

From the *Missions Committee . . .*

The year 2023 was a memorable one for FPCP. The church celebrated 250 years of history as one of the great mission-sending churches, a cause for rejoicing among millions of people around the world, past and present.

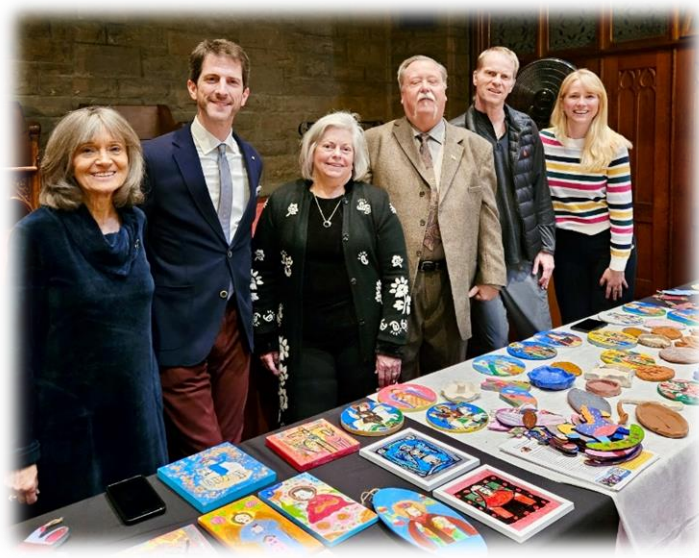
The Missions highlight for 2023 was the visit from our Ukrainian friends, Rev. Bohdan, Inna, and Tima Kulitskiy of Bread of Life Church in Kozelets. During their 8-day visit, they immersed themselves in Pittsburgh experiences and enjoyed the hospitality provided by members and friends. The Kulitskiys were grateful for 2 days of recreation at Ligonier camp, and the invitations to visit Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and Outreached Arms night. On October 1, FPCP Missions/World Communion Sunday, Bohdan, Inna and Tima were able to say thank you to the congregation for its ongoing and generous support to Bread of Life.



In 2023, the Missions Committee continued its work of deepening relationships with local and global coworkers, as well as sponsoring efforts to engage the congregation in activities and events that cultivate awareness and growth in what it means to have a missional purpose as a church and as individual disciples. The Missions Committee was blessed to contribute to the vitality of FPCP in these ways:

- Coordinated mission partner participation in FPCP's 250th Celebration, including video greetings from around the world compiled by Elder David Charlton.
- Organized worship on October 1 for FPCP Missions/World Communion Sunday, with guest preacher Rev. Ed Glover of Urban Impact.
- Facilitated Bible studies and other activities with the women of Sunflower House (Garden Home Ministries).
- Invited Step Haluszczak from Ukrainian Cultural and Humanitarian Institute to come in December for a presentation on Ukrainian art therapy camps for children traumatized by war.
- Prepared, alongside the Deacons and children of FPCP, personal Christmas gifts for the women at Sojourner House and Sunflower House.
- Provided relationship care and financial stewardship for persons serving Christ in the Pittsburgh region, as well as China, Central & South America, Italy, Latvia, Uganda, Ukraine, and West Bank/Palestine.

The Missions Committee members are: Rev. John Dickey, Jim Heinrich, Jon Muha, Susan Quam, Walt Seigfried, Bill Shipley and Judy Shipley. If you would like to know more about the work of the Missions Committee, or the people and organizations supported by the annual Missions Budget, please send an email to the church office (info@fpcp.org) or speak to a committee member directly.



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