

2016 Report to the Congregation



First Presbyterian Church

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Pastor's Report



It is always an interesting exercise to write these annual reports. Every year, I pull out my old calendar and turn back to January. As I flip through the pages, I see little boxes filled with meetings, appointments, worship services, and more. There are weeks blocked off for vacation and study leave. There are weekends highlighted for special events at the church. And

of course, as I have come to learn, there is also a lot that happens in the “blank spaces” where nothing is filled in. Ministry does not only happen in what appears on our calendars. It frequently happens in still and quiet moments, often with other people. While it is impossible to detail everything from 2016, below are some of the highlights I was reminded of as I looked through the calendar.

Each and every Sunday, we gather for the worship of God. Leading these services and preaching God’s Word is perhaps the most important part of my ministry, and one I look forward to on a weekly basis. Beyond Sunday services, we have gathered as the body of Christ in worship on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Interfaith Thanksgiving, Interfaith Martin Luther King Jr., Christmas Eve, and more. We have also gathered for weddings, funerals, and as we have celebrated the Lord’s Supper and baptized the children of God. I want to thank Rev. Kim Adams, Katy Strand, Chris Young, the 9:00 choir, the 11:00 choir, the hand bell choir, the Worship Committee, and so many others who have planned, led, and cleaned up so that we can worship in Spirit and in truth.

This year, I led a Lenten study using the book *What We Need Is Here* by Dr. Roger Owens. I also participated in the Faith Forum adult education class as a leader on occasion. I also continued to work with our Session in learning more about the confessions of our church and exploring them theologically and practically. This year, we also welcomed Dr. Grace Kim to teach and preach, as well as Brother Emile from the Taizé community in France. These were two educational opportunity highlights and blessings for me. Additionally, I continued to work and make progress on my Doctor of Ministry degree at

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

2016 was another full and busy year in the area of pastoral care. During the year, I met with members of the church in my office, over lunch and coffee, at their homes, in hospitals, in rehab facilities, and in quiet conversations. We have talked over the phone, exchanged texts, emails, and online messages. Many of these meetings are profound and full of grief and heaviness. Others are lighter and more joyful. I am glad to have shared this ministry with Kim Adams, the Deacons, and so many others who are so good at caring for each other. This year, I used the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund to help secure medication and food for members and friends of our church.

There is far too much to name regarding the daily and weekly administration of the church office. It was a joy to work with our great staff and many church leaders. This year, I worked closely with the following committees: Membership, Mission and Outreach, Nominating, Personnel, Property, Stewardship, and Worship. I assisted the other committees as needed or when requested. I also worked with the Celebrating our Future (capital campaign) committee and UKirk.

Beyond the local church, I was active in the Presbytery of Ohio Valley serving on the Congregational Mission and Vitality Committee. I also was elected to serve as a presbytery commissioner to the Synod of Lincoln Trails, and look forward to that work in the year ahead. This year, we said “goodbye” to custodian, Linda Wilson and Administrative Assistant, Sadie Carter. We also said “hello” to our new Administrative Assistant, Karla Lewis and Associate Pastor, Kim Adams.

I enjoyed leading and participating in various interfaith and ecumenical relationships in Bloomington. These relationships certainly strengthen our city and us as a faith community.

This year, we applied for a Clergy Renewal Grant (sabbatical) through Christian Theological Seminary and the Lilly Foundation. Unfortunately, we were not awarded a grant. As a result, I have delayed my sabbatical for a year and will take one in 2018. During 2017, we will re-apply for the grant. This year, I was invited to participate in the Convocation of Christian Leaders at the Divinity School of Duke University. This engaging program is comprised of Christian leaders from across the country and across denominations. It has been a highlight. I was also invited to serve the search committee



Andy kissing the calf at Heifer Market

Photo courtesy of Bill Bennett

for the Director of the Doctor of Ministry program at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. This was an invaluable experience. Finally, I published a chapter titled "A Rule for Church Leaders" in the book *Sacred Habits: Rise of the Creative Clergy*. It is an honor to share my voice with so many other church leaders in our country.

As year number six in Bloomington draws to a close, I am once more reminded of God's faithfulness from one day to the next. I also have hope for a great year ahead. Thank you for the privilege of being your pastor.

With thanks for the Spirit we share,

Rev. Andy Kort

Worship Committee

The worship committee consists of the following individuals: Norman Dean (Chair), Lisa Hardwick, Mary Jensen, Muff Johnson, Dotti Riggins, Becky Rusie, Katy Strand, Karen Watts and Kathy Norris.

The worship committee oversees most aspects of worship in the sanctuary, including approving special worship services, such as this year's Wednesday Advent services, and a communion service that took place during the annual mission trip to West Virginia. In addition, the committee approves and forwards to session recommendations for the scheduling of baptisms and weddings. Many items are directed by committee members or friends of the committee. These include the sanctuary set-up (Becky Rusie), ushers (Lisa Hardwick), flowers (Muff Johnson), liturgists (Carol Peterman), and children's worship bags (Karen and Dan Watts). If you would like to help in any of these areas, or have comments or suggestions, please contact the people in charge. We are also happy to report that attendance at services in 2016 remained steady to slightly ahead of last year's numbers.

Respectfully submitted,
Norman Dean, chair



Photo courtesy of Dick Darling

STATISTICAL INFORMATION FOR 2016

Active Members at the beginning of the year: 392

Gains: 13

Losses: 11

Total Active Membership at the end of the year:

394

Age Distribution of Active Members:

25 & Under: 31

26-45: 93

46-55: 49

56-65: 53

Over 65: 168

In Memorium

Jeune Baker

Peggy Cooper

Ben Cramer

Bettyclaire Day

Joann Dodd

Clara Henderson

Myfawny Richards

Byron Smith

Associate Pastor's Report

Dear Friends,

It has been an exciting and meaningful first year serving as your Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church. In fact, it is hard to believe I've been with you for a year. Throughout that time, you've showered my family and me with so many blessings, by your loving care, support, hospitality, energy, faithfulness, grace, etc. The Adams family is truly thankful and humbled by it all. For me, it has become one of my greatest joys to serve our Lord and Savior with "y'all."

There is a lot to learn when moving to a new town and beginning a new call. From learning names and placing those names with a face, to learning about all the things that make FPC so special, I am filled with gratitude for each learning moment along the way. Everyday, I am reminded of God's grace and presence in and through our faith community.

As the Associate Pastor, I have had the joy of working closely with the Christian Education, Membership and Small Groups committees. In addition, I was presented with the opportunity to organize and work with the Halloween Party and Christmas Pageant Planning Teams. Furthermore, I have had the honor of working with a compassionate, faithful, and gifted staff, the Board of Deacons, Elders, and many lay leaders. Working with these groups and individuals has helped me to understand the many ways our faith community lives into the church's vision of "Celebrating Christ and Serving Community at 6th and Lincoln and Throughout the World."

Throughout the year, I provided pastoral care in homes, at the hospital, nursing homes and rehab facilities, in my office, at table, and often over a simple cup of coffee or tea. Tears of joy and tears of sadness were shared along with laughter and comforting silence and prayer. Such moments have been deeply profound and humbling. Working closely with the Board of Deacons surely revealed to me how FPC adults reveal their compassion and care for others. However, this summer I had the joy of seeing our youth serve with the same compassion toward others on the West Virginia mission trip. It was a powerful experience serving alongside our delightful young people, seeing the ways God is working through them as they live out the Gospel.

Our community gathered every Sunday, and several times in between, to praise and give thanks to God. I had the pleasure of planning my installation service as we welcomed Rev. Ashley-Anne Masters (Lurie Children's Hospital, Chicago), Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Caldwell (Vanderbilt Divinity School), Sergio Centeno (Artist in Residence,

University Church, Chicago), and several clergy and elders from the Presbytery of Ohio Valley (POV). It was an honor to preach 15 times at FPC, as well as at Spencer and United Presbyterian Churches, for Sunday morning worship. I also had the opportunity to preach at the installation of my long time friend and colleague in ministry, Rev. John Napoli at United PC(USA) here in Bloomington. As I have enjoyed working with our talented staff planning worship, I have also taken great joy in working with our children, youth and youth leaders planning for Youth Sunday, Mission Trip Sunday, and the Christmas Pageant services. It is exciting to have so many active children and youth serve as worship leaders. They are acolytes, lectors, musicians, liturgists, and faithful worshippers.

In 2016, half of my study leave was spent at the annual APCE (Association of Presbyterian Christian Educators) conference in Chicago. The other half of my study leave was used for exegetical research at the University of Chicago and McCormick Theological Seminary for a new children's story Bible (to be released in 2018). In 2017, I will be part of a panel discussion to talk about the process of writing for a story Bible at APCE. Looking ahead to 2017, I humbly accepted the nomination to serve on the Presbytery of Ohio Valley's Committee on Ministry (COM). I have also been invited to take part in a peace-making initiative in urban ministry at one of the oldest congregations in our country, and have been invited to join the New Pastor's Program offered by the Synod of Lincoln Trails. I am grateful for these opportunities that allow me to connect and engage in ministry in addition to my work with the local church.

My hope and prayer for all of us in 2017 come from Paul's letter to the Colossians 3:15-17: "The peace of Christ must control your hearts—a peace into which you were called in one body. And be thankful people. The word of Christ must live in you richly. Teach and warn each other with all wisdom by singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing to God with gratitude in your hearts. Whatever you do, whether in speech or action, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus and give thanks to God the Father through him."

With gratitude,
Kim Adams



Christian Education



Members: Mary Burch Ratliff, chair; Kim Adams, Associate Pastor, ex-officio

Adult Ed: Allan Edmonds, chair; Luke Shimek (until May); Lou Moir; Jim Ernest; and Karen Bush

Youth Sub: Nancy Goss, chair; Clara Henderson (until October); Jamie Prenkert; Glen Darling; Mary Beth Novy; Tressa Rauh; and Nathan Ernest (joined in November)

Children's Ed: Kathy Hollinger, chair; Carol McGregor; Karen Hahn; and Sarah McKenney

Accomplishments:

The youth volunteered at MLK Weave-In at the Mathers Museum on Martin Luther King Day.

- Participated in Souper Bowl of Caring.
- Held Jerusalem Market on Palm Sunday.
- The youth helped with an Easter Egg hunt for the pre-school and elementary-age children.
- Had a screening and discussion of the movie, "Trigger."
- Adult Christian Education on Sunday mornings encompassed three ongoing classes. Judy Holy taught a BONHOEFFER STUDIES group working systematically through the seminal writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. A more informal EVERYDAY SPIRITUALITY class met to share and discuss matters of mutual concern from a

Christian perspective. This class was coordinated by Jamie Prenkert and Derek Voskuil during the first half of the year and by Derek Voskuil in the second half. Finally the FAITH FORUM series presented a varied program of issues and speakers. See the separate listing of Faith Forum presenters on the next page.

- Held a Youth Sunday worship service to celebrate our graduating seniors.
- Youth participated in youth outings to the Talbot's cabin and the Larry Crowe Property.
- Youth participated in the West Virginia mission trip.
- Began using *Godly Play* curriculum for the pre-school class.
- Continued to use *Seasons of the Spirit* curriculum for the elementary classes.
- The Disciples class used a combination of *We Believe* and *Echo the Story: 12*
- Began using *Echo the Story:36* with the Common Place (High School age).
- Completed a very successful intergenerational mosaic project dedicated to Clara Henderson.
- Kicked off the new Confirmation Class with a Progressive dinner for Confirmands and sponsors in the fall.

- Continued to host monthly “Kids Night In” events, with a special one for Halloween.
- Youth helped with Heifer Market and participated in a pre-Heifer Market lock-in.
- Hosted the First Advent Event: a combination of Hanging of the Greens, The Christmas Store, Children’s activities and a Potluck dinner.
- The elementary students and the Disciples participated in the Christmas Pageant, *A Mary Carol*.

Goals:

- Continue to recruit new teachers and committee members.
- Consider having a Vacation Bible School this summer.

The Christian Education committee would like to thank the many individuals who helped teach or lead programs throughout 2016. Our programming would not be possible without you. The committee would also like to thank Kim Adams for her leadership and expertise. It was a joy to get to work with her for the whole year!

Respectfully submitted,
 Mary Burch Ratliff, chair

Faith Forum Presenters in 2016

Faith Forum highlights from the first half of the year include: reminiscences from former pastors Byron Bangert, Gavin Meek, and Bob White; a presentation on early Christian Italian art by Ann Schechter; a presentation on climate change by Norm Holy; a student writing panel with Emily Bobo; updates on the Capital Campaign from campaign chair Garth Goodlett; a report on current life in Cuba by visitor Alicia Perez; and several discussions led by Andy Kort. In the fall, the Rev. Dr. Grace Ji-Sun Kim spoke during her visit as part of the FPC enrichment series. In history, we heard the story of FPC’s Larry Crowe Property, with Bob Dodd and Bob White; the story of Colonel John Ketcham; the history of FPC, by Judy Holy; and recollections of the FPC Christmas Workshops, by Carol Darling. We had a discussion of stewardship, with the church’s Stewardship Committee, led by Derek Voskuil. We had presentations related to the upcoming interfaith Habitat Build from Cathy McFarland and Wendi Goodlett and a Habitat owner as well as prospects for refugee resettlement in Bloomington with IU professor Elizabeth Dunn and her students. We also heard a report on the status of the Interfaith Winter Shelter from shelter chair Dan Watts, and an update on sustainability in Bloomington, with Pete Lenzen, local sustainability advocate. In addition, we had a discussion of freedom of religion issues with Dan Conkle, a report from the 2016 General Assembly of the PC(USA) from Mihee Kim-Kort, and a presentation on our new organ, with church organist Chris Young.



Children’s Pageant 2016



Youth Gathering at Larry Crowe

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Board of Deacons

2016 members of the Board of Deacons (BOD): Randall Burcham (Moderator), Ann Schechter (Vice-Moderator), JoEllen Baldwin, Virginia Baude, John Connell, Dave Grossman, Mickey Klein, Cathy McFarland, Dottie Riggins, Hallie Schmucker, David Schwandt, Luke Shimek and Karen Watts.

The BOD members are divided into 3 teams: Hospitality, Recognition and Member Support. A summary of team activities follows.

Hospitality Team: Eight funeral receptions were hosted during the year. Thanks to all FPC members who have provided food for these receptions. Ann Schechter coordinated the funeral receptions during 2016. When Ann was unavailable, Carol Darling coordinated the receptions. Thank you Ann and Carol! Hospitality is also responsible for assembling and mailing cheer packages to our college members as well as students attending FPC. Your help providing cheer package items makes this ministry possible. Virginia Baude was the Deacon who insured the cheer packages were completed and distributed. Though listed under the hospitality team's duties, all deacons assist in helping serve The Lord's Supper throughout the year. The BOD also shares, with Session members, the responsibility of preparing the elements before and cleanup following services. Homebound individuals can also receive communion served by members of the BOD. Please request homebound communion by contacting a BOD member or the FPC Office Administrator. Coordination of Coffee Hour, supplies and volunteer hosts, is a significant task originally assigned to this team. During 2016, Coffee Hour hosting continued with the adjustments made in 2015. The hosting responsibilities were assigned to four BOD teams. Each team was responsible to host, or recruit hosts, one week during each month. Thanks to everyone who hosted Coffee Hour during 2016. Your help will also be required during 2017.

Recognition Team: Thirty members achieving 85+ year birthdays were recognized with cards this year. Betty Claire Day was recognized for celebrating her 100th birthday. Four couples were recognized as celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. There were no 50-year members to recognize this year. The team continues to maintain and update

the narthex bulletin board to show appreciation for hard work completed by FPC members. This team also insures an altar rosebud is present to celebrate the birth of FPC member's children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. There were several births celebrated during 2016.

Member Support: This team maintains the Care Notes in the narthex and coordinates the delivery of the altar flowers after services each Sunday. Member Support deacons help our members who may need transportation to and from worship. This past year, transportation was regularly arranged for two members that require transportation to and from worship services. Visitations are an important part of the deacon ministry. Many, many visits were made this year to members of our congregation. Whether it was an illness, accident, death in the family, or someone who needed companionship while in rehab or a nursing home, a deacon was available. An item exchange closet, mostly located in Carol and Dick Darling's garage, is maintained and available to all our members. The BOD was pleased to help several members in need this year by coordinating meal deliveries. As most FPC members know, the BOD does not prepare all of the meals, provide all transportation or make all of the visits. To everyone who has assisted this year, THANK YOU!

This has been a busy and gratifying year for the Board of Deacons. We could not have accomplished the many tasks listed without the help of the FPC congregation. THANK YOU ONE and ALL. During 2017, let us know if there is anything with which the Board of Deacons can assist.

Respectfully submitted,

Randall Burcham, Moderator



Board of Deacons 2016

Outreach and Mission Committee

Committee Members: Norm Holy (chair), Dan Conkle, Bob Dodd, Bob Ivie, Leslie LeComte, Cathy McFarland, Jim Rusie, Susie Van Doren, Dan Watts, and Michael Williams.

The committee plans and facilitates the congregation's contributions to mission and outreach. Its activities in 2016 included distribution of funds from the church budget in support of a number of agencies and projects, many of which minister to the needs of the poor in our community, country, and world. Our mission also includes raising funds through special offerings, collecting non-monetary contributions (such as food and blood donations), and coordinating contributions of time and talent. The Outreach & Mission committee's budget is contingent on the degree to which the income projection for First Presbyterian Church's overall budget is met. Over the last three years, our highest priority for distributing available funds has been for local projects such as the Monroe County United Ministries (MCUM) emergency food pantry, the Area 10 Agency on Aging food deliveries to homebound seniors, and FPC's Saturday Morning Breakfast program. Other funding priorities include our missions in West Virginia and Posoltega, Nicaragua, the Interfaith Winter Shelter for the homeless in Bloomington, and the Shalom Community Center. Funds are also distributed as available to support the denominational mission of the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. Highlights of this year's mission activities include:

Monroe County United Ministry (MCUM): In addition to supporting various MCUM services with a financial contribution from the Outreach & Mission committee's budget, First Presbyterian Church collected food under the weekly BOGO logo (Buy One Give One), and undertook two food drives for MCUM's emergency food pantry. The total FPC food contribution to MCUM in 2016 was 3,365 pounds.

Area 10 Agency on Aging: During the fourth week of each month, under Doug and Sandra Tracy's leadership, between 25 and 30 members of First Presbyterian Church have helped to sort, pack, and deliver groceries for 90-100 Bloomington area clients of the Area 10 Agency on Aging. The program provides nutritious food to elderly, often homebound and financially stressed, members of our community. Working as a partner with the Agency for more than ten years, First Presbyterian members have given several hundred hours of volunteer time to the success of this ministry every year. The Area Ten food delivery program serves 250 clients in Bloomington and Ellettsville. The annual FPC food drive for Area 10 in September netted 220 food items plus \$410 in donations.

Outreach and Mission committee members filled 80 Christmas gift bags (20 of them diabetic) to go in Area 10

grocery bags. Also the congregation contributed 42 Angel Tree gifts to Area 10 clients. The Area 10 REPAIRS program, headed by Steve Main, consisted of 14 volunteers, which included nine FPC members. The construction team completed 10 handicap ramps and steps in Monroe and Owen Counties during 2016. In addition, Jack Peterman and Steve made 50 house calls to assist people needing smaller repairs and/or grab bar installations



Area 10 REPAIRS team

Blood Drives: Last year was another positive year, as we collected 75 pints of blood, which potentially touched the lives of nearly 225 individuals. This program was coordinated by Don Hollinger.

The FPC Saturday Morning Breakfast: This special ministry continued into its seventh year. Under the leadership of Cathy McFarland, 55 volunteers helped with the breakfast. The Saturday Morning Breakfast Ministry continues to grow. On average, we served approximately 100 each Saturday, with a year's high of 143 guests. The new kitchen has been a blessing. We are able to serve faster, hotter meals. Clean up is easier and less time consuming. The Saturday Morning Breakfast essentially means food, but it is also a vehicle for church members to reach out to people in need. We passed out coats, gloves, socks, and even dog food.

First Presbyterian Church was asked to participate in the 2017 Habitat for Humanity Interfaith CommUNITY Build. Ten faith communities, as well as other community and justice groups, will come together to build a home. FPC will recruit volunteers to help build, feed, and fund raise. Outreach and Mission pledged \$5000.00 towards this effort. Construction will begin in late March 2017.

Annual West Virginia Mission Trip: On Sunday, June 8, 2016, 14 youth, one child, and 11 adults from FPC left for the 2016 mission trip to West Virginia. After approximately

eight hours on the road, the group arrived at Edgewood Presbyterian Church in Lewisburg, West Virginia. This would be our home for the week. Upon our arrival we were greeted by Edgewood PC's pastor, Larryetta Ellis and Tim Stewart from West Virginia Mission and Advocacy Workgroups (WVMAW). On Monday, June 9th, Tim Stewart met our group, and we caravanned to our work site in White Sulphur Springs, WV, about 15 minutes east of Lewisburg.

Shortly after our arrival at the worksite, we began working on a trailer where a single mother with her children would live. The tasks at hand were to: 1) install skirting around the trailer, 2) build a front porch with railing, a roof and stairs leading up to the front porch, and 3) build a ramp for wheelchair access to the back door of the trailer. Our team worked diligently over the course of the week and accomplished all three of the tasks at hand. Many youth learned to use tools they had never used before, including an auger to dig holes for the ramp posts.



West Virginia Mission Trip Team

Over the course of the week, mission trip-goers helped with housekeeping duties where we stayed and after-meal cleanup in the kitchen. On Wednesday, the team took a break from the worksite to visit The Greenbrier, and took the Bunker Tour. On Thursday, the congregation held a potluck dinner for us in Edgewood's Fellowship Hall. That evening, over one hundred people gathered to break bread and have fellowship together, including the single mother and her children, whose trailer we were working on. Each night, the group had vespers in the sanctuary and celebrated the sacrament of the Lord's Supper on Friday evening. The team returned home safely on Saturday, grateful for their experience with Edgewood PC and WVMAW.

Posoltega Mission: Since 1993, FPC has maintained a sister-church relationship with the Jesus of Nazareth Parish of Posoltega, Nicaragua. Our mission includes biennial trips to Posoltega, and planning is already underway for our next trip in the summer of 2017. But the trips are only one part

of our ongoing, year-round mission commitment.

Through our regular budget, FPC provides monthly financial support for the Jesus of Nazareth Parish (\$180 per month, or \$2,160 per year) and for a truly wonderful children's music program (\$330 per month, or \$3,960 per year). In addition, a portion of our "Souper Bowl" collection each February goes to Posoltega's hot-lunch program. In 2016, this amount was \$516.50. And every December, thanks to Koinonia's Christmas Store, we send money to permit the children of our sister church to celebrate Christmas with small gifts and a special fiesta. In 2016, Koinonia raised \$1,000 for this project, and we added another \$270 from our Equal Exchange Coffee Cart proceeds.

FPC also sponsors a college scholarship program for Posoltega young people. Funded by designated contributions from individual members of the congregation, these scholarships, in the amount of \$150 per year, cover such essential expenses as school supplies, basic living expenses, and transportation. In 2016, we provided \$3,600 for this program, enough to fund scholarships for 24 students.

2016 also witnessed a very special and exciting development in our sister-church relationship. As part of FPC's Celebrating Our Future capital campaign, a major gift in the amount of \$15,000 was sent to the Jesus of Nazareth Parish. These funds were used to renovate a dilapidated portion of the parish rectory, or "casa cural." The renovated space will be used for church and community functions, including the children's music program that FPC sponsors and supports. This dramatic capital improvement will enhance the ministry and mission of our sister church, and will nourish our sister-church relationship for decades to come.

Refugee Resettlement: FPC is monitoring the progress in bringing refugees to Bloomington. Ann Schechter and Sandra Tracy are our representatives at organizational meetings. At this time, the possibility of refugees has been delayed by the lack of approval of the budget at the federal level. We will continue to follow developments and hope this is a delay in resettlement efforts, not a termination.

Interfaith Winter Shelter (IWS): First Presbyterian Church continued to operate the Interfaith Winter Shelter (IWS) on the fourth Saturday night of each month during the shelter season. Our venue this year was First United Church. About 35 FPC volunteers helped with this project under the direction of Dan Watts and Allan Edmonds. Additionally, FPC is again serving during the winter shelter season as the

primary IWS overflow site.

Heifer and Global Gifts

Markets: Members of the Outreach and Mission Committee assisted in organizing the Heifer and Global Gifts markets (headed up by Mary Beth Novy, with Michael Williams taking the lead to secure animals for the Heifer Market). The Heifer Market raised a total of \$11,808.



Bloomington Area Crop Walk: Dan Watts took the lead in our support for the Bloomington Area Crop Walk, which raises funds for food and emergency disaster response in Bloomington and throughout the world.

Special Offerings: The Outreach and Mission committee sponsored three special offerings again this year. First Presbyterian Church members donated \$6,096.85 to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering, \$2,791 to the Peace

and Global Witness offering, and \$2,372 to the Christmas Joy offering.

Outside Groups using the building: In addition to the Korean Presbyterian Church, FPC facilities were used by a large number of outside groups. They included four distinct AA groups, three AlAnon groups, four distinct Narcotics Anonymous groups, Sex Addicts Anonymous, Debtors Anonymous, Recovering Couples Anonymous, COSA (a program for those affected by behaviors of others, adapted from Al-Anon), Musical Beginnings (a music program for preschoolers through the Jacobs School of Music), IU Children's Choirs, recitals for three local piano teachers, Lotus Festival, out-of-state Habitat for Humanity College Build groups, Habitat for Humanity Staff parking, Scottish Society, Scottish Gaelic Dancers, the Bloomington Photography club, and Different Abilities, a fellowship of developmentally disabled adults.

Respectfully submitted,
Norm Holy, Chair

Personnel Committee

Committee: Ginny Coombs (Session Member and chair), Gary Crow, Garth Goodlett (Session Member), Carol McGregor, Kevin Tevault (Secretary), Thomas Schwandt (Session Member), and Rev. Andrew Kort, Ex-Officio member.

Accomplishments:

- Appointed Deb Prenkert to a 3-year term on the Response Team (requirement of the church policy on Preventing and Responding to Sexual Misconduct).
- Hosted UKIRK luncheons together with the Small Groups Committee in February and in November.
- Reviewed the Pastor's 2017 Sabbatical leave plans; assisted with the formulation of the sabbatical leave grant submitted to the Lilly Foundation.
- Submitted a request to Session to initiate a search for the Administrative Assistant position; completed the search for new Administrative Assistant.
- Reviewed and updated the annual FPC Staff Evaluation questionnaire.
- Conducted the annual Staff reviews with input from the congregation for the evaluation of the Pastor, Associate Pastor, Music Director, Organist, Nursery Coordinator, and Custodians; compiled the results and shared with the Head of Staff.
- Sponsored a reception for Sadie Carter,

Matthew and Neil Ackerman to honor and express appreciation for Sadie's work as FPC's Administrative Assistant.

- Reviewed compensation market trends, and made compensation recommendations to the Stewardship Committee for the 2017 budget.
- Accepted the resignation from custodian, Linda Wilson. Recommended to Session that Top Notch Cleaning be hired to take over Linda's duties in lieu of hiring a new part-time person.
- Sponsored a reception for Linda Wilson to thank her for her loyal service to the church
- Approved a one-year delay to 2018 for the Pastor's sabbatical leave.
- Solicited funds from the congregation for the 2016 staff Christmas gifts; organized and hosted a holiday luncheon for the staff.
- Provided support to the Head of Staff on personnel policies as needed.

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Coombs, Chair

Nominating Committee

Committee members: Nancy Nelson (Chair), Wendi Goodlett, Karen Hahn, Clara Henderson, JoAnn Main, Ed McClellan, Kathy Norris, and the Rev. Andrew Kort (Ex-officio).

This year, the committee was charged with completing two different tasks. They were:

- To Choose New Members for the Deacon and Elder Classes of 2019.
- To replace a Deacon who resigned.

The following tasks were completed:

- Members were trained to help each of us understand the committee responsibilities and the needs of each board. This was led by Rev. Andy Kort.
- The committee requested nominations from the FPC membership for Deacon and Elder candidates.
- The team worked prayerfully to review names of FPC members to serve in these roles.
- Each committee member participated in contacting prospective candidates.

- Elders and Deacons for the class of 2019 were nominated to serve, and were elected at the Annual Congregational Meeting on October 30th. They are:

Elders: Beth Burcham, Tom Dillon, David Giedroc, Christopher Goss, and Mary Beth Novy

Deacons: Sharon Ackerman, Jason Adams, Joyce Krothe, Bev Tevault. Michael Williams was elected to a one-year term to replace a Deacon who had to resign.

Nominating Committee: Returning to the committee will be Wendi Goodlett, Karen Hahn, JoAnn Main, Ed McClellan, and Elder Kathy Norris. The following new members were confirmed at the Annual Congregational Meeting: Tim Baldwin and Ginny Coppedge. The Session will appoint an additional Elder to serve on the committee in 2017.

- At a congregational meeting on December 4th, 2016, Calvin Prekert was nominated and elected to serve a one year term as a Deacon.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Nelson, chair



Session 2016

Property Management Committee

Committee Members: Don Hollinger (Chair), Steve Creech, Richard Darling, Garth Goodlett (Secretary), Greg Hepfer, Ron Jensen, Bill Jones, Mickey Klein, Allan Edmonds, John Connell, Tom Dillon, Jack Peterman, and Christopher Goss.



Lyman Hall Corner Remodel

2016 has proven to be another very busy year for the Property Management Committee. Following the completion of the new roof in 2016, the springtime saw the beginning of the second phase of our capital campaign, the renovation of a completely new kitchen to better serve our membership and expand our mission to serve the community at large. The project required a good deal of planning, along with the cooperation of many FPC members. Once construction began, through the excellent work and craftsmanship of our contractor, Will-Harris Builders, the work was basically completed over the summer and readied for the students to return to Bloomington, along with the full resumption of regular and mission activities, such as the Saturday Morning Breakfast.



Remodeled Kitchen

The search for and repair of ceiling leaks remain an ongoing function of the Property Committee. Ceiling leaks in the Pastor's office and the Disciples Room are believed to at last be solved. The replacement of ceiling tiles has been completed in the Pastor's office and will soon be completed in the Disciples Room.

Room #5, the Church office area and the Lyman Hall Narthex also saw the addition of new ceiling tiles, which freshen the look and improve overall appearance. New LED lighting was also installed in the Lyman Hall Narthex.

Safety and accessibility is always a concern. New handicap-accessible signage and directional signs were installed, with more to come in 2017.

Allan Edmonds continues to monitor our church's energy usage and readies our database for the possible application for a grant. The possibility of solar panels remains a goal of the Property Committee to further our church's commitment to energy conservation.

The fall saw a mowing and major clean up at the Larry Crowe Retreat. Our Presbyterian Women held a lunch event and UKIRK had an overnight there. The good news for the Larry Crowe property is that more people learned of the beautiful space. It is Property's hope that more events will be held, and more friends and family have a chance to enjoy the great outdoors at this beautiful retreat area.

Much of the work the PMC undertakes throughout the year is due in large part to the suggestions voiced by our FPC congregation. If anyone sees a potential or existing problem, please contact one of the committee members so the item can become a targeted "TO DO" for the committee. You are our eyes and ears, and we certainly appreciate all that you do to make our job easier. Thanks for a great year!

Respectfully submitted,
Don Hollinger, Chair

Membership Committee

Committee members: Nancy Nelson (chair), Lou Moir, Sue Connell, Nancy Voskuil, Carol Avenson, Tim Baldwin, Kevin Tevault, Miranda Tate, Kim Adams, Andy Kort (Counsel), and Sadie Carter/Karla Lewis (incredible support).

In 2016, the Membership committee continued its commitment to care for the congregation and provided outreach to visitors and friends. Several ongoing programs were continued, and a few new initiatives were begun.

Program Review

Greeters Program: Lou Moir coordinates this active and busy program, which involves staffing the three entrances with greeters for the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services. These folks help to ensure a warm welcome to all, and serve as important resources for those entering that need directions or assistance. Lou had great success getting college students and deacons greeting this last year!

Ambassadors Program: All committee members are charged with welcoming visitors and friends each Sunday. Sadie Carter and Karla Lewis provided information about all visitors to the members of the committee. In addition, Nancy Voskuil, guided and assisted by Sadie and Karla, sent follow up notes by email or snail mail to all visitors who leave contact information. The welcome cards in the pews, which provide snapshot information about FPC, were updated during this time when we welcomed our new Associate Pastor, Kim Adams. Heidi Darling donated her time, expertise, and resources to update these cards.

Signs: Sue Connell and Tim Baldwin were responsible for replacing any signs that were lost, and updating any signs that needed changes. New signs were created for special services. We are grateful that Sue and Tim handle installing and removing these signs at the appointed times, and that the signs keep all of us coming and going at the correct times!

Advertising: This year, we continued the tradition of advertising special services in the Herald-Times for Easter and Christmas, and we added some additional advertising year-round (IDS) and at peak times (NPR).

- 1) Andy continues to use social media as a way to engage the congregation via a public Facebook page and a twitter account. Importantly, he has continued regular weekly contact with the congregation, sending mid-week emails, reminding of timely events, and providing scriptural and spiritual reflection.

- 2) FPC is now listed in the Indiana Daily Student newspaper as a local church in every Friday edition.
- 3) FPC has contracted with WFIU for regular radio spots beginning in Advent (mid-December), and continuing in 2017, highlighting Easter and beginning of semester times.

Weekly Joys and Concerns: This committee is responsible for sending out email information about weekly joys and concerns.

Nametags: This committee is responsible for making sure that nametags are available to all, and is also responsible for keeping the nametags in order.

New Members classes: The committee is responsible for supporting prospective members through the Inquirer's class process. Members were responsible for attending Inquirers classes and providing refreshment in an effort to nurture contact with those who were joining the church. For the spring and winter classes, flowers were provided, and a welcome reception was hosted. A total of 13 new members joined this year.

Sacred Ground Café: Mihee Kim-Kort contacted our committee and Property Management Committee to see about collaborating on furniture and cabinetry in preparation for using this space for UKIRK meetings. Mihee purchased new tables, chairs, and benches. The Property Management Committee agreed to install built in cabinets and a countertop. Expenses will be shared by the two committees and UKIRK.

Social Activities

Annual Easter brunch: A lovely Easter brunch was hosted by the committee in between the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services. Dozens of church members were feted on deviled eggs, fruit salad, egg casseroles and sweet treats! Lou Moir deserves special thanks for organizing this event and receiving assistance from the entire committee.

June dessert bash at Lou Moir's: In early June, Lou hosted a dessert party for all new members of the last two years. It was a gathering of around 35 folks with committee members and new members. A great time was had by all, and we immediately decided it should become an annual event.

An Ice Cream Social was held to welcome new members and treat all members in September, 2016. This event has



been held annually for several years, and has been a highly successful multi-generational gathering. Carol Avenson deserves special thanks for spearheading this event!

In October, this committee hosted the college lunches.

The committee appreciates the contributions of the active and engaged existing members and was delighted to welcome new members Gail Dunning and Miranda Tate. The warmth, willingness and motivation of the members make for an energetic group who work well together. Importantly, the committee decided to change the committee name from Evangelism to Membership

(thanks for the suggestion Andy). It was a joy to chair the committee this past year, and we look forward to continuing to welcome and support members, friends and visitors in the months to come.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Nelson, Chair

Earth Stewards

Earth Stewards is a small group ministry that seeks to encourage caring for God's creation. We work under the following Session Statement on Creation Care, adopted in 2009.

We at First Presbyterian Church in Bloomington are called to serve as stewards of the earth to protect and nurture our environment for future generations. We envision a world in which all people treat God's creation with reverence and gratitude.

Within our own congregation, we seek to promote sustainable practices throughout our building and grounds, and to provide educational opportunities and information about how to work toward lives in greater harmony with creation.

Within the wider community, we will collaborate with other congregations and local organizations to strengthen a mission of non-partisan environmental advocacy.

Earth Stewards provides recycling services for our church. In 2016 Jack King continued to be in charge of weekly trips to transport loads of paper, plastics and metals to the local recycling center. As part of ongoing educational efforts, Julie King has written regular environmentally-themed messages for First Press. Allan Edmonds has been serving as a liaison with the Property Management Committee, helping to monitor and document our church's energy conservation efforts. Our church has reduced its electrical usage by some 20% and its natural gas consumption by 50% over the last couple of years.

Norm Holy made a presentation to the Sunday morning Faith Forum in February with the latest data and worrisome trends on climate change. Norm also gave an innovative children's sermon incorporating sounds of sandhill cranes.

Members of our Earth Stewards group continue to engage with the community on environmental issues. Norm Holy serves as a writer for the weekly EcoReport on local volunteer radio station WFHB FM 91.3 and is part of the local chapter of the Citizens Climate Lobby. Allan Edmonds represents First Presbyterian in the interfaith group Earth Care Bloomington, and helps to produce regular newsletters for Earth Care and for the state-wide group, Hoosier Interfaith Power & Light.

Julie Farris completed an update of our list of Reuse and Recycling options in Bloomington. Copies of the new flier are available on the bulletin board in the north narthex and on our web page, <http://www.fpcbloomington.org/index.cfm/fellowship/interest-groups/earth-stewards/>



Projects for the coming year include assembling small task forces to plan for submitting a grant application to cover part of the costs of solar photovoltaic panels and, possibly, one with a goal of qualifying for PC(USA) designation as a Presbyterian Earth Care Congregation, which will be the subject of a Faith Forum presentation in late January.

Over the last few years, Earth Stewards has become something of a "virtual group" without regular meetings, but with a small core of active and committed members. We do maintain a larger email list of interested people, and would welcome new members who would like to join us in our mission of stewardship of creation. Contact: Allan Edmonds allan.edmonds@gmail.com.

Small Group Ministries

Committee Members: Sherry Knighton-Schwandt (Chair), Sue Connell, Carol Barrett, Susie Van Doren (Session Liaison), Kim Adams (Pastoral Staff).

The Small Groups Committee (SGC) focused on one primary goal in 2016, that of evaluating the current status of small groups at FPC and proposing to Session a clear set of priorities for their review and approval.

The Session approved the recommendation that small groups at FPC focus on "Spiritual Development" under which three types of small groups are developed:

- Emmaus Groups
- Bible Study Groups
- Prayer Groups

The three small group types are explained as follows:

Emmaus Groups:

Emmaus Groups consist of ~12 members and/or non-members, who meet at an agreed upon time twice each month for an hour and a half. These meetings aren't "Bible Study," and they don't exist just for fellowship. Emmaus groups are built on four "pillars," and are formed to 1) provide the means for real Christian community to develop; 2) provide a place to learn and grow from reading and sharing Scripture or books from the Christian tradition; 3) provide a place to grow closer to Christ through prayer; and 4) provide a place and context out of which to discern what gifts one has for ministry, and integrate what one proclaims inside the church building with what one does out in the world. We believe this is a powerful way for the church to grow, both in terms of spiritual depth and of assimilation of new members. Emmaus groups strive to embody the following:

1. Mutual care and support:
 - a. Emmaus groups are safe places to share who one really is, what one's struggle with faith is, and how God has been present. Group members can become very important spiritual friends; most people who join an Emmaus group treasure the relationships they form.
2. Prayer and Worship:
 - a. Groups organize informal worship liturgies and pray at every meeting. They pray because they know their lives will be more fulfilled by prayerfully connecting in partnership with God. Each group decides

how it will worship together.
Biblical reflection:

- b. It is through reflective study that we really grow in faith and in our spiritual formation. Emmaus groups use a unique method called "Biblical Equipping," which enables a group to read a spiritual book or book of the Bible in such a way that both the content and direct application to one's own personal life are intentionally addressed. The content of a group's study comes alive in new and meaningful ways.

Bible Study Groups:

Bible Study Groups are designed to help members and non-members study God's Word, and connect it to their lives in intentional ways. Bible Study Groups take you into the richness of the Scriptures in ways that impact the heart and illumine the mind. The journey of Bible Study is shared within a group, and participants are encouraged to share the ways in which God is speaking through the Word to them.

Prayer Groups:

From the early church onward, corporate prayer has been a hallmark of devotion, and a source of power for Christians. Many Christian revivals can trace their origins to a small prayer meeting. Prayer is the inherent right of every child of God. Prayer groups are not cliques. They are simply a gathering of Christians whose shared purpose is to praise God, please God, and expect God to work. These are times of sacred communion, not gossip sharing or ego stroking.

Leadership:

The SGC proposed that leaders for small groups be drawn from the congregation's non-pastoral staff/clergy, which may include the following clergy: (Letters of invitation from Pastor Andy were sent to the each of the following clergy)

Jim Ackerman, Bill Barrett, Carol Barrett, Coburn Colwell, Hannah Elliott, Mihee Kim-Kort, Dave Rosen, Doug Tracy, Rich VanDoren, John VanderZee, Sarah VanderZee McKenney, Wendy VanderZee.

Fellowship and Interest Groups:

The SGC proposed that fellowship and interest groups remain outside of the framework outlined above for small groups at FPC. Fellowship and interest groups are encouraged but are self-organized and should remain so and not the responsibility of the SGC.

The SGC proposed that, by August/September 2016, one group in each small group category be established, which results in 2 Emmaus Groups total, 1 Bible Study, and 1 Prayer Group.

In Fall 2016, two new small groups began:

- Bible Study -- “Jogging Through the Bible”, led by Rich Van Doren
- Prayer Group -- “Talking to God in Faith”, led by Laura Gardner

Looking ahead to 2017

The SGC will be led by Session member, Beth Burcham.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Knighton-Schwandt, chair

UKIRK@IU

UKIRK at IU continues to make an impact on the Indiana University campus through being a *community of belonging* for the students through the simple and meaningful experiences of connection. The focus of our gatherings continues to be Eucharistic theme – making sacred the ordinary times we have together over table fellowship.

These experiences include:

- One small group gathering during the weekdays, “Lunch and Lectionary Chat,” where we discuss a lectionary passage each week at Noodles and Company.
- Lunches on Sundays after the 11:00 a.m. worship service at First Presbyterian Church.
- Dinner church worship services with other mainline campus groups.
- Attending Montreat College Conference in North Carolina. (In 2016, the theme was “Faith 3:16,” with keynotes by former NFL center Jason Brown and Lutheran minister and author Nadia Bolz-Weber)
- Serving at the Interfaith Winter Shelter.
- In October, we organized Taizé prayer services with Brother Emile, our guest speaker from the Taizé community in France, who talked about the “Pilgrimage of Trust,” upcoming in St. Louis in May 2017.



We continue in our endeavor to be inter-religious and ecumenical in many of our gatherings. We have worked with the Muslim Student Association, Hindu Student Association, and other Protestant groups to host one event each semester. This has included a Speed-Faithing event, workshops on fasting, and attending town hall meetings to learn more about each organization.

Thank you to the current UKIRK at IU board members: Gary Crow, Christopher Goss, Lou Moir, Andy Reese (student representative), Susie Van Doren, and Rev. Andy Kort. Their continuous support and presence has been valuable as we work to make an impact on college students. We are also especially thankful to all the Session committees and other

church members, who have tirelessly and joyfully served the lunches on Sundays to students. Thank you for your hospitality and presence!

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Mihee Kim-Kort
Director of Presbyterian Collegiate Ministries
UKIRK @ IU

Presbyterian Women

The purpose of PW is:

- To nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study
- To support the mission of the church worldwide
- To work for justice and peace
- To build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

The Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team of FPC, along with the four circles that meet monthly except in the summer, offer programs and events that encompass the purpose of PW.

2016 has been a very busy year for Presbyterian Women (PW) at FPC.

Here is a summary of all that PW did this year:

In **January**, from the profits from their Christmas Store, Koinonia was able to donate \$1,000 to our mission partners in Posoltega, Nicaragua, for Christmas gifts, and another \$100 to four different charities in our community. The Luncheon Fellowship also donated \$70 to the mission fund at FPC. The coordinating committee also planned three PW breakfasts that were held in March, July and November.

In **February**, the coordinating committee began plans for a church wide outing at the Larry Crowe Recreational Area.

In **March**, women of the church were invited to share an informal breakfast together at Cloverleaf Restaurant.

In **April**, we began work on the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Hygiene Kits, which we took to the PW Presbytery of Ohio Valley (POV) Spring Gathering in May.



Hank and Andy Ruff and Katy Strand entertained at the PW's Fall Potluck.

Photo courtesy of Judy Dillon

In **May**, PW sponsored a tour of Monroe County United Ministries (MCUM), planned by Carol Peterman, who is a loyal volunteer there. We presented a check to MCUM for \$350 to be used in their literacy project. After the tour, we had lunch at Bobby's Colorado Grill.

Several members of various circles attended the PW POV Spring Gathering at Washington, Indiana, where we lunched, assembled the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Hygiene Kits, and heard presentations by PW groups from throughout the Presbytery, telling about their projects.

In **July**, women of the church were again invited to share an informal breakfast together at the Village Inn.

In **September**, the men and women of our church were able to attend a program at the Larry Crowe Recreational Area. The weather wasn't overly hot, we had pastries, coffee and juice, and our own Kim Adams gave a talk about her discernment. The property committee did an outstanding job cleaning up the facility for our use.

In **October**, PW hosted its annual old fashioned all church potluck, with musical entertainment by Hank and Andy Ruff and Katy Strand.



Karen Watts accompanying the singing at the December hymn sing.

In **December**, PW had its annual hymn sing and brown bag lunch. It is traditionally held at noon so that people who are working can attend, and spend their lunch hour in fellowship and song. Music was provided by Karen Watts and Yvonne Reiner.

In closing, I want to thank the PW Coordinating Team for all their help, great ideas, and support during my year as Moderator. As I always tell the Coordinating Team, they make me look good. I have truly appreciated it and enjoyed working with a great bunch of women.

Judy Dillon, Moderator

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

2016 ANNUAL REPORT

			Balance on hand Dec. 31, 2015	\$1,828.57
	Receipts			
Contributions:	15		\$1,035.00	
Birthday Offering	14		\$274.00	
Least Coin	4	circles	\$74.69	
Thanksgiving Offering			\$410.00	
POV Luncheon				
Fall Potluck	cash			
Bible Study				
			Total Receipts	\$1,793.69
	Disbursements			
PW in the POV		Mission	\$(800.00)	
PW in the POV		Oper.	\$(100.00)	
PW in the POV		Life Member- ship	\$(95.00)	
PW in the POV -Church World Ser- vices			\$(50.00)	
Mon. Cty. Church Women			\$(50.00)	
MCUM			\$(350.00)	
Donations-Dodd	FPC-One Great Hour		\$(25.00)	
PW in the POV	Least Coin		\$(74.69)	
PW in the POV	Birthday		\$(274.00)	
PW in the POV	Thanksgiving		\$(410.00)	
Pyoca			\$(100.00)	
Horizons Magazine	2		\$(37.90)	
Postage/Cards				
Parlor Expense				
Event Expenses	cash			
The Awards Center			\$(8.00)	
			Total Disbursements	\$(2,374.59)
			Balance on hand Dec. 31, 2016	\$1,247.67

Stewardship Committee

Members: Derek Voskuil, Chair; Bill McGregor, Co-Chair, Second Century Fund; Tim Baldwin; Linda Giedroc; Wendi Goodlett; Don Hanna; Mary McClellan, Treasurer; Andy Kort, *ex officio*.

2016 Annual Stewardship Campaign and Operating

Budget: The church successfully executed the 2016 budget, authorized at \$573,131. The total included \$15,000 in Second Century Fund debt service and a mandated per capita payment of \$11,340. Actual 2016 receipts included:

\$470,935	from pledges and recorded contributions
\$36,328	from building, plate, and miscellaneous income (including per capita receipts and earned interest)
\$6,840	received in 2017 for 2016
\$514,103	Total receipts from all sources

The above total receipts were 92% of an approved operating budget goal of \$558,131 (authorized budget total minus budgeted debt service of \$15,000).

Second Century Fund Retired

In February, the Second Century Fund was closed out. Two CD's with a face value totaling \$100,000 plus accrued interest were liquidated. Of the proceeds, two CDs were purchased (A \$10,000 CD for Long-term Property, and a \$30,000 CD). The balance of the proceeds were deposited into the Second Century Fund account to retire the Second Century Fund loan balance (\$61,142.06). The remaining balance in the Second Century Fund was then transferred to the "Celebrate Our Future" capital campaign account.

Mission-related expenditures in 2016

A total of \$46,746 in cash was disbursed directly to outreach and mission programs, or 79% of the 2016 approved Mission and Outreach goal of \$59,265.

In addition to expenditures for Outreach and Mission from the General Fund, the church collected the following special collections:

- One Great Hour of Sharing:** \$6,097
- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** (In Memory Of Joann Dodd): \$3,056
- Peace:** \$2,791 (1/4 of which was transferred to Special Funds Local Peace line)
- JOY:** \$2,422 (1/4 of which was transferred to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund)
- Heifer:** \$10,933 was collected and sent to Heifer International; additionally \$875 was sent directly by individuals to Heifer International.
- Global Gifts Market:** Nearly \$2,000 was spent at the market this year.

Additionally, Koinonia sent \$1,000 to Posoltega from the

Christmas Store for gifts, and \$100 each was distributed to Christmas for Kids, Salvation Army, MCUM, and Middle Way.

In addition to in kind gifts for MCUM and Area 10, \$165 was collected and sent to MCUM, and \$105 was collected and sent to Area 10.

The 2016 Stewardship Campaign

The 2016 financial stewardship campaign, with a theme **All In**, acknowledged the importance of the contributions of each member of the congregation in order to meet the goals set for First Presbyterian Church, Bloomington. While cognizant of the many demands being placed on members during a capital campaign, the congregation was once again challenged by the Committee to "step up" in 2016. The Committee continued to encourage FPC members to pay their family's individual per capita charge of \$30.00 per member. The total annual FPC per capita charge was \$11,340 in 2016. Prepaid pledges for 2017 totaled \$22,860.

"Celebrating Our Future" capital campaign

The December 31, 2016, balance in the **Celebrating Our Future Fund** was \$101,863. In 2016, the kitchen renovation was completed, and four payments of \$51,250 were made to organ builder Paul Fritts, bringing to \$410,000 the sum paid directly to him. Additional monies were expended preparing the church structure for the new organ.

Endowment

The Presbyterian New Covenant Fund showed a December 31, 2016, total of \$90,561, an increase of \$830 from the December 31, 2015, total of \$89,821. In September, \$4,449.11 was withdrawn from the endowment.

Committee Accomplishments and Notes:

- *Online Giving:* In conjunction with Presbyterian Mission Exchange, online giving has been established and is being used to receive contributions to the church.
- *Square readers have been purchased and set up to receive credit card payments.*
- *Rewards programs have been set up with Kroger and Amazon Smile.*
- *Resource Grant:* A resource grant from the Center for Congregations was received, which offset costs associated with planning and engineering for kitchen remodel and sanctuary organ space preparation work.

Respectfully submitted,
Derek Voskuil, Chair

Report of the Treasurer

December 31, 2016

General Fund

Balance on Hand January 1, 2016 **(\$801.86)**

Income

Prepaid pledges for 2016		
Current pledges and contributions of record	470,934.99	
Future pledges and contributions of record	22,860.00	
Prior pledges	3,800.00	
Plate Offering	4,953.25	
Building Use Income	13,598.00	
Miscellaneous. Reimbursements, Transfers	58,798.28	
Bank Interest	7.43	
Ledger entries	5,985.35	
Total Receipts	<u>589,937.30</u>	580,937.30

Disbursements

Payroll	(330,471.07)	
Non-payroll GF	(183,303.21)	
Other GF Checks/Disb (includes fund transfers, non budgeted items)	(73,200.94)	
Total Disbursements	<u>(586,975.22)</u>	
Balance on Hand December 31, 2016*		(\$6,839.78)

* Deficit to be covered by anticipated receipt of funds in 2017 for 2016

Special Funds, Balance on Hand December 31, 2016 \$41,247.74

Endowment (New Covenant Funds): Balance on Hand December 31, 2016 \$90,560.81

Reserve Fund December 31, 2016 \$36,973.20

Organ Fund December 31, 2016 \$61,993.79

Campaign Fund December 31, 2016 \$101,862.97

CD 93222825 02/07/2017 @ 0.1% \$50,231.83

CD 93236407 02/16/2017 @ .025% \$30,056.18

CD 93236408 02/16/2017 @ .025% \$10,018.73

Mary C. McClellan

Treasurer