

Centerpoint *Community Church*



2024 Annual Reports

Annual Business Meeting

January 19, 2025

Pastor, Boards and Committees

PASTOR ZACH'S 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Mission Statement:



Vision Statement:

With Jesus as our center point, CCC exists to glorify God as a community of believers who proclaim the Love of Jesus Christ in every area of life and ministry. With the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit, we will be a community who:

REACH outward with the love, grace, and hope of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

CONNECT people into and within our caring community of faith, joy, and love.

BUILD disciples of Christ through salvation, baptism, preaching, teaching, worship, prayer, mentoring, and serving.

LEAD all continually to Jesus through our good lives, ministry, and missions; and continually raise up and empower new servant leaders.

PREACHING THE WORD - We believe that Spirit-filled, bible-based, text-driven, clear, joyful, engaging, and life-changing preaching and hearing the Word is the central ministry in Jesus' church, as he told us in his great commission. We continue to blend the arts into our preaching through things like visuals, story, sand art, and pumpkin carving sermons. In 2024 we preached through several sermon series: *Created to Dream*, *Ecclesiastes: I Tried Everything*, *Holy Week Events*, *Romans 9-16*, *Amazing Women in the NT*, *This Is the Way*, *Galatians 1-6*, *Generous Living*, *Mary's Song: My Soul Magnifies the Lord*. Those who preached Sunday sermons this year: Shanna Crowell, Carmen Frederico, Jeff Vorce, Alpha Kanu, Mike Smith, Bill Swilling, Ron Bouthillette, J. Frederico, and Bunty Bunce.

BAPTISMS & MEMBERSHIP – **The Lord brought 3 new baptisms** into His church in 2024! *Lucas Torey, Samara Tardiff, and Jamie Levesque*. We assigned each baptism candidate a mentor who walked them through a New Life Bible study. Praise the Lord for New Life! Centerpoint also had 6 new members join the church. These new members are already contributing in big ways to the central ministries of the church, praise the Lord for the people He brings!

SMALL GROUPS – Groups and Studies this year included: Grief Share, Centerpoint Seniors Luncheon, Intentional Grandparenting, Jr & Sr High Youth Groups, Awana, Spencer's Life Group, Wednesday Online Prayer, One Church One Day Prayer Vigil, Young Adults, Tuesday Women's Prayer Meeting, Sisterhood Gatherings and bible studies, Crazy Crafters, Food For Thought, Men's Life Group, and other small group Bible studies. This year we started a Young Adult Group that meets mid-week. Food for Thought has begun working with local food ministries to feed the homeless at Exit 1. Our Youth Group and Missions Team are planning a Belize Mission Trip in 2026. Our volunteer leaders work hard to consistently develop and lead their small groups and studies. Our Youth Group, Awana, and Seniors Ministry keep growing, all praise to the Lord and His faithful people.

BUILDING UPDATES CONTINUE – Thanks to the hard work and commitment of our skilled volunteers, we continued to update many areas of the church interior and grounds. Major projects in 2024 were renovating the CE restrooms and replacing our main boilers.

WORSHIP MUSIC – This year we hired Matt Jones as our worship leader. Matt and his whole family are a real joy and blessing to Centerpoint and our worship music ministry. We did a church wide Christmas production called *Imagine Christmas* - with adult choir, children's choir, dance, drama, soloists, full band with horn section, narration, and a gospel message. Our adult choir really re-ignited this year for the Christmas production. We look forward to growing our creative arts in worship in 2025 to the Glory of God!

INTER-GENERATIONAL MINISTRY – We see and affirm the beauty of intergenerational family atmosphere at Centerpoint. The generations are a gift to our church body, and we continually look for ways in which we can connect across the generations. On any Sunday morning, our ministry teams range in age from Jr. High to our senior saints. Every generation at Centerpoint has expressed the desire to reach the next generation of believers. We continually work for unity as we love one another for glory of God and the building of his church.

CHURCH BUDGET – We experienced a budget surplus of \$15k in 2024 even though mid-year our budget was looking bleak. America has suffered from two years of record high inflation and people's incomes are being stretched to the limit. We are so thankful for our faithful congregation who respond with generous giving, and Centerpoint continues to grow with many new families serving in meaningful ways every week. Our ministries kept their budget spending tight this year, and amid all of this we were able to replace our boilers for \$35K from savings. God is good! In 2025 we will continue to operate with frugality, generosity, wisdom, and trust in the Lord for His provision as we move into this next season of ministry.

We are so thankful and full of praise as we have felt the Lord's hand bless us and keep us, and we've seen His face shine upon Centerpoint in 2024. I look forward to serving and loving people one step closer to Jesus with you all in 2025!

Pastor Zachary Crowell & Family

BOARD OF DEACONS ANNUAL REPORT 2024 **“CONGREGATIONAL SERVICE”**

The Deacon board continues to help make Centerpoint Church a place you want to be. As we are a praying church! We on the Deacon board meet every month when possible. we pray for guidance and serve in many areas within the church. We have a direct activity in security of the church. The Deacons are involved in most activities in the sanctuary. Our ongoing ministry includes the following commitments:

HELPING HANDS” We have the Helping hands program, assisting those in need by offering various services by completing many jobs, usually at the homes of members and others, disabled or unable to complete work like plumbing, yard work, snow shoveling, house and car maintenance, and financial advice or other tasks needed. This is on a volunteer basis from church members Church members help members, and non members, without budget cost in most all cases. Administered by Deacon Bill Ellis

CARE SHEPERDS: Care Shepherds now have a care group that meets once a month to discuss the needs of church members who are sick, need transportation, a phone call, a card, of other things. We visit the sick and work with the Deaconesses in their support for the Food for Thought, special prayer programs, Communion, projects helping families in need, including funerals as needed at church. We also, administer the Care Shepherd program, with Chris Waterhouse, special organizational board, which has a goal of each member helping members to keep in touch with members that may be in need due to sickness or other concerns so, the Pastors can be aware of situations and administer properly to help that member. We care for everyone (In confidence) and want to help all persons associated with Centerpoint Church.

NEW MEMBERSHIP AND BAPTISMS: We assist the Pastor in the “new life program“ to baptism, and or direct membership counseling. MENTOR partners are held to allow the prospective church member to better understand their new life in Christ, and how Centerpoint Church will fit into that growth for them in Christ.”

VETERANS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: We continue to assist our veterans needs both in and out of the church by assisting veterans on how to apply for V.A. benefits, obtaining forms and how to fill them out, where to go to obtain assistance with food and household needs, going with them to the VA. and just listening to their concerns. All Deacons involved.

CHURCH SECURITY: We are also assisting in the development of better security now in place under the direction of Deacon Sal Cianci with more to come! We worked to get better lighting at the entrance of the driveway.

DEACONS FUND: We have connected with the Salem Town Hall Resource Officer and other churches in the area this year to better assist those in need who require help from more than once source immediately. We have helped 10 families this past year who were in need of immediate assistance. We direct the Deacon fund to help our member and non member families and community, in confidence, through your generous giving to the Deacons fund. This year our Deacon fund has helped a great number of people and continues to be a healthy source of help to those in need. The Deacons maintain a town, community, and public help assistance information source for all. We look forward as a Deacon Board in 2024, to achieve many positive goals for the church.

We have room for more Deacons, so please apply if you would like to serve.

Pastor Zach Crowell 603-893-9191; Richard Cook – Chairman, Treasurer 603-556-1223;
Chris Waterhouse - Care Shepherds 978-473-4327; Salvatore Cianci-Security - Helper 603-898-7061;
John Nicatra - Vice Chairman, Helper 603-898-5827; Bill Ellis - Helping Hands, Youth 978-457-3083;
John Fowler - Mentoring 603-893-5364; Jeff Patrakis 978-208-9606

Respectfully submitted;
Richard Cook Chairman

DEACONESS ANNUAL REPORT 2024

I Thessalonians 5:11 *“Therefore, comfort each other and edify one another, just as you are already doing.”*

This verse describes the ministry of the deaconess board. We are a group of women that have a heart to minister to the women of Centerpoint.

The board supports the mission statement of Centerpoint, by living our lives as a testimony of God’s faithfulness, doing everything in word and deed to glorify Him.

We reach out to current women in the congregation and to new attendees to encourage and equip each other. We strive to develop one-on-one connections, to build relationships, so we can care for each other.

As we study the scriptures together weekly, we grow in our faith journey.

Recently we studied the book of James together, learning godly principles to apply to our daily lives.

Several times a year we have the privilege to come alongside and support families that have experienced the loss of a loved one. This year we hosted a mercy meal for several families at the passing of John Shibel, Steve Casey, and Graham Smith. We supported the Dinsmore family when George passed.

Monthly we assist with communion service and several times a year, we help with baptisms.

In His Service,

Joanna Vorce, chair

Board members:

Pat Nicatra
Nancy Emerick
Evie O’Rourke
Sherry Patrakes

Jill Spencer
Valerie Fowler
Joan Ellis

CE ANNUAL REPORT 2024

Leading Children One Step Closer to Jesus

At Centerpoint, we believe each generation has unique gifts to share in our church community. Adults, children, and teens are vital members and partners in Christ, engaging in our mission to love God and people closer to Jesus.

This summer, we intentionally fostered intergenerational relationships by working together (e.g., UPKIDS and Sunday Morning Teams), participating in shared experiences (e.g., worship services, youth group missions, and a camping trip), and praying for one another.

It was wonderful to have our kids with us during the service this summer while our Kids' Church classes paused, giving our volunteers a chance to rest and refresh. Each Sunday, the Kid Cart in the entryway provided kid clipboards containing activities to engage kids and sustain their attention throughout the worship service. Moreover, we offered seating in the Nursery (0-2 years), Family Room, and overflow tables in the social hall.

Kid's Church started up again on September 8th. After a year of developing our curriculum inspired by the Jesus Storybook Bible, the CE Board evaluated multiple new options and selected the Trueway Kids Curriculum for 2024-2025. We offer three Kids Church classes: pre-K to Kindergarten, grades 1-2, and grades 3-5. Carrie Waterhouse oversees our Nursery program for our littlest ones. She has a team that serves on a rotating basis in the nursery.

Melissa Marengo and Melanie Tremblay continued to serve as Kids Church Co-Directors (Sunday School Superintendent). Part of their responsibilities includes recruiting volunteers and teachers, helping with schedules and lessons, and providing information to teachers and parents about curriculum and policies. We have a fantastic team of dedicated teachers and student leaders committed to our KIDS Church program. On August 21st, Melanie and Melissa conducted a teacher training session also attended by our Awana Leadership Team. We purchased more team Kids Church shirts to wear when teaching and serving in our Kids Church programs, bringing a sense of teamwork and unity to our kids' ministries.

Our Awana program (K-12) resumed this fall with new families. Ashley Smith, our Awana Director, introduced ideas for our growing club. We switched the meeting time to Sunday nights. We added a Cubbies program for ages 3-4, expanding our Awana club, which already includes Sparkies and the T&T program. These changes required more volunteers to run efficiently. God provided for our program with faithful volunteers. Ashley continues to seek additional activities for our club to participate in, like the Grand Prix and Awana Games.

Our Youth Group continues to grow and expand. During the first half of this year, we gathered on Wednesdays, then switched to Friday nights for the remainder. This shift to Friday evenings has allowed more volunteers to help with the growing group. Mike Smith serves as our paid youth leader, and alongside his team, he provides an outstanding program for students in grades 6 through 12. This year, the youth group attended the Deep Freeze Winter Camp, participated in Work Camp New England in July, and co-hosted a retreat at Camp Berea with other local churches in the fall.

At the end of 2024, the CE Board purchased a CVLI license. This license enables us to host movie nights and outreach events at the church, allowing us to show copyrighted clips and movies for our ministry activities.

The CE Board is working on updating its Children's Ministry Handbook for 2025.

Month-by-Month Christian Education Events

In March, we held an Easter Egg Hunt.

On August 10th, Melissa Marengo and Amanda Riccardi led UP KIDS- a Saturday Camp- pointing kids upward in God's Word.

We held a back-to-school service and fall kick-off on September 8th. During the service, we gave 3rd-grade students a Bible. After the service, we held a Ministry Fair showcasing many ministries, Bible studies, boards, and committees and had icees, popcorn, donuts and a bouncy house. This was an opportunity for our church members and visitors to learn more about our ministries and connect.

We also participated in several other events that served the Salem community, including blood drives, Salem Family Fun Day, and the Salem Scramble.

Ongoing Ministries and Small Groups

Centerpoint Senior Group was active this year. It is led by Lorraine Lindenberg and a team of dedicated people who cook, care for, and create programs (e.g., music, crafts, and games) for the group. The Senior group meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at Centerpoint for a meal, fellowship, and music testimonies.

The MomCo (formerly known as Centerpoint MOPS), led by Kim King, took a break from meeting in 2024 and will resume in 2025.

Men's Ministries/Men Bible Studies Under the leadership of Jeff Vorce, a men's group met and studied "Men of the Bible" by DL Moody and "Becoming a King" in 2024. They will study "Disciplines of a Godly Man" starting in January 2025.

Centerpoint Sisterhood/Women Bible Study The Sisterhood Team finished their study on the Gospel of John. They have scheduled six gatherings for the 2024-2025 year, providing opportunities to connect and build relationships in an intergenerational setting. On October 26th, the Sisterhood/Women's Ministry team hosted a Beth Moore Simulcast and, in December, a Christmas Tea. Joanna Vorce led a women's Bible study: Beth Moore's *James: Mercy Triumphs*. (See the deaconess's annual report for more details about the women's ministry and Bible Study.) Valerie Fowler has continued to lead a group of eleven women in studying the book of Exodus.

Bible Studies and Life Group - Led by John and Jill Spencer, this weekly Life Group and Bible Study is currently focused on the book of Romans, beginning each session with a video teaching by Gary Hambrick. The study will extend into February 2024. Approximately 18 individuals attend, with 11 to 16 actively participating each week. The group dedicates time to prayer and has experienced many answers to their prayers.

Grief Share has been actively growing in participants and offers a safe place to journey through grief. Rachel Kingston and Dolores facilitated the Tuesday evening sessions, while Pam McLoughlin and Nelda Campbell led the Monday afternoon sessions. In addition to the weekly program, Rachel, Dolores, Pam, and Nelda also led several seminars and series.

Our **dance ministry**, led by Laura Preston, supported the Christmas production and provided several dancers with the needed dance items, skirts, sashes, and ribbons.

Library- Finally, our librarian, Valerie Fowler, did much work in our two libraries and offered new material and selections to read. With the library budget of \$500 for 2024, 45 new books were purchased for both the Church Library and the Children's Library.

The CE Board joyfully praises God for His faithful provisions in every aspect of our CE ministries. As we look ahead to 2025, we're excited to build up and support teams dedicated to sharing the gospel, connecting people with our church community, nurturing disciples, and guiding our youth and families on their journey closer to Jesus, one step at a time.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shanna Crowell
CE Chairwoman

TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2024

The Trustee Board is grateful to the church body for the support it receives to accomplish all that is needed by our church.

We are pleased to announce that Scott Johnson was elected to the Trustee Board in 2024. We are grateful for the talents and skill set that each member of the board brings. The merger with Finance continues to work well.

As stewards for the church, we have been working to look at ways to make the money we have in savings and checking work more aggressively with higher interest-bearing accounts, such as Money Market accounts and CD's.

The parking lot was sealed and stripped in 2024. Potentially giving us several more years of use.

We continue to search for ways to save and reduce costs with the operations of the church. We replaced the old florescent light bulbs with more efficient LED bulbs. The rebate check of \$1250 was received the first week of January.

Work on the boiler replacement has commenced and should be completed within the month of January. On a yearly basis we review oil, gas, electric, copier, phone and insurance costs to search and look for the best deal to negotiate for the upcoming year.

With all volunteer help, we have been in the process of renovating the CE wing bathrooms. The Trustees are sincerely grateful to all who step up to help.

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with all the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen."

1 Peter 4:10 -11

All we do, we do for the glory of God.

Respectfully submitted

Frances Cianci on behalf of the Board of Trustees

2024 ANNUAL REPORT: GLOBAL OUTREACH

2024 Global Outreach Team Members:

- Amy Reilly (co-chair, elected in July 2022)
- Kim Frederico (co-chair, elected in July 2022)
- Dawn Knight
- Suzanne Barnhill
- Nancy Emerick
- Jaime (observer and contributor) *Jaime became a member in October 2024 & will meet with nominating committee to officially become a committee member in April 2025

Vision Statement-- “We will support Global endeavors aimed toward the goal of reaching beyond the needs and ministries of the local church. We will financially, physically, and prayerfully support ministries aimed towards fulfilling the Great Commission—proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ, making disciples, and supporting the needs of mankind, both spiritual and physical while being faithful stewards of the finances entrusted to us.”

2024 Supported Missionaries: 11 active missionaries, 1 global organization (OCC)

2024 Operating Budget: \$34,200

Historical Budget Info

2018 Budget	2019 Budget	2020 Budget	2021 Budget	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Budget
33,778.00	33,778.00	33,778.00	33,778.00	31,425.00	30,623.00	34,200.00

Missionary updates in 2024

- We discontinued supporting the Ciccarone family from Frontier.
 - In late 2022, Jonathan & Suey left the ministry to come back to the US to support family and get established.
 - We supported them through 2023
- We discontinued supporting Brendan Jorgenson from CRU in Texas
 - Discontinued support to with the intention of supporting GOPs for which our congregation has a more personal connection with
 - In February of 2024 & in preparation of our budget review, Brendan Jorgensen sent an update that he will no longer be serving with CRU and will begin Pastoring a church.
 - We did support not support him in 2024
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- Considered new support for 2024
 - Mary & Bruce Faust with Wycliffe, a referral from a congregation member
 - Wycliffe is an organization that focuses around Bible Translation around the globe
 - Steve Cullum with NNYM, a referral and personal connection with Pastor Zach and our Youth leaders
 - National Network of Youth Ministries is an organization whose vision is to see youth leaders thriving, connecting and collaborating, and equipped to serve the next generation.

2024 Operating Budget: \$34,200

Name	Mission	2021 Budget	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	Notes
Misc	Miscellaneous & Mission Trips	\$878	\$550	\$1,573	\$2,500.00	
OCC	Operation Christmas Child	\$900	\$650	\$650	\$800.00	
Jonathan & Susanna Ciccarone	Modern Day (Frontier)	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$3,000	\$0.00	Transitioned back to US in 2023 to support family
Jeff Anderson	Far East Broadcasting Company	\$2,200	\$2,100	\$2,500	\$3,000.00	
Bunty Bunce	Bunce Ministries -Louisa Bunce (Bunty)	\$2,300	\$2,200	\$2,500	\$3,000.00	
Josh & Janelle Frederico	CRU	\$3,100	\$3,000	\$3,300	\$3,800.00	
Bruce & Miriam Saldi	World Outreach Ministries	\$3,100	\$2,700	\$3,000	\$3,500.00	
Dave & Robin VanFleet	Street Life Ministries	\$3,100	\$3,000	\$3,200	\$3,200.00	
Grace Rosado	New Life Ministry	\$3,100	\$2,500	\$2,000	\$2,500.00	
Prabina Subedi	University of the Nations (UoFN)	\$3,100	\$3,000	\$3,300	\$3,800.00	
Tim Hafner	Intersarsity Christian Fellowship/USA	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$1,800	\$2,300.00	
Brendan Jorgensen	CRU - UNH	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$1,800	\$0.00	re-distributed this support to others in order to increase \$ to those GOPs for whom we have personal CCC connections; evaluated CRU support and UNH support
Jonathan and Susan Kopf	360/New Tribes Missions	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$2,000	\$2,800.00	
Jacob Gallagher	CRU - Hard to Reach Area	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$0	\$0.00	evaluated CRU support;
Mary Ellen & Bruce Faust	Wycliffe				\$1,500.00	New support; member of congregation presented this family and org. to us in 2022; with increase in budget and evaluations took them on
Steve Cullum	NNYM				\$1,500.00	New support; Pastor Zach presented this family and org. to us in 2022; with increase in budget; focus on youth & teens
		\$33,778	\$31,425	\$30,623	\$34,200.00	

January

- We increased the Misc. line item to cover the majority of the \$ that will be given to Mission's visits and Missions Sundays speaker gifts, OCC support and one-time gifts
- We decided to decrease the number of Missionaries we support from 14 to 11 for 2023, we continue to support 11 in 2024. With the administrative responsibilities we have, it was decided that we can better support 11 Missionaries in all areas—through prayer, financially and relationally as we strive to know them more intimately.
- Began discussions for an OCC packing party and the administrative tasks involved with this to keep it up throughout the year. We set a goal of 200 shoeboxes. Dawn & Jamie playing a key role as POC for this.
- We collected 2,009 shoeboxes in 2023 at our Drop off location.
- Began discussions for a March Missions Sunday
- Began discussions to consider supporting new partners in 2024
- Amy & Kim began discussions with Steve Cullum from NNYM, Youth Ministries a referral from Pastor Zach and Mary and Keith Faust from Wycliffe, a referral from Jill & John Spencer in our congregation.
- In preparation for budget discussions, we sent our 2024 Support forms to be returned. These forms provide with updates, prayer requests and goals for 2024 for each our Global Outreach Partners in preparation for budget discussions & allocations

February

- Sent yearly support letters to all Global Outreach Partners (through email and hard copy) notifying them of their financial support; Sent 2024 update forms to collect any changes, prayer requests and updated information for their ministries.
- Proposed increase of \$500 for all current GOPS—team agreed with further discussion points.
 - Increased all by \$500, except Street Life
 - Subedi's and Frederico's are our families
 - Street Life will continue to receive \$3200 with no increase monetarily for 2024; We will allocate \$300 in Misc to Street Life for purchases of supplies. As a one-time gift & while their ministry is in transition
 - New organizations—Wycliffe & NNYM
 - We will increase OCC budget line from \$650 to \$800. We had over 10 requests for shoeboxes from local churches, fliers & information from small groups and other churches in 2023; Raising this will allow us to help small groups and churches bring OCC to their groups without the cost of getting started at their church. We felt this important as the community drop off location as a resource for OCC in our community.
 - Allocate \$2500 in Misc—which is an increase from \$1573.00 in 2023
 - We will begin to support these new organizations—Wycliffe/Faust family & NNYM/ Steve Cullum. We will begin supporting them with one time installment of \$1500 each for 2024
 - We will also continue to discuss support for Light of Life ministry & Ignite the Fire Ministries, as well as one-time gifts for Lazarus House, Arabic Bible and New Life Christmas support
- Also a consideration for Misc budget was speaker gifts
Kim & Amy reached out to Pastor Zach about a gift speaker gifts for Missions Sunday. In years past, when we had a speaker who delivers the sermon, we have given a check with split funds from both the pulpit budget and Missions budget.
 - Pastor Zach responded with these points and let us know if Missions can sponsor the entire speaker gift that would be helpful.
 - The pulpit budget decreased for 2024.
 - Recommended at least a \$500-\$700 gift and discussed way back when we would take a love offering.
 - Many give digitally.
 - The team decided we will allocate \$800 out of Misc for Bunty and \$100 for Tim for Missions Sunday for Missions Sunday in March
- Offered Word By Heart online workshop on FB and communicated in email/Connect page
WHAT: Word By Heart Online Workshop w/ Subedi's
WHEN: Saturday, February 17th
TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:00 noon, New York time
A fun and interactive workshop, diving deep into God's Word, experiencing an event in Scripture as an "eye-witness," embedding the passage into your heart, and learning how to share the passage to others as if it were your own testimony.
- Discussions & Planning for Mission Sunday March 10
 - How can get kids more involved; keep in service
- Discussions & Planning for IamN Virtual Event on March 8-- A virtual event where we heard updates on Iraq and firsthand stories from three Christians who have paid the price for advancing the gospel in other places dominated by Islam. Invited Jon and Susie Ciccarone to come share

March

- Budget completed
- Planned Missions weekend
 - I am N event held on March 8 – team availability, refreshments, spending, Host/greeters, tech, childcare
 - Missions Sunday held on March 10—Bunty and Tim Hafner speaking; order of service, updated directory, prayer bookmarks, wall updates, bulletin entry, welcome sign, checks for speakers, music, involving kids, coffee hour/lunch with coffee hour team

April

- Discussed Spring Cleaning/Lazarus House event -- Missions will partner with Lazarus House truck to Lawrence to help them unload for their Thrift Store.
- Reached out a few times to the contacts we had with no response; tabled this for Spring of 2025

May

- Began discussions for Missions trip in 2026 to Belize
- Began discussions for OCC support and future dates ahead in the Fall
- Attended July 21st BBQ team meeting with Regional OCC team members

August

- Missions Deep Dive Planning meeting. We discussed goals for 2024/2025, Missionaries, Budget, roles on the committee etc, each committee member is “tagged” to a GOP to keep up with newsletters, updates and prayer requests to report back to the group.
- Began plans for September Regional Event for OCC being held at the church on 9/13 Set up; 9/14 Event
- Began discussions about Ministry Fair on September 8th—team availability, table set up, Mission trip roll out
- Continued discussions on OCC commitment in the Fall—
 - **Theme for 2024--** “our shoebox opens the door” – the physical gift opens the door to the most amazing gift”, “its the beginning”; It’s the intro, the welcome, the “grab”. It’s the space needed to start the conversation with these children & communities. What’s beyond the shoebox—The Greatest Journey; Tie into our Mission as a church—Love people one step closer to Jesus. These shoeboxes are our one step closer!

September

- Hosted OCC Regional Project Leader Workshop—Amy presented topic “Rallying Others” . Missions team assisted with set up, registration, kitchen clean up and hosting
- Coordinated shoeboxes to be handed out at Salem Scramble event in Salem
- Participated with Ministry Fair on September 8 with booth and Global Outreach Partner updates and information; Mission Trip roll out

October

- Set up for OCC packing party at the Harvest fair/chili cook off event
- OCC Kick off-- Passed out OCC shoeboxes to begin the collection season.
- Participated in Drop Off training w/ Samaritans Purse for collection week
- Attended Regional meeting and picked up OCC cartons

November

- Hosted New Hope Church packing party
 - Friday 11/15 set up in Narthex
 - Saturday 11/16, all day Packing party
- OCC Collection week was November 18-25th. We were open a total of 17 hours (2 to 3 hours a day for 8 days) during the week to receive shoeboxes from the community.
- Our Centerpoint Drop off location collected 2,498 shoeboxes from our community. We were a part of a larger Southeast region of 5 other drop locations.
- Planning team meeting for Missions Trip 2026—a time for questions, discussion on incorporating youth, down payment, roles within the team were identified to help in planning.
- Coordinated down payment for Praying Pelican and created account.
 - Missions Trips fund: \$1497.04 (Per Lorraine, this fund was set up years ago for NYC and kept the fund there for future trips; The down payment for Missions Trip 2026 was taken from this account-- \$500 registration fee
- Shipping costs for all packing party 97 shoeboxes were covered with an overage. Reached out to donors individually to discuss the overage in their donation and how they would like funds used or reimbursed. Remaining amount would be split for online shoeboxes to be created for hard-to-reach areas and half will go towards next year’s purchases for a packing party

December

Met to determine remaining spending for 2024

- **OCC**
 - \$800 budgeted
 - Used \$617.88-- OCC shoeboxes, supplies, Penske truck rental, gas, food, pizza, candy, bags, thank you cards for OCC, bins/buckets for packing party, photo materials, essential items for packing party, soccer ball order
 - Remaining \$182.1; Made purchase for next year
 - 2 cases of shoeboxes
 - 5 packs of destination stickers
 - 12 bundles of photo cards
 - 12 packs of coloring sheets
 - 10 water bottle toppersTotals \$220.00 with shipping
\$182.12 remaining OCC funds; Dip into Misc for the remaining \$37.88
- **Misc.**
 - \$2500 budgeted
 - Used \$1764.27-- \$800 Bunty; \$100 Tim Hafner; Gift for Josh speaking, Missions Sunday food, pics, display;
 - Remaining \$735.73
To end 2024---Confirmation that
 - 1) \$300 check to Street Life—sent by us for tangible items, transition due to no increase in the beginning of the year
 - 2) \$350 check to Lazarus House, PO Box 408, Lawrence, MA 01842—mailed directly
 - 3) the remaining balance can go back to the church