



ANNUAL REPORT

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LETTER FROM PASTOR PHIL

Dear OTCC Friends,

Greetings! The Psalmist writes poetically, “Your steadfast Love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.” —Psalm 36:5. This was the Psalmist’s way of trying to describe the indescribable. There is no end to God’s love and there are no limits to His faithfulness.

One of the gifts of the Church in the world and in our lives is we get to experience the intangible graces of God in tangible ways. In this annual report you will read about how we experienced the love and faithfulness of God in 2023 in many ways. Let me just highlight three here:

- God has been faithful to OTCC in the continued renewal of our children’s ministry. OTCC Kids is the place to be on Sunday mornings. Through the leadership of Sarah Hoysa and our OTCC Kids’ volunteers the children in our church are experiencing the love and faithfulness of God in tangible ways.
- God has been faithful to OTCC in the relaunch of our Worship Team. Pastor Eric joined our staff team in August and God immediately provided a team of volunteer musicians with whom to serve. This has been an extraordinary provision and blessing from God. We see and hear God’s faithfulness in tangible ways.
- God has been faithful to draw new people to our congregation and ministry. Many of you have either started attending OTCC or taken next steps to become more involved in the ministry in 2023. Part of the love and faithfulness of God to us is the joy of serving on mission with others. Some have taken the step to become members of OTCC. Others are on the journey to become members and still others are in the early stages of their OTCC experience.

As we lean into 2024, I am really excited about all that God is going to do in and through our congregation. Our theme verse that you will see running through this report is Ephesians 3:20-21: “Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.” I can’t wait to see how God expresses his love and faithfulness to OTCC in 2024 by doing immeasurably more that we can ask or imagine.

Thank you for your partnership in this ministry. May the steadfast love and faithfulness of God be yours in 2024.

With Gratitude,
Phil

YOUR GENEROSITY

\$822,887
GENERAL FUND

\$190,000
DESIGNATED
ACCOUNTS

● **\$44,000**
THE COMMON GOOD

● **\$60,000**
ADVANCE ON TCG
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

● **\$42,000**
SANCTUARY

● **\$13,000**
AID TO UKRAINE

ABOVE & BEYOND

Your generosity in giving exceeded our budgeted expenses in 2023 by \$106,426. We celebrate this and have invited our congregation to help reinvest this generosity into our community with a portion of the total. All people in our OTCC community have been invited to nominate a nonprofit to receive a one-time grant of up to \$1,000. Nominations for this are open though the Annual Celebration on Sunday, February 11th, with recipients to be shared at the end of February.





MISSION AND SERVICE

Open Table at OTCC

Breakfast was served every Wednesday morning in 2023. Between 40 and 50 people come to the Fellowship Hall from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. to enjoy a warm breakfast, coffee, and community. Lunch to-go is offered. Our stellar volunteer team prepares food, serves, connects with guests, and cleans up faithfully each week. There's a brief time of prayer at 7:00 a.m. and before and after it the room is lively with chatter and laughter. This welcoming and safe space is vital to our neighbors in need of food and support.

Carpenter's Shelter on 2nd Saturdays

OTCC has long provided and served dinner at the Carpenter's Shelter, which is Alexandria's shelter for families experiencing homelessness. Thanks to the many people in our community who stepped up to serve in 2023.

3rd Friday Alive! Pop-Up Food Distributions

Our partnership with Alive! continued in 2023 as we held pop-up food distributions on the 3rd Friday of the month. Alive! has built an amazing web of support for the food insecure in Alexandria and the pop-up food distribution we host is part of it. Approximately a dozen volunteers serve at these events, shepherding cars and people who come on foot while ensuring that people receive a robust, healthy amount of groceries to last a few days for approximately 150 local families served on each 3rd Friday.

Aid to Ukraine

In early 2023 we opened a special offering to support ministry being carried out by churches in Ukraine and Romania. These churches and their communities are faithfully responding to the crisis caused by the Russian invasion by providing food, refuge for the internally displaced, and trauma recovery and support. Your support, prayer, and \$13,000 of gifts helped advance this effort. This comes on the heels of OTCC providing \$22,000 of support in 2022 and Pastor Brian's visit to see OTCC's generosity in action in early 2023 alongside other Virginia Baptist leaders.



ADULT MINISTRIES

Adults found fellowship and opportunities to serve and grow together across our many ministries:

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDIES

Three classes met each Sunday morning before worship to connect with one another and God's word.

TABLE GROUPS

Table groups met in 2023 for fellowship and growing together in homes, parks, and around our community.

WORSHIP TEAM

The worship team has been blessed with the addition of multiple leaders who have committed to leading worship on a weekly basis and establishing a worship identity that is unique to OTCC. This, along with the hiring of a new Pastor for Worship has allowed us to build a foundation for future growth and creativity in worship.

MONDAY NIGHT CLASSES

Serial Monday night classes called Digging Deeper and Foundations took a closer look at Biblical truths.

OTCC MAN CAVE

This lay-led intergenerational group has been a source of connection and encouragement for men at OTCC.

SALT

Adults in our SALT ministry (Single Adults Living Truth) connect for regular meals and activities together.



CHURCH OF SOUTH WASHINGTON

The Church of South Washington is four churches, two Baptist and two Methodist, two historically black and two historically white, that gather together to bridge our historic divide by coming together to fellowship, worship, and serve the City of Alexandria.

Some of our collaborations in 2023 are below:

WORSHIPPING TOGETHER

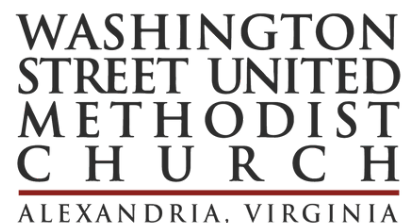
Together, we held shared services for Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday.

SERVING TOGETHER

We joined together to prepare and distribute Thanksgiving meals to families in need in our local community.

WALKING TOGETHER

- Two members of OTCC volunteered as “ambassadors” alongside members of the other COSW churches to foster relationship and reconciliation.
- The pastors and lay leadership from the four member churches met periodically to plan, connect, and grow together.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



We had a year of wonderful growth in our program: hearts and minds growing as well as welcoming many new families to our Old Town Kids community. Children and their families found opportunities for connection on Sunday mornings in classrooms as well as throughout the week in family table groups, events and activities, and more.

Among the highlights of 2023: we held a free Easter egg hunt for our community and welcomed more than 100 children and their families, connected with kids and families through Summer Bible Story Time, and came together as the hands and feet of Jesus to serve the food-insecure in our community.

FACILITY

2023 included a number of projects making improvements to our facility:

- **Roof Repairs & Replacement:** Removed and installed a new roof on The Common Good building. This project included repairs of some masonry walls. The old roof was severely deteriorated.
- **Ducting Repairs & Improvements:** Insulated and weather-sealed exterior ductwork for four HVAC units on The Common Good roof. Ducting seams had separated, allowing water to get inside the ducts and pour into interior walls and carpet. The project also included insulated exposed ducts in the 3rd floor ceiling to stop condensation, which was damaging ceiling tiles and carpets.
- **Sanctuary Project (ongoing):** At the end of 2023, we began work refreshing our sanctuary to improve its accessibility and our ability to use it as a space that serves our community -- all while retaining its history and beauty. The project includes refinishing the original hardwood floors as well as a new stage, carpeting, and chairs.



The sanctuary in December 2023, shortly before work began.



A portion of the new TCG roof, including some of the roof ducting repairs and insulation.

BUILDING USERS

OTCC's facility continues to be a place where people in our community can find hope and healing throughout the week. The following organizations carried out their missions under our roof in 2023:



**TOGETHER
WE BAKE**



**ALCOHOLICS
ANONYMOUS &
NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS**
(8 SEPARATE RECOVERY GROUPS)



**ETHIOPIAN COMMUNITY
SUPPORT AND ADVOCACY
CENTER**

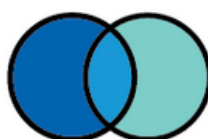
Other facility users included The Old Town Mom's Club, The Men's Home, Young Life of Alexandria, counseling services, and more.

THE COMMON GOOD

OTCC has a vision to transform what has historically been our office and education building into a hub for local nonprofits. Realizing that we have the gift of many square feet in our facility, we've been called to release this space to nonprofits so that they have a home from which to operate and make an impact on our community. This has happened organically over the last decade as the list of facility users above indicates. We have begun more intentionally and sacrificially utilizing our building for the purpose of blessing local nonprofits.

In 2023 the mission of The Common Good remained steadfast through a series of lessons learned. While we did not make some of the facility updates we hoped to achieve in 2023, we come out of the year having welcomed new nonprofits to the building and with plans to continue work in 2024 to improve the facility for nonprofit use. We remain eager and excited to pursue the mission God has called this congregation to pursue over the last decade.

We are called to be good stewards of that which God has given us, which includes our facility. In 2022 we repaired and waterproofed the basement of The Common Good facility. In 2023 we repaired and sealed the roof. In 2024 we will continue our work by updating the interior, replacing some flooring, and painting the space to accommodate the arrival of more new organizations and building users.



LAY LEADERSHIP NOMINATIONS

Deacons:



KRISTI MYERS

Discernment Task Group (DTG):



ALLEN BAKEL



CINDY BROWN



JUSTIN MYERS

Treasurers & Clerk:



BEVERLY PATTON
Treasurer



HEATHER GARECHT
Assistant Treasurer



PATTY HANS
Assistant Treasurer



VIOLA MILLER
Clerk

STAFF AND LAY LEADERSHIP

Ministry Staff

Dr. Phillip Faig, Senior Pastor
 Rev. Brian Hoysa, Associate Pastor
 Rev. Eric Schneiderhan, Worship Pastor
 Sarah Hoysa, Children's Ministry Director
 & Communications

Support Staff

Ellie Bakel, Childcare Worker
 Jessica Giovannucci, Office Manager
 & Childcare Worker
 Michael Okusami, Audiovisual Engineer
 Stacy Sloan, Financial Administrator
 Elias Sorli, Media Assistant

Servant Leadership Council

Ryan Baker
 Myra Cadena-Clark
 Logan Cash
 Ginette Eldredge
 Greg Evans
 Ron Hayner
 David Joseph, *Chairperson*
 Sam Moore
 Valentina Moreno
 Bergitta Smith-Cotroneo, *Vice Chairperson*
 Doncella Young, *SLC Secretary*

Deacons

Pam Bakel
 Paul Boroughs
 Sue Evans
 Jessica Giovannucci
 Samuel Giovannucci
 Carrie Hayner
 Eloise Hudgins
 Shereen Joseph
 Laura Waayers*
 Walt Warme

Discernment Task Group

Jody Faig
 Carrie Hayner*
 David Joseph

Additional Lay Leaders

Beverly Patton, Treasurer
 Heather Garecht, Assistant Treasurer
 Patty Hans, Assistant Treasurer
 Viola Miller, Clerk
 Dale Seward, Volunteer Facility Manager

* rolling off effective February 11, 2024

