

History and Heritage of Moorings Presbyterian Church

In the 1960's,

Major Milestone:

Naples was a small, friendly, well-planned community that had been infused with both national interest and insurance monies following the devastation of Hurricane Donna in September 1960. During this time, the "Home Mission"-Church Extension Committee of the Everglades Presbytery in Miami decided to establish a church in rapidly growing Collier County. A member of the committee, Earl Mitzell, contacted Milton Link, developer of "The Moorings", who suggested a four- and one-half acre lot on Harbour Drive. Plans were drawn and our church was organized on November 3, 1966, as a member of the "southern" Church, The Presbyterian Church in the United States.

Moorings Presbyterian's first service on November 14, 1965 and was attended by 8 people-5 of them family members of our first minister, Reverend David Moss. Services were held at Naples High School until the sanctuary, which started out as a chapel and seated 350, was completed. (The 'chapel' served as the sanctuary for forty-one years) The first service was held June 12, 1966 and dedicated on November 27th. Behind the Chapel sanctuary, there were two large rooms and a kitchenette on the first floor: a large Sunday School room (which could be divided into two classrooms), two choir rooms and a nursery on the second floor. The church was incorporated on March 20, 1968.

In 1969, there was a dedication service for the Carillon donated in memory of Katherine and Harold G. Lowe.

Pastor(s)

The Reverend David C. Moss started in 1964, organizing and developing plans for the church. He served until 1975.

Membership size:

Birth of a ministry/program:

The first 6 Deacons were ordained in February 1967, with two added in September. Eight deacons and eight elders met jointly. Deacon responsibilities include Blood bank, transportation to church, Lifeline screening, memorials/receptions, hospital visitation, Communion preparation (and home visits), Greeters, Grief booklets, Care-Pals, Birthday cards to those over 90 years old, Christmas & Easter flowers to shut-ins, and Prayer Chain. The first adult baptism was Mrs. Mildred Pugh Wenzel on October 6. Women of the Church was organized and was later renamed Presbyterian Women. The purpose of this group is to nurture faith through prayer and Bible study, to support the mission of the church worldwide, to work for peace and justice, and to build a caring community of women. Martha Circle was organized in 1967, and another Circle added in 1971; there were four in 1976; and eight in 2008. The eight circles are Elizabeth, Ester, Lydia, Martha, Naomi, Rachel, Rebecca, and Sarah, and meet at different days and times for accommodation. Each circle supports a different mission and together have sewing groups for missions, Prayer Shawls (this is now under Deacons), Prayer Chain, and the circles meet six times per year for a luncheon and speaker.

The Christian Education Committees were formed and held monthly meetings with the Pastor.

The first trustees of Moorings were elected July 2, 1968. They were Alfred C. West, Charles A. Price, Harry Stanford, Jesse Holbrook, and Linnie H Jarvis.

The first female deacon of Moorings was Margaret Peffert, who was elected on March 30, 1969.

Crisis or challenge:

Construction cost of the original church was \$135K with an additional \$14K loan for furnishings. Moorings assumed the full responsibility for the \$70K mortgage in June 1969.

Mission Trip or partnership worth noting:

Mission Committee collected enough S&H and Sunshine Stamps to buy twenty-four baby cribs and mattresses for needy families. Cradle Roll Sponsors provided visits, gifts, and letters to parents of newborns through two-years-old. The Sponsors furnished information regarding Baptism and the Moorings nursery facilities and included letters about child development related to Christian development.

Music Ministry:

Jerome Edwards, long time Naples High School Band Director, was both church member and initial Choir Director. Also, Florence West was the first Organist. Both were assisted by a talented high school student, Anita Boqvist. Their work continued into the 70s.

In the 1970's,

Major Milestone:

In 1971, there was a wing added on the west side of the chapel, which provided an additional 120 seats. Once the chapel was done, it became apparent that space was needed for family dinners, women's gatherings, and other kinds of Christian social meetings. Ground was broken on June 16, 1971, for a fellowship hall and kitchen and was dedicated March 5, 1972. 1971-Women of the Church purchased a 100-piece set of China to be used for potluck fellowship dinners. Landscaping outside the enlarged chapel was designed by member Wayne Hook as a Biblical Garden and included plants and trees symbolic of the Holy Land. This was completed in 1973.

The Library's inception was in 1971, provided and furnished as a memorial to a family member by the Smale and Morrison families. (It became known as the Memorial Library in 1979)

In November 1975, Fellowship Hall became David C Moss Hall as it was dedicated to our beloved Pastor who died in January of 1975.

22 charter members attended Mooring's tenth anniversary celebration in 1976.

Ground was broken for the new Christian Education Building on July 31, 1977, with dedication and occupancy on April 17, 1978. During this time, services were held in Moss Hall. In 1978, the growth in membership and worship attendance necessitated another addition-a wing with seating for another 120 on the east side of the chapel. Additional space was also needed for family dinners, women's gatherings and other kinds of Christian social meetings and kitchen space.

The Sanctuary was open from 9am-5pm weekdays. The "Dial-A-Thought-And-Prayer telephone service began operation. Session dissolved C.O.P.E. (Caring for People Effectively) and brought their work under Board of Deacons with the new heading T.L.C. Moorings weekday preschool opened for three- and four-year-old children.

Pastor(s)

The Reverend David C. Moss-Pastor-Head of Staff 1964-1975

The Reverend Dr. Roy B Connor, Jr- Stated Supply Pastor 1975

The Reverend Dr. Charles S. Webster-Pastor 1975-1986

The Reverend Dr. J. Stephen Sapp-Pastor 1977-1981

The Reverend Dr. Richard A. Tatum-Associate Pastor 1977-1981

Membership size:

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Birth of a ministry/program:

Moorings gave \$2,000 and teaching help to a new church-Golden Gate Presbyterian Church in 1970.

The Endowment Fund created. Men's Bible Class started and met on Sunday mornings from 7-8:15 for Continental breakfast, Bible study and fellowship. Contributions given were donated to charitable causes. Women's Bible Study group flourished, and from it came the Wednesday night Bible Study.

In 1973, Moorings sponsored a satellite church: Lely Estates donated three acres of land, there were nine organizing members for Lely Chapel. Moorings employed the Reverend Richard G. Smith to lead the Lely congregation. (Lely assumed its own full support in 1975)

In March of 1974, the first monthly newsletter, The Mooring Line, was published by the Reverend Mr. Stuck; the Moorings Trust Fund was established. This fund was the recipient of stocks, bonds, life insurance or other property for the lifetime of donors or for testamentary bequests. Over time, it became known as Endowment, and in 1988, was

renamed Endowment and Investment. Its purpose is to provide for the ongoing support of the life, work, and programs of the church. No operating funds are in the Endowment Fund.

In 1975, Moorings held first Vacation Bible School with 82 children in attendance. The Church School named a "Father of the Month" to take responsibility for becoming acquainted and to provide whatever help was needed for Church School.

In 1976, a committee was named to study the feasibility of a retirement residence, the original committee was replaced by the nonprofit "The Moorings, Inc". Family Ministries Committee was formed. Also that year, a Blood bank for the church was developed with Naples Community Hospital. Later came Lifeline Screening, which is still an active program. Moorings Men's Fellowship was organized in 1977. The men of the church and their invited guests met for a noon lunch on the third Wednesday of each month from October to May in Moss Hall. Programs consisted of a variety of guest speakers pertinent to topics of group interest. Contributions accepted at the events were donated to worthy causes. On December 3rd, 1978, the worship service was first broadcasted to Moss Hall via closed circuit television. The weekday preschool opened for three-and four-year-olds.

Reverend Dr. Sapp taught the first teacher-training class of the Bethel Bible Study classes in 1978-1979, and then the second teacher-training class in 1979-80. Kris Doyle taught the first year of the second class in 1980-81 and finished it in 1981-82. The first class started out with 18 or so trainees and ended up with 15-16. It is reported that the second class recorded the same results. Approximately 300 congregational members attended the Bethel Bible classes through 1984. Television broadcasts of our worship services made to the community started in 1979. During this time, the Deacons began their Tea Party for Seniors and their Luncheon for over 90's. Elegant serve ware, crustless sandwiches, delicate desserts-these vibrant celebratory events for our elders were enjoyed by all who participated-young and old!

Crisis or challenge:

During February and March of 1976, it was common to turn people away from worship service due to lack of space. In 1978, balance on our mortgage was \$61,601.78; the interest rate was 7.25%. Moorings was involved in a jury trial because of differences with an architect. Moorings gave the money awarded by the jury to Lely Presbyterian Church, which was above our commitment to them.

Mission Trip or partnership worth noting:

1976-on March 7th, "Moments for Mission" was first presented by lay persons

1978-Boy Scouts Troup 2 was started by MPC member Don Craig and averages about 35 members. This program has produced sixty Eagle Scouts, the first of which was earned in 1980. Since inception, this program was expanded to include a Cub Scout Pack and an Explorer Post and MPC support provides an outreach into the community, as a large percent of Scouts are not members of our church. Eagle Scout projects have given our church lasting gifts. One provided a playground for the preschool. On April 1, 1978, MPC is one of four local churches to incorporate the Collier County affiliate of Habitat for Humanity.

In 1979, twenty adults and youth went on a work mission to Mexico. Ongoing mission projects include food collection and delivery, Meals of Hope, St. Matthew's House graduations, volunteers at New Horizon's and Helps Outreach, Walk for Water, and Grace Place Backpack program.

Music Ministry:

The new Rogers console organ was dedicated on Maundy Thursday 1972

Late in the 70s, MPC opted for its first full time church musician, Fred Ziegler. Under his leadership, handbells were initiated along with children's and youth music.

In the 1980's,

Major Milestones:

In 1980, a memorial church parlor was created principally for weddings and funerals. Audiovisual production space and public address system were enlarged and improved. To add to the excitement, a lovely chapel was built with funds donated by Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hayes. The chapel was designed for smaller, more personal services. It became quite

useful each Sunday morning as overflow seating was commonly needed in that period. The chapel was dedicated to the Reverend Dr. Charles S. Webster, who served as pastor from 1975-1986. The dedication was held October 12, 1980. An anonymous donor gave \$30,000 to pay off mortgage in 1981.

The Community Involvement Committee arranged for Emergency Relief and church vans to park by the church door to collect food for Immokalee.

the Board of Trustees reported "no indebtedness". The chancel was completed and dedicated on November 20, 1983. Also, that year, the Chancel was remodeled. New flooring and a portable stage were installed in Moss Hall in 1985.

A spacious and utilitarian kitchen was donated by members Frances Pew and Norman Hayes.

The Memorial Garden/Columbarium committee was formed in 1988. Plans were submitted to Session and approved. The official dedication was on January 3, 1999. There are 269 spaces in the Garden.

1987-sound system installed in Sanctuary. During the winter, a 14-week series of TV broadcasts was transmitted over Palmer Cablevision Channel 10. Each program consisted of a one-minute opening, sermon of approximately 26 minutes, and a two-minute closing. This program continued through 1989?

1989-weekday preschool enrollment is at 89 and has a substantial waiting list. Youth Fellowship Group attendance averaged 28. They did a ski trip to West Virginia, a work-camp trip to Mexico, Youth Sunday, retreat to the Keys, and numerous trips to the East coast for seminars, skating, and Miami football games, in addition to weekly meetings exploring our faith in Jesus Christ. Fiscal year end showed gain of \$59,849.

Pastors:

The Reverend Dr. Charles S. Webster-Pastor 1975-1986

The Reverend Dr. J. Stephen Sapp-Associate Pastor 1977-1981

The Reverend Dr. Richard A. Tatum-Associate Pastor 1977-1981

The Reverend Robert G. Hess-Associate Pastor-1981-1985

The Reverend Dr. Robert J. Laughlin-Visitation Pastor 1981-1982

The Reverend Philip H. Eickling-Visitation/Counseling Minister-1982

The Reverend Harvey H. Walters-Visitation/Counseling Minister-1982

The Reverend George C. Douma-Interim Pastor-1986-1988

The Reverend Dr. Robert E. Palmer-Pastor 1987-1991

The Reverend James R. Hervey-Associate Pastor Member Care-1988-2001

The Reverend Dr. James J. Kirk-Assoc Pastor Christian Educ-1988-2003 Assoc Pastor Member Care 2003-2011

Membership size:

1988-1719

Birth of a ministry/program:

1980-COPE (Caring for Our People Effectively) was formed as volunteers for members' care. In 1989, this group was brought under the Board of Deacons with the heading TLC. This move brought extensive work to update records. Also, that year, an "Acute Need (hospital) Life Transition program was begun.

Thanksgiving in the Park, Thanksgiving dinner served to the migrants in Immokalee at the Guadalupe Center, was started. This ministry grew from a chance meeting of Rebecca Circle members Kathy Shannon and Kris Doyle, and Sister Jane of the Guadalupe Center. Kris and Kathy were delivering clothing donations from the Circle when they met Sister Jane. Guadalupe had been gifted several gallon cans of unground wheat, and Sister Jane asked Kathy and Kris if they might know how to make use of it. The ladies pooled their money, bought a grinder, ground wheat, and turned the Rebecca Circle meetings into bread baking, sorting donated clothing, and babysitting member's children while these tasks were accomplished, and deliveries made to Immokalee. After a time, Sister Jane suggested that a Thanksgiving Dinner for the migrants would be a nice thing to do. Beginning in 1982 and continuing to this day, Kathy and Jim Shannon have led the charge to make a difference in people's lives. Most of the cooking is done in our Moss Hall kitchen, where volunteers and food are abundant, and food is then transported to the Guadalupe Center. Many of our younger members have said that they loved growing up sharing Thanksgiving with Immokalee families, and the memories will be with them always.

The Reader's Rendezvous was started and met monthly till 2007. "Mothers Afternoon Out" program added. Children would bring lunch and stay after school until 3:45 pm. Language, numbers, nature, and creative activities enrich the

children's program while allowing mothers some personal time. Acolytes began regularly serving in worship. An Alter Guild, later renamed Chancel Guild, assumed responsibility for furnishings used in the worship service.

Moorings sponsored a Marriage Enrichment Program at Port of the Isles.

Session conducted its first away-from-the-church retreat to Useppa Island. Session moved to separate the Evangelism and Fellowship committees, to strengthen each independently. Session also committed to two home-bound Communion Ministries each year.

Sanctuary Stitches was initiated—they completed banners, over 200 beaded chrismons, skirt for the Christmas tree, ushers' badges, bookmarks for confirmands and cross stitch Bible verses for recently bereaved families. Christian Education Committee is divided into seven councils, each of which has the responsibility for planning, implementing, and evaluating the education programs for different segments of the church. The present councils are Nursery, Children, Youth, Weekday Pre-School, and Library. There are plans for Adult and Family/Intergenerational activities. The Wednesday Connection provides an after-school program for the elementary children, presented jointly with the worship and music committee. Designed primarily to provide a choir opportunity under the direction of Richard and Martha Crofts, the program also offers recreation, arts and crafts, story or study time, and some Bible study. Wednesdays offer family fellowship, with Wednesday Connection, Choir Practice, Bible Study, and Fellowship dinners. Milestone Ministry was started by Martha Crofts to celebrate the children's advancement scholastic advancement through the Sunday School years. From age-appropriate Bibles to handheld gifts, these treasures hold lasting memories in the scholar's hearts. Other Children's Ministry programs were Daddy-Daughter Dance, Campfire get together, Everybody's birthday party (great fellowship opportunity—guests sat with those that share the same birth month), Hoe Down, Relay for Life (fundraiser for Cancer), Advent PJ party, Spring Fling (community event), and Mother's Day Play. Chef Evie gave cooking classes that members (and friends) could pay to learn (and eat)

Crisis or challenge:

The construction cost was \$260,053 and was fully funded. Gifts from the Anderson and Hayes families enhanced the Moorings properties considerably and encouraged the growth of the Moorings.

Mission Trip or partnership worth noting:

In 1985, Moorings sent funds to Collier County Concerned Citizens for the Christmas dinner where over 2000 people were fed. In 1988, the Missions Committee was formed as a separate standing committee of Session. Previously, Mission's responsibilities were assigned to the Stewardship Committee. The scope of the committee's activities covers both local and world missions and includes food collection, Meals of Hope, St. Matthew's House Graduation, volunteers at New Horizon's and Helps Outreach, Walk for Water, and Grace Place Backpacks.

Music Ministry:

As the Moorings Presbyterian Church grew in membership and attendance, increasing attention was brought to the role of music in worship. An important addition to the program was the construction of another building. The Carl B. Anderson, Sr. family donated funds for the construction of the Anderson Music Center which was dedicated on May 18, 1980. At the same time the new Music Center was being built, there was renovation in the Sanctuary—a new parlor, new narthex and expanded audiovisual space.

Richard Crofts became Minister of Music in October 1982. With volunteer leadership from Martha Crofts, the graded choir program was strengthened at Wednesday Connection and in Youth Groups. Handbell ensembles grew to include Grades 4 & 5, middle school, high school, and two adult groups—Moorings Ringers and Morning Bells. Youth musicians are active in handbell and youth band. The choirs are in mission and evangelism to the extent that they have become inroads to those who seek Christian fellowship and nurture. There are children and adults involved in music who do not have membership ties to Moorings, although, like others in the past, may be on their way toward choosing Moorings for their official church home. There was 25% growth in the children's choir, which includes Cherub Choir, Choralier Choir, and Genesis Handbell Choir. Moorings member, Thomas Silvester, left a memorial fund at his passing to purchase blue and white robes for the children's choir.

The Hyacinth Series of concerts was initiated when Dr. Webster recruited a founding gift of \$25,000 from Carl Anderson. To accommodate concerts, a chancel remodel was dedicated on November 20, 1983. Mrs. Gwendolyn Morrison gifted a

Yamaha Conservatory Grand piano in memory of her husband, Floyd. The fund was administered by the Moorings Foundation Committee. The interest from this fund is to be used only for expenses associated with the Hyacinth Series programs, subject to approval by the Worship and Music Committee.

1984-Moorings Chancel Choir sang at the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

Wireless hearing aids were purchased for use in the Sanctuary.

In the 1990's,

Major Milestone:

On December 31, 1990, Moorings became a member of the Peace River Presbytery.

In 1995, a Planning Committee report to Session was made available for congregational approval. The report included the recommendation to relocate the Music Center onto space next to the Sanctuary and to provide additional storage.

Planning Committees worked from 1995 through 2000 to address building needs for the Moorings campus. In 1995, recommendations were made to renovate Moss Hall to provide administrative, office, and storage space. In 1997 a plan was proposed to add a second floor to Moss Hall to accommodate meeting rooms and offices. Further study found that a second floor was not structurally feasible.

In January 1996, the congregation approved the Master Plan Committee report which included a sanctuary with good acoustics, a large chancel and seating for 800. In 1998, there was a Master Plan Update report. A Planned Giving Committee was named. Naples Planning Commission and the Naples City Council approved the plan and allowed a ten-year window for construction.

The Memorial Garden was dedicated on January 3, 1999.

Pastor(s)

The Reverend Dr. Robert E. Palmer-Pastor 1987-1991

The Reverend James R. Hervey-Associate Pastor Member Care-1988-2001

The Reverend Dr. James J. Kirk-Assoc Pastor Christian Educ-1988-2003 Assoc Pastor Member Care 2003-2011

The Reverend Zachary T. Piepoff, Jr. Stated Supply Pastor 1991-1992

The Reverend Dr. David Brown Stated Supply Pastor 1993

The Reverend Bruce G. Ingles Pastor 1993-2003

The Reverend Richard D. Ringenwald Counseling Ministry 1997-2007 Temp Supply/Head of Staff 2004

Membership size:

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Birth of a ministry/program:

This period started with the first organizational year of the Board of Deacons. The first area of reorganization was to re-establish COPE under the jurisdiction of the Board of Deacons with the new heading of T.L.C. They planned and executed the Board of Deacons Christmas Dinner and Sing -a-long. The Transportation Committee was established for members requiring transportation to church services and/or other programs of the church. Also, "Sanctuary Stitchers" committee was moved to Board of Deacons. "Operation Love" was formed, with volunteers visiting shut-ins, providing meals or transportation as needed, did "intensive caring" and respite care for church members. Deacons initiated their "cookie ministry", delivering home-baked cookies to first-time visitors of MPC.

The Fellowship Committee proposed 15 different activities to get to know members and learn more about them. Session created the position of Coordinator of Family Ministries, and Martha Crofts was called to this position, which led to an explosion of ministering to and with families. Community activities, such as Fall Festival and Spring Fling, were heavily advertised and reaped a unique blend of monumental exposure and Christian outreach. Such activities as Segways, climbing wall, petting zoo, entertainment by Cahlua and Cream (our own Leslie and Don Hale) crafts, and hot dogs and burgers, completed the circle of one stop entertainment for the family.

Stevens Ministry was started by Reverend Jim Hervey, and 15 people responded to nomination and rigorous preparation for this ministry and were commissioned in 1996.

In 1998 first blood drive held. Donated blood is credited to MPC for use by the members. The weekday preschool opened a second class for two-year olds. Family Ministries Committee members supported nighttime church membership functions with kitchen and nursery support and lay speakers. Members participated in American Cancer Society's Relay for Life fundraiser, raising almost \$43,000.

Crisis or challenge:

In 1994, the proposed new sanctuary plans put on hold due to pressing maintenance needs-aging air conditioning units. Roof leaks, painting, and parking lot improvements. Annual reports and Session minutes found building concerns under several committees: Building Committee, Building Council, New Building Council, Long Range Planning Committee, Master Plan Committee, Moorings 2000 Committee, Planning Committee, and Growing to Serve. In addition, other obstacles were retirement of pastors, the search for new pastors, differences among members, concerns about indebtedness, confusion about monies already pledged, some reluctance to change, contributed to the delays in constructing a new sanctuary.

1995-Session employed Mary Beth Schultheis to survey families to determine what the needs were to encourage and strengthen the spiritual growth of families.

Mission Trip or partnership worth noting:

1992-Moorings member, Marian Adair, introduced Mary Lou Nadeau to Marta Gabre-Tsaducj, Executive Director of Project Mercy, a mission in Yetebon, Ethiopia. Marta shared stories of conditions in Central Ethiopia with our members-famine, lack of infrastructure, the need for a primary school and critical health concerns. The Joy Bible Class, Presbyterian Women, and a group of more than thirty sewers and knitters have actively continued support of Project Mercy. Their enthusiasm and love filled many boxes with handmade dresses, boys' pants and shirts, baby layettes, dresses for women, and school bags filled with supplies. Our Mission Committee and numerous others contributed significantly to this Ethiopian mission.

1995- Identified that church had tremendous need for a more intentional ministry to serve our teenagers. A task force was created to hire a part-time assistant for Family Ministry and Martha Crofts. A group of 36 supportive donors contributed the equivalent of six month's salary, and the church hired a Youth Director and Assistant for Family Ministry. By fall, the youth group grew from 35 to 75 middle and high school students, and Wednesday Connection grew from 65 to 90 students.

The Rev. Bruce Ingles and MPC members Reg Buxton, Speed McClay, and Bob Thorne traveled to Guatemala in May 1999. The purpose was to visit and deliver over \$8,000 in medications to support a medical clinic for the poor staffed by Dr. Sanchez and others, and to provide spiritual and physical needs to Guatemalan people after the devastating effects of Hurricane Mitch. While on this trip, the team learned of the death of Jim Smith, chairman of the Missions Committee. Reflecting on the destruction they found there, the group decided to propose that MPC underwrite the building of a school as a memorial to Jim Smith, as over 600 children were being schooled in two shifts in a dirt-floor, open-sided, tin roofed school. Memorial gifts raised paid for the initial construction. Later, the Missions Component of Growing to Serve provided additional construction money. Jim Smith School in Balcone de Pain, Guatemala, opened in June, 2001. Eight MPC members, plus Jim Smith's daughter, attended the January 2002 dedication.

Music Ministry:

In 1990, the Chancel Choir sang the Messiah at the Philharmonic along with the First Presbyterian choir. The youth bell choirs, along with several adult ringers comprised the largest ever Moorings representation at the National Handbell Festival held in Nashville. The ringers served as worship choir on one occasion.

In early 1996, a Music Center Committee was charged with developing plans for estimates and fund-raising plan for congregational review. The plan was presented to the congregation in March 1996. The estimated cost was \$650,000-\$200,000 was to come from Session's church building fund and \$450,000 was to come from pledges and donations. Within eight weeks, the pledge goal was surpassed! Construction began in June 1996, completed February 1997. At the

same time, an elevator was installed to serve the upper floors of the Music Center and the Christian Education Building. Once again, this brought the need to renovate the Biblical Garden.

In 1998, The Reverend Bruce Ingles identified several forward-looking goals with far reaching outcomes. He encouraged the idea of an annual Sunday morning choir masterwork with orchestra—ongoing since 1998. Additionally, his dreams of a sanctuary with pipe organ and significant stained-glass windows brought forth donors.

Children's and Youth Choir continued, as well as three levels of Kindermusik, which even the youngest of infants can participate in with their parents.

In the 2000's

Major milestones:

Funds for the Baker Family Life Center were donated in memory of Shirley A. Baker by her husband, General David H Baker and the project was completed July 22, 2001. Features of this building include multipurpose room which accommodates assemblies, meetings, receptions, dinners, and various recreational activities including volleyball, basketball, and exercise classes for older adults-crib room and full nursery-restroom facilities with shower-pantry and kitchenette-viewing balcony-large storage closets-room for studies and crafts-an administrative office. The building has the potential for serving the community as well as Moorings members. There is also a generator that meets emergency electrical needs of Baker Center, Moss Hall, our kitchen, computer and telephone systems and emergency lighting in the sanctuary.

The Growing to Serve Committee was successful in scheduling construction of a new Moss Hall to begin Spring 2001, and the new fellowship hall was completed in 2002. The facility included a kitchen and flexible space for a variety of fellowship events on the first floor; offices, workrooms, classrooms, and storage on the second floor. The new Moss Hall surpassed expectations and was increasingly in demand as a beautiful setting for wedding receptions, meetings, and numerous social gatherings by others in the community. Some of the community groups that use this facility are Genealogy Group, Toastmasters, Naples Council World Affairs, Italian Cultural Society, Naples Orchid Society, Kindermusik, League Club, Gulfcoast Sailing Club, Chorale Artistry, Moorings Property Owners, PEO, Bipolar Support Group, Chair Yoga, Boy Scouts, Basketball (firemen/police), Yacht Harbor, David Lawrence Center, ESU (English Speaking Union), World Vision, Election Board, Wedding Receptions, Quinceaneras

In 2004, The Timothy Botts art piece, "We Welcome You as We Would Welcome Christ Himself" was hung in Moss Hall.

Reverend Cary's leadership brought a sense of stability and optimism. There was now a consensus to address the pressing need of a new Sanctuary and the completion of the campus. New leaders and volunteers stepped forward to tackle the final stages of the project. A 1MM pledge, contingent on raising the balance necessary, was received to "jump start" this effort.

Ground was broken for the new Sanctuary June 25, 2006, and construction took 15 months. On December 21, 2006, Reverend Cary dedicated the hundreds of prayers received from church members. The written prayers were buried beneath the chancel area of the foundation for the new sanctuary. In 2006, there was a revision of the church bylaws to allow for a one-year youth elder position. Session resolved the insurance claim for damages resulting from Hurricane Wilma with our insurance carrier.

In October of 2007, the Music Center was rededicated, becoming the Crofts Music Center

The first service in the new chapel was on December 16, 2007, with a seating capacity of 680. Dedication was held on Sunday, February 3, 2008. In late Spring, Communion was offered by intinction at the early service. December 16th this was the first worship service in the new sanctuary, which included the presentation of symbols-The Cross, The Bible, The Water for Baptism, and The Chalice and Paten. The new sanctuary dedication service was Sunday, February 3, 2008.

Habitat for Humanity dedication was held on November 14, 2008-Moorings being one of three sponsoring churches.

Hand sewn paraments and seat covers were formally dedicated on November 22, 2008.

In 2008, there are now twenty-four Deacons, each serving a three-year term. Also in that year, 3 "Stevens Ministers" were commissioned.

2009-Preschool served 104 students that year (100% capacity).

Added advertising to the Moorings Line to bring in around \$10K annual income. This helped with the budget shortfalls discovered in March. Fixed expenses for facilities were more than \$500K-or 45%+/- of our pledged income and will continue to raise as utility prices increase and repair/replacement costs go up. Due to excellent expense control, contribution campaign, and fundraising/special events committee, members raised over \$57,384. Session approved ending Student Loans in lieu of creating a scholarship fund. The amount awarded will be dependent upon the interest accrued on the Aid to Education Fund throughout the year. Golden Agers Brunch held its first dinner meeting. Moorings established an alternative Giving Program, providing an opportunity for members to give to a specific mission need in the name of a friend or family member.

Pastors:

2004-2010- Reverend Dr. Charles M. Cary, Head of Staff

1988-2001-The Reverend James R. Hervey-Associate Pastor Member Care

2003-2012-The Reverend Dr. James J. Kirk- Assoc Pastor Member Care and Youth

2008-2009-The Reverend Dr. Kathleen Weller, Assoc Pastor Christian Education

Crisis or challenge:

In 2005, it was found that the Moorings Christian Education Building contained so many code violations that the City of Naples threatened to close the building. Session passed an emergency stop-gap measure to meet the city's minimum requirements. The Growing to Serve Phase III construction budget included the amount of \$356,350 to bring the Christian Education building to standards consistent with our other buildings. Construction, including roof repairs and other external work, was completed in 2008. The Rev. Dr. Jim Kirk was granted a leave of absence to work with the Presbyterian disaster team in the Presbytery of South Carolina from September 26 through December 15 to help with clean up after Hurricane Katrina.

In 2006, the construction team found deficiencies in Webster Chapel. Needed repairs and renovations were much more than originally believed. The cost was more than \$200,000. Work was completed in 2008.

2008-\$3M building debt-special meetings held to consider how members can support lowering this indebtedness through wills, estates, and other investments.

In 2009, Moorings had a \$2.9M building debt. The loss of major financial support, coupled with one of the worst economic downturns since the great Depression, left the Session scrambling to get a responsible budget. The third pastor position was eliminated, and Rev. Kathleen Weller's position was dissolved. The church secretary position was reduced to part time. Custodial staff was eliminated (attrition/retirement) and outsourced. Staff-driven congregation was replaced by laypersons, leading to a more faithful and healthier church.

Birth of a ministry/program:

A new mentoring program mentoring fourteen children from Lake Park Elementary school began-it was so successful that twelve of the students returned in the fall.

In 2002, Moorings Friends was created, which was a takeaway of "Operation Love" and performed many of the same duties.

In 2004, Dee McClay wanted to contribute something to the church, and after careful thought decided on needlepoint paraments. It took about 1 year to create each one, and she created a parament for each liturgical season. There are 9 total- 1) Advent, 2) Christmas/Epiphany, 3) Ordinary Time, 4) Lent, 5) Easter, 6) Pentecost, 7) Ordinary Time, 8) Christ The King, 9) Communion. After starting this project, she envisioned needlepoint cushions for the 10 ministers' chairs, each sequential and in colors that complement the stained-glass windows-1) Logos, 2) You will Name Him Jesus, 3) Jesus the Incarnate, 4) Christ Jesus the Emmanuel, 5) Jesus the Appointed One, 6) Lamb of God, 7) Suffering Servant, 8) Holy

Spirit, 9) Jesus the Savior, and 10) Triune God, There is a total of 32 chairs for the Sanctuary and 100 for the Chapel. Each chair pad has a Bible story behind it and is finished with the needlepoint artist's initials. Dee created the patterns for every parament and chair-what a labor of love! She knew she needed help with this massive project, so she advertised in the Sunday bulletin for help with needlepoint. 10 women stepped forward after they saw it in the bulletin, eager to help, and soon there were a total of 40 needle pointers hard at work. A local store, Needlepoint in Paradise, sold the church all the yarn for the project at cost. Ruth McNeal donated the yarn for the ministers' chairs. Session approved the funding for the upholstery. Dee's needlepoint project took 13 years to complete and represents a true testimony of Christian fellowship. Jackie Frank, chair of the Liturgical Arts Committee, donated the oil painting of the cherubs that hangs in the Narthex.

In 2005, the Disaster Preparedness and Response Team was organized by Peace River Presbytery as an ongoing assistance and be better prepared for catastrophic events.

The Bylaws were revised to allow for a one-year youth elder position in 2006.

In 2008, less formal worship was started in Webster Chapel in addition to the 2 traditional services in the Sanctuary. New Speaker Series was made possible by the Thomas Trust. Disaster Preparedness and Response Team was organized by Peace River Presbytery as an ongoing assistance to MPC. The church needed higher profile in the Naples area, so purchased an ad in the Chamber of Commerce Visitor and New Member Guide.

January 2009, "Bring a Friend to Church" was instituted to build membership. The Membership team tracked the first year of membership of new members to better integrate them into the life of the church. Also, including a picture of the new member with their bios made a greater connection. The church van was used to pick up members from The Glenview in Pelican Bay-this service was door to door with return after service-this was a trial program for November. In December, Bentley Village was added to the schedule. Driver training was provided.

Interior Design Committee folded into a new task force called the Creative Arts Task Force, reporting to Worship and Music. This committee will be manned by those interested in discussing and brainstorming ways to enhance life through worship, music, and art.

In the 4th quarter of 2016, the new Endowment program titled Legacy Stewardship fund is now professionally managed by Northern Trust's Institutional Investment Division, which will provide us with a highly qualified and respected endowment portfolio manager to insure the long-term donor intent of our Church members.

Membership size:

2008- 1259

2009-1237 members

Mission Trip or partnership worth noting:

5% of the gross revenues received for the new Sanctuary construction was to be designated for mission programs locally, nationally, and internationally.

In 2002 the Mission trip to Guatemala City found extreme squalor, with hundreds of people living at the dump. There was an unparalleled need for roads, housing, and infrastructure. In 2004, with those needs in mind, another mission trip was arranged. Members Maria Cooper, Marylys and Glenn Haughie, Nancy and Bill Lazear, Mary and Stewart Macfarlane, Betty and Dick Ringenwald, Norma and Bob Thorne, Barbara and Dick Widman and George Wiley, arrived at the Jim Smith School armed with thirteen Army duffie bags full of personal and school supplies, medicine and play equipment.

Their plan was to pave the road from the highway to the recently completed bridge, build a permanent church and medical clinic, pave the remaining roads in the community and complete the water line and foot bridge between Balcones de Palin I and Balcones Palin II. Team members held medical and dental clinics for students and staff. Invaluable partners in the Guatemalan mission with MPC were Penny and Noreen Rambacher (Airline Angels and Miracles in action), Eastminster Presbyterian Church (Wichita, KA=S), Randy and Jenny Larsen (Engineering Ministries Intl), and El Buen Pastor Church (Ametitlan). Prior to returning to Naples, the Moorings members visited Balcones de Palin I and pledged \$12,000 of their own money to pave the road to the bridge before the rainy season so that the people living there would not be cut off from the highway. The Eastminster and MPC funded construction of

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church in Balcones. The church was dedicated to the Glory to God in October 2006. MPC provides scholarships to ensure each child six years at Jim Smith School and support for qualified students to attend middle school. Between 2005-2008, MPC has provided over \$40,000 to fund 350 scholarships. In 2007, the Mission Committee challenged members to work together to achieve 10,000 Volunteer hours. Challenge was met and the goal was surpassed, fulfilling a key component of our church, namely "to work as Christ's people for ministry and mission to one another and to the world. New By-Laws of the church adopted, amended, and restated on February 4th.

Music Ministry:

In April, 2002, The Sterritte Family Organ was announced, a major gift in excess of \$800,000. The gift stimulated excitement and careful planning for the new sanctuary, knitting together architect, organ builder, acoustician, and liturgical designer. Spring 2008 marked the long-awaited arrival of a truckload of organ pipes and much more. The congregation was invited to assist in unloading that musical cargo. The months-long organ construction resulted in its music at worship in August 2002.

Moorings Ringers continued to participate in international events in the UK, South Korea, Toronto, Australia, and Orlando.

Sacred Dance enhanced several worship services and a choir masterwork during this decade, enhanced in the new sanctuary.

In October 2007, the Music Center was rededicated, becoming the Crofts Music Center.

In 2008, subcommittees of Worship and Music developed into guilds: Flower Guild (purchase weekly flower arrangements for the Sanctuary and the narthex, prepare the Sanctuary for special Christmas and Easter services, and make flower arrangements for hospital patients), Usher Guild (recruit Head Ushers for each worship service), Recruit Communion Servers, Mary Martha Guild (for upkeep of the chancel). Increased opportunities for all choirs, Chancel, High School and Middle School youth, Choralier, Cherub, Wednesday Connection Handbells, High School and Middle School Handbells, Morning Bells and Moorings Ringers-to participate in worship services throughout the year, provide appreciation luncheon for all members of the Chancel Choir in recognition of the contribution to the Music Ministry, and provide visual reminders of our faith through palm crosses, the Lent cross, the Advent wreath and the Pascal candle. 2009-Blessing of the Animals annual event session thought that taking care of our pets and animals is an important aspect of Caring for God's creations.

2010-present

Major Milestone:

At the Congregational meeting held October 31, 2010, Malcolm Chancey was elected as a new elder, and the Session appointed him as Treasurer of the church. As chair of the Finance and Burn the Mortgage Committee, Elder Chancey announced two new fiscal policies: 1) we will not have a mass appeal in 2011 for Burn the Mortgage-a quiet appeal will be made to a few members, 2) we will not have a special "Summer Appeal"-we will push to increase our annual pledges and set our budget accordingly. The climax of the meeting came with his final announcement. With the congregation's approval of moving \$500,000 from the Undesigned Endowment, combined with several significant gifts in the Fall and the remaining pledges, the building debt was reduced to approximately \$300,000. Actual loan balance at year end is under \$600,000.

The Moorings Presbyterian Church Disaster Preparedness and Response Plan was updated in 2010.

In 2011, thanks to the leadership of Chairman Malcolm Chancey, the Burn the Mortgage Committee raised the funds to pay off the mortgage-finally, our church is debt free! Celebration was held Jan. 22, 2012. By-laws of the church were amended as of March 20, 2011.

Robert Smith Charitable Remainder Trust gifted church with \$500K in 2014. Our Membership database, Shelby, was updated to Fellowship One. The data transfer led to an error, as the total number of members differed by 45 active members and 51 affiliate. Records were audited and corrections made.

In 2015, Session decided to change from calendar year to a fiscal year end of September 30. Primary rationale is that this change will align the church's year end with the actual program year of the church and staff, which is October 1-September 30.

In 2016, the Finance Committee reported on the confusion for members regarding the change of fiscal year, pledge year and personal income taxes is not conducive to the giving of the church. They recommend a return to a calendar year. Session approved the formation of a Coordinating Council that will make recommendations to Session regarding the overall strategic direction, operations and communications of the church. This council will consist of up to five ruling elders and the installed pastors, and the business managers.

2017 brought staff resignations, which led to realignment of responsibilities to better accommodate the operational needs of the church. The staffing needs were addressed, and an updated Employee Policy Handbook was completed and implemented. This Handbook was revised in 2019. Pastor Policy Handbook, including a Pastor goal setting/performance evaluation policy was being drafted and work continued through 2019.

The Pastor's long-range visioning and planning work was completed and approved by Session 2019. Our Child Protection Policy was being evaluated.

In 2018, Session approved a contemporary service. New Contemporary Worship offers services Sunday evenings. The Leader also has assumed music leadership for our children, Wednesday Connection (with Director of Children and Family), and Sunday Night High School Fellowship time.

In 2020, the Church Security Task Force including HR Committee and Facilities Committee was created to make recommendations to improve church security. Sabbatical Leave Policy for ordained pastors was incorporated into the Pastor Policy Handbook. Working on improvements to the pastor goal setting process and reviewed and approved goals for both Pastor and Asst Pastor. More detailed process was to take effect April 2021.

Pastor(s)

2008-2010-The Reverend Dr. Charles M. Cary, Head of Staff

2010-2012-The Reverend Richard Hill, Interim Pastor/Head of Staff

1988-2012-The Reverend Dr. James J. Kirk- Assoc Pastor Member Care (& Youth through 2010)

2011-2012-The Reverend Dr. Sam Henderson, Interim Pastor/Head of Staff (Jan 24, 2012-Aug 2012)

2012-2021-The Reverend Dr. Doug Learned, Senior Pastor/Head of Staff (eff. August 15, 2012)

2015-2021-The Reverend Jacki Patman, Associate Pastor

2021-2022-The Reverend Dr. Ron Rand-Bridge Pastor/Head of Staff

2022-present-The Reverend Dr. Pablo Diaz, Interim Pastor/Head of Staff

Membership size:

2010-1189

2011-1176

2012-1181

2013-1176

2014-1107 (taking from beginning count from 2015 annual report, period 2014 and 9/30/15-9/30/16 report is available)

2015-1104 (fiscal year changed from annual to September 30, 2015)

2015/2016-1146 (taken from 2016/2017 annual report)

2016/2017-1160

2017/2018-1177

2018/2019-1170

2019/2020-1138

Birth of a ministry/program:

In September 2010, Administration and Finance Committee was divided into the Building & Grounds Committee and the Finance Committee. This renewed Finance Committee now oversees the Operating budget and coordinates closely with the Endowment and Stewardship Committees. Crowd Control Managers are now integrated into the various programs

held at our church. In August, Live Streaming was made available on our website as a new feature of the Outreach Ministry and televises church services and the Hyacinth programs. DVDs are also available.

In 2011, Session approved the creation of an "unrestricted" investment fund. This fund will receive unrestricted bequests, gifts, and grants. The investments will be managed by the Endowment Committee. These funds will be used for budget variances. Usage will first be approved by the Finance Committee with a report and recommendation to the Session for final approval. Policy was established that the Treasurer of the church serves as the Chairman of the Finance Committee. In January, the Memorial Garden became part of the Church Grounds Maintenance Contract and policy and procedures have been approved. A significant donation was received for the care and upkeep of the Garden. Mooring Line now has a short article under the title "Helping Hands and Loving Heart" that describes a different activity that is performed by a Deacon. Potential new group, "Young Couples" was started.

In 2012, a Creative Arts Committee was formed to work with the ministers, church staff, and standing committees to enhance worship and church programs through creative ideas, music, and the arts. Deacons developed and organized Meals of Hope. The event on November 4th had 110 volunteers packing 39,096 meals at a cost of \$7,819.

There were postcards sent to all who had visited the church in the past year reminding them of Christmas Eve Services- this effort increased attendance by 25%. Rev. Sam Henderson trained eligible deacons and elders to serve the congregation by taking communion to those who cannot attend worship.

On December 18th, the Moorings Gift Card Program approved by Session. Value of card \$100, cost \$95-several retailers to choose from (s-church makes \$5/card-net proceeds for remainder of 2012 and 2013 will be allocated to Mission (for benevolences).

In 2013, the Board of Ushers and Usher manual established and approved by Session. In March, Bob Hubbard and Syd Pond were appointed co-chairs of the new Board of Ushers. Usher Training classes were held as needed. In April, Communion Sundays was designated as the first Sunday of each month.

Interior Design Committee will be a standing committee under Session with Session having the final authority. An Elder will head this committee, functioning as the Creative Arts Committee. Faith & Art Committee set up Docent Tours to tour Art Exhibitions and Stained-Glass Sanctuary Tours throughout the church. Committee is developing a PowerPoint to put on i-pads to allow for self-guided tours. Three new positions added to Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team: Peace River Cluster Chairman, Readers' Rendezvous Chairman, and Past Moderator/Advisor. Session requested that the Nominating Committee compile a list of individuals to place in nomination for the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee for approval at the January 2014 Congregational Meeting.

In 2014, the Distinguished Speaker Series has moved from a sub-committee of the Education Committee to an organized event overseen by Katie Betz and Richard Ward-with help from volunteers. In the annual report dated 10/1/16-9/30/17, this Series appears under Adult Christian Education (ACE). Human Resources Committee developed new Mission Statement and adopted revised personnel policies (Employee Personnel Handbook), and procedures (Employee Personnel Procedures) which include identification of responsibility, authority, and became part of the MPC Session Policy Manual and Session Procedure Manual. Year end financials showed modest surplus due to increase in endowment funds.

Home Communion Ministry was commissioned in 2015. Two small group Bible Study started. The first was facilitated by Jen Clark and was based on the author Joanna Weaver's book, Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World. The class was designed for mothers of preschoolers and was a 12-week course. The second, led by Barb Eoff, consisted of 13 1-hour DVD-based curriculum lessons titled The Truth Project. This course enabled participants to look at life from a Bible perspective.

In 2017, the Stozier Library transformed into Children and Family Ministry space/Director of Family Ministries office. Dr. Frank-Mohr retired (Parish Associate) and his Golden Agers ministry (90 and over) moved to the ongoing Care Pal ministry of Deacons.

Crisis or challenge:

In 2010, the state of our finances resulted in the elimination of our third pastor position. The stress of the workload and financial situation (building debt balance of \$3.1MM) led to the resignation of Reverend Cary in April. This situation left membership lacking their former vibrancy. Interim Pastor Hill was brought in to bring some sense of renewal during the

transition time. A transition team was soon formed, dinners/dessert opportunities were scheduled for Pastor Hill to meet and discuss member concerns. A survey (Vital Signs Survey) was used to gauge members' satisfaction, energy levels, future goals, and worship/education preferences. Survey results led to keeping our worship schedule the same (9 am casual and 10 am traditional) with one Saturday service during season beginning in January and top goals were to develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to reach new people, make necessary changes to attract families with children and youth to our church, develop the spiritual generosity of the people to financially support the ministry of the church, and develop ministries that work toward healing those broken from life circumstances.

In 2012, reduced professional pastoral staff led to utilization of volunteer pastoral staff to try to meet the congregation's needs while waiting for new Senior Pastor's arrival in August. Ruling Elders and Deacons serve to supplement the pastoral staff in performing additional significant shepherding ministry functions. Countless individual members served in a wide variety of functions for the membership's benefits.

In 2013, the Congregation realizes that financial improvement will take time. The Finance committee reported that there was a volunteer team in place to research leasing some of our facilities to outside organizations or families to increase revenue to the church. In March, Session approved a 5% increase in the facility rental rate. Mid-year income above average. Yearend loss. By 2014, our finances are below our needs. Robert Smith Charitable Remainder Trust left \$500K non-restricted gift to the church.

In 2015, The 1997 van will need to be replaced. The committee is looking into viable replacements to recommend. Session approved purchase of replacement van in 2016. The old van was donated to Helps Outreach, as it was no longer operable.

On September 30, 2017, Hurricane Irma caused extensive damage to areas of the church. Damaged items were photographed and listed, noting damage for claim to be filed. Parlor repairs completed in 2019. Cleaned, polished, and inventoried communion ware was moved back to Parlor kitchen. Thankfully, there was no damage to the Chapel, where our needlepoint chairs remain. In 2018, there were unresolved management issues that evolved within church leadership, with changes in Treasurer, Finance, and Accounting roles changing many times. Due to resignations and dismissals, by the end of 2020, Session was reduced to 12 remaining members. Rumors continued to circulate that donated (with restriction) monies were not being used as they were intended. In March of 2020, the Pandemic caused facility closure. Staff worked from home. Meetings were held via zoom. Recorded sermons were available on our website. This, and the growing discontent of members regarding leadership issues, led to over 100 letters sent to Presbytery, which by and large were ignored. During this time, any candidate for Session or Deacon had to first be approved by Dr. Learned. Member dissatisfaction led to more upheaval, and when election of officers came about, nominations from the floor were presented and won the election. Many of the members that were on the ballot felt that this was sabotage and personal attack and left the church-leaving 8 members on Session. Presbytery stepped in to oversee church operations. Dr. Learned had completed his continuing education courses to qualify as a Specialized Counselor and had announced his resignation to assume his new career. Session accepted his resignation. Reverend Patman immediately followed suit (resigned) and left as well. Presbytery took an active role in church leadership, providing ministerial help with Sunday sermons and Session support until the Bridge Pastor was selected. Session members interviewed and selected Pastor Diaz to be our Interim Minister.

Mission Trip or partnership worth noting:

In 2010, Moorings Deacons provided greeters and ushers for the Haitian Prayer Service held in our sanctuary for families and victims in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake in Haiti. July, members linked with First Presbyterian Church of Ft. Myers and went by bus to New Orleans, where they worked with Project Homecoming, organized by the Presbytery of South Louisiana, to help rebuild houses damaged by Hurricane Katrina where no insurance was available. They helped rebuild two of the 29 homes restored for low-income families.

Mission Fair held in February to bring agencies we support for an opportunity for us to learn more about their work. The Bob and Norma Thorne School in Jalapa, Guatemala was dedicated on February 28, 2012. This school was built with a gift of the Thorne family and matching funds from the Mooring Mission Committee. Through Miracles in Action, we contributed to the building of an additional school in Guatemala. Mission Committee contributed to the finishing of a

new classroom at the ECHO facilities in Ft. Myers and supported the construction of a new nursing school in Malawi and sent new OR/Delivery tables there.

In 2013, the Mission annual report states, under Capital Benevolences: "Capital funding was not available in 2013. Capital funds from the "Growing to Serve" account will be restored to the Mission Committee, and we eagerly anticipate funding of some Capital projects beginning in 2014." Session approved repayment of the \$80,000 borrowed to be repaid interest free over a five-year period from earnings/principle from the Harmon Fund. Presbyterian Women conducted a "Blanket Drive for the Needy" during the Lenten season.

Before 2014, almost 20% of the church's budget was directed to mission activities. Mission broadened the scope of importance to encompass the investment of time, talent, and treasure, to build better awareness and involvement opportunities. Mission Committee renamed Mission Outreach Committee and revised their charter.

In 2017, Moorings members serving as tutors for New Horizons children who typically do not have English-speaking parents who can help them with schoolwork. Teams of Moorings members go to Immokalee each month to operate the soup kitchen for Guadalupe Social Services.

Youth Ministry joined CROSS Missions in Charlotte, NC for a volunteer opportunity with eight different organizations, each focusing on ways to care for our "neighborhoods" in 2019. Youth were greatly impacted by this experience, changing the way they viewed those experiencing homelessness, addiction, and poverty. To grow our community across generational lines, Alicia asked church members to pray for one of the students. The students were moved by the fact that someone would pray for them-someone that they had not met. They gathered, shared a meal, stories of their summer experiences, and got to know their prayer partners. Connected through prayer, their faith community grew, and many continued to unite in prayer. The Mission Outreach Committee has added a line item to their budget titled "New Opportunities"

In 2021, we are partnering with two new mission organizations: World Vision and Taryn Medical Center. This community health center is badly needed, and it expands Love the Children's impact in the 9th communal sector of Baint, Haiti.

Music Ministry:

In 2010, the Chancel Choir sang back-up to Cahlua & Cream (our own Lesly and Don Hale) for a local county club Christmas party. "What Church did that Choir Come From" was the excited response from the audience. Moorings hosted the Westminster College Concert Bells, the Odessa Symphony, the Kiev Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, Concordia College Choir (Moorhead), Ave Maria University Choirs, Barron Collier High School Choir. Our church sent musicians to St. Olaf College Worship, Theology, and the Arts Conference. Five of our ringers went to Osaka, Japan for the Fourteenth Intl. Handbell Symposium. Others rang in the Cape Coral Faith Presbyterian Festival, for the Retired Physicians of Collier County, for the Welcome to Florida Intl Club, plus others. New music library software was purchased, and volunteers are re-organizing thousands of music titles for our choir and handbells. The Worship and Musical Committee began to speculate what kind of church we are by discussing Thomas Long's book, The Worship Wars. They compared traditional and contemporary methods of worship and determined that we are a unique church because we always have something traditional and contemporary within our traditional way of worshipping. They also discussed what attracts people to worship and how to be a welcoming church.

In the fall of 2011, Youth Handbell Choir restarted, added to the ongoing groups of grades 4 and 5, and two adult ensembles-Moorings Ringers and Morning Bells. Morning Bells participated in the Handbell Festival at Faith Presbyterian, Cape Coral, with the cost supported by the Annual Handbell Garage Sale.

In 2012, Fourteen members of the handbell ringers participated in the Intl. Handbell Symposium in Liverpool, UK, with associated costs supported by the annual Handbell Garage Sale. Handbell Ringers were part of two Hyacinth Series concerts and made presentations for the Third Street South Christmas Walk. Martha and Richard Crofts were recognized by the Presbyterian Association of Musicians for their Certified Church Musician (CCM). There was a service of recognition held for them.

In 2013, Morning Bells participated in the annual Florida State Festival at Palm Harbor United Methodist Church. In December, twenty-one ringers presented Christmas music at the Naples Botanical Garden's Night Lights. The Glory to God hymnal was dedicated during worship in October. Two new additions this year-an ad hoc handbell choir was formed, Moorings Family Handbell Choir, which includes youth and parents ringing together, and the Milestone

Ministry, started by Martha Crofts, which incorporates the participation of parents in marking their child's progress through the milestones of church life. The new church hymnal, Glory to God, was published this year and Session approved this committee to manage and raise funds for purchase, with Dick Crofts leading the project. This opportunity for members to contribute money to purchase one or more hymnals was publicized with special emphasis on the hymnals being given as a memorial or in honor of someone named by the donor and the funds were quickly raised. In October, volunteers met, unpacked the new hymnals, affixed appropriate book plates, removed the old hymnals and placed the new in the sanctuary pew racks. There was a reverent litany of retirement during service, and the old hymnals were offered to congregants and remaining stock was donated to Florida Gulf Coast University and the Horton Presbyterian Church I Middletown NY. Request made for Session to create protocol for emergency situations-establish Task Force and include Ushers.

The Ruth McNeal Trust left funds for the purchase of high-quality solo division to compliment the Sterritte organ in the sanctuary in 2015. New Solo Organ division of the Sterritte Family Organ was completed in June, 2017. Martha Crofts (Coordinator of Family Ministries/Music Associate, and Dick Crofts (Minister of Music) retired February 1, 2015. Tom Goetz was acting Director until our new Minister of Music, Dr. Chris Dekker, started in 2021.

The Committee requested that Session approve a new concert grand piano for the Sanctuary, as the current equipment needs replaced. Once replaced, the old piano will be moved to Moss Hall. Piano Selection Committee formed by the Director of Music, Tom Goetz. Fazioli piano, Model F278, was ordered from Euro Pianos, Naples, FL. Cost was \$13,700 and was paid for by pledges promised.

Summary.....

Through the years, there have been many structural changes to our "plant", but our foundation has remained the same. We are a congregation that lives by the scriptures, ministers to those within and beyond our church walls, and is particularly tuned in to nurturing educational programs for our young people. The community of families, introduced and bonded through fellowship, remains the backbone of our church.