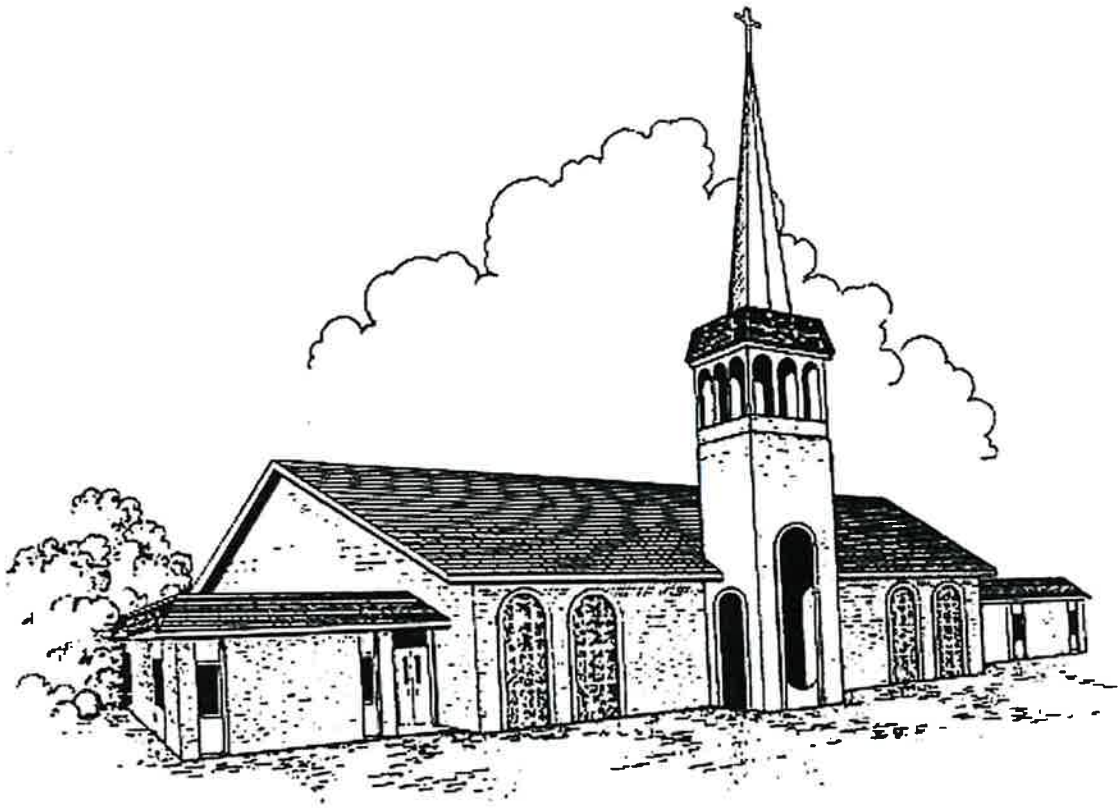


# QUAIL HOLLOW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Presented: February 10, 2025

## **OUR VISION**

Quail Hollow Presbyterian Church seeks to make God real for ourselves and others by loving God and loving neighbor.

## **OUR MISSION**

We commit ourselves to engage people in our vision through Preparation, Community, Stewardship, Invitation, Message, and Mission.

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**2024 Annual Congregational Meetings  
Quail Hollow Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
June 23, 2025  
November 10, 2024**

In accordance with the *Book of Order* of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) prior notice of the Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Quail Hollow Presbyterian Church has been given stating date, time, and place on two successive Sundays prior to these meetings (G-1.0501).

“A quorum of a meeting of the congregation shall be not less than one tenth of the members...” (*Book of Order*, 305) “The Pastor shall be the moderator of all meetings of the congregation.” (*Book of Order*: G-7.0306) “The Clerk of Session shall be secretary of meetings of the Congregation.” “If the Clerk is unable to serve, the congregation shall elect a secretary.” (*Book of Order*: G-7.0307)

**MINUTES FROM CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**PURPOSE OF MEETING:** Congregational Vote on merger with SAPC and QHPC

**DATE OF MEETING:** November 10, 2024 after worship

**MODERATOR:** Jim Miller (current Moderator of QHPC Session)

**WRITTEN BY: CLERK OF SESSION:** Rich Bonnell

**CALL TO ORDER:** With a quorum present of 42 members the meeting was called to order by Jim Miller. Jim explained his role to the congregation, serving as our Moderator, and our representative to the Presbytery serving through the Commission on Ministry (COM).

**REQUEST FOR CLERK:** Jim had requested that Rich Bonnell serve as Clerk of Session for this meeting, which he accepted.

**PRAYER:** Allyson Anderson led us in Opening Prayer.

**UPDATE:** Jack Rand provided a detailed update and history related to the a potential merger between Quail Hollow Presbyterian Church, and Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian.

**MOTION:** Jim Miller then deferred to Rich Bonnell to provide a motion to the Congregation, and Rich then voiced the following:

*“After a period of discernment, and unanimous approval, the session recommends to the congregation of Quail Hollow Presbyterian Church that we approve the merger of Quail Hollow Presbyterian and Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian churches.”*

**DETAILS:** Motion was seconded, then after discussion, Motion Passed by a unanimous paper ballot vote counted by Walker Owens and Ed Moss. There were 42 total votes.

**CALL TO ADJOURN:** Jim then called for motion to adjourn, which was seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Meeting was closed in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rich Bonnell: Clerk of Session:

Jim Miller: Moderator

## **QHPC STATED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**DATE:** June 23 2024 (after worship)

**MODERATOR:** Jim Miller

A Quorum was established and meeting was called to order by Jim Miller.

Allyson Anderson led us in an opening Prayer.

### **By-Laws:**

Walker Owens then walked us through the amended By-Laws to be sure that QHPC was operating within compliance. A motion was made to approve the By-Laws as presented by Sherry Young. Motion was seconded by Gale Bonnell. The Motion to approve the by Laws was unanimously approved by the Congregation.

### **Corporate Officers:**

The slate of corporate officers was presented to the congregation for approval: President: Mike Bellamy, VP: Rich Bonnell, Secretary: Sherrie Young, Treasurer: Jim Hudson. Motion was made and seconded to approve this slate. The motion then passed unanimously by the Congregation.

### **Nominating Committee:**

Jim then presented the following names to be approved as the 2025 Nominating Committee: Cathy Sheely: Co-chair, Janet Stephens: Co-Chair, Bill Navaro, Linda Patterson, Peggy Nelson. Jim asked if there were others from the congregation to present. There were none. A motion was then made and seconded to accept this group as presented. The Congregation then unanimously approved this slate of elders.

### **SAPC/ QHPC Discernment Merger Update:**

Jim then deferred to Jack Rand who led a discussion and Power Point Presentation related to our progress in this regard. Jack highlighted the timeline, and the activities in place specifically with KEY Workgroups from both SAPC and QHPC that would be actively working to discern the effort to merge our congregations. During this time, questions were asked and explained relating to our current budget, many aspects of the process, and

overall clarity related to our future for QHPC. No real surprises related to the types of questions, or answers that were fielded by both Jack and the current Session Members. Overall, a very positive discussion.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

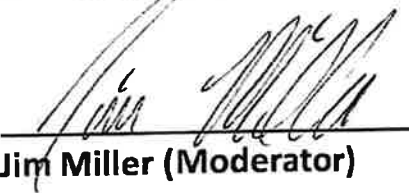
Motion made and was seconded, and then a vote to adjourn was approved.

Meeting was then closed in Prayer.



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**Rich Bonnell (Clerk of Session)**



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**Jim Miller (Moderator)**

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **Annual Report 2024**

The purpose of an Annual Report is to account for the mission and witness of the church over a given period of time by a particular community of people. An Annual Report is also a way to celebrate the ways the people of God were inspired to be the church of Jesus Christ. The 2024 Annual Report is both an accounting and a celebration for the ways the risen Lord has led us to be His church

2024 was both a year of discernment and transition for QHPC. The resignation of our pastor in mid-2023 put us on a path to a new journey. We questioned our direction, and we were confronted with the reality that we had a need for an extreme directional shift. Through prayer, discernment, and a bit of a “pause” we were guided to a most favorable outcome.

How did this happen? Well... The Lord was with us... We discovered that we were not alone in our journey. Many folks both within our fold, and all around us were praying for us, reaching out to us, and dreaming with us. Like doves from heaven, the good folks from Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian recognized our situation. Their leadership group offered one of their Associate Pastors, and previous QHPC member, Hillary Cheek, to assist us through this transition period. That connection was the beginning of a new friendship of sorts for both of our congregations. Upon Hillary’s departure we were blessed to receive Jim Miller as our Interim Moderator through the Presbytery.

Over time... Through activities, bible studies, meals, music, worship celebrations and much more we began to see a connection forming with our two churches. We then formed leadership teams within each of our churches to discern the “what if” scenarios related to a merger.

The process began with the recognition of the “rivers of history” for both churches. We learned about each other, and we learned that we had a lot in common. We then broke into teams of people throughout each congregation tasked with the challenge of sharing the knowledge, strengths, weaknesses, and future state possibilities in just about all relevant segments of our congregations.

In the Fall of 2024, the congregations of both SAPC and QHPC each voted to approve the merger of our two churches. The plan is to complete the legal aspects of this merger, and effectively move forward as ONE CONGREGATION with two campuses starting in Q1 2025. QHPC will continue with worship, pastoral care, and all the things that we currently provide. However, our scope will change over time as we combine our Sessions into one group, and together discern our mutual North Star...

We hope and trust that each of you are able to embrace this change as together we embark on a new journey to answer to God’s call to mission and witness to this new extended community in the weeks, months and years ahead.

Thanks be to God!

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Bonnell / Clerk of Session



## **Quail Hollow Presbyterian Church**

### **Clerk of Session**

### **Annual Report 2024**

The duties of Clerk of Session are clearly laid out in the Book of Order (G-3.0104). I assumed the role in January 2024 when our previous clerk, Jack Rand had completed his much-appreciated tenure as clerk since September 2020.

At QHPC my responsibility has been to record the minutes of all session meetings and to assist in developing communications for the session as well as the congregation. Typically, the clerk would work with the pastor, but for this period, I worked in conjunction with both Hillary Cheek, and then Jim Miller, who both served as the QHPC moderators during this period. In 2024 we were tasked with bridging the pastoral leadership gap, as we discerned our path for the future. I was quite active in much of the activity related to this process, and I worked to keep a high level of transparency to both the Session and the congregation.

As a Session, through the leadership of Walker Owens, we were able to amend, finalize, and vote congregationally upon these amended By-Laws for QHPC to be sure we were in compliance with this information.

I was also quite involved in most of the activities related to the merger with folks from both QHPC and SAPC, and I worked to provide communication and transparency related to all aspects of this process to both the Session and to the congregation.

The clerk of Session is also responsible for submitting official congregational data and statistics to the Charlotte Presbytery. In 2024 both Erin Gillis, Office Manager and Cindy Walker, Accounting Manager, ensured that this data was submitted as required.

Final task as Clerk will be to assist with Legal Teams as we complete final documents related to our merger with SAPC.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Bonnell

QHPC Clerk of Session 2024

## Discernment Committee 2024 Annual Report

### Background:

In many ways, discernment at Quail Hollow began in the spring of 2019 when our longtime pastor Gus Succop retired. From that point until today, our church has been searching for a sustainable path forward, as we struggled with the same challenges experienced by many traditional protestant churches in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. After investigating a potential merger in the summer of 2021, we committed to calling a new pastor to lead the “revitalization” of Quail Hollow. This pastor had been with us for less than a year when she resigned in May of 2023, leaving us with a very uncertain future. As we considered our prospects to remain a viable congregation, we received a call from Lori Raible, Senior Pastor at Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church, located just a few miles away. Reverend Raible indicated that Selwyn would like to help Quail Hollow while we considered our next move. This began with staff from Selwyn filling the pulpit on Sundays and providing pastoral care on a part time basis. While this support gave our church “time to breath” it also began a relationship where we discovered many similarities and shared values between our churches and congregations. This relationship only deepened as our congregations and leaders got to know each other, and shared opportunities to worship together.

In December of 2023, the Quail Hollow Session voted to form a “discernment committee” to explore the possibility of a merger between Quail Hollow Presbyterian and Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian. In early 2024, the Selwyn Avenue Session approved a similar resolution, and the discernment process began shortly thereafter.

### Quail Hollow Discernment Committee:

Mike Bellamy	Nancy Dearman	Walker Owens
Ron Blake	Nancy Gottschalk	Jack Rand
Gale Bonnell	Jim Hudson	Cathy Sheely
Rich Bonnell	Marybet Hudson	Janet Stephens
Phil Brandt	Ed Moss	

### Our Discernment Process:

Leaders of both churches began by creating a process to understand how our churches operated, looking for both similarities as well as differences

We have focused, in-depth, on 8 different areas of each church:

Finance & Risk	Worship & Music
Congregational Life	Preschool
Christian Education	Missions
Facilities & Property	Organization & Polity

For each of these areas we created a detailed list of all of the processes or tasks that each church does daily, weekly or monthly.

We then compared the way each church completes those tasks to understand our ability to combine them, or the need to keep them separate.

We met monthly to check our progress and ensure our goals and hopes for Quail Hollow still led us to believe that a merger with Selwyn could be successful.

## Discernment Committee 2024 Annual Report

### Our Discernment Findings:

The discernment process showed us that our two churches had more in common than we did differences, as the majority of areas we compared should come together with minimal disruption to either church

A merger would bring change to Quail Hollow, but the next 2-3 years should not look all that much different to Quail Hollow:

- o Allyson Anderson would lead our worship; Dareion Malone will lead our music program
- o The Quail Hollow Preschool would continue to operate just as it does today
- o While our sessions would combine, QHPC would maintain its own financial accounts and stewardship program.
- o Our churches will continue to look for opportunities to be together and use our facilities for shared activities that best fit here

We will use these next 2-3 years to work together to define how Selwyn's "*NorthStar Vision*" could be brought to life at 8801 Park Road, while still honoring the essential traits and traditions that are important to our congregation.

### Communications:

Throughout the process, the Discernment Committee and the Session were careful to keep the congregation updated and provided regular opportunities to ask questions and provide input. A key part of our communication approach was the rationale for a merger. Prior to a congregational vote to proceed, we summarized the case for merging as follows:

- QHPC has reached a size where many of the basic functions of our church are now very difficult to accomplish:
  - o Maintaining a full-time pastor
  - o Administration
  - o Buildings & Grounds
  - o Mission

A merger would help us reinvigorate these aspects of our church and allow us to continue worshipping together

- Preserving 8801 Park Road as a church has always been a priority. While significant changes will eventually occur, merging with a large, healthy church is the best way to ensure our property remains a church.
- Maintaining the Preschool is also a clear priority for our church. Selwyn shares this value and is committed to continuing to serve children in our location.
- We have known for several years that some form of "redevelopment" would be required to secure our future, yet managing that process is now beyond our scale and ability. A merger with SAPC gives us a viable pathway toward the future that includes redevelopment with a capable partner to manage and complete that process.

**Discernment Committee  
2024 Annual Report**

- The QHPC Session believes that “status quo” is not an option. The Session is committed to securing the future and providing for the spiritual needs of the congregation beyond just Sunday morning worship. A combined church will provide many more opportunities for pastoral care and spiritual growth.
- Our relationship with Selwyn over the last year has been very positive and has revealed similarities and compatibility of our congregations. Selwyn’s focus on children and families fits very well with what we know is important to Quail Hollow.

**Congregational Vote:**

On Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, Quail Hollow Presbyterian held a congregational meeting to vote on a motion to proceed with the merger with Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian. It was approved by a margin of 42-0

On Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian held a congregational meeting to vote on a motion to proceed with the merger with Quail Hollow Presbyterian. It was approved unanimously with a single abstention.

**Partnership with the Presbytery:**

The discernment teams from both Quail Hollow and Selwyn Avenue worked closely with the Committee on Ministry primarily through our South Cluster Liaison, Jim Miller. In addition to moderating the Quail Hollow Session, Jim was an invaluable resource and an important sounding board as we worked through the process.

After the congregations of both churches voted to approve the merger, the Presbytery of Charlotte appointed a 4-person Administrative Commission to review the discernment process. After a series of review meetings. The commission expressed its support for the merger and is prepared to make that recommendation to the Presbytery in its stated meeting scheduled for February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

## Quail Hollow Preschool Annual Report 2024

Quail Hollow Preschool continues to have a great reputation as the “neighborhood” or “community” preschool in our immediate area. As an outreach ministry to the community of Quail Hollow Presbyterian Church and south Charlotte, we offer not only a Christian environment for young children ages 1-5 years old, but an environment that is both stimulating and developmentally appropriate. This year we had a tremendous interest in our program, especially for the 1-year-olds. We were able to add class offerings in two of our rooms that were unused on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the 2023-2024 school year thus increasing enrollment. Additional staffing and supplies for added class offerings were required, but had minimal impact on spending. We also began to add back more enrichment such as music to lessen the load on the director who had taken that on as a cost-saving measure during COVID. The preschool continues to partner with the church in many ways to encourage the participation of preschool families in church activities and vice versa. In the fall of 2024 preschool students sang during an advent service and it was well attended and enjoyed by both preschool parents and church members. As we continued down the path of discovery with Selwyn Avenue and a possible merger with them, we looked for ways to engage both congregations and preschool families. One of the ways we have done this is to start a program called 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays. The purpose of 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays is to appeal to preschool and young families with programming, worship, music, and fellowship. A yearlong calendar was created to intersect what QHPC already did really well and find ways to involve those families with timing and more contemporary worship ideas. Darieon has been amazing in bringing this vision to life. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays have been very successful and we have had several families repeat on those Sundays.

We continue to communicate activities and news through our social media channels and Brightwheel which really helps the image of our church among our preschool families. The preschool was also heavily involved in supporting the needs of the students in our surrounding schools. Some of the ways we did this was by doing our Raffle Baskets during Advent and a PJ Sunday/Pajama Drive. Both church members and preschool families participated and we raised over \$1000. That money was sent to Quail Hollow Middle School, South Meck High School, and Smithfield Elementary to support the school’s growing number of at-risk students with food and clothing. Any efforts in this area were presented with communication that included both the church and preschool. These efforts were also centered around 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday activities.

Our staff consists of 17 teachers, an office assistant, a bookkeeper, a shared custodian, and a director. While our enrollment has started to return to more normal numbers finding qualified teachers continues to be a challenge. Our 4-year-old programming continues to be impacted by a change to the CMS Pre-K program. In short, their enrollment numbers were impacted by a local grant that offered free childcare in Charlotte until 6 pm. This resulted in the CMS Pre-K program accepting traditional students as opposed to only at-risk students. This in combination with families opting to enroll student into private school for Pre K caused us and many schools to lose 4-year-old students. Our 4-year-old enrollment is still impacted by this but not as badly as 2023. Mr. Poole continues to be a wonderful resource to our program. He has a great rapport with the staff and he takes a genuine interest in getting to know our students and families.

At the start of the 2023 school year, Erin developed and put into motion a new program called STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math). This program was specifically created for our TK Students.

## Quail Hollow Preschool Annual Report 2024

This was in response to parents expressing interest in our TK program but wished for longer days. To be within our current licensure the program is registered as an afterschool program, separately from regular preschool registration. This is optional for our students who are in TK. This program was not as successful in 2024 and enrollment was down. We fulfilled our commitment to the families who registered and will not lose financially, but we will hold off on registration for this

program for the 2025 school year until we know more about enrollment and interest. The preschool is also exploring meeting the needs of the Hispanic community in our immediate area. The director has toured and researched other bi-lingual programs to gather information on how QHPC could possibly serve the Hispanic community and English-speaking students whose parents are interested in having their students learn a second language. She is continuing to explore these opportunities while leveraging the mission and witness of both SAPC and QHPC. Any changes to programming will also take into consideration the Selwyn and Quail merger organizationally, and potential changes that may occur.

The 2025-2026 school year enrollment period is underway and we have already had tremendous interest in our program. We are currently conducting in-person tours and accepting registration applications. Tuition will increase by \$15 per month for each class to help cover the increased cost of goods, services, and maintenance on the building and playground. This will also be done through fundraising efforts. In the fall of 2024, we communicated our need to replace the play kitchens in our classrooms that were nearing the end of their lifespan. Once we communicated the need, many parents gave generously (over \$5000) in order for us to purchase new commercial-grade play kitchens.

The preschool continues to use our communication/billing platform tool called Brightwheel. This program allows parents to communicate with teachers and the preschool office via the web, email, and text. This platform is also app-based making it very user-friendly for a new generation of parents/clients. Some of its features include increased payment options, online registration and forms, online health screenings, and staff development opportunities. It also takes into account program growth should leadership decide to explore other opportunities. The preschool website, [www.quailhollowpreschool.org](http://www.quailhollowpreschool.org), has proven to be a great tool with prospective parents. We are working toward having a more consistent presence on Facebook and Instagram by posting more frequently and in conjunction with church communications. The website continues to be highly visible with a Google search as well as direct linkage to the church website. We also have a very good reputation among other social media outlets where parents are able to make recommendations to parents seeking information.

Quail Hollow Preschool is blessed to have the support of caring parents, wonderful, children, a dedicated staff and a faithful preschool committee.

Jack Rand  
Committee Chair

Erin Gillis  
Preschool Director

## **Building and Grounds Committee Annual Report 2024**

The year 2024 was another busy year for the Building and Grounds Committee. Just like your home, our Church requires constant attention so that our grounds, facilities and mechanical equipment are properly maintained and operating.

The Building and Grounds committee meets as required, and we use an excel spreadsheet to organize the primary areas of our church into one simple to use document. As we move through a project, we discuss each item by determining approach, cost, as well as responsibility.

During the year, many items were repaired, updated and/or replaced. The following is a list of our activities:

### **Landscaping & Grounds**

- Routine mowing & shrub trimming (Diamond Landscaping)
- Routine operation and maintenance of irrigation system
- Planted perennials, installed mulch and pine straw in the planting beds
- Garden maintenance of the Courtyard

### **Electrical**

- Installed additional outdoor lighting along the south side of Johnston Hall to improve illumination of the parking area
- Replaced spotlights on the front lawn sign

### **Plumbing**

Converted battery operation of automatic faucets in Admin to AC house power; installation in the Preschool restrooms delayed until we determine why those under-sink outlets are not operational

Repaired clogged drains

### **Roof**

- Repaired flat roof leaks and replaced damaged ceiling tiles
- Replaced the membrane on all flat roof areas and steeple after determination by our insurance company that roof was damaged by hail. Contractor total cost was \$132,200. Net cost was \$8,400 after insurance coverage and sales tax rebate.

**Building and Grounds Committee  
Annual Report 2024**

**HVAC**

- Contracted routine preventive maintenance for our eight rooftop units
- Repaired HVAC units in Sanctuary, Choir Room, and Preschool

As noted, there were several significant projects in 2024. The most significant was repair and maintenance of our heating and cooling units. Various light fixtures were also repaired or replaced with more efficient units. The committee also held two Beautification Days.

Although 2024 has ended, the Building and Grounds committee continues to serve our Lord and community in this important capacity. In 2025, we anticipate much excitement as we embark on a joint venture with our friends at Selwyn Presbyterian Church.

I have been truly blessed with the opportunity to serve with many wonderful people on this committee. If you feel a nudge to serve our Lord in this capacity, please feel free to contact Phil Brandt at 704-756-0090. I would be honored to have you join our committee.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Phil Brandt



## **Christian Education Annual Report 2024**

Along with the many changes QHPC, there have also been changes in the Christian education program. There have been no CE meetings in the last year as our chairman is no longer attending the church. This doesn't mean that Christian education is not a priority because it is alive and well at our church. Janet Stephens continues to have the Children's Worship time on Sunday that follows the children's message. Rather than a CE committee, we have the support of the whole congregation who are always willing to help in the classroom or for special activities. In the past year, CE has helped support the Preschool with their second Sundays by designing activities and lessons for the children who have attended. We have also helped by creating activities and supplying helping hands for preschoolers and other children when there were special programs during Lent and Advent.

**Finance Committee  
2024 Annual Report**

The mission of the Finance Committee is to be the reporting body that informs the Session and Congregation of the financial position of the church on a regular basis. In addition, the committee provides information to other church committees relative to expenditures throughout the year, and works with committee chairs on budgets for the upcoming year. The committee oversees the investment portfolio of the church and distributions from The Belle Johnston fund. During 2021, the Finance Committee consisted of Ron Blake (chair), Jim Hudson, Steve Nelson and Walker Owens.

**QHPC Consolidated Financial Results Year End 2024**

For the year ending December 31, 2024, the church finished the year with \$200,985 cash. Key financial facts include the following:

<u>REVENUE</u>		<u>EXPENSES</u>	
Giving	\$149,552	Church	\$261,233
*Other Revenue	\$51,202		
Preschool	\$450,143	Preschool	\$407,001
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$650,897</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$668,234</b>

\*Includes property use fees and investment income

Restricted funds distributed, outside the income statement, in 2024: **\$1,076**

We as a church decided not to seek a balanced budget in 2024, but to invest in maintaining our physical plant to acceptable standards as well as investing in strategic initiatives.

**Investments**

As of December 31, 2024, the church's investment accounts, consisting of Ameriprise Investments-Endowment Fund, PILP Fund Note, MetLife Investments, and Ameriprise Investments-General, totaled \$1,330,590.

**Information Systems**

The Committee is also charged with updating and maintaining our internal information systems.

**Audit**

No audit or internal controls review occurred in 2024.

**Committee Leadership for 2025**

Walker Owens agreed to serve as chair of the Finance Committee for 2025.

**Finance Committee  
2024 Annual Report**

**Summary of QHPC Financial Position and Trajectory**

As the Finance Committee has stated on prior occasions, the church is financially sound for 2024. Our trajectory, however, is not sustainable. This is driven by our dwindling membership that decreases our internal giving. Our church has a revenue problem, not an expense problem. In the committee's opinion, expense cuts, while possible, will further damage our ability to maintain or grow our membership. The session is aware of the situation and working toward strategic solutions to ensure the church remains viable.

## **Inreach Committee Annual Report 2024**

The mission of the Inreach Committee is to make God real by involving the congregation in the care of its family members. Our objectives are to show love, care and concern through our actions and prayers.

The Inreach Committee's primary responsibility is caring for the congregation. We do this by:

- Preparing and delivering meals to individuals and families in times of illness, death, the birth of a child, and when appropriate
- Sending cards to the sick, bereaved, and shut-ins
- Calling and/or visiting members of the congregation, especially in times of illness, hospitalization, or other times of need
- Calling and visiting the church's shut-ins to keep them involved in the congregation and let them know that we care

We also:

- Host receptions for various events, including after memorial services and funerals
- Provide Prayer Shawls for members of the congregation who are in need of comfort, warmth, and prayer under the leadership of Nancy Dearman and Phyllis Dempsey
- In 2024, in conjunction with Selwyn, we hosted a Maundy Thursday service and dinner. This was well-attended—Johnston Hall was filled. We received positive feedback from this event, and we plan to do it again in 2025.

The Inreach Committee consists of a small group of dedicated and caring members. It takes the support of all church members to make it successful. Our goal for the year of 2025 is to continue to care for our church family. **We welcome anyone who is interested in joining the Inreach Committee.** We thank each and every member of our congregation who have so willingly helped in so many ways over the past year. Much gratitude is felt for our entire church family.

## Quail Hollow Presbyterian Women Annual Report 2024

### January 2024

Happy New Year! This month came with some unusual weather challenges, and we were not able to hold our regular circle meetings. Because of this, we will study both lessons 4 and 5 of our Horizons bible study in February.

#### **Mission: Quail Hollow Middle School Band**

The band program was in need of chromatic tuners for the instruments and new sheet music. Our ever generous ladies donated \$330.00 to this cause.

### FEBRUARY 2024

Tuesday, February 13th, we met at 10am for the morning circle and 7pm for the evening circle. We studied chapters 4 and 5 of *Sacred Encounters*. Chapter 4 was how Mary and Martha encountered Jesus, and chapter 5 was how a person with leprosy encountered Jesus.

#### **Mission: Quail Hollow Music Program**

The Annual Valentine's Day card sales was held for the congregation during the first two Sundays of the month. These proceeds benefit the Quail Hollow Music Program. We were able to donate \$636.00.

### MARCH 2024

Tuesday, March 12th, we met at 10am for the morning circle and 7pm for the evening circle. We studied chapters 6 and 7 of *Sacred Encounters*. Chapter 6 was "A Person with Physical Disability Encounters Jesus" and chapter 7 was "An Ethiopian Eunuch Encounters the Good News of Jesus".

#### **Mission: Easter goodie bags for the Quail Hollow Preschool**

All 105 students received an Easter goodie bag containing the book "Red, Green, Yellow, too...Look what Jesus did for You!" We also gave the children bubbles and jelly beans.

### April 2024

The circles did not meet this month due to so many of our members having other commitments. Therefore, we will meet as an entire group in May to study the last two chapters of our bible study.

#### **Mission: South Meck. High School ourBRIDGE for Kids Club**

Our PW Mission for April focused on a student club at South Mecklenburg High School. They are involved with a larger mission in the Charlotte area called *ourBRIDGE for Kids*. We collected donations totaling \$520.00. The club created bags filled with hygiene products, school supplies, and other treats to be distributed to peers who have been privately identified as at risk and or in need at the school.

## Quail Hollow Presbyterian Women Annual Report 2024

### May 2024

Tuesday, May 13th, we met at 10am for the morning circle and 7pm for the evening circle. We studied chapters 6 and 7 of *Sacred Encounters*. The first was "A Person with Physical Disability Encounters Jesus" and the second "An Ethiopian Eunuch Encounters the Good News of Jesus".

### **Mission: Annual Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering**

During May, we take up a collection known as the Birthday Gift. This tradition began in 1922 as a way to recognize Presbyterian Women's heritage of mission giving. Mrs. Hallie Paxson Winsborough visited mission stations in Japan, and noticed inadequate facilities. Upon returning to the states, she challenged the women of the church to give one penny for each year of their life as a "birthday gift" to a girl's school she saw during her travels. Over the years, these offerings have enabled new and innovative mission projects to come to life both in the US and overseas. We donated \$115.00 to this national offering world through out-of-school programs and comprehensive, culturally-responsive wraparound support.

### JUNE, JULY, AUGUST 2024

We take these summer months to rest, reflect and prepare for the next year's study and missions.

### SEPTEMBER 2024

Tuesday, September 10th, we met at 10am for the morning circle and 7pm for the evening circle. This is the first official meeting of our new year together. We collect national dues, and payment for our study guide. We also hand out the new directories that outline the purpose and mission of the Presbyterian Women for the year. Because of all the financial details that need to be covered this month, we do not have an exterior mission.

Our book this year is

Fruitful Women of the Bible  
featuring biographies of Christian women  
who embody the Fruit of the Spirit  
by Sammie Simpson

We discussed chapter one titled "Love" The three main parts focus on;

1. Jochebed: Love that Freed Her People
2. Martha: Love that Showed Hospitality
3. Elizabeth Fry: Love that Served the Inmates

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**OCTOBER 2024**

This month we met at 10am and at 7pm on Tuesday October 8th in the Lambeth Parlor.

**Fruitful Women of the Bible**

by Cammie Simpson

We discussed chapter two titled "Joy" The three main parts focus on;

1. Elizabeth: Joy That Celebrated Life (found in the book of Luke)
2. Women at the Well: Joy That Offered New Beginnings (found in the book of John)
3. Fanny Crosby: Joy That Praised The Lord (A strong woman of the 21st century who uses her love for the Lord to find Joy in sad circumstances.)

**Mission: The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund**

We are all well aware of the devastation hurricane Helene caused to several states, but most importantly our friends, family and neighbors in the western portion of North Carolina.

The Quail Hollow Presbyterian Women donated \$1,010.00 to this fund.

**NOVEMBER 2024**

This month we will be meeting at 10am and at 7pm on Tuesday November 12th in the Lambeth Parlor.

**Fruitful Women of the Bible**

by Cammie Simpson

We discussed chapter three titled "Peace" The three main parts focus on;

1. **Deborah: Peace that created space** (found in the book of Judges)
2. **Mary of Bethany: Peace that brought vulnerability** (found in the book of Luke)
3. **Elizabeth Elliot: Peace that extended forgiveness** (A strong woman of the 21st century who uses her love for the Lord to find peace in sad circumstances.)

**Mission: Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering**

Each member's offering represents a self-sacrificing expression of "thankfulness to her Lord" for the many blessings in her life. Since 1888, countless projects and medical/health missions have been funded by the offering. It meets crucial needs of people across the globe, and must represent a new effort or a new thrust of an existing program.

**Current Thank Offering Recipients:**

SYNOD OF LAKES AND PRAIRIES

SYNOD OF MID-ATLANTIC

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SYNOD OF SOUTH ATLANTIC

SYNOD OF THE TRINITY HAITI AND SYNOD OF MID-AMERICA

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO (DRC)

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

The Quail Hollow Presbyterian Women donated \$363.00 to this fund.

**December 2024**

In December, we do not meet as a Circle. Instead, we focus our time, talent and energy on the annual **Women's Christmas Gathering**. It takes place the first Saturday in December at 2pm.

Ladies are invited to bring new or gently used holiday/home decor, crafts and baked goods to sell at our silent auction. Jan Federal, who is in charge of this event has added in a raffle which has become wildly popular and lucrative! Janet Stephens and her kitchen elves work tirelessly to provide a lovely assortment of cookies, sandwiches and snacks for all to enjoy.

This event raises money for a different mission each year. This year we chose **The Charlotte Bilingual Preschool**. Charlotte Bilingual uses a whole family approach to learning and integrating into the community. We raised \$1,143.00 for the school.

In Faith,  
Martha Rand



**Men's Group  
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QHPC Men's Group seeks to engage us as brothers in faith and as servants for both our church and community. We meet monthly on Thursday evenings sharing meals, fellowship, and camaraderie. We have prepared and hosted a Sunday morning breakfast this year and in 2024. We appreciate opportunities to be the "working hands" whenever called, and some of our members constructed the chancel risers last year. Historically this group has been involved in outreach such as Habitat for Humanity.

## **QHPC - Worship and Music 2024 Annual Report**

### **Committee Members:**

Jim Hudson (chair)	Dareion Malone (Director of Music)	Nancy Dearman (Elder)
Fay Miller	Steve Nelson	
Sandy Stowe	Carmen Walker	

The Worship & Music Committee works to support and enhance worship logistically, visually, and musically through collaboration with Session, the director of music, Bell Choir, and the pastor. Music and the visual appearance of the sanctuary provide an emotional bridge reinforcing and tying together the liturgy of worship. Committee meetings in 2024 ended up periodic rather than the usual monthly schedule. We plan to return to bi-monthly meetings in 2025. During meetings, we review previous services, logistics for services, worship assistant schedules, flowers, and planning worship for upcoming services and seasons of worship such as monthly communion, Advent, Advent Cantata, Christmas Eve service, Ash Wednesday, Lenten Cantata, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Easter.

### **The Pulpit**

The Worship and Music committee makes sure our pulpit is filled when the regular pastor is not available. Through a budding relationship with Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church (SAPC), we contracted with them to provide pastoral duties three weeks per month. Hillary Cheek filled in for several months before leaving. Allyson Anderson then took on the remainder of the year while she completed seminary. Since the end of 2024, our congregations voted to merge, and Allyson was ordained. Allyson continues leading Quail Hollow three weeks per month as well as weekly time in the church office supporting our congregation. Many guest ministers have preached and worshiped with us the remaining Sunday's. Betsy Williamson is a dear friend of Quail Hollow and helped many months leading communion as well as memorial services. Several other ministers and seminary students helped fill the pulpit bringing to us a mix of personality and life experiences in their message.

### **The Sanctuary and Worship Schedule**

We made a few changes this year in the sanctuary. The chancel choir moved from the back corner to the chancel. This move helped bring the choir "into the service" and be more engaged with the congregation. By moving the chancel choir, the old space was then available for the bell choir to have permanent table setup for rehearsal and performance.

What do you do when the power goes out at 9am Sunday morning? In September, we tackled this issue by moving the service into Johnston Hall where the morning sun provided just enough light to make it work. That service, in the small space, with everyone sitting close together,

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turned out to be fantastic. We are now continuing that feel, in Johnston Hall, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday each month.

Erin Gillis brought 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday to life incorporating a focus on preschool and families. This focus extends to the music and the message. Be sure to welcome these families.

For communion, on the first Sunday each month, we moved the table down and encourage everyone to sit closer to the communion table. The lighting is focused on the table. Overall, we want communion to be deeply personal as we reflect on Jesus' sacrifice and promise.

Through the seasons of the church calendar the Worship and Music committee adds decoration to the Sanctuary and Narthex. We are grateful to everyone who has helped with flowers and other decorations to make Quail Hollow visually warm and welcoming for all.

### **Music**

Dareion Malone continues to lead music at Quail Hollow into deeper expression and engagement with the congregation using a wide variety of music. Through recent years of uncertainty and change, Dareion's leadership has helped bring continuity and consistency to worship. We also engaged our in-house instrumentalists more than in past years, enriching our worship experiences and adding depth and variety to our musical offerings.

The Quail Hollow Bell Choir leadership changed in 2024. After Eon Malan left in August 2024, Fred Spano, from SAPC, took over and combined the two bell choirs. The combined choirs rehearse weekly at QHPC and perform at both churches.

The QHPC and SAPC Chancel Choirs combined to provide special music for Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Advent, and Christmas Eve. Maundy Thursday and Advent featured masterworks, which included community musicians and soloists from the choirs.

We are currently without a permanent Pianist/Organist. Since Eon Malan left, Dareion leads from the piano about half the time. Guest musicians help as needed for the other services. This is not an ideal situation, but it saves some expense while we continue down the path of discernment and merger with SAPC.

We currently have three regular Don Rogers Scholars in the choir and occasional guest musicians to help provide additional depth to the choir and other music for solos, ensembles, and special occasions. We are very fortunate to have a unique set of scholars versed in traditional and contemporary music, enhancing our ability to authentically offer a diverse repertoire of music. They also provide an intergenerational presence to our music program and church community. We thank everyone who donated to the Don Rogers fund and encourage all to consider donating in the future to continue this program.

**Presbytery Statistical Report  
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## 2024 Church Statistical Report

<b>Church</b>	Quail Hollow	PIN	21281
<b>Presbytery</b>	Charlotte		
<b>Address</b>	8801 Park Rd, Charlotte, NC 28210-7605		
<b>Phone</b>	704-554-5714	<b>Fax</b>	704-554-0054
<b>Email</b>	<a href="mailto:church@qhpc.org">church@qhpc.org</a>		
<b>Web Site</b>	<a href="http://www.qhpc.org">www.qhpc.org</a>		



### Membership

Prior Active Members	105	Adjusted membership	105
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### Gains

Certificate	0
Youth Professions	0
Professions & Reaffirmations	0
<b>Total Gains</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Ending Active Members</b>	<b>99</b>

### Losses

Certificate	1
Deaths	2
Deleted for any Other Reason	3
<b>Total Losses</b>	<b>6</b>

### Baptisms

Presented by Others	0
At Confirmation	0
All Other	0

Average Weekly Worship Attendance	64
Friends of the Congregation	20
Ruling Elders on Session	9
Do you have Deacons?	No

### Age Distribution of Active Members

17 & Under	1
18 - 25	1
26 - 40	2
41 - 55	16
56 - 70	42
Over 70	37
<b>Total Age Distribution</b>	<b>99</b>

### People with Disabilities

Hearing impairment	8
Sight impairment	6
Mobility impairment	0
Other impairment	8

### Gender Distribution

Women	60
Men	39
Non-Binary	0

### Youth in Congregation

Age 4 and under	Middle School (6th – 8th grade)	
Elementary School (K-5th grade)	High School (9th – 12th grade)	1
	<b>Total Youth</b>	<b>1</b>

### Racial Ethnic

Asian/Pacific Islander/South Asian	2	Native American/Alaska Native/Indigenous	0
Black/African American/African	1	White	95
Middle Eastern/North African	0	Multiracial	1
Hispanic/Latino-a	0	<b>Total Racial Ethnic</b>	<b>99</b>

<b>Budgeted Income</b>	<b>584,000</b>
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<b>Budgeted Expense</b>	<b>660,522</b>
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### Receipts

Regular Contributions	194,269	Bequests	0
Capital Building Fund	0	Other Income	465,346
Investment Income	15,400	Subsidy or Aid	0

### Expenditures

Local Program	654,297	Investment Expenditures	17,473
Local Mission	2,348	Per Capita Apprt	3,000
Capital Expenditures	23,114	Other Mission	500