

# First Presbyterian Church On the Square Carlisle, PA



## Annual Report 2016

## OUR VISION AND MISSION



*“Through God’s love and power revealed in Jesus Christ and sealed by the Holy Spirit, we are called into a community of lively faith. Honored with a rich Presbyterian heritage, and committed to an enduring Christian witness, we respond to God’s grace through ministries of:*

***Celebration***, *worshiping God with gratitude and vitality;  
and participating thankfully in community with each other;*

***Fellowship***, *connecting people with each other and God in a Spirit of  
wholeness and care in Christ’s name;*

***Spiritual enrichment***, *educating people of all ages for growth in faith and service;*

***Outreach***, *serving local and global missions in Christ’s name.*

*The Meeting House on the Square is where deep roots are nourished and growing branches are celebrated in Christ’s name.”*

**First Presbyterian Church  
Worshiping – Connecting – Educating – Serving  
In Christ’s Name**

Annual Meeting  
Frist Presbyterian Church

Sunday, February 5, 2017

**AGENDA**

Call to Order with Prayer – Rev. Anthony D. Lorenz, Moderator

Clerk's Report

Declaration of a Quorum

Minutes of this meeting to be approved by the Session at its next Stated Meeting

Clerk's Report

Committee / Group Reports

Adjournment with Prayer

## Pastor's Report

Dear Members & Friends of First Presbyterian Church,

As a church we find it helpful, periodically, to reflect on the past and look at where we are compared to where we were. That's the function of an annual report, to look back over the past year, in this case 2016, and examine what we have accomplished as a congregation.

As you read through the pages of this report, you will find that we have accomplished much as a congregation in 2016. Our mission, Worshiping – Connecting – Educating – Serving In Christ's Name, is alive and well. As you read committee and organization reports you will find that this old Meetinghouse on the Square is in fact full of life!

I am grateful for all the signs of life here at First Presbyterian Church. Worship is especially meaningful and the most important thing we do as Christians. I am heartened every time I step into the pulpit to know that believers in Jesus Christ have been gathering to worship God in our sanctuary for nearly 250 years. We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses!

As a congregation we are also connected to one another. John Donne once wrote, "No man is an island" to remind us that we are part of something much larger than who we are as individuals. The Church of Jesus Christ is His body in this world, a community of faith where believers connect with one another in meaningful ways. As a congregation we pray together and weep together and rejoice together and in doing so we grow together as God's people.

Part of our growth as God's people is to learn. In 2016 we started a new Bible Study program aimed at broadening our understanding of the whole message of scripture. This has been a great class with faithful participants who are growing in knowledge and faith. If you are not part of a study group I want to encourage you to consider participating in one soon.

We have been called by God to serve together as pastor and people. Every day I am grateful for this call that we share. Serving God is a big task, especially when God asks us to do something big. We might be tempted to say that's too much for one person, and we're probably right. We serve together in community, where many hands make the job easier. That's the beauty of being part of the Body of Christ, we work not as individuals but as community.

Looking back on 2016 there is much to celebrate. We welcomed new members who are true blessings to our church. Our finances are strong and a long-awaited capital campaign is off and running. The high-light of the year for me came in October when we honored the Rev. Jon A. Black with the title *Pastor Emeritus*. What a special day for a special man! From the service to the music to the reception it was an amazing example of what we can do together.

The pages of this report give us a glimpse into the life of our congregation for one year. It is a wonderful story, but it is only part of the story. The full story includes thousands of prayers, cards and phone calls, meals and visits, laughter and tears shared by God's people. Let's keep the story of God's people going in 2017!

Yours very truly in Christ,

Pastor Tony Lorenz

## Director of Educational Ministry

For some reason this year, as I was preparing to write my annual report for 2016, the poem by Robert Frost, "Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening" kept popping into my head. I do not think I had read this poem for decades, but the last repeated line, "And miles to go before I sleep, and miles to go before I sleep..." continued to echo in my brain. How many miles were there in my journey of 2016? As with every year in my life, more than I ever imagined, and many of them filled with surprises and wonder.

My first journey in January took me to Chicago, IL for the Annual APCE event. It is 645 miles to this city of amazing museums, restaurants, music, and the World Champion Chicago Cubs. Just as many people were surprised and delighted by the Cubs winning the World Series, I, too, was surprised and delighted in Chicago as my colleagues in Eastern Region of Association of Christian Educators named me Educator of the Year. In May, Pastor Tony, my husband Dave, and the Kretzings drove the 40 miles to Marion, PA to help the EAPCE organization "roast" me with a baseball-themed party. I will treasure this honor for the rest of my life.

June brought a trip of 2,307 miles to Portland, OR, where I represented the Presbytery of Carlisle as a Commissioner to the 222<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly. Hours of preparation and committee meetings were all part of this work, but again it was an honor and privilege to be selected.

The miles to Chicago and Portland were logged on airplanes, but in July six youth, Pastor Tony, Heather Thompson, and I rode in a van to West Lafayette, IN for the PC(USA) Youth Triennium. It is 591 miles to Purdue University, not mentioning the overnight detour to Warsaw, OH, where Pastor Tony's home church and parents fed and took care of us so well.

There were so many shorter trips too: 84 miles to Camp Krislund for Oktoberfest and Summer Camp; 15 miles to the Presbytery Office for meetings; 1.5 miles to Second Presbyterian for numerous Vacation Bible School planning meetings, decorating, and the actual event.

There were other miles traveled for vacations and fun: 1,503 to Montego Bay, Jamaica; 199 miles to Cape May, NJ; and 123 miles to baseball games in Philadelphia, 93 miles to baseball games in Baltimore; and 18 miles Senators' games in Harrisburg. In September, I drove 112 miles to Washington, DC to hear by favorite author, Louise Penny, speak. And obviously, I returned from all these places for a grand total of at least 11,380 MILES!

From teaching "The Jesus Creed" in Lent, to painting together a picture of the Church for Triennium fund-raising; from Toddler Time in August to Hanging of the Greens in November, every mile was significant. Each Sunday's worship, every Bible Study, Book Club, and various meetings are the important miles I traveled in 2016.

Yet of all these miles traveled the most important ones are the two miles back and forth each day from my house to First Presbyterian. For it is in those miles that my year is truly blessed.

So how many miles in 2017? Only God knows. But I am looking forward to the journey and to each and every member and friend of First Presbyterian Church, who will be traveling with me!

Debby Madden

### **Clerk of Session Report**

The Session of First Presbyterian (FP) Church in Carlisle, Pennsylvania consisted of 15 Ruling Elders during 2016: J.J. Patterson, Ann Gottlieb, Deb Ryerson, Trudy Bailey, Dick Darr, Ron Richcreek, Charlie Thompson, Peg Owen, Nancy Tritt, Michael Gogoj, Ray Thomas, Mike Stamey, Laura Crim, Elizabeth Martin and Joe Shane. Joe Shane served as Clerk of Session. Elder Darr assumed the role of Elder following Elder Jeff Alleman's relocation to northern Virginia with his family.

Twelve Stated Meetings were held in 2016. Two Special Session meetings were held on February 14 and November 13 to, respectively, to receive 11 and 5 new members into the congregation. Three Special Meetings of the Congregation were held following Worship services. First, on March 6, the congregation elected Richard Darr to an unexpired term on Session. Second, on June 5 the congregation approved conferring the title of Pastor Emeritus onto Rev. Jon Black, and a service in his honor was held on October 2. Third and lastly, on November 20 Elders and Deacons for the class of 2019 were nominated and approved. The diligent efforts of Elder Ryerson and the Nominating Committee are sincerely appreciated. The Annual Meeting of the Congregation was held on February 5 following worship.

This annual Clerk's report highlights some key features of our ongoing service in the name of Christ our Lord and Savior. We continue to be grateful for and blessed by the continuing efforts and ministry of the Rev. Anthony Lorenz.

Choir Director, Mrs. Susan Shuey, and Organist, Mr. Arthur Thompson, continue to enliven Worship with their respective music ministries. We also recognize the contributions of our Sexton, Elder Mike Stamey. His attention to the FP facilities along with Properties Committee members Peg Owen and Dennis Rydberg have helped to maintain our prominence on the square. Treasurer Bruce Ashbaugh attends to our finances along with Mr. Dave Madden who devotes innumerable *pro bono* hours of accounting work to assist our Stewardship and Finance Committee comprised of Nancy Tritt, Trudy Bailey, and Ron Richcreek. The capital campaign for \$150,000 that was recently initiated would not have been possible without their diligence. Repairs to the FP organ will be a vital part of these funds.

The Christian Education Committee, co-chaired by Elizabeth Marten and Educator Debby Madden, organizes Sunday School curriculum, mission trips, youth-led Worship services, etc. They also helped to prepare a group for the July Presbyterian Youth Triennium.

Worship consistently ranks as the highest priority of the First Presbyterian congregation and we are grateful for the leadership that Michael Gogoj has provided in 2016. This is certainly one of the more labor-intensive committees that arranges Communion, ushers, readers, special services, etc.

The Safety and Security Committee ensures that our policies and procedures for child protection, sexual misconduct, and facilities usage comply with state and federal law, requirements from our insurance company, and directives from the Carlisle Presbytery and the PC (USA). Elder Ann Gottlieb's work has ensured our ongoing compliance in creating a safe and secure environment for all.

The Human Resources Committee performs staff evaluations, revises job descriptions, and serves in a liaison role between staff, officers, and the First Presbyterian congregation. Laura Crim's efforts with these activities were greatly appreciated and Dick Darr has agreed to assume these responsibilities in the upcoming year.

Parish Life helps to schedule Fellowship time following worship and plans special events to celebrate milestones and achievements in our congregation. Ray Thomas dutifully led this committee in 2016.

Mission and Interpretation helps to determine how First Presbyterian donates funds and time to local, regional, and worldwide missions. Project S.H.A.R.E., Carlisle C.A.R.E.S.,

and the Buck-a-Book are only a small sample of these missions. J.J. Patterson led this committee in 2016 and reinstituted Mission Sundays. Elder Patterson's term on Session will end in 2016 and we are grateful for his efforts.

Finally, Membership and Outreach maintains the church rolls and recommends activities to invite new worshipers to First. Charlie Thompson is the current chair of this committee and his efforts to recruit new members has helped FP welcome 16 new members in 2016: James Dukes, Jamie Hoffman, David Killian, Earlene Heckendorn, Frank and Susan Meehan, Rich Pitzer, Beth Whitman-Pitzer, Abbey Pitzer, Earl and Alice Zimmerman, Rita Beck, James and Helen Thompson, Delaney Sandberg and Bret Thomas.

Our congregation was saddened by the passing of these members in 2016: Evelyn Morrell, Mabel Schlusser, Margaret Wilson, Kay Roe, Sharon Miller, Edna Bistline, and Warren Lloyd.

The Clerk deeply appreciates the efforts of the FP staff, Session, and Congregation as we continue on into 2016 as servants of and witnesses to the encompassing love of Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph W. Shane  
Clerk of Session

## Worship Committee

The First Presbyterian Church of Carlisle celebrates another year of traditional worship, beautiful music, and an engaged Congregation. Pastor Tony Lorenz has continued to bring calm and consistency – as well as new ideas and initiatives – to the Church. We thank him for his leadership as we continue to grow closer and stronger through worship. The committee also recognizes and appreciates the work of Debby Madden, who oversees youth ministry and so many other facets of church life. Debby contributes to worship through children's sermons, ceremony, and even the occasional sermon. The committee and congregation-at-large are grateful that Pastor Lorenz and Debby Madden continue to uphold our strong, traditional worship practices.

The First Presbyterian Church maintains its rich music program led by Susan Shuey, choir director, and Art Thompson, organist. We continue to be grateful for their talents, those of our dedicated choir members, and those of all of the guest musicians and vocalists who perform or sing during our services. The Worship Committee continues to oversee the maintenance and repair of the organ and piano. The committee is currently working with the Susquehanna Organ Company. Updates and information will be provided throughout the 2017 year.

Among the highlights of the 2016 year was the worship service recognizing the Church's former pastor, the Reverend Jon Black, as Pastor Emeritus. The members of the First Presbyterian Church were blessed to worship under Reverend Black's leadership for many years, and were humbled to honor him in this manner. Included in this service was an original composition by Ron Richcreek called *God of Grace and God of Glory*. The piece of music was a beautiful tribute to a beloved former pastor.

In 2016, the Worship Committee continued several key projects and initiatives. These include special services such as the Lenten lunch services and the "Longest Night" Christmas service. The committee reviewed and reworked documents related to wedding and funeral procedures, and continued to offer training sessions for ushers and readers who serve during worship. The committee has held important discussions about the order of worship, communion procedures, and methods to improve communication with visitors and guests through bulletin inserts. Most importantly, the Worship Committee oversaw the week-to-week preparations for worship and communion. We are grateful for the contributions of all of those who prepare communion, serve communion, usher, read Scripture, record the service, and serve in countless other – sometimes quiet and subtle – ways. Communion was served 13 times during the 2016 year. Home communion was scheduled four times during the 2016 year.

Attendance in 2016, by month, is as follows:

	Total Attendance	Average Attendance	Notes
January 2016	443	111	2015 Average = 95
February 2016	431	108	2015 Average = 81
March 2016	474	119	2015 Average = 98
April 2016	403	101	2015 Average = 100
May 2016	485	97	2015 Average = 92 *5 Sundays
June 2016	343	86	2015 Average = 96
July 2016	442	88	2015 Average = 99 *5 Sundays
August 2016	337	84	2015 Average = 101
September 2016	368	92	2015 Average = 108
October 2016	522	104	2015 Average = 102
November 2016	417	104	2015 Average = 108
December 2016	376	94	2015 Average = 105
Longest Night Service	6		
Christmas Eve 5:00 PM	68		
Christmas Eve 8:00 PM	60		

The Worship Committee respectfully submits this report and looks forward to another fulfilling year.

Michael Gogoj, Chair	Ron Richcreek, Member
Deb Ryerson, Member	Art Thompson, Member
Elizabeth Martin, Member	Debby Madden, Staff
Peggy McKeehan, Member	Anthony Lorenz, Pastor



## Parish Life Committee

I'd like to start with a big "Thank You" to all who donated their time and snacks to Fellowship Hour throughout the year. Your weekly contribution to the hospitality of our congregation following worship is truly appreciated!

Those helping to make the committee's activities a big success this past year include committee members Anita Ashbaugh and Deb Richcreek from the Deacons. And always making our special events happen are Bob Davis (your table decorations and cream of crab soup are the best!) along with Bob's team of Peggy McKeehen and Barb Allen. Also "Big Thanks" go to Peg Owen and Jean Kretzing, who frequently pitch in to help.

Four of the year's highlights included:

- **a luncheon** honoring Debby Madden for her Christian Educator of the Year award in June. (She was surprised!)

- **a church picnic**, originally planned for August. But, most likely due to the very hot weather that month and nobody wanting to be outside all day, only a few people signed up. So the picnic was moved to September and became a "Welcome Back" fried chicken luncheon for the first day back on the regular schedule with Sunday School.

- **in October**, perhaps the best-attended event of the year was when Rev. Jon Black was welcomed back to our church and appointed as Pastor Emeritus, followed by a luncheon largely organized by Bob Davis. Over 150 people attended.

- **on November 27**, a soup luncheon was served followed by our annual Hanging of the Greens. The soups were fabulous! Thanks to all who contributed the soups, helped to serve them, and helped to clean up afterwards.

As someone with extremely limited experience in this area, ("how long do I microwave this?"), as Chairman, I owe a huge thanks to those who lend their talent and expertise to make this committee's activities happen. Thank you!

Ray Thomas  
Chair

### Membership and Outreach Committee

As we continue to celebrate the arrival of Rev. Lorenz at First Presbyterian and continue on our new chapter, there are several positive developments to note on the membership front.

1. We took in two new classes of members, adding a total of 16 new members to the congregation,

all of whom are adding a lot to our church family. After a real growth slowdown during the transition from Jon Black's pastorate, this has been an encouraging turnaround that we hope to continue. While our new members found us through a variety of different ways, our committee has taken several steps to try to nurture and nourish further growth.

2. With the cooperation of Farmers on the Square market, we opened the church to the public during one market day each month, giving visitors a chance to tour the sanctuary and learn a little about our history. In a related vein, we participated in the Downtown Carlisle Association's First Friday / Welcome Jam aimed at introducing the new class of U.S. Army War College families to downtown Carlisle. Thanks so much to everyone who volunteered in these efforts to help our church raise its profile a bit with those who aren't necessarily familiar with the big stone building on the Square.

3. Did you see the banners advertising our Christmas Eve services on the Square? At the direction of the session, we tried something a little different from the traditional newspaper advertisement, and had some signs made. The sample size is small, but it appears that the banners – hopefully visible to all passers-by on the Square – were effective, as our Christmas Eve services showed a dramatic uptick in attendance this year. The plan is to try this again at Easter.

4. At the start of 2016, we made a conscious effort to reach out to existing members who we haven't seen regularly at First Pres for awhile, to make sure they knew about our new developments and that we've missed them. Many of these folks are probably in touch with some or most of you on a semi-regular basis, but the idea was to make a dedicated contact on behalf of the church. The goal here is two-fold: Hopefully, we encourage members to become actively engaged with church life again. In the alternative, it sets the stage for us to move members to inactive status if we get no result after follow-up efforts.

5. Toward the end of the year, we started a pilot program aimed at new residents to Carlisle. We are sending a letter welcoming folks to the community, letting them know about our church, and inviting them to worship if they are looking for a church home. Two rounds went out this fall, and another in January. It's too early to say how this will go, but we have had a documented case of a letter recipient coming for a visit. Eager to continue this in 2017 and see what happens.

6. Finally, the committee extends great thanks to the Deacons for so many things you do that help put First Presbyterian on the map (like the cellphone screen cleaners.) But I'm also thinking here of the welcome bags you've designed and distribute to our Sunday visitors. They are a neat, personal touch and greatly appreciated.

Charlie Thompson  
Chair

**Nominating Committee**

Committee Members: Dick Sommers, Lynda Mann, Nancy Jacoby, Melissa Sheperd, Bill Gottlieb, Deb Ryerson (Chair)

Proposed Slate of Officers for Class of 2019

Board of Session:

Barbara Allen  
Lynda Mann  
Tom Sheperd  
Dick Sommers  
Charlie Thompson

Board of Deacons:

Ellen Darr  
Sue Shuey  
Terry Shull  
Alice Zimmerman

Submitted by:  
Deb Ryerson (chair)

## **Human Resources**

In November 2016, I was asked to chair the Human Resources Committee. I agreed, and soon after met with Rev. Lorenz regarding staff performances and proposed salary increases, as well as changes in certain other benefits. Pastor Lorenz discussed individual members of the staff and stated that all staff members are performing at a high level of effort and success. We also decided to ask Elder Barb Allen and Deacon Ellen Darr to serve as committee members.

In December, the committee and Pastor Lorenz, along with Bruce Ashbaugh, met to discuss proposed merit increases for staff members and other proposed changes. The committee agreed on the proposed changes and Bruce Ashbaugh submitted the information to the Stewardship and Finance Committee for inclusion in the 2017 budget.

Members of the committee and many members of the congregation have expressed strong support and appreciation for the fine job Pastor Lorenz is doing as leader of the church.

In closing, our thanks to Laura Crim and her 2016 committee members for their service to the church.

Richard Darr  
Chairman

## Christian Education Committee

First Presbyterian Church's Sunday School program has continued to be supported, this year as in years past, by faithful and thoughtful students (of all ages) and generous teachers. The children and youth program continued to follow the lectionary-based curriculum using the "Feasting on the Word" series. We are very thankful for the continued dedication of our children and youth teachers.

Barbara Crum & Lynne Hofferica	Preschool - Kindergarten
Bob Davis	1st - 3rd grade
Barbara Allen	4th - 6th grade
Debby Madden & Kara Fetter	Youth

The Adult Sunday School program has been led this year by Pastor Tony, Debby Madden, and a variety of kind church members. The adult education class primarily follows the lectionary schedule, but also includes in-depth discussions on several books (The Jesus Creed - Lent and Names of the Messiah - Advent) and Mission Trip presentations.

Beginning in the fall of 2016 and continuing into 2017, Children's Church has seen a transition in schedule and study topic this year. In 2016, Children's Church was held during Worship once each month. The smaller, younger congregation focused on studying eight components of the worship service and why they are important to (and part of) the way we worship. This study was designed to give them a greater understanding of our Worship Service.

### 2016 Educational Events:

**Adult Bible Study** - A new, 30 lesson Bible Study, led by Pastor Tony, began this year.

**Toddler Time** - This year Toddler Time was held every Tuesday and Thursday evening from August 9th-25th.

**Seder Meal** - Bob Davis hosted a wonderful Seder Meal on Palm Sunday during Sunday School and Worship for our children grades 1st - 6th.

**Presbyterian Youth Triennium** - Our church was proud to be able to send six students and three adults to attend this year's Presbyterian Youth Triennium (July 19-23). Generous donations covered all expenses for the trip and event. Thank you so much for your support of our Youth!

**Vacation Bible School (VBS)** - First and Second Presbyterian combined their efforts to offer VBS to many children in both congregations (June 13 - 17). We greatly appreciate the many individuals who volunteered their time and donated generously to support this important part of our kid's summer.

The Committee would like to highlight and recognize Debby Madden as the recipient of the Eastern Association of the Presbyterian Church Educators "Educator of the Year" Award presented to her in April of this year. We cannot thank her enough for her continued guidance, leadership, faithfulness, and support of all of the educational programs and ministries at First Presbyterian Church.

Christian Education is not limited to Sundays. In addition to Sunday mornings, there are multiple times that the Bible is studied, from Presbyterian Women Meetings, Men's Breakfast, Prayer Community meeting times, Fellowship time, and every time and place we met, God is teaching us how to be the family of First Presbyterian Church.

Elizabeth Martin

Chair of the Christian Education Committee

### **Safety and Security Committee**

The highlight of 2016 was hosting a very informative and eye-opening “Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse” training for First Church employees and children/youth volunteers. Although church volunteers are not required by law to have this training, First Church believes it is important for all involved with children to understand how to recognize the signs of potential abuse and correctly report it.

Two professionals from the YWCA Carlisle Sexual Assault/Rape Crisis Services led the training. They were not only knowledgeable about current laws, but shared first-hand experience working with victims of abuse. They spoke on categories and indicators of abuse, the legal definitions of a child and perpetrator, mandated reporting obligations, how to make a report, protections for those who report, and the liability for failing to report. Those who attended received certificates of completion for this training approved by the Departments of Human Services, Education and State.

During 2017, the Safety and Security Committee will continue to monitor the state child protection laws for any changes possibly effecting church policy and work to ensure that all volunteers have the required clearances. The Committee will research appropriate and potential “active shooter” response training and other methods to improve the safety & security of our church and its congregation. As always, input and suggestions are encouraged!

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Gottlieb  
Chair

### **Mission and Interpretation Committee**

The year 2016 saw renewed commitment and growth in our support for both local and international mission, and it has been the distinct privilege of the Mission and Interpretation Committee to be a part of sharing a portion of God's bounty with our friends and neighbors in need. In addition to supporting the persistent needs of our geographical neighbors through core mission partners such as Project Share, Carlisle C.A.R.E.S., Maranatha, Samaritan Fellowship, and the Employment Skills Center, 2016 also saw FPC reach out to form new partnerships with our neighbors abroad. Beginning with a workshop producing Personal Energy Transport (P.E.T) carts for the mobility challenged in developing countries - offered as a part of our semi-annual Mission Sunday in the spring - we continued to support the P.E.T. program (Mobility Worldwide) financially throughout the year and hope to schedule more "hands-on" workshops in 2017.

Responding to events in the Middle East and abroad, FPC refocused our commitment to international mission in 2016, pledging over 20% of the Carlisle Presbytery's financial commitment to re-establish a mission co-worker in Honduras as a part of our Presbytery's long-standing commitment to this vital mission. Additionally, FPC pledged significant financial support to Middle East mission co-workers Scott and Elmarie Parker, working from Beirut to address critical needs of refugees of the on-going Syrian civil war, as well as generously funding other needed Carlisle Presbytery mission work through undesignated funds. Continuing our effort to promote awareness of on-going mission opportunities and needs, we hosted Christian Educator and veteran mission volunteer Kathy Wells, who addressed our adult Sunday School class as part of our fall Mission Sunday program, highlighting international mission and the Carlisle Presbytery's on-going efforts in Honduras.

We look forward to 2017 with hope for an even deeper commitment to mission in our community and our world, as demonstrated by an ambitious 10% increase in the 2017 mission budget. We invite each of you to prayerfully consider committing anew and exploring ways in which you may be called to give your time, talents, and treasure in support of FPC's many worthy missions, including serving on the Mission and Interpretation Committee.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of  
the Mission and Interpretation Committee,  
J. J. Patterson, co-chair



## **Stewardship and Finance Committee**

On the following pages you will find the summary of the 2017 budget for First Presbyterian Church. This is an estimate of the anticipated income and expenses for the coming year. This budget does not include any capital campaign expenditures. The various committee chairpersons are responsible for monitoring expenses within their respective areas.

### ***Income***

General Fund Support includes white envelopes, plate offerings, per capita contributions and Sunday school giving. As you can see, giving has increased steadily. It is noted that the actual amount for per capita in 2016 includes a refund received for an adjustment in our number of members.

### ***Investments & Trusts***

These are investments that are currently held by F&M Trust Company and the New Covenant Income Fund, part of the Presbyterian Foundation. We receive distributions from both sources throughout the year. You may note that in 2016, the ending balance is \$11,158. This is the result of a \$25,000 withdrawal from our New Covenant investments, authorized by Session, to keep our checking account balance sufficient for operating expenses. The actual deficient balance is -\$13,842, not the budgeted -\$51,907.

### ***Capital Campaign***

As of the end of 2016, between pledges and gifts, we have \$90,524. Our goal is \$150,000. The fence around the outside stairway to the lower level has been improved, the chimney rebuilt, and the heat trace systems are ready for winter. We are now looking at the repair of the pipe organ. Parts, which are hand made, have been ordered so this work can get started as soon as possible, however funds are still needed to cover this project.

### ***Congregational Commitment***

For 2017 we have 51 pledges from about half of our family units, amounting to \$173,892. We realize it is difficult to anticipate what the future will bring, but it is helpful to the Finance Committee to have a realistic expectation of what the church's income will be when working on the budget.

The Session thanks the congregation for its strong support of this church and its work.

Respectfully submitted,

Trudy Bailey and Nancy Tritt  
Finance Chairs

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## **Property Committee**

### ***Committee Members:***

Peg Owen, Co-Chair  
Mike Stamey, Co-Chair  
Mary Jane Blosser  
Peggy McKeehen  
Dennis Rydberg

For the 2016-2017 Capital Fundraising Campaign, we prioritized projects for the Finance Committee. Several of those projects have been completed this year:

- The exterior stairwell fence has been brought up to code.
- The chimney has been repaired.
- Our roof-edge heat trace system that melts ice during winter is working again.
- Major tree pruning was completed this fall.

Service maintenance contracts are in place for the following:

- Heating and air-conditioning (HVAC)
- Elevator
- Fire alarms and extinguishers

We now have a complete plan for each of our five air-conditioning systems, showing the location and access area for all their individual components. For example, we now know exactly which of the exterior compressors go to which system.

Our committee is very grateful for the expertise and guidance we received throughout 2016 from Tobie Wolf, P.E., our Church's consulting engineer. Tobie's years of experience with our facility and passion for our historic building have made the majority of our 2016 tasks easier, and more professional and economical. We are looking forward to working with him again this year.

Submitted by  
Dennis Rydberg

## Presbyterian Women (PW)

### Secretary's Report

PW Faith Circle meets once a month, usually the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, for devotions, business and Bible study. For 2015-16, we completed the *Horizons Magazine* Bible study "Come to the Waters" by Judy Record Fletcher. We are now using the *Horizons Magazine* Bible study, "Who Is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes" by Judy Yates Sikes.

Peggy McKeen has put forth great effort to organize a place for PW storage. It is located in the corner of the Gathering Room. Also, some PW have worked at cleaning areas of the kitchen and financially supporting work done on church renovations.

At the end of our last Bible study (theme: water), we sent money towards the purchase of a treadle pump to help farmers with crop irrigation. This mission was chosen from *The Presbyterian Mission Giving Catalog*.

Jean Kretzing  
Secretary

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### Treasurer's Report

Local Mission	
Domestic Violence	\$200
Meals on Wheels	\$150
Salvation Army	\$200
Safe Harbour	\$200
PW Birthday Offering	\$727
Thank Offering	\$753

Peggy McKeen  
Treasurer

## BOARD OF DEACONS

The Board of Deacons continued to serve the congregation of First Presbyterian in a variety of ways while providing outreach to the community as well.

During 2016:

- Each deacon reached out to one or more homebound members through cards, home visits and home communion.
- Deacons continued the “Journeying through Grief” program which provides guide booklets offering comfort and support to those in the congregation dealing with the loss of a loved one.
- We continued to support the preparation of receptions following funerals at the church.
- Deacons assisted in the development and distribution of a “Time and Talent” survey to each member of the congregation. Collection of the completed surveys is still under way. The survey results will assist First Church leadership in the identification of those who wish to serve within the congregation as well as those in need of occasional assistance with home or yard work.
- In September, the Deacons began to work with Pastor Tony to identify newcomers each week during and after the Sunday service. The goal was to make an introduction with the new person and give him/her a bag containing information about our church. The bags seem to be very well received and the program will continue.
- Deacons used the pen and ink sketch of our church done in 1989 by our late member Betty Barcus, as the front art work for note cards. The cards are currently for sale in packs of ten.
- Concurrent with the note cards, the Deacons also developed “sticky cleans” for cleaning cell phone screens. On the front of each sticky clean is contact information for First Presbyterian.
- The deacons purchased new badges for the ushers to wear. We now have a total of twelve badges. The new badges have a magnetic backing rather than the old pin on type.

Our community outreach entailed:

- serving three Sunday suppers at “My Brothers’ Table” at The Salvation Army
- contributing to a children’s lunch and program in June for the local SPY initiative
- Serving as bell ringers at the Point Mall on December 3<sup>rd</sup> for the Salvation Army’s annual fund raiser
- Coordinating, preparing and delivering eighty-nine bags of cookies to the local truck stop ministry on December 19<sup>th</sup>.

The deacons raised money for:

- Local mission – “My Brother’s Table” local mission through Give-a-Meal remembrances on Father’s Day.

Financial Summary: The year- end account balances for Deacon accounts was checking, \$2,748.17, and savings, \$505.54.

Throughout the year, we provided ongoing financial support (\$100.00 each) to eight local organizations: First Quarter – Project Share and Safe Harbour; Second Quarter – Samaritan Fellowship and Christian Counseling; Third Quarter – SPY and Maranatha; Fourth Quarter – Carlisle Cares and Adult Employment Skill Center.

Thank you to everyone who participated in and supported our efforts in 2016.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Read  
2016 Moderator, Board of Deacons

**Treasurer's Report  
Board of Deacons**

<b>Income:</b>	<b>\$2401.33</b>
Bean Sales	\$96.00
Dining for Dads	\$497.50
Donation	\$20.00
1st Pres	\$1171.78
These Days	\$38.05
Thomas Funeral	\$275.00
Note Cards/Stickies	\$293.00
Grief Books	\$10.00

<b>Expenses:</b>	<b>\$2313.45</b>
My Brothers Table	\$202.68
Thomas Funeral	\$231.73
Easter Flowers	\$27.14
Project Share	\$100.00
Safe Harbor	\$100.00
Samaritan Fellowship	\$100.00
Christian counseling	\$100.00
SPY	\$100.00
Maranatha	\$100.00
Carlisle Cares	\$100.00
Adult Emp. Skills	\$100.00
Note Cards/Stickies	\$648.67
Miller Funeral	\$233.77
Lloyd Funeral	\$169.46