

TECHNOLOGY

For the year 2023 we continue to livestream our services and other events. This is valuable in reaching our “snow birds”, homebound, and any others who are away or can’t make it to church due to the weather. Livestreaming has become part of our outreach to the community and when it doesn’t work properly, we post a recorded copy of the service on Facebook. The last 3 months have created some challenges as the livestream links have not always connected properly. When we first purchased this software package, our connections were clean and consistent. However, the company was sold to another provider and they are not as attentive to our issues when they arise. We continue to upgrade the software and investigate other vendors. So far, the best alternative has a much higher cost (\$79.00/month compared to \$130.00/year) and “free” versions require more complicated connections to Facebook and YouTube. Please bear with us. We hope that 2024 will be a smoother year for streaming.

For 2024 we would like to add some additional volunteers to assist by: operating the camera, running the livestream, and/or entering the service into Power Point.

Many thanks to the “crew”: Patti Stephens, Jim Wilson, Vicki Wilson, Ashlie Franzosa, Mary Johnson, and Melanie Geurtsen.

The sound system in the Sanctuary is still in good condition and we can thank David Hunkins for finding and supplying a solid system for us some 20 years ago.

The office computer equipment and software are currently in good condition, however we soon will need to upgrade the office computer since it is on Windows 7 Professional and is getting quite outdated.

Dick Stephens