Steve



Steve Ruetschle
SENIOR PASTOR

Current Ruling Elders



John Franklin

John and his wife, Staci, started attending Sunset in 2000, when their three sons were young and they were busy making up parenting as they went. Their sons were significantly impacted by the children's program and high school and middle school programs. Their youngest, Mitchell, served as an intern under Jason Wilkinson, before marrying his wife Molly. All three boys are married and John and Staci currently have five grandchildren. John has previously served for one term as a Ruling Elder at Sunset and has preached periodically. John and Staci have walked through life with their Sunset Care Group for the past 19 years.

John's career was largely with Young Life, serving for 32 years. The last 16 years he served in senior leadership, as the regional director for Young Life in Oregon and SW Washington, and then as the Senior Vice President for the Western Division. Since retiring from Young Life, he has worked for the past nine years as a Program Director for the MJ Murdock Charitable Trust. John's term ends in 2023.



Chris George

Since Chris and his wife, Jacki, began attending Sunset nine years ago, they have welcomed two boys to their family, Max (9), and Michael (7) to join their daughter, Kaylee (11). Chris is well-acquainted with the children's wing, spending ample time there picking up and dropping off his kids as well as volunteering in the preschool class where he learns just as much as he teaches. He has enjoyed watching his family grow at Sunset and is particularly thankful for the fellowship of the care group he's been part of for the past eight years.

Chris grew up in a Christian home and accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior at a young age. He is passionate about learning, growing, and strengthening his faith as well as the faith of all those around him. He has a heart for missions work, locally as well as internationally, and is excited about the opportunities that Sunset has to advance God's kingdom in the world around us. Chris' term ends in 2023.



John Griffiths

John was raised in the Catholic tradition and made a commitment to Christ when he was 17 years of age. Since then he has attended both denominational (e.g., Presbyterian, Episcopal) and non-denominational churches in the western U.S. and Ireland.

John and his wife, Patricia, started attending Sunset in 2005, when their son, Parker, was five, with their first involvement consisting of joining a care group. John has served on Sunset's pastoral relations committees, the technical team for the worship ministry, and has occasionally played guitar in the worship band. Most recently, he has served on Sunset's Denomination Task Force.

John's work life has taken him on a varied path through the National Park Service, the airline industry, Intel Corporation, and the Nature Conservancy, while also serving on public committees and boards. He currently serves on the board of a medical device company and on the Salvation Army's Portland Metro Advisory Board.

As he looks back, John views himself as the undeserving recipient of oodles of God's grace across his life. He enjoys teaching, reading history, hiking, playing classic rock guitar, and seeing God do the formerly impossible—though not necessarily in that order. John's term ends in 2023.



Bruce Hanna

Bruce has been a member at Sunset since 2007. He and his wife, Kathy, have been married for 49 years and have two adult children. In his professional life, Bruce has served as a teacher and administrator in public, charter, and Christian schools.

At Sunset, Bruce has served as a Sunday school teacher, Elder Search Committee, and Choir Member; at Kids Camp; with Helping Hands; and the Divine Design Ministry.

Outside of the church, Bruce serves on the Catalyst Ministries Board, a street ministry in Phoenix; and as a Gideon. In the past, he has served as Elder at Bethel Baptist Church and as a trainer for Crown Financial Ministries.

Bruce has a heart for evangelism, especially to youth. Placing the Word of God and sharing a word of witness is a top priority. He actively distributes scriptures to schools and hotels with the Gideons, as well as personally to people in the daily "traffic lanes" of life, thus fulfilling the Great Commission. In partnership with God, all glory is to God. Bruce's term ends in 2024.



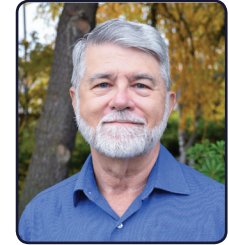
Randy Johnson

Randy, Lisa, and their two sons, Jordan and Miles, began attending Sunset in 2001, to be in community with their friends already attending Sunset. Their sons are both married, and Randy and Lisa have three grandchildren.

Raised in the Presbyterian church, Randy has attended many other churches of reformed theology and accepted Christ when in high school. He participated in music ministry in all those churches and currently serves as a piano player for the worship team here at Sunset. He has also participated regularly in the Food & Toy drive and community serve events.

Outside of Sunset, Randy has participated in other service for God's glory including a touring youth choir, a short-term mission trip to Mexico with Potter's Clay from Westmont College, and leading a study of creation versus evolution for high school students.

As a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist for adult critical care, he was able to use his gifts of administration, knowledge, and mercy. Randy worked at Providence St. Vincent hospital for 40 years, retiring in 2021. Randy's term ends in 2024.



Dennis Kviz

Dennis and his wife, Carol, have been faithful members of Sunset since 1991. This is his 11th year as a member of Session at Sunset. He has served for a total of 17 years as an elder including his service at his previous Presbyterian church. In the early 2000s, Dennis served Sunset's Presbytery Liaison which negotiated the separation from PCUSA including retaining our campus. He served on the Denominational Strategy Team, Pastor Model Advisory Team, and the Denominational Task Force. He also served on the building team of the current church campus. Dennis has served in both the choir and worship team.

Dennis is the Clerk of Session, Treasurer for Sunset corporation, and Community Assistance, our not-for-profit foundation. He regularly attends Presbytery and General Assembly meetings representing our church as a commissioner. Dennis' work experience spans from special education teacher working with deaf/blind multi-handicapped; consultant and speaker internationally in the arena of technology innovations for the disabled; president and CEO of two international high technology corporations; and a real estate broker/owner since 1993. Dennis' term ends in 2022.

Current Ruling Elders



Doug Morris

Doug is grateful for the grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accepting Jesus Christ as his Savior at the age of four, he has been involved in the church throughout his life. Doug started attending Sunset in 1995 and has served and participated in various ministries of the church through the years.

Doug and his wife, Stephanie, have two terrific kids who are involved in Sunset's youth ministry. They have been involved with their Care Group for 20 years, and God has blessed them with these close friends as they've walked through life's highs and lows. Sometimes life is hard, but God is good!

Throughout his life, Doug has experienced God's provision in tangible ways and many answers to prayer. Doug is thankful for God's mercy and knows that God will do great things through Sunset, for His glory! Doug's term ends in 2022.



Kent Richards

Kent's family attends Sunset—which includes his wife Nancy, daughter Anne Marie, son-in-law Chris, and their young son Daniel.

While attending Sunset for over 40 years, Kent has been able to serve by leading the single's ministry, worship, and a middle school group in Wildfire; playing the trombone with the praise band and orchestra; singing in the choir; teaching Sunday school; ushering; and serving communion. Currently he is a Children's leader on Monday nights at Sunset with Bible Study Fellowship.

As a youth, Kent attended a weekly after-school program at Valley Presbyterian Church and went through confirmation during middle school. Kent gave his life over to Christ at Young Life's Malibu Club in Canada at College Prep.

He has had the privilege of serving as an active Elder at Sunset prior to the move to the current campus on Cornell. God's sovereign will has been lived out as Sunset has ebbed and flowed through the gradual sanctification process. Kent has always felt this house is "God's House." Kent's term ends in 2024.



Jennifer Um

Jennifer began attending Sunset seven years ago after looking for and finding a church where her daughters could learn to love Jesus.

She has been blessed to serve at Sunset in the Children's Ministry and Women's Bible Study. She has led small groups and Bible studies since her college years. She served as the president of her medical school's Christian Medical & Dental Society, and she has been on medical missions trips to Mexico, Guatemala, Nepal, and inner city neighborhoods in Philadelphia and Chicago. She previously worked as an internist at an underserved clinic in Connecticut. She currently practices adult and pediatric sleep medicine in Portland and Astoria.

Her greatest joy in life is leading her two daughters, Elie and Phoebe, in their walks with the Lord. She shares this journey with her husband John and her parents who live with them. She also has a heart for seeing individuals grow in their relationships with Jesus through the power of the gospel, church community, the spiritual disciplines and serving others. Jennifer's term ends in 2023.

Officers of the Corporation



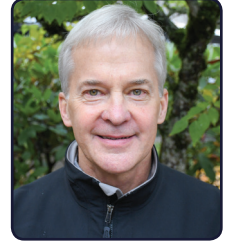
Jennifer Um
PRESIDENT

Jen's bio is on the facing page.



Bruce Hanna
TREASURER

Bruce's bio is on page 7.



John Franklin
SECRETARY

John's bio is on page 6..

"It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption."

1 Corinthians 1:30

Nominees for Ruling Elders



Rupa Devadoss

Rupa was born and raised in a small town in India and attended a church for 21 years where she was constantly taught God's Love. After getting her bachelor's degree, she decided to move to the United States to get her master's.

She is employed at Nike and lives near Sunset Church and has been attending here for over 10 years. She says she is very grateful to be a part of small group. You can also find her serving as an usher or in the children's ministry.

Rupa and her husband, Durai, have 2 kids, Daniel (10) and Andrea (7), and also two golden doodles. In her free time, you can find her hiking the mountains, sewing, or at the ocean.

"Be still and know that I am God" speaks to her heart and she truly believes, "Where God leads, He provides."



Kathy Hartrum

Kathy's experience with God began as a 10-year-old sitting at the base of a Ponderosa pine tree. She marveled at the coordination and intricacy in the minutia of an ant's tiny muscles as it walked across her knee contrasted with the magnitude of the sky and space. At that moment she realized there had to be a God and began a search to know Him. In her early 20s, Kathy deliberately decided to live her life "full-on-sold-out" to Jesus. That commitment has undergirded her career and personal decisions ever since. She retired from teaching in 2014, having held a wide assortment of teaching assignments in various settings and communities for over 35 years.

In the early 1990s, Kathy joined Sunset Presbyterian Church. For several years she served on the Women's Bible Study (GIFT) writing team. Kathy has been a member of Sunset's orchestra and served as a co-librarian for orchestra music. Currently she serves as a small group leader for Women's Bible Study, is a participant in the Jump for Joy ministry, has recently joined a Sunset care group and a group of mostly retired single Christian women.

Report of the Clerk of Session

Active Membership 10/1/21	683
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Gains	
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Professions or Reaffirmations of Faith	20
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Total Gains	20
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Losses	
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Request	20
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Deaths	12
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Moved to Inactive Status	0
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Total Losses	32
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Active Membership 9/30/22	671
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Baptisms	
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Believer Baptisms	18
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Infant Baptisms	1
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Infant Dedication	1
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Financial Status

Dear Faithful and Beloved Ministers of Christ at Sunset Church,

You are all such a blessing to me! A couple of weeks ago during worship I announced that we had exceeded budgeted giving each of the last 3 years. THANK YOU! It is a joy to be in ministry with you and I praise God for each of you.

Expenses for the year were below budget in most ministry areas for the year as we are still in the process of fully reopening after COVID restrictions. The great news is that while we had budgeted for a \$241,000 loss from operations, we only had a loss of \$82,000 and that was AFTER spending an extra \$110,000 on needed building maintenance. I will address the deferred maintenance later in this letter, but you may recall that in the last annual meeting I mentioned that there was nearly \$2 million in deferred maintenance that needed to be addressed. Aside from in-house ministries, the areas that were significantly above or below budget are as follows:

- Worship and Music was over budget by \$4,400. Several on this team had an opportunity to go to a fabulous conference where they learned many things that will bless us all and pay dividends in our worship for months and years to come.
- Missions and Outreach was under budget by \$11,500. The denominational fee was over by about \$8,000 due to a new way that they calculate our share of expenses. This was more than offset by not using funds for missional interns (\$8300), missionary emergency funds (\$5,000) and a number of smaller savings across the board.
- Administration Expenses were under budget by \$12,000. Banking and credit card clearing fees were over budget by \$7,500. This expense area is why we changed banking institutions and moved to Subsplash from Pushpay to process our online giving as well as changed our primary commercial bank. These moves should save at least \$10,000. That said, again I want to thank you for your online giving! For those of you that have automatic payments, it gives us much more insight into giving for planning purposes. The rest of the General Administration costs offset the credit card clearing expenses, again due to lower than historical ministry activity.
- Building, Grounds & Security was over Budget by \$110,000. As we told you last year, our mortgage was increased from \$2 Million to \$3 Million to cover most of the cost of the siding, window and stucco repair that is in process right now. That increased our mortgage payments and accounted for about a quarter of the overrun. The balance of the overrun was for repairs and

improvements throughout the facility including HVAC systems (\$13K) that failed last winter (remember the cold sanctuary), changing out the lights throughout to LED (\$35K), repairs to the elevators (\$14K) and the gym doors (\$14K) as well as various smaller items.

- Utilities were over budget by \$30,000 driven by electrical rate increases and the issues we had with the HVAC systems and inefficiencies as a result. The LED lights described above should save around \$10,000 per year in electricity costs.
- Salaries and Benefits were \$253,000 under budget as we had several open positions most of the year.

The final result for the year is that we had income just above budget and expenses below budget resulting in a operating loss of \$82,445 compared to a budgeted loss of \$240,788. In regards to the deferred maintenance, in addition to the work described above in the Building and Grounds section, we contracted to fix much of the siding, stucco, sanctuary roof and some dry rotted window frames at a cost of \$1,147,000. The bulk of that is being covered by the \$1 million increase in our mortgage. That contract is about three quarters done at this time. We also did substantial repair to the parking lot at a cost of just over \$260,000. A majority of funding for that came from a check from the employee retention credit from the U.S. Treasury totaling \$249,000 since we were able to keep our employees on payroll. In addition, we are improving sound and stage lighting in several ministry areas and repurposing and updating the basement to become a dedicated youth ministry venue.

Looking forward to 2022, we are budgeting Offerings at \$2,400,000 and increasing the budget for Rental Income to \$175,000. This will cause an operational loss of \$157,000 against our Sunset Operating Reserves of \$369,000. These reserves are in addition to the many other funds and reserves shown on page 16 totaling around \$900,000.

It has been a great joy to be at Sunset for the past three years. We are on the brink of great things in ministry as we begin to fully utilize the great gifts that God has given us.

Blessings,
Rick

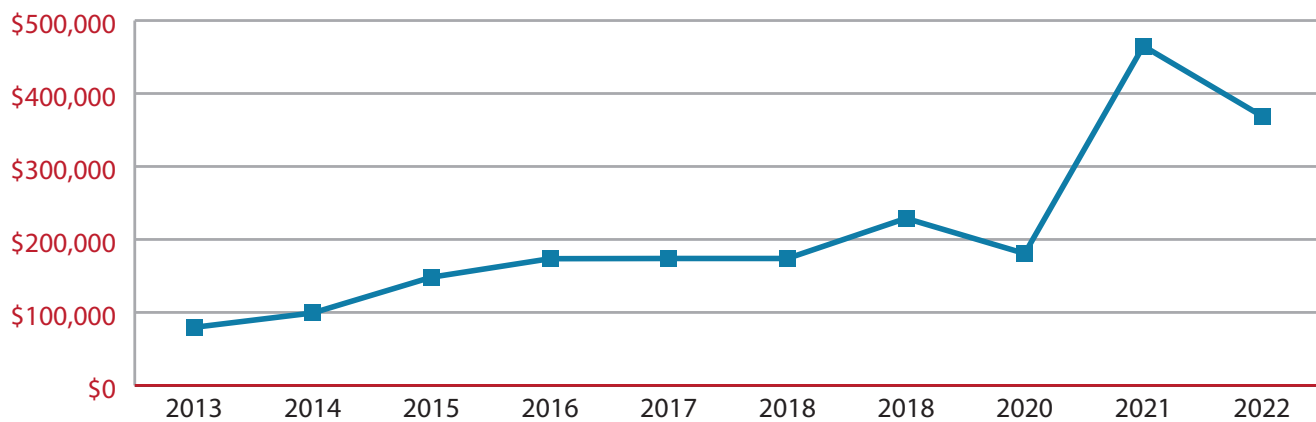


Rick Noling
MINISTER OF ADMINISTRATION

Operating Fund History

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 Budget
Operating Giving	\$2,374,183	\$2,420,061	\$2,230,003	\$2,224,337	\$2,229,220	\$2,400,000
Building Use Income	\$226,886	\$233,258	\$152,663	\$120,755	\$125,277	\$175,000
Operating Fund Expenditures	\$2,554,026	\$2,562,831	\$2,294,228	\$2,140,284	\$2,437,887	\$2,731,932

Yearly Operating Fund Balances



"You shall give to him freely, and your heart shall not be grudging when you give to him, because for this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake."

Deuteronomy 15:10

Financial Statements

Balance Sheet

Description	9/30/21	9/30/22
Current Assets		
Combined Checking Accounts	\$462,498	\$454,633
Savings and Money Market	\$910,516	\$750,117
Long-Term CD	\$29,615	\$29,957
State Unemployment Deposit	\$35,636	\$30,789
Total Current Assets	\$1,438,265	\$1,265,496
Fixed Assets		
Cornell Road Land & Site Improvements	\$5,499,686	\$5,499,686
Cornell Road Building (includes parking)	\$22,325,172	\$22,325,172
Construction in Progress	0	\$552,973
Furniture & Equipment	\$1,400,276	\$1,506,089
Total Fixed Assets	\$29,225,134	\$29,883,920
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(\$16,319,669)	(\$16,585,347)
Net Fixed Assets	\$12,905,465	\$13,298,573
Total Assets	\$14,343,730	\$14,564,069
Current Liabilities		
Total Current Liabilities	\$61,375	\$10,264
Long-Term Liabilities		
Building Fund Loan	\$1,843,437	\$2,401,878
Total Long-Term Liabilities	\$1,843,437	\$2,412,142
Fund Balances		
Operating Fund	\$465,080	\$368,817
Designated Fund	\$801,652	\$432,032
Building Fund	\$134,593	\$433,859
State Unemployment Fund	\$36,939	\$30,789
Equity Fund	\$11,000,654	\$10,886,430
Total Fund Balance	\$12,438,918	\$12,151,927
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$14,343,730	\$14,564,069

Operating Budget Summary

1 October – 30 September

Income	2023 Budget	2022 Budget	2022 Actual
Unrestricted Income			
Operating Giving	\$2,400,000	\$2,200,000	\$2,229,230
Total Offerings	\$2,400,000	\$2,200,000	\$2,229,230
Building Use Income			
Facility Use Rental Income	\$175,000	\$150,000	\$125,227
Total Building Use Income	\$175,000	\$150,000	\$125,227
Other Income	\$0	\$0	\$995
Total Income	\$2,575,000	\$2,350,000	\$2,355,442
Expenses			
Adult Ministries	\$6,300	\$9,000	\$2,092
Children's Ministries	\$12,550	\$12,550	\$9,913
Student Ministries	\$20,500	\$20,500	\$15,362
Tech Arts	\$16,500	\$16,500	\$15,925
Worship & Music	\$19,000	\$20,000	\$24,422
Outreach Missional Team	\$164,120	\$155,186	\$138,193
Administration	\$229,500	\$232,000	\$220,678
Buildings, Grounds & Security	\$408,000	\$301,000	\$410,503
Utilities	\$226,000	\$198,800	\$228,613
Salary & Benefits			
Employee Wages	\$1,293,377	\$1,214,586	\$1,043,042
Employee Benefits	\$306,085	\$383,066	\$296,494
Contracted Services	\$30,000	\$27,600	\$32,650
Total Salary & Benefits	\$1,629,462	\$1,625,252	\$1,372,186
Total Administration	\$2,492,962	\$2,357,052	\$2,231,980
Total Budget Expenses	\$2,731,932	\$2,590,788	\$2,437,887
Net Gain/Loss from Operations	(\$156,932)	(\$240,788)	(\$82,445)

Designated Funds

Fund Balances

Description	9/30/21	9/30/22
Financial Assistance Fund	\$21,355	\$20,188
Building Fund	\$371,200	\$433,859
Bereavement	\$7,766	\$17,604
Memorials	\$22,748	\$53,839
Mission Trips	\$8,850	\$0
Local Mission Project	\$67,801	\$76,139
Partners in Missions	\$19,053	\$0
Alaska Mission Project	\$71,283	\$89,189
Uganda Mission Project	\$60,494	\$68,593
Adult Ministries	\$293	\$1,400
Women's Ministries	\$15,252	\$28,722
Men's Ministries	\$24,522	\$29,032
Student Ministries	\$9,610	\$4,463
Student Missions	\$23,323	\$0
Children's Ministries	\$13,129	\$696
Operations	\$61,721	\$70,449
Outreach	\$3,252	\$2,507
Designated Funds Balance	\$801,652	\$896,680



Building Fund

Activity Statement

1 October – 30 September

Description	
Fund Balance on 9/30/21	\$134,593
Transfer from Building Reserve	\$371,200
Beginning Balance	\$505,793
Income	
Contributions	\$11,631
U.S. Treasury – Employee Retention	\$249,505
Total Income	\$261,136
Expenses	
Parking Lot Repairs	\$269,065
Parking Lot Lighting	\$21,294
Gym Sound Repairs	\$42,711
Total Expenses	\$433,859



Missions & Outreach

Outreach Ministry

1 October – 30 September

Description	2023 Budget	2022 Budget	2022 Actual
Outreach Ministry Local			
Outreach Expenses	\$500	\$500	\$340
Treasures	\$500	\$500	0
Helping Hands	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$7,500
Total Outreach Local	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$7,840
Outreach Ministry Global Partners			
Christ. Veterinary Miss. (Shean)	\$4,100	\$4,100	\$4,100
CLIDE (Uganda)	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Ethnos360 (Hedeen)	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
InterVarsity / Focus (Riesinger)	\$16,900	\$16,900	\$16,900
Nations Ablaze Int'l (Manderfield)	\$8,550	\$8,550	\$8,550
OC Int'l (Witherow)	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
People Int'l (Potter)	\$8,970	\$8,970	\$6,728
People Int'l (Tucker)	\$16,900	\$16,900	\$12,675
Total Outreach Ministry Global Partners	\$105,420	\$105,420	\$98,953
Outreach Ministry Miscellaneous			
Mission Connexion	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Seminary Support	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$7,804
Student Interns	\$8,500	\$8,500	0
EPC — Denominational Fee	\$22,200	\$13,266	\$21,596
Total Outreach Ministry Miscellaneous	\$47,700	\$155,186	\$31,400
Total Outreach	\$164,120	\$155,186	\$138,193

Community Assistance

In 2022, the Food Pantry and Pack the Pack unfortunately dealt with the challenges of food shortages and inflation. Items from the Oregon Food Bank that in previous years we got for free or at a serious discount meant that this year we needed to spend more than ever before to serve our increasing number of clients (about 75 more per week). If it weren't for funds from both the church and individual donors, we would not have been able to assist our community in the same way we have in the past.

Activity Statement

1 October - 30 September

	9/30/20	Income	Expenses	9/30/21
Helping Hands	\$115,134	\$83,250	\$59,602	\$138,782
Pack the Pack	\$22,965	\$974	\$9,336	\$14,603
Christmas Outreach	\$22,259	\$6,396	\$925	\$27,730
Community Assistance	\$30,697	\$243	\$2,011	\$28,929
Totals	\$191,055	\$90,863	\$71,874	\$210,044



There are encouraging things happening within our various ministries here at Sunset, and we want share some with you!

Being able to gather together more than in the recent past has brought a feeling of momentum, and we look forward to additional opportunities in coming months to Connect, Grow, Serve, and Share.

Connection

2022 has been a great year where we had three key opportunities where connection for the entire Sunset Church family took place. In following the Discipleship Pathway that Pastor Steve has outlined (and that we mentioned above: Connect, Grow, Serve, Share), these opportunities have helped us connect with one another and formed the groundwork for serving, growing, and sharing for the entire church body.

After so many months of COVID, we were able to drop restrictions in late February and create a new place for hospitality every Sunday. It has been a joy to see so many people lingering after church for coffee and donut holes to join in conversation, fellowship, and most importantly have the opportunity to form relationships that go beyond Sunday morning.

We celebrate the fact that on Easter Sunday we had over 300 kids at the Easter Egg Hunt. More than half of the families who came had never been to Sunset before. It was encouraging to see the way that people from Sunset showed up to serve. There were some who hadn't even signed up to serve before they arrived that morning but saw we had a crowd to feed so they stepped up to help. That was so energizing! We probably served breakfast to over 500 people. Everyone served beautifully and embraced the concept to serve the community well. After so many months of not gathering in person, it was great to once again witness the joy of baptisms and worship on Easter together, and

then have Worship Nights and Sunday services without a capacity limit. Simply to be in community with one another again is something we will not take for granted.

Our focus for the Fall Kick Off on September 11 was all about providing an opportunity for connection and bringing our community joyfully together. We definitely were blessed with beautiful weather that day out in the parking lot! Everyone really looked they were enjoying themselves as they gathered for lunch and played games at the various ministry tents. But more than anything, I was energized to see how many people made connections with ministries happening at Sunset and new people engaging outside of Sunday morning.

We look forward to continuing to provide opportunities for connection here at Sunset, ensuring that anyone who attends here feels like they belong. It is our hope that everyone feels empowered in knowing that this is their home, they can be their true selves, and they each play an integral role within the community as we grow, serve, and share together.

— Nate Salinas



Small Groups

The Small Group Ministry has been blessed this year with the leadership of Pastor Nate Salinas, forming a partnership with myself and building on our ministry. Nate has met with leaders, led the May Small Group Leader Luncheon and helped lend vision and pastoral care to our leaders.

At the time of the Fall Kick Off, we had five new groups with a total of thirteen groups open to new people. Thirty new group members signed up at the Kick Off, and we continue to add new members as we can place them. The leaders receive monthly written updates and are encouraged with weekly sermon questions and curriculum ideas. We now have 28 adult small groups going, the healthiest amount in the last seven years! We praise God!

Prayer Ministry

The Prayer Ministry continues to grow with vision from the Lord, blessed by the 24-7 Prayer International resources and because the people of Sunset Church are taking seriously that we are "a House of Prayer for the nations." We have opened up a prayer room in the church office to honor the presence of God among us. We are also starting a Monday morning open group Prayer Hour.

The Sunset 24-7 Prayer Team has 122 people covering 135 prayer hours. I continue to send out weekly updates with teaching on prayer and prayer requests from the life of the church and our broken world, supplemented now by a monthly update from the Mission Prayer Team on our eight World Mission teams.

Sunset is now offering four different prayer courses by the Pete Greig team, whom the staff was encouraged by at the Portland 24-7 Prayer National Gathering in early October. The staff is being encouraged to seek God for how we can increase the life of prayer at Sunset.

Next Steps

The Next Steps Ministry, engaged by Nate Salinas and myself, has done some vision casting as we follow where the Lord is taking our Sunset body. In the past, we have set out a path of connection through teaching the Four Cores, setting up First Step meetings, and Next Step Divine Designs in order to get to know people. But the younger generation we have set out to attract does not readily engage in these methods. So we have turned away from asking them to come to us and instead focusing our efforts in meeting them.

Nate's leadership in providing donuts and coffee after church on Sundays, and organizing the Fall Kick Off was a first thrust at engaging with new and returning people. Then on October 2, Nate and I invited 50 Sunset people to a luncheon where our goal was to cast a vision of identifying and engaging with lesser-connected people in authentic relationship. This low-commitment, loose group of people we call the Connection Team are people who, whenever and wherever they are, intentionally reach out to the lesser connected among us. With the Spirit's guidance, we hope to change culture at Sunset for fuller engagement.

— Lynn Moore



Children's Ministry

We have been celebrating (and not taking for granted!) the return of in-person worship and have steadily seen more kids come on Sunday mornings. We love worshipping and praying with our Sunset Kids! Families are inviting other families to come to Sunset as they have told us they feel connection here that they haven't found elsewhere. When I rejoined the staff as the Director of Children and Families, we were just beginning to host coffee and donuts after church. It has been great to see families hang out, have a place for kids to just be themselves, and play on the equipment and games we have at the far end of the Narthex. We are glad that we can provide them with opportunities to not only learn about Jesus but also enjoy making friends!

When I started in March, Sunset was well on the way with plans for Easter Sunday and the Easter Egg Hunt, and I want to thank Nate and Melissa for spearheading what was a huge success! It was a joy to see so many from our surrounding area and our church together that morning for our first-ever community event on Easter. We had a lot of new families and received words of gratitude regarding our willingness to host the community like we did. We are grateful for the volunteers that stepped up to serve on Easter morning, whether they were outside at the hunt or inside serving breakfast. It was a great morning!

We are very pleased to have our NextGen worship leader, Nick Lind, with his many musical talents leading both Sunset Youth and Kids each week. He really connects with the kids. Not only does he bring his gift

of music to us, but he has brought with him a team of musicians. It is great to see some of the youth group lead alongside him as well.

Another recent addition to our Children's Ministry team is Carol Means, who was hired in October as our new Children's Ministry Coordinator. It is so great to have her join our growing ministry. Carol has volunteered for many years as a receptionist in the church office and has been involved with other ministries here at Sunset in



various capacities. If you see her in the children's wing on any given Sunday, we encourage you to introduce yourself and say hello.

I want to give a big shout out to Melissa Pearson, as she was instrumental in getting the ball rolling for Kids Camp before I returned to Sunset in March. She ran with a, "Yes, we can do this!" attitude which was invaluable. Kids Camp this summer was more worship-oriented than in previous year, and we see kids continuing to very enthusiastically sing the camp songs they learned during our worship time on Sundays. We welcomed a new science station to Kids Camp this year via Bill Cameron's leadership. It was a new fun place at camp where kids were found in awe of God's creative imagination and got to experience his creation in new ways.



Our mission project for Kids Camp was to raise enough funds to be able to purchase 100 goats for children, widows, and those with special needs who live in the peace villages of Uganda. Thanks to Jude Ruetschle's enthusiasm, inspiring kids in his shepherd's role, we ended up raising more than twice our goal, or more than 200 goats. Praise God! You should have heard the screams of joy from the kids on the last day of camp when we announced how many goats we could buy. It was fun to end the week with a couple of live goats for the kids to see up close and personal here at the church.

God really blessed our week together at Kids Camp, and we were thrilled to have 129 volunteers and 133 campers, all learning how to make waves and how what we do can change the world around us. I feel that Kids Camp can truly be summed up with the excited proclamation of one girl who emphatically told Pastor Steve on the last day, "We need to have Kids Camp EVERY week!"

Lastly, I just want to let you all know that we're excited to partner with families and prayerfully lead the children through the Holy Spirit into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. It is my pleasure to serve Him and the families of Sunset Church.

— Daphne Parker



"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9

Youth Ministry

We were grateful for having a year of adding many things back on our youth calendar that we were not able to do during the pandemic. Giving our students a chance to gather in person on a consistent, weekly basis was important in fulfilling our focus and theme of "Connect" for last year. Beyond our regular youth group nights on Wednesdays, our special events helped our youth have additional opportunities to connect, learn, and grow in their faith. In November we had a "Friendsgiving" where all the youth were encouraged to invite friends, and we had a Thanksgiving-like meal together. Then in February, we did a one-day winter conference called "Froze-In." We had speakers and breakout sessions as well as games and other activities, and made it a day camp experience here at the church facility. In May, we had a fun Star Wars themed event

where the youth were encouraged to come in costume, and then in June, we celebrated our graduating high school seniors.

My focus and vision for this school year is "Growth" for our youth group. We have changed our Youth Ministry model from having a full program that is the same each Wednesday to one that now involves having some nights with more Lifegroup time, serve nights, and dinner nights where we offer a free meal for the group to enjoy together. Our goal is to extend community time and provide discipleship opportunities that will allow the students to grow closer to each other as well as closer to God. For all of this to happen, we needed more volunteers in place to lead our youth. It was (and continues to be) a huge answer to prayer to welcome



some new leaders this fall and have them serve and mentor our youth from week to week!

We are relaunching our Student Leadership Team which now includes both middle and high schoolers. This gives students the ability to learn more about their skills and gifts, and provides opportunities for personal development. They also get the chance to assist with planning events and programming. Allowing them to assist in this way creates an atmosphere where they have a voice and can take ownership of the ministry which is a huge win.

During the pandemic we didn't go to middle and high school summer camps, but it was so awesome for our youth to be able to go again this past summer! Both camps we attended last summer were run by CIY (Christ in Youth). The high school MOVE camp happened once again on the campus of OSU, and then for the first time our middle schoolers went to the CIY MIX camp at Washington Family Ranch in Central Oregon. Our youth came back on fire for Jesus, and many made first-time decisions! A few of our students returned from camp wanting to be more involved at their schools and/or wanting to be involved with our Student Leadership Team. We all are really looking forward to next year's camps and what we will experience there.

I am very excited to collaborate with Children's Ministry and host some NextGen events and workshops throughout the year for both students and parents. We have a series of workshops with different speakers covering topics such as anxiety, gender identification, racial justice, and how to navigate social media. We also have events returning that we haven't had for a few years, such as the Harvest Festival and Parents' Night Out. These events reinforce community, and we are so glad we can host these for the families of Sunset. Thank you all for your continued support. I am looking forward to stepping into whatever God has in store for us as a youth ministry!

— Brian Castaneda

"And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him."

Hebrews 11:6



Alaska Missions

The STEEL is UP! Last year, we watched as the steel beams for the new gymnasium were unloaded. This has been such a long-awaited blessing! When we arrived this year, it was an absolute joy and answer to prayer to see beams in place, the concrete pad poured, and the steel siding arriving! When finished, this gymnasium will be the social center of activities at Alaska Christian College (ACC). ACC is working as fast as they can to get the siding up so that the building interiors can be worked on throughout the fall and winter. We are expectantly looking forward to the GOOD things God will do in this space!

This year, we responded to the call from ACC to send people willing to come to Alaska with open hearts and hands to step into whatever God had called us to. At first we thought we would be doing mainly housekeeping and general clean up, but God had other plans. We had a strong team going to Alaska this year, and it was exactly the team that was needed! It was a team of 15, including 12 newcomers and three veterans! This team had a great “can do” attitude while doing construction projects with little or no experience! Sheetrocking, “mudding,” flooring installation, desk building and moving, painting (LOTS of painting!), cutting and installing window trim while on the roof, painting creative artwork on cornhole boards, picking up and moving empty pallets for sales, washing vans, and vacuuming and sweeping (LOTS of vacuuming and sweeping!).

Our host, Campus Pastor Christianne Salinas-Zeiger spent lots of time with us. She was new to ACC last year and arrived as our team was preparing to leave. This past year, she has been growing in her ministry to students and staff. She is such a blessing to the ACC community!

We had the privilege of working with five student Ambassadors this year. Getting to know them and listening to their faith stories throughout the week was a highlight. The Ambassadors are a great group of young people, some of whom come to ACC from very difficult situations. ACC works to give hope to students through the love of Christ. They provide an education, a full-service counselling center, and they support students in their faith journey.

Our trip ended with a marathon team meeting of 3-word stories! We gathered in the student commons with our ACC Ambassadors, Pastor Christianne, and several staff from ACC. As each member of the team shared their story, there was time for questions and an encouraging prayer time for each person. There were lots of tears, hugs, and “aha” moments. This meeting was planned to only be two hours, but we ended up going for nearly five hours! It was a wonderful time of sharing and fellowship, prayer, and support; with friends that now felt like they had become FAMILY! We were honored that the ACC Ambassadors and staff stuck with us through it and were edified as well.

We are so grateful to our Lord for the opportunities that He has provided for Sunset Church to participate in ministry with the staff and students at ACC. We praise God for the incredible story of this ministry and look forward to continuing to work with them.

— Sheri Schlieff



Global Outreach

Partners in Missions (PIM) Featured on Website

We were excited to expand the Global Outreach section of our website this summer. The new section highlights each of our Global Partners with photos, specifics about each partner's ministry, and recent Good News Stories that give a glimpse at how God is transforming lives in the regions they serve. Go to sunset.church/global-outreach and click on the link on that webpage.

Bible Translation & Digital Tools – Central Asia
Church Planting & Bible Translation – Papua New Guinea
Community & Spiritual Development – Uganda
International Student Ministries – Europe & Eurasia
Leading Multicultural Teams – Central Asia
Schools to Reach the Nations – Colombia
Veterinary Medicine & Church Planting – Uganda



Sunset Missions Prayer Community

Excitement abounded this past year in the Sunset Missions Prayer Community (SMPC) as we saw God at work. As we lifted up our Partners in Missions, we experienced the interconnectedness of **Pray, Go,** and **Give.** Below are quotes from participants within the community along with some Good News Stories from our partners.

Pray

"That's what we love about being a part of the SMPC. We get to see first-hand how God is at work."

Jerry and Barb Manderfield are one of our Partners in Missions across the globe where we saw God specifically answered prayers again and again. After months negotiating with authorities and multiple applications, they received a certificate to open a K-12 Christian school.

Go

"I want to be a part of God's mission among all people and to use my gifts so that people around the globe can experience Jesus. As a liaison, I get to listen and pray."

It is encouraging how God has called people from our own congregation to serve Him. As we prayed this past year, we saw a new generation coming forth! Stephen Hedeem (Eric and Judith Hedeem's eldest son), who grew up in Papua New Guinea is now studying to be a missionary pilot!

We heard unfolding stories from SMPC participants who have been regularly praying for family members and our neighbors to meet Jesus. We are getting a glimpse of how God is pursuing each one in different ways!

Give

"Our faith grows as we see how God sometimes moves so quickly and provides."

When Dr. Moses told us about the famine in Uganda this year, we prayed. Funds were provided and CLIDE (our Sunset global partner in Uganda) was able to take food and supplies to feed and sustain whole communities. Let's keep praying for rains to come at the right time as the villagers plant seeds so that there will be an abundant harvest.

Women's Ministry

About a year ago when we started coming back out after the peak of COVID, we kicked off our first Women's Ministry holiday event in several years. Our Advent Brunch in December 2021, was a huge success with us filling the Student Center with 75 mask-wearing, socially-distanced yet enthusiastic to be together women. What a JOY it was to be together and celebrate friendship and the birth of Jesus!

Since that time, it has been a JOY to see women rise up to serve in many ways so women have a space to come together (programs, hospitality, outings, events, and retreats) to meet one another and build community!

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study has grown to over 200 registered participants that meet in person and online on Tuesday mornings, Tuesday evenings, and Thursdays very early in the morning. Our current study on Nancy Guthrie's book, *Blessed: Experiencing the Promise of the Book of Revelation* has been so good, yet difficult as well as we recognize the holiness of God in the midst of the intense imagery in Revelation and the difficulties we see all around us in our everyday life. We have seen God working in the midst of all this with individual testimonies of healing, wisdom, and revelation. There was also a "coincidence" of a new song about Revelation 4 being introduced in the Sunday service BEFORE our Tuesday message on the same passage! The next two studies we'll be studying in the winter and spring are *Before the Throne* by Crickett Keeth (learning about prayer from key people in the Bible) and then *Truthfilled* (study of Colossians) by Ruth Chou Simmons. Come and join us if you haven't already!



Women's Retreat and Events

Women's Retreat and events are happening again! Did you know our last Sunset Women's Retreat was about a decade ago?! This year we met at Cannon Beach Conference Center the last weekend in October, and we plan to do it annually. We have a dedicated and talented team of volunteers who have been meeting to offer this and more opportunities for ladies in our community to come together for special events. IF:Beaverton will be our Women's Ministry spring event and as mentioned earlier, we will be doing an Advent event, this December too. Watch our website for information as it becomes available (sunset.church/events). We hope to see you there!

We invite all women to come as they are to all our Women's Ministry offerings (those mentioned here plus Sunset Moms and Jump4joy) regardless of age, background, Bible knowledge, and ethnicity. We gather to meet new friends, laugh, ask questions, study God's Word, pray and create a safe, loving, and authentic community where you can rest and be with people who care about you.

— WBS Leadership Team
Women's Retreat Planning Team



Sunset Moms

Sunset Moms has been and continues to be a place for moms to come and find community, encouragement, and a little breakfast and childcare. We had to make some major adjustments over the last two years but through last spring and summer, I have truly seen His provision for us as we served and supported moms and families in our community. Sunset Moms is a community of moms with kids of any age and mentor moms who support us. It is this partnership that truly gives the group the power of generational connection, support, and prayer. Sunset Moms is not only made up of moms from our congregation, but also largely supports moms from many churches and the community in the area.

My favorite Good News Story of the last year has been our leadership transitions. It became clear to several members of our core leadership team that they had reached a season where they were ready to pass on this ministry. Ada Howe, who has been our constant and encouraging leader, has stayed on to mentor me in what it looks like to lead this ministry and continues to serve on the core team. We then began the work of praying and listening to God about who to ask to step up into leadership. By that time, our group was small, and at times I was unsure who would say yes.

There came a day in the spring when I suddenly saw what God had been doing.

I looked around the room, I saw a group of women praying; they had been committed and connected all through the changing layouts of Sunset Moms through the worst of the pandemic. They had been loving and supporting one another for years, and they had truly experienced the best of being in this community. They were the four! At least I hoped so.

I leaned over to Ada and pointed them out. Wouldn't you know it? She had been prompted with the same thought. Later that day, we connected with another member of the serving core team and she also had the same four people on her mind. God had been working and preparing all along. In the end, they said, "yes." God had built the vessel.

We have done much work over the summer to become strong as a new core leadership team to plan for this upcoming year! We reached out to many preschools and parents to let them know about our ministry; we wanted the moms to come. We all wanted them to come as they are and to become part of our community of moms helping moms! As the excitement built, there was still one uncertainty we needed to surrender to God - would they come? Would there be 15 or 40 or more moms arriving on our kick off?! Well, won't He do it? I'm happy to report that we have 37 moms attending this year!

We have welcomed many new moms to our group, and we continue to invite more!

— Dania Behrens



Notes About Financial Statements

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements as a whole are not presented fully in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Rather, they are designed to meet the informational needs of the congregation by presenting a comparison of the cash-basis budget with actual cash transactions. Statements of cash receipts and expenditures are on a modified cash basis; that is, receipts and expenditures are recorded as the cash transactions occur. Liabilities relating to lease obligations are not reflected on the balance sheet. These liabilities include leases on photocopiers.

Fixed Assets and Depreciation

On December 31, 1981, the fixed asset records were established by estimating the fair market values of the land, buildings and improvements, and the furniture and equipment as a whole. Purchases after December 31, 1981, are recorded at cost; donations at estimated fair market value. While depreciation is not stated as an expense on the income statement, this non-cash item and accumulated result is tracked separately and reflected as accumulated depreciation on the balance sheet.

Fund Balances

The funds indicate the net value of the church (assets minus liabilities). To better represent the activities of the church and to provide better management of the resources, the funds have been divided into several categories. The Operating Fund shows the liquid assets available for general operations of the church. The Building Fund shows liquid assets available for building projects. Designated Funds are temporary funds used for accounting purposes to better track the cash flow for specific activities or funds set aside bearing restrictions, such as money given for a specified purpose. The Equity Fund is the remaining value and is equal to Fixed Assets minus Liabilities.

Note 2: Liabilities

Property financing is currently with Heritage Bank entered into on December 28, 2021. The mortgage balance as of September 30, 2022, was \$2,401,878. The interest rate is 3.3%.

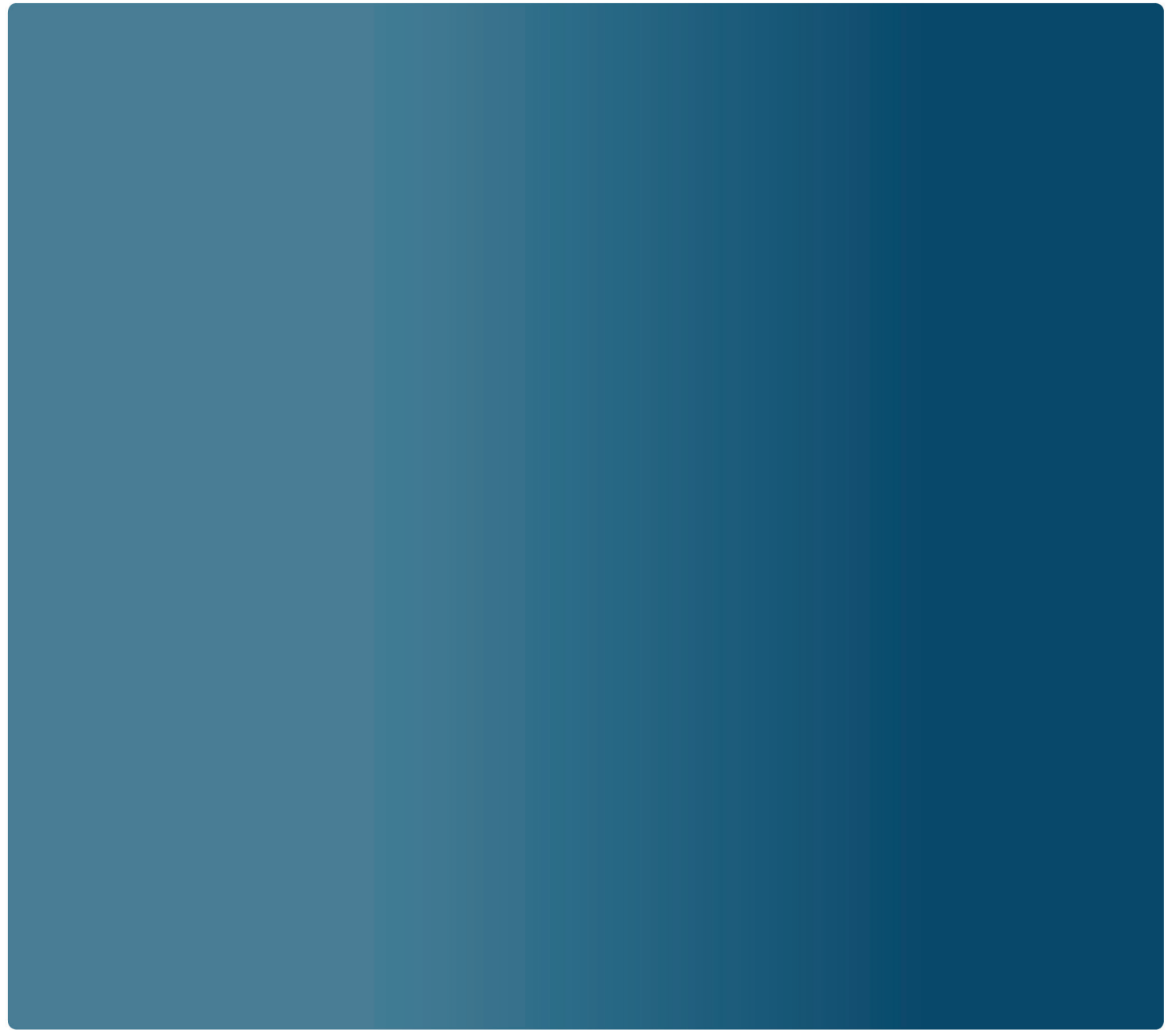
Notes on mortgage:

- 1) Mortgage matures on December 15, 2031
- 2) Mortgage has prepayment penalties during the first 3 years.
- 3) Additional construction draw available for repairs to siding stucco and roof is \$488,973.

Note 3: Missions

Sunset Church facilitates several channels by which parishioners may support missionary work. The purpose of this multi-channel approach is to increase familiarity and interaction between the Church and the mission field. In addition to missions supported through the operating budget, parishioners have the opportunity to provide direct mission support through the Missions program.

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