



# Annual Report

## November 17, 2024

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Four Corners Community Chapel  
Annual Meeting  
November 17, 2024  
Agenda

Call to Order

Quorum Count

Prayer

Clerk's Report

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Motion to Adjourn

## **Four Corners Community Chapel Annual Meeting**

**Date:** 11/19/23

**Location:** 200 Angell Rd, Cumberland RI

**Meeting called to order:** 11:11 am

**Quorum count:** 42, attested by clerk

**Opening Prayer:** Given by David

### **Reporting:**

- Nate Green, Moderator
- Katy Gabel, Clerk
- Mark Fortin, Deacons
- Rosina Guise, Missions
- Bob Pielech, Finance
- Michelle Casavant, Christian Ed
- Wade Richmond, At Large/Youth Group
- David Pierce, Pastor

### **Absent:**

- Alexis Pike, At Large
- Jorge Almeida, Property
- Greg Polite, Finance

**Statistics:** 184 active members in 2023

### **Clerk's Report**

- **Acceptance of 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes:** Joe motioned to accept, Marcia seconded, motion passed
- **Special Meeting Minutes from 09/10/2023,** Joe motioned to accept, Wade seconded, motion passed

### **Moderator's Opening Remarks and Report:** written report.

- Overview of works of the Deacons, Missions, Women's Group, Youth Group, Children's Ministry and Property Group.
- Goal for 2024 is to make sure everyone knows what's going on. Nate proposes a short summary of council meetings to be sent out via Constant Contact so everyone will know what the groups are up to.

*Motion to approve the below reports made by Wade, seconded by Marcia, motion passed.*

- **Diaconate Committee Report:** written report, no additional comments
- **Missions Committee Report:** written report, no additional comments
- **Women's Group Report:** written report, no additional comments
- **Youth Ministry Report:** written report, no additional comments
- **Children's Ministry Coordinator Report:** written report, no additional comments
- **Property Committee Report:** written report, no additional comments

- **Statistical Report:** written report, discussion:

- **Lynn Vaudry:** 174 active members reported for 2022, and 184 active members reported for 2023 seems inaccurate. What work has been done to update the active members list? **David:** Membership roll was reviewed in 2022, but not in 2023. Has been done 5 out of David's 7 years. Letters go out to people that haven't recently been attending service, received visitation, or given financially. Deacons determine the length of time of inactivity before we reach out. Membership rolls are cleaned up based on the letter going out and receiving their reply. A number of people from 2022 review replied and requested to stay as active members. Early in 2024 Deacons will need to go through the roll.

**Finance Committee Report and Budget Presentation:** written report.

- **Kevin Perry:** How was non-pledged amount estimated? **Nate:** It's based on the pattern of previous years.

*Wade motions to adopt the 2023 budget, Dan Stevenson seconds, motion passes.*

**Nominating Report:**

- UCC Delegate, 1/1/24-12/31/24: Annie Green to stay on for 2024
- UCC Delegate, 1/1/23-12/31/23: Rosina Guise to stay on for 2024
- UCC Delegate, 1/1/23-12/31/23: Carolyn Williamson to stay on for 2024
- Christian Ed Committee: Michelle Casavant to stay on for 2024
- Treasurer, 1/1/24-12/31/24: Dan Stevenson
- Moderator, 1/1/24-12/31/24: Nate Green will stay on for 2024
- Clerk, 1/1/24-12/31/24: Katy Gabel to stay on for 2024
- At large, 1/1/24-12/31/24: Wade Richmond to stay on for 2024
- At large, 1/1/24-12/31/24: Alexis Pike to stay on for 2024

*Motion to approve nominating report made by Amanda Choiniere, seconded by Pam Gilson. Motion passes.*

**New Business from Membership**

- **Wade:** Will do Spring Fling again in 2024.
- **Rosina:** Please do anything you can for the Christmas Bazaar, 12/2/23.

**Pastor's Report:** written report, no additional comments

**In Memoriam 2023 and benediction:** Given by David. Thanks to everyone that's served this year in many different ways. Thanks to our staff, Ray, Amanda and Vance.

**Meeting Adjourned: 11:44 am.** Lynne Vaudry motions to adjourn, Kevin Perry seconded, motion passes, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Katy Gabel, Clerk

# Four Corners Community Chapel

## Statistic Report – 2024

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**Active Members as of November 19, 2023** **184**

New Members in 2024	0	
Received Confirmands	0	
Transfer In	0	
Profession of Faith	0	
	Total:	<b>0</b>

**Active Member Deductions - 2024**

Deaths	4
Transfer Out	0
Status change	40

Total: **-44**

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**TOTAL MEMBERSHIP AS OF NOVEMBER 17, 2024** **140**

***Pledging Families*** **57**

**Activity for 2024**

***Baptisms*** **4**

***Weddings*** **6**

## PASTORAL MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

As I sit here writing this to you, I am also thinking about my next two Sunday sermons. We are currently in the middle of a four-week series on just four words. Four words that might be used to describe the church in 2025. Already we have covered REST and IMAGINE. Rest sounds perfectly harmless until you think about all the ways it flies in the face of our workaholic, over-consuming culture that tends to always leave us wanting for more. How will we practice simplicity, renewal, rest in 2025? Imagine is a word that beckons us to think and see what is not yet. It invites us to look beyond resources that might appear sparse, opportunities that might feel lacking, to join in dreaming and trying new things, because when we try something new, we discover fresh community, faith, life. What would you like to imagine us doing as a church in the spirit of Jesus in 2025? And what other words will we take up as our calling from God in the new year?

As you read through this year's Annual Report, I would like to highlight some things you might not get just from reading...

We opened the sanctuary doors for worship 67 times this year. That includes Sundays, Advent, Holy Week, and several funerals. That is 67 times friendship was offered, hope spoken, bread broken, music made, peace honored, and children got to roam freely and safely in our care.

As Minister, I officiated 26 funeral services this year, most of them at local funeral homes. I also shared 2 – 3 visits per week with a nursing home or homebound friend, participated in several events at the Senior Center in Cumberland, and just recently began leading a monthly service at Chapel Hill, our neighbor to the north. That's a whole lot of times the name Four Corners Community Chapel reached beyond our building.

I hosted two book-study groups this year, one on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the importance of being good neighbors. We were delighted to have Emily Winer from *Congregation Beth Shalom* in Providence join us. I am grateful to be part of a congregation that leans into the hard but necessary work of inter-faith dialogue, as we continue to widen our own understandings of what it means to be a people of Christian faith.

Our Missions Ministry got us involved with a new partnership this year. In September, we packed 10,000 meals with *Rise Against Hunger*. What a unique and fantastic opportunity not only to address the crisis of food insecurity in our world but also to learn about its causes and many faces.

In his letter to the church at Ephesus, the Apostle Paul, in trying to make sense of how he—or any of us for that matter—can wind up in the fold of God's grace, says, *"I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all God's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God"* (Ephesians 3:17b-19).

May you be filled to overflowing –  
David

## **MODERATOR'S REPORT**

The third and final Moderator's report from Nate Green. Does this mean my kids will stop calling me the Nateorator? I hope not. Am I still going to drive my amazing wife Annie crazy by parking in the Parsonage driveway every Sunday and saying "Nateorator parking only"? Of course! Will I continue to volunteer at the Spring Fling, Christmas Bazaar, E-cycle events, Chapel Breakfast, and more? You know it! If the Property Committee, Deacons, Missions or finance need my help with something will I hope they ask me? Not really, but I'm here and will help! I'm kidding – I think everyone knows that I'm happier when helping. I think most of us are.

It has been a fun, exciting, productive, busy, and rewarding year – 3 years. A lot of groundwork has been laid out and we're all invited and encouraged to ask what is going on and what needs to be done. I'm looking forward to sharing my talents and asking you to share yours in the several areas that keep this amazing place running. There is some new work for us to consider as well, as we look to build our fundraising and fellowship efforts to strengthen our friendship with one another and our mission of being good neighbors.

May the upcoming Holiday Season bring you and your loved one's peace, joy and togetherness. Let's open our tables to those who don't have one and share the bounty God has graced us with.

In Peace,  
Nate Green  
Moderator

## **DIACONATE COMMITTEE REPORT**

As a representative of the Deacons, I would like to summarize the highlights of this year, 2024.

Our primary objective is to ensure the success of our weekly services, which include gathering liturgists, lighting candles, opening and closing the sanctuary, administering weekly collections, providing monthly communion, and assisting with baptisms and funerals.

Through the monthly Deacon meetings, we discussed,

1. Children's Ministry including beginning and ending dates
2. Men's breakfast dates
3. Communion (Intinction vs Serving)
4. Church service schedule (time change for the summer)
5. Minister's vacation coverage
6. Holy Week and Lent, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Easter Christmas
7. Flag display conversation including concerns over removal from sanctuary
8. Active membership review
9. In person vs Zoom meeting debate
10. Organ maintenance
11. Opening and affirming inclusion conversation
12. Fellowship in the church sanctuary
13. Service music/ Vance's vacation schedule

In remembrance of Amanda Choiniere, who served as a Deacon and was a cherished church member. She is greatly missed.

Peace,

Mark Fortin

Head of Deacons



## **MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

As the Missions Committee for Four Corners Community Chapel, we look for avenues to respond to the Great Commandment, to love God with our whole heart, soul and mind, by acting on the Second Commandment to love our neighbor as ourselves. With the funds donated specifically for Missions we support organizations and needs in the areas of social justice and food insecurity. We also look for specific ways in which our congregation can lend its own hands to do the work that needs to be done for our neighbors.

### **Food Insecurity**

This need only seems to grow, both within our communities in northern RI and throughout the world.

- This past year we continued our \$1000/quarter support of the Northern RI Food Pantry (presently servicing over 700 families twice a month) and congregation members continued to supply food staples to the Pantry by dropping them off at church.
- Another “Soup-er Bowl” drive for the Pantry resulted in both hundreds of dollars and hundreds of cans of soup from the congregation for the Pantry.

We also added two new programs.

- Hope for Homeless is a RI program that provides both hot and cold bagged meals to the unhoused on a weekly basis. We have joined in supporting this program by providing 100 bagged lunches approximately every two months. Missions Committee members make sandwiches and bag the lunches before church and then deliver them to Pawtucket after morning worship.
- In September, 34 people from our congregation joined forces with volunteers from Calvin Presbyterian Church to package 10,000 dry meals for the Rise Against Hunger organization. These meals will be sent around the world to provide the equivalent of a year’s worth of meals for 27 children through their school. The dry meals are augmented by locally raised vegetables which our monetary donation to the organization helped to develop in gardens or to purchase, supporting the local economies.
- And the Missions Committee sent a \$1000 donation to Central World Kitchen to be sent to Gaza to address the dire situation there.

### **Social Justice**

The Missions Committee continued its work with Dorcas International in Providence in helping to settle newly arrived refugees.

- The need for establishing apartments continues and the Missions Committee used congregational donations to supply 11 “ReStart” kits that contained necessary housing items such as bedding, cleaning and hygiene supplies and kitchen equipment.

Dorcas also provides ongoing living needs for its clients as they settle in; we helped with these basic needs.

- During Lent, the Diaper Drive, supported by the congregations through both monetary donations and boxes of diapers, garnered enough diapers for 4,403 diaper changes.
- In the fall the Missions Committee purchased approximately \$500 worth of needed underwear for all ages.

- On two occasions during the summer, a total of 20 volunteers from FCCC helped to sort donated clothing for the Clothing Collaborative at Dorcas, a service that provides any kind of needed clothing for work or play, for all ages of newly arrived refugees.

The used clothing shed on our property is supplied and maintained by St. Pauly Textiles. Donations to the shed from the community and congregation continue to grow. In the last 12 months 48,568 pounds of clothing, consisting of 73,811 garments, were collected at our site; that was enough to clothe 8,946 people. This effort is a benefit for many - those who need clothing, those who need to responsibly dispose of clothing, our environment (keeping clothing and shoes out of the landfill) and the church, which receives a small payment for each bag of clothing collected.

Another ministry we have continued is support of Winters Elementary School in Pawtucket. This year we purchased clothing and also recess toys for the students.

A \$1000 donation was made to Shiloh Gospel Temple in North Providence after they experienced an arson attack on their premises. This donation helped them to recover from the damage to their property and recognized our solidarity with religious groups throughout our community.

Donations were sent to the Haiti Task Force to continue what work could still be accomplished in spite of the political turmoil there. These funds support schools and students in Haiti through scholarships and a program to provide daily protein to the students.

A \$2000 donation for hurricane disaster relief was also sent through the SE New England Conference of the United Church of Christ.

### **Christmas Tag Tree**

As we have done in many past years, the Missions Committee again teamed up with Adoption Rhode Island to supply Christmas gifts for children in foster care in Rhode Island. Tags with a child's name, age and a gift wish were hung on a Christmas tree in the sanctuary; members of FCCC could choose a tag or two for a child, purchase the gift and return it to the church in early December. The Missions Committee then sorted and delivered the gifts to Adoption RI to be wrapped and distributed to the children. Twenty-three children, ages 2-17, received three gifts each. Missions funds were used to supply a handful of the gifts not chosen by the congregation.

The Missions Committee plans to continue these ministries in the upcoming year, while we also look for other ways to know and love our neighbors. Many times unexpected needs arrive throughout the year and because you, the congregation, have given generously to the Missions Fund, the Committee is able to meet these needs wholly and promptly. We are grateful for your generosity in sharing your time, your treasures and your talent in this essential Christian work.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Missions Committee

## YOUTH MINISTRY ANNUAL REPORT

Hardly seems possible that another year has come and gone – but here we are again! And, I'm happy to be able to report that the Chapel's Youth Ministry remains strong and healthy, highlighted this past year by our usual mixture of weekly meetings (September through June), special events/activities, and this summer's trip back to Adventure Bound in Caratunk, ME. And – again – we can't thank this faith community enough for the continued overwhelming support that allows us to "do what we do" for these INCREDIBLE young people!!

Our Youth Ministry program continues to minister to both our own membership, as well as reaching into the surrounding communities ... from Attleboro, Cumberland, Lincoln, Woonsocket, Burrillville and even Providence! As of September 2024, we are ministering to about 20 young people and their families on a weekly basis. Programmatically, our plans for 2025 will be to continue to build upon what is "working well", while also looking for new opportunities to further develop the faith of our young people and more fully engage them in the life of the Chapel.

One change worth mentioning is the approval and adoption of a new "Child Protection Policy" here at the Chapel. Pastor David, Michelle Casavant, Amanda Iocco, and I spent quite a bit of time reviewing and revising this policy to ensure that we are not only providing great "programming" for all of the young people in our midst, but that we are doing so in a thoughtful, safe, and appropriate manner. Implementation of this revised policy will bring about some changes to the way in which we do things, but these good changes that will serve everyone well ... so, we appreciate everyone's cooperations and patience as we "re-invent" some practices to be compliant with the policy.

If you were to "drop in" on any of our weekly Youth Ministry meetings, not only would you see a room full of young people having a good time, but you'd also experience firsthand the empathy, trust, support, and love that they offer to each other and our wider world. Every week, these young lives leave our Youth Ministry meeting and venture back out into a world that can be a scary, lonely, overwhelming, and (sometimes) dark place. My silent prayer at the end of every Youth Ministry meeting is that we have – somehow – equipped them to get through whatever the week holds in store for them ... that they know they have a safe "landing spot" with us ... that they know we are here for them on all the days in between each Sunday, as well ... and that they know they are loved unconditionally by this Youth Ministry, by this Chapel, and by God!

In addition to our weekly meetings, there's a whole bunch of "special events" that happened, as well:

- Fall Kick-Off event
- Scary Acres "Haunted Corn Maze"
- Participation in the Christmas Bazaar (our table sold out!!)
- Christmas Caroling & Yankee Swap party
- Field trip to "A Christmas Carol" at the Stadium Theater
- Annual Good Friday Service
- Yard Sale & Carnival Elements at our Spring Fling
- Kids vs. Parents Crazy Olympics event
- and MORE!

In closing, and as I always try to do in these reports, I want to acknowledge the entire congregation for your continued and generous support and prayers!! But I'd also like to take this opportunity to offer a few additional HUGE and special "Thank You's!!" ...

- ✓ to Kevin Perry, Cliff Choiniere, and Abby Brakenwagen – you're always there when we need you, you've helped to ensure our meetings run smoothly, you continue to develop meaningful relationships with all of our young people, and we simply could NOT do any of this without you!
- ✓ to Pastor David Pierce, Moira Pierce, and Abby Brakenwagen – we could NOT have pulled off yet another AWESOME experience at Adventure Bound this past summer without your participation and guidance!
- ✓ to the entire Parents' Group - all of you ALWAYS come through for us! Whether it's with transportation, providing food, event coordination, or anything else ... your love and commitment to seeing this Youth Ministry truly THRIVE is amazing!

- ✓ to the young people in our Youth Ministry ... the opportunity to work with such caring, loving, and empathetic young people continues to be one of the greatest blessings in my life. Week in and week out, each of you give back to me more than I can possibly offer you ... and, in the process, you continue to teach me more about God's truly unconditional love for each of us than I could ever experienced any other way. So, to all of the Chapel's "Groupies", all I can say is "THANK YOU!!" for letting me be part of your lives ... I love you ALL!
- ✓ and, to my wife, Diane ... thanks for continuing to support this 62-year-old teenager and put up with all of the craziness I bring into our lives! "More!" 😊

As we look with expectant hope and faith toward 2025, I ask each of you to continue to pray for our Young People and their families, and the work that we strive to do well with (and for) them. I remain absolutely confident that the Lord has GREAT things still instore for Four Corners Community Chapel and our Youth Ministry program, and I can't wait to see what the year ahead brings us!

**G. L. Y. (all) A. S. D. I !!!**



Wade Richmond  
Youth Director



*our Adventure Bound "crew" at lunch during white-water rafting*

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY COORDINATOR REPORT

Being your Children's Ministry Coordinator continues to be a great source of joy. It has been amazing to watch the children learn and grow in their understanding of what it means to be welcome in this church community. For the 2023-2024 school year, we had an average of 7.5 children in Kindergarten through 5th grade gather for Sunday School each week, slightly lower than the year prior. Excitingly, we had two new families attending regularly throughout the year. Altogether, 21 different children participated in the program with a handful being visitors.

Utilizing the curriculum *Celebrate Wonder*, our Sunday School friends were encouraged to be curious as they connected to the Bible stories. Some of the most beloved weeks are those that revolve around making contributions to the church community as we made items for the Christmas Bazaar and the Spring Fling. We wrapped up the school year during the first week in June as our children led an intergenerational worship complete with communion. They created many aspects of the service including a work of art - a banner reminding us that "God's Love is For You" with hearts created during short conversations among the congregation. The banner will be on display in Fellowship Hall.

Worship Workshop was held for 5 weeks throughout the summer. Using lessons from *Science- Based Bible Lessons: Exploring God's Truth through Science*, we had a lot of fun and got a little messy. I would say that the favorite lesson was making ice cream! On average, we had five children participate each week.



For the 2024-2025 school year, we are transitioning to a new curriculum called *Big Faith*. Created by the same company as the prior curriculum, the shift should be seamless as we still have a monthly theme, the same overall format, and will continue to use our Wonder Box while celebrating the sense of wonder. Monthly themes include Praise Makers and Seeds of Faith.

During our first month and a half, we have had an average of 8.5 children each week. We will continue our traditions of doing activities that support our church and complete a service project to benefit the community.

As always, I invite members of the congregation to take the opportunity to volunteer with our Sunday School children. Sharing your faith and learning alongside the children is an amazingly rewarding experience.

Once again, I thank you for the opportunity to continue serving Four Corners!

Amanda Iocco  
Children's Ministry Coordinator

## PROPERTY COMMITTEE

“Our mission is to serve as stewards of our buildings and grounds and to preserve and maintain the integrity of our real property.”

This year we have been addressing several maintenance issues as well as updates to areas used by Doctor Day Care. These include:

- Repairing the frames around some sanctuary windows and the organ utility closet.
- Adding a combination lock to the clothing shed to dissuade non-members from stealing clothing from the donation bags.
- Replacing the UPS backup battery in the Church Office.
- Replacing the American Flag in the front of the Church on the flagpole.
- Adding ground level concrete boards around the old storage shed to discourage wild animals from taking up residence.
- Removed old junk from the shed and thrown out.
- Repairing the vinyl siding on the front dormer.
- Removing tape residue from the staircase, then painting the walls and hand railing.
- Resurfacing the paneled wall in the Fellowship Hall and fresh paint. New corner table.
- Replacing the old dumpsters with new.
- Replacing the emergency exit sign that was accidentally broken.
- Inspecting and then relocating the “Dryzone” dehumidifier in the Fellowship Hall. The model previously installed in the hall was unrepairable. We moved the less used DryZone in the stairway to the hall and replaced the stairway location with a simpler “off the shelf” model.
- Ongoing quarterly inspections by Summit. Summit was set up in 2023 to handle all fire and safety inspections. We follow up with repairs/replacements as listed. This keeps our DDC requirements up to date.
- DDC has resurfaced the first level classroom floors.
- DDC has cleaned and freshly painted the walls in classroom on the first floor.

We are often asked to address issues for DDC. The most recent being the old storage shed that sits on the perimeter of the playground. Since it is part of the playground, DDC has been concerned with animals that may have taken up residence under the shed. Steve Dennis has added concrete boards around the base/perimeter to discourage the animals, however, the only final solution would be the shed’s removal. Given the current budget, this demo has been placed on hold.

Possible considerations :Landscaping the front lawn and adding mulch.

- Painting the rest of the Fellowship Hall ... side walls, around the stage and heat registers.
- Adding a monitoring system to determine the percentage of utility usage of DDC.
- Replacing the doorway camera monitor on the DDC entrance.
- Adding a bathroom off Fellowship Hall (Capital Expense)
- Purchasing a Defibrillator (Capital Expense)

The committee this past year has mostly coordinated/discussed our work after the service on Sunday. If you have some building skills, this committee will welcome your contribution!

Respectfully submitted, Arlen Dau, Steve Dennis, Walter Ducharme, Earl Wood

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Finance Committee, in conjunction with the Treasurer, are responsible for managing the Church finances under provisions established by the By-Laws and the Council. We are responsible for ensuring that the Chapel exercises its best efforts to achieve its yearly financial Stewardship and Fundraising goals. As of the beginning of November it looks like we will be on budget with the 2024 approved budget. A lot is going to depend on member's fulfilling their 2024 pledges. The Church as exceeded the budgeted amounts for interest income and fundraising. Presently they are lagging on pledges through October 31. It is very important that pledges be fulfilled as that is how are budget is prepared. Expenses are in line with the budget.

Respectfully submitted

Finance Committee

Robert M. Pielech

Ann Ward

Sandy Fortin



## 2025 SUMMARY BUDGET

Operating Income		
Contributions-General	Nonpledged	\$ 30,000.00
	Pledged	<u>\$ 100,000.00</u>
Total Contributions-General		\$ 130,000.00
Total Fundraising		\$ 22,000.00
Rental Income		\$ 83,504.00
All Other Income		<u>\$ 9,000.00</u>
Total Operating Income		\$ 244,504.00
Operating Expenses		
Administration		\$ 155,904.00
Education		\$ 13,321.00
Facilities		\$ 58,780.00
Worship and Music		\$ 18,692.00
UCC Proportional Giving		<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>
Total Operating Expenses		\$ 248,197.00
Excess of Expenses over Income		<u><u>\$ 3,693.00</u></u>



## 2025 Nominating Report

Position	Name	Term Began (Jan. 1)	Term Ends (Dec. 31)
Moderator	open	2025	2027
Treasurer	Dan Stevenson	2024	2025
Clerk	Wade Richmond	2025	2027
Council Member at Large	open	2025	2025
Council Member at Large	open	2025	2025
Other Positions	Name	Term Began (Jan. 1)	Term Ends (Dec. 31)
UCC Delegate	Rosina Guise	2025	2025
UCC Delegate	open	2025	2025
UCC Delegate	open	2025	2025

## 2025 Committees

Position	Name
<b>Christian Education</b>	Name
Christian Education	Michelle Casavant
<b>Deacons Committee</b>	Name
Deacons	Cara Burns
Deacons	Deb Dennis
Deacons	Mark Fortin
Deacons	Matthew Gilson
Deacons	Annie Green
Deacons	Rosina Guise
Deacons	<b>Open</b>
Deacons	<b>Open</b>
<b>Missions Committee</b>	Name
Missions	Heather Almeida
Missions	Ginny Avenia
Missions	Phil Avenia
Missions	Cara Burns
Missions	Lea Dau
Missions	Annie Green
Missions	Nancy Gobeille
Missions	Rosina Guise
Missions	Becky Plasse
Missions	Marie Quinn
Missions	<b>Open</b>
Missions	<b>Open</b>
Missions	<b>Open</b>
<b>Property Committee</b>	Name
Property Committee	Arlen Dau
Property Committee	Steve Dennis
Property Committee	Walter Ducharme
Property Committee	Earl Wood
<b>Finance Committee</b>	Name
Finance Committee	Robert Pielech
Finance Committee	Sandy Fortin
Finance Committee	



**2024**

The following individuals passed away this year.

Some were members of this community--all were loved by us.

We remember each with hearts full of gratitude.

Jeffery Sousa

Ralph Jordan

Ray LaNinfa

Stephen Myrberg

Amanda Choiniere

Donna Lee Farland

*"If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's." -- Romans 14:8*

## **ARTICLE I - OUR MISSION AND VISION**

### **A. Our Name**

The name of this church shall be “Four Corners Community Chapel”. We are incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation under Rhode Island Laws as “Four Corners Community Chapel, Inc.

### **B. Our Faith**

This church recognizes as its sole head, Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the Savior of the world and acknowledges as brothers and sisters in Christ all who share in this confession. It looks to the Word of God in the Scriptures, and to the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, to prosper its creative and redemptive work in the world. It claims as its own faith of the historic Church expressed in the ancient creeds and reclaimed in the basic insights of the Protestant Reformers. It affirms the responsibility of the Church in each generation to make faith its own.

### **C. Our Mission**

It is our mission that we, the members of Four Corners Community Chapel, are called to faithfulness by learning and interpreting the word of God, and by making God’s work live in us, so that we may fulfill the “Great Commission” of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

***“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you....(Matthew 28:19-20)***

### **D. Our Vision**

Four Corners Community Chapel will be a Church that is committed to being:

- Biblically centered
- Family supportive for both our biological and Christian brothers and sisters
- Built on a personal relationship with Jesus Christ Involved in rendering loving service to all
- Welcoming to all Christian backgrounds and traditions
- Faithful to remember and celebrate the traditions of our church Holidays and Sacraments

## **E. Our Autonomy**

1. This church, composed of professed believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, bound by a mutual Covenant, is amenable to no ecclesiastical authority except that of its Head, which is Jesus Christ.
2. This church, by a vote of its congregation on February 06, 1961, is a member of the United Church of Christ and it shall sustain that relationship to the United Church of Christ described in those portions of the Constitution and By-Laws of the United Church of Christ, adopted July 04, 1961 and subsequently amended, relating to local churches.

## **F. Our Statement of Faith**

*We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit, and who is made known to us in Jesus our brother, and to his deeds we testify:*

*God calls the worlds into being, creates humankind in the divine image, and sets before humankind the ways of life and death.*

*God seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.*

*God judges all humanity and all nations by that will of righteousness declared through prophets and apostles.*

*In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord, God has come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the whole creation to its Creator.*

*God bestows upon us the Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the Church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.*

*God calls us into the Church to accept the cost of joy of discipleship, to be God's servants in the service of the whole human family, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.*

*God promises to all who trust in the gospel forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, the presence of the Holy Spirit in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in that kingdom which has no end.*

*Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto God.*

*Amen.*

## **A. Our Covenant**

*“We are a people called together by Christ our Lord, in this time and at this place; to worship, to learn, to witness, and to serve.*

*We are united in Christian fellowship by a holy covenant of love. The concerns and needs, the joys and hopes of each we take to be our own.*

*It is our aim to bring knowledge unto children, trust and ideals to youth, inspiration to men and women in the midst of life, and comfort to those in advanced years.*

*We accept the responsibility for outreach in mission and social action that the cause of justice, peace, and righteousness may be victorious.*

*Our ideal is a church of the open mind, the warm heart, and the aspiring soul.*

*Our hope is the salvation of God’s redemptive love which ever seeks to express itself in the ministry of reconciliation.*

*By God’s grace, may we be truly His people and do honor unto Him ...  
.....now and forevermore.”*

## **B. Our Sacraments**

In accordance with the teaching of our Lord and the practice prevailing among Protestant Christians, we recognize and celebrate two Sacraments: Baptism and Holy Communion.

## **ARTICLE 1—OUR MISSION AND VISION**

### **A. Our Name**

The name of this Church is “Four Corners Community Chapel.” We are incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation under Rhode Island law as “Four Corners Community Chapel, Inc.”

### **B. Our Faith**

We confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. We look to the word of God in scripture and trust in the Holy Spirit to guide us in our life together, as we seek to be part of God’s creative and redemptive work in this world. Claiming as our own the ancient witness of the historic Church, we also affirm our responsibility to make faith our own each new day.

### **C. Our Affiliation**

This Church, by a vote of its congregation on February 6, 1961, is a member of the *United Church of Christ*, and shall sustain this relationship as described by the Constitution and By-laws of the United Church of Christ, adopted July 4, 1961, and subsequently amended. We affirm that by association in the United Church of Christ, we are a self-governing body.

### **D. Our Mission**

Four Corners Community Chapel exists to be a community where the love of God is made known in the welcoming of all to share their lives in praise to God and service to one another.

### **E. Our Covenant**

To create space for worship and ministry where people can discover belonging as God’s children, and share their gifts joyfully in the world through prayer, fellowship, and service.

To be inclusive of all, affirming the humanity and story of each person, just as Christ has done for us.

To care for the earth as a matter of justice for all creation, being ever-mindful of the impact of our living on the poor and marginalized especially, as we seek to be stewards of our planet, loving our neighbors as ourselves.

To work for peace and reconciliation in the world by seeking to understand, stand against, and change our own participation, in systems of oppression and privilege.

To nourish the life of the spirit through the celebration of the sacraments: Holy Communion and Baptism, as we seek to be Christ's body in the world—breaking bread together, proclaiming forgiveness, and making known the hope and grace of God for all creation.

Taking each person's joy and sorrow, concerns and needs, as our own, we will be a beloved community to one another.