



# **PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BELLA VISTA**

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## **2015 ANNUAL REPORT**

# SHARE THE FAITH

*With the continuous guidance of the Holy Spirit, we follow the instructions of our Lord Jesus Christ to preach and teach the good news of God's word in our community. Through our sharing in worship, prayer and fellowship we nurture each other's faith. By giving of our time, talents and substance, individually and corporately, we extend our witness to the local area and beyond. We share our faith and open our doors to all, young and old, who accept our Lord's promise: "Believe in me and I will give you everlasting life."*

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Psalm 107 begins, “O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so.” Let us give thanks for this glorious year and the blessing of being a part of the Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista.

In the midst of thanksgiving we must also face the sadness of over 20 deaths (including friends and family). We lost some very faithful members who will be missed. In spite of the numerous deaths, God has blessed us with many new members. We began the year with 329 members and concluded the year with 341 for a net gain of 12. It hurts to say goodbye to so many, whether it be from death, moves, or those who chose to worship elsewhere. Yet we give thanks for our common love for our savior, Christ Jesus, who enlivens our community of faith and gives us purpose and sustains us. Nothing in all creation, not even death or loss, can separate us from the love of God. Funerals will continue to be a common occurrence, but God’s love for us in Jesus will be cause for thanksgiving.

We completed a full year with Rev. Liz Wagner as our full time Associate Pastor. Liz has been a great addition to our staff. We added Ruth Lawson to our staff as Administrative Assistant replacing Vicki Erickson who retired after 17 years of service. Vicki’s shoes have been filled by Ruth, which is no small feat. We are blessed to have Ruth here. Ruth, Becky and Cathy continue to handle the day-to-day chores of running PCBV effectively and smoothly. They are an awesome staff. Our music continues to inspire us through the dedication of Steve, Bob, Gail and Sandy. They are a gifted group of musicians that bless us richly.

With gratitude I say thanks for the Presbytery of Arkansas and PCBV for their sabbatical policy. One of the reason I came here was the possibility of taking a sabbatical in my seventh year of service as part of my terms of call. The gift of three months of rest from my duties as Senior Pastor was life giving. The opportunity to ride a bicycle across the U.S. was a time of renewal and reflection on God’s blessings. In my absence, Rev. Liz with help from Rev. Joe Tropansky kept the ship on course, afloat, and smoothly sailing.

My continued prayer and hope is for all of us to continue sailing along in our journey of faith and in service to Christ Jesus. Let us all remain attentive to the still small voice of God and the stirring of the Holy Spirit as we worship and serve the Triune God. Let us give thanks to the Lord, now and forever.

Your in Christ,  
Rev. Dennis Ritchie, Senior Pastor

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*The LORD is faithful in every word, and gracious in every deed.  
The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.  
The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.  
You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.*

I am fortunate to encounter Psalm 145 at least once a week, usually on a Monday, in lectionary readings. These three and a half verses are particular favorites because they are reminders of God's faithfulness and support. Three events occurred in 2015 that attest to God's attentiveness to the mission of The Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista.

The first event was our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The celebration was to take place June 14<sup>th</sup> in the midst of Dennis' sabbatical. God provided a hard working committee, a fabulous scripture passage, and a talented composer. The result was a glorious worship service gathered around *The Pearl of Great Price*, with Rev. Laura Fleetwood and Rev. Joe Tropansky assisting, the premier of a new choral piece by Jared Aragon, and a sumptuous meal provided by the Fellowship/Anniversary committee.

The second event was the auction held to benefit Cooper and Gravette schools. Members of our Woodworkers Committee were the unexpected beneficiaries of the inventory of a business. Knowing the great need of our area schools, the Woodworkers, Quilters and the Missions Committee planned and held an auction to raise funds from the sale of the gifted inventory and their own crafts. Proceeds from the event far surpassed our budgeted giving for the schools.

The third event was the dedication of our Memorial Garden. Another hardworking committee, with the financial support of the congregation and the session, oversaw the design and completion of the Memorial Garden. The placement of the garden in the parking lot, near the entrance of the church affirms that in life and in death we belong to God.

God is indeed faithful in every word and gracious in every deed. We have lived through joys and sorrows as a community of faith, sharing baptisms and memorial services. God has blessed us with dedicated disciples, challenged us with our community's needs and provided resources to participate in God's work.

May our eyes continue to look to God,  
Rev. Liz Wagner, Associate Pastor

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## **Church Officers and Staff Organization for 2015**

### **Session**

Rev. Dennis Ritchie, Moderator  
Burnis Leavens, Clerk of Session  
Jim Anderson, Church Treasurer

<u>Class of 2015</u>	Marinell Anderson, Moderator of Missions Committee Ruth Cozad, Moderator of Fellowship Committee Art Keller, Moderator of Stewardship & Finance Committee Burnis Leavens, Vice Moderator of Christian Education Committee Harry Reif, Moderator of Property Committee
<u>Class of 2016</u>	Paul Fox, Vice-Moderator of Stewardship & Finance Committee John Jaeger, Moderator of Outreach Committee Bob Ritschel, Moderator of Worship Committee Peggy Stein, Moderator of Administrative Committee Bill Wellner, Moderator of Christian Education Committee
<u>Class of 2017</u>	Marvin Dodd, Vice-Moderator of Property Committee Jim Gutowski, Vice-Moderator of Fellowship Committee Deloris Jennings, Vice-Moderator of Worship Committee Brad Jones, Vice-Moderator of Administrative Committee Julie Tribble, Moderator of Communications Committee

### **Diaconate**

<u>Class of 2015</u>	<u>Class of 2016</u>	<u>Class of 2017</u>
Sandy Andrews	Jerry Cozad	Freda Baker
Donna Ramey	Bev Eagan	Elaine Roberson
Nancy Skinner	Dick Francis	Roy Paxton
Kathy Stoffel	Carol Ritchie	Leon Wehmeyer

### **Church Staff**

Dennis Ritchie, Pastor and Head of Staff  
Liz Wagner, Associate Pastor  
Vicki Erickson/Ruth Lawson, Administrative Assistant  
Becky Morgan, Church Secretary  
Cathy Sayes, Church Accountant  
Steve Knudsen, Director of Music  
Gail Knudsen, Organist  
Sandy Andrews, Pianist  
Marti Tillman, Child Care  
Catt August, Contracted Custodial Care

### **News Editors**

Vicki Erickson/Ruth Lawson, Weekly Newsletter  
Lorna Sterrett, Local Community Newspapers  
Jim Prince, Webmaster

## 2015 MEMBERSHIP ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT

Active Members as of 12/31/2014: 329  
(plus: 20 children, 4 affiliate members, 4 members of Presbytery)

### Membership Gains in 2015: 29

### Membership Losses in 2015: 18

#### NEW MEMBERS IN 2015

- |                    |                     |                          |
|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Jay Adams       | 11. Cora Hawkins    | 21. David Rew            |
| 2. Bob Beard       | 12. Phillip Hawkins | 22. Cathy Rew            |
| 3. Marcia Beard    | 13. Martha Ann Hill | 23. Wilbur Shafer        |
| 4. Walt Cloyd      | 14. Barté Maxwell   | 24. Phyllis Shafer       |
| 5. Patsy Cloyd     | 15. Sharon Osburn   | 25. Lew Springer         |
| 6. Fred Crenshaw   | 16. Greg Peel       | 26. Jim Wagner           |
| 7. Julie Crenshaw  | 17. Larry Pintar    | 27. Jim Westphal         |
| 8. Linda Ervin     | 18. Barbara Pintar  | 28. Linda Westphal       |
| 9. Dianna Fletcher | 19. Ronnie Prevost  | 29. Cathie Whittenberger |
| 10. Mike Hartigan  | 20. Peggy Prevost   |                          |

#### LOSSES IN 2015

##### Deaths:

- |                    |                   |                     |
|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Donna Lee Allyn | 7. Art Galchutt   | 13. Marvin Petersen |
| 2. Tom Benson      | 8. Wilma Hamilton | 14. Fred Pflederer  |
| 3. Gloria Bobb     | 9. Patrick Hoyt   | 15. Betty Redman    |
| 4. David Chapman   | 10. Joanne Hoyt   | 16. Lynn Smith      |
| 5. Pat Cutsforth   | 11. Don Main      |                     |
| 6. Danny Farmer    | 12. Lee Ortman    |                     |

##### Transfers/Removals at Member's Request:

- |                  |                   |                               |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Jack McFadyen | 2. Joyce McFadyen | 3. Carolyn Hansen (Affiliate) |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|

#### OTHER ADDITIONS IN 2015

- |                   |               |
|-------------------|---------------|
| 1. Barbara Griego | 3. Don Rhoads |
| 2. Lee Griego     | 4. Kay Rhoads |

#### Total Active Members as of 12/31/2015: 341

(plus: 20 children, 3 affiliate members, 4 members of Presbytery, 4 other participants)

200 Average 2015 Worship Attendance

23 Average 2015 Sunday School Attendance

**Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**December 2015**

<b>Assets</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
<b>Checking Account</b>		
<b>Gen Fund - Unrestricted</b>		
110.00.10 - General Fund Checking	\$25,765.99	
<b>Total Gen Fund - Unrestricted</b>	<b>\$25,765.99</b>	
<b>Other Funds - Restricted</b>		
110.00.15 - Special Offering Fund	\$2,836.00	
110.00.30 - Building Fund	\$18,048.00	
110.00.55 - Deacon's Assistance Fund	\$280.38	
110.00.60 - Mission Comm Fund	\$393.52	
110.00.80 - Memorial Garden Fund	\$21,777.41	
110.00.90 - Presbyterian Men Fund	\$800.00	
110.00.91 - Bus Ministry - Fund	\$4,222.15	
110.00.93 - Presbyterian Veterans Council	\$316.12	
110.00.94 - Toy Workshop Ministry Fund	\$527.28	
110.00.95 - Temporary Restricted Checking	\$17,629.42	
<b>Total Other Funds - Restricted</b>	<b>\$66,830.28</b>	
<b>Total Checking Account</b>	<b>\$92,596.27</b>	
<b>Other Current Assets</b>		
140.00.10 - Prepaid Expense/Insurance	\$3,889.25	
145.00.10 - Petty Cash Fund	\$50.00	
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>\$3,939.25</b>	
<b>Memorial/Honor Fund Assets</b>		
128.00.20 - M/H Undesignated	\$9,984.52	
128.00.22 - M/H Designated Other	\$150.00	
129.00.22 - M/H Music	\$5,019.14	
131.00.22 - M/H Library	\$814.37	
135.00.22 - M/H Mission Trip Support	\$7,221.80	
<b>Total Memorial/Honor Fund Assets</b>	<b>\$23,189.83</b>	
<b>Endowment Fund - PCBV</b>		
150.00.98 - Investment-TX Presby Foundation	\$242,730.98	
<b>Total Endowment Fund - PCBV</b>	<b>\$242,730.98</b>	
<b>Total CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>\$362,456.33</b>
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		
<b>Fixed Assets by Category</b>		
<b>Asset Category</b>		
160.00.30 - Building (original)	\$1,465,000.00	
162.00.30 - Building (1996 Expansion)	\$776,306.00	
163.00.30 - Building ( Addtns/Imp)	\$226,511.57	
164.00.30 - Grounds, Paving & Landscape	\$180,689.48	
165.00.30 - Building (Choir/Classroom Addition)	\$257,623.60	
170.00.30 - Furniture & Fixtures	\$181,837.78	
175.00.30 - Vehicles/Bus	\$22,766.46	
179.00.30 - Equipment - Maintenance	\$38,438.35	
180.00.30 - Equipment - Office	\$174,608.96	
181.00.30 - Equipment - Comp/copiers	\$33,589.61	
<b>Total Asset Category</b>	<b>\$3,357,371.82</b>	
<b>Less: Accum Depreciation</b>		
190.00.30 - BF Accumulated Depreciation	(\$1,899,369.47)	
<b>Total Less: Accum Depreciation</b>	<b>(\$1,899,369.47)</b>	
<b>Total Fixed Assets by Category</b>	<b>\$1,458,002.35</b>	
<b>Total FIXED ASSETS</b>		<b>\$1,458,002.35</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>\$1,820,458.68</b>



**Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista**  
**Balance Sheet (Continued)**  
**December 2015**

<b>Liabilities, Fund Principal, &amp; Restricted Funds</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
<b>Accounts Payable</b>		
204.00.10 - GF Accounts Payable	\$2,048.40	
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	<b>\$2,048.40</b>	
<b>Accrued Liabilities</b>		
220.00.10 - Accrued CE - Sr Pastor	\$183.50	
225.00.10 - Prepaid Pledges - GF	\$5,290.00	
226.00.30 - Prepaid Pledges - BF	\$270.00	
228.00.10 - Prepaid Special Offerings	\$5,690.00	
<b>Total Accrued Liabilities</b>	<b>\$11,433.50</b>	
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>\$13,481.90</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>\$13,481.90</b>
<b>Fund Principal</b>		
312.00.10 - Operating Fund Equity	\$27,938.17	
312.00.15 - Special Offering Fund Equity	\$2,876.00	
312.00.20 - Mem Undesignated Fund Equity	\$14,418.55	
312.00.22 - Mem Designated Fund Equity	\$6,433.51	
312.00.25 - Christian Ed Fund Equity	\$73.44	
312.00.30 - Building Fund Equity	\$1,466,785.04	
312.00.40 - Worship Committee Fund Equity	\$1,710.87	
312.00.45 - Armed Services Fund Equity	\$212.95	
312.00.50 - Fellowship Fund Equity	\$540.00	
312.00.55 - Deacon's Assistance Fund	\$2,550.38	
312.00.60 - Mission Committee Fund Equity	\$16,289.60	
312.00.70 - Outreach Comm Fund Equity	\$50.00	
312.00.80 - Mem Garden/Columbarium Fund Equity	\$30,533.53	
312.00.90 - Presbyterian Men Fund Equity	\$621.00	
312.00.91 - Bus Ministry Fund Equity	\$5,694.40	
312.00.93 - Presbyterian VC Fund Equity	\$316.12	
312.00.94 - Toy Workshop Ministry Fund Equity	\$490.15	
Excess Cash Received	(\$30,917.33)	
<b>Total Fund Principal and Excess Cash Received</b>		<b>\$1,546,616.38</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>		
Total Temporarily Restricted	\$17,629.42	
Total Permanently Restricted	\$242,730.98	
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>		<b>\$260,360.40</b>
<b>Total Liabilities, Fund Principal, &amp; Restricted Funds</b>		<b>\$1,820,458.68</b>

**Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista**  
**Analysis of Revenues & Expenses**  
**December 2015**

Accounts	Annual Budget (This Year)	MTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Budget (This Year)	YTD Budget/Actual (This Year)
<b>Revenues</b>					
<b>GENERAL FUND INCOME</b>					
422.00.10 - Pledged Offerings	\$360,000.00	\$47,068.00	\$47,068.00	\$30,000.00	\$17,068.00
423.00.10 - Un-Pledged Offerings	\$55,000.00	\$1,681.38	\$1,681.38	\$4,583.33	(\$2,901.95)
424.00.10 - Loose Offerings	\$3,000.00	\$286.75	\$286.75	\$250.00	\$36.75
428.00.10 - Designated/Special Gift	\$7,490.00	\$5,850.00	\$5,850.00	\$624.17	\$5,225.83
434.00.10 - Interest Income	\$200.00	\$4.56	\$4.56	\$16.67	(\$12.11)
435.00.10 - Other Income	\$0.00	\$215.00	\$215.00	\$0.00	\$215.00
<b>Total GENERAL FUND INCOME</b>	<b>\$425,690.00</b>	<b>\$55,105.69</b>	<b>\$55,105.69</b>	<b>\$35,474.17</b>	<b>\$19,631.52</b>
<b>COMMITTEE PROJECTS INCOME</b>					
446.00.60 - Income - Mission Comr	\$0.00	\$46.07	\$46.07	\$0.00	\$46.07
455.00.94 - Income - Toy Workshop	\$0.00	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$0.00	\$12.50
<b>Total COMMITTEE PROJECTS INCOME</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$58.57</b>	<b>\$58.57</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$58.57</b>
<b>SPECIAL OFFERING INCOME</b>					
468.00.15 - Income - Christmas Joy	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
<b>Total SPECIAL OFFERING INCOME</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>MEMORIAL FUND INCOME</b>					
474.00.20 - MH Undesignated Incc	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
476.00.20 - MH Interest Income (u	\$0.00	\$1.97	\$1.97	\$0.00	\$1.97
<b>Total MEMORIAL FUND INCOME</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$26.97</b>	<b>\$26.97</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$26.97</b>
<b>BUILDING FUND INCOME</b>					
491.00.30 - BF Pledged Offerings	\$18,000.00	\$1,785.00	\$1,785.00	\$1,500.00	\$285.00
492.00.30 - BF Unpledged Offerings	\$3,000.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$250.00	(\$125.00)
<b>Total BUILDING FUND INCOME</b>	<b>\$21,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,910.00</b>	<b>\$1,910.00</b>	<b>\$1,750.00</b>	<b>\$160.00</b>
<b>MEMORIAL GARDEN INCOME</b>					
448.00.80 - Mem Garden Contribut	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
448.06.80 - Sale of Nameplates	\$0.00	\$34.93	\$34.93	\$0.00	\$34.93
<b>Total MEMORIAL GARDEN INCOME</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$84.93</b>	<b>\$84.93</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$84.93</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$446,690.00</b>	<b>\$57,196.16</b>	<b>\$57,196.16</b>	<b>\$37,224.17</b>	<b>\$19,971.99</b>

**Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista**  
**Analysis of Revenues & Expenses (Continued)**  
**December 2015**

Accounts	Annual Budget (This Year)	MTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Budget (This Year)	YTD Budget/Actual (This Year)
<b>Expenses</b>					
<b>GENERAL FUND EXPENSES</b>					
<b>Mission &amp; Benevolent Expenses</b>					
511.00.10 - MS Mission Giving Via	\$30,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
512.00.10 - MS Local Missions	\$9,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$783.33	\$783.33
514.00.10 - MS Minister's Discretio	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16.67	\$16.67
515.00.10 - MS Presbytery Outreac	\$9,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$750.00
516.00.10 - MS Seminaries	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$83.33	\$83.33
518.00.10 - MS Other Mission Gifts	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$583.33	\$583.33
<b>Total Mission &amp; Benevolent Expenses</b>	<b>\$56,600.00</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>	<b>\$4,716.66</b>	<b>\$2,216.66</b>
<b>Minister's Expense Fixed</b>					
542.00.10 - MN Base Salary	\$41,401.00	\$3,450.08	\$3,450.08	\$3,450.08	\$0.00
544.00.10 - MN Housing	\$21,000.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00	\$0.00
547.00.10 - MN Retirement Plan C	\$15,000.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$0.00
548.00.10 - MN Pension/Medical/I	\$27,477.36	\$2,346.16	\$2,346.16	\$2,289.78	(\$56.38)
550.14.10 - MN Social Security All	\$5,921.18	\$493.43	\$493.43	\$493.43	\$0.00
552.16.10 - MN Cont. Education	\$4,500.00	\$375.00	\$375.00	\$375.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Minister's Expense Fixed</b>	<b>\$115,299.54</b>	<b>\$9,664.67</b>	<b>\$9,664.67</b>	<b>\$9,608.29</b>	<b>(\$56.38)</b>
<b>Assoc Minister's Expense Fixed</b>					
942.00.10 - AM Base Salary	\$18,268.00	\$1,522.34	\$1,522.34	\$1,522.33	(\$0.01)
944.00.10 - AM Housing/Utilities	\$15,600.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00	\$0.00
945.00.10 - AM Retirement Plan C	\$2,400.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
948.00.10 - AM Pension/Medical/Ir	\$14,983.84	\$1,270.80	\$1,270.80	\$1,248.65	(\$22.15)
950.14.10 - AM Social Security All	\$2,774.50	\$231.21	\$231.21	\$231.21	\$0.00
952.16.10 - AM Continuing Educat	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
<b>Total Assoc Minister's Expense Fixed</b>	<b>\$57,026.34</b>	<b>\$4,524.35</b>	<b>\$4,524.35</b>	<b>\$4,752.19</b>	<b>\$227.84</b>
<b>Ministers Variable Expense</b>					
546.00.10 - MN Minister's Auto Mil	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$291.67	\$291.67
549.00.10 - MN Minister's Business	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$166.67	\$166.67
946.00.10 - AM Assoc Minister's A	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$291.67	\$291.67
947.00.10 - AM Assoc Minister's B	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$83.33	\$83.33
<b>Total Ministers Variable Expense</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$833.34</b>	<b>\$833.34</b>
<b>Other Staff Expenses</b>					
561.10.10 - OS Admin Asst - Salar	\$20,800.00	\$1,792.00	\$1,792.00	\$1,733.33	(\$58.67)
562.10.10 - OS Secretary - Salary	\$19,470.00	\$1,482.00	\$1,482.00	\$1,622.50	\$140.50
563.10.10 - OS Accounting - Sala	\$10,545.00	\$942.18	\$942.18	\$878.75	(\$63.43)
564.10.10 - OS Pianist/Organist -	\$10,370.40	\$1,040.85	\$1,040.85	\$864.20	(\$176.65)
566.10.10 - OS Director of Music	\$15,000.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$0.00
568.10.10 - OS Nursery Attendant	\$2,265.00	\$226.50	\$226.50	\$188.75	(\$37.75)
570.14.10 - OS FICA Payroll Tax	\$6,077.96	\$515.11	\$515.11	\$506.50	(\$8.61)
571.10.10 - OS Non-Employee Mi	\$1,750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$145.83	(\$604.17)
576.00.10 - OS Miscellaneous Ex	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20.83	\$20.83
<b>Total Other Staff Expenses</b>	<b>\$86,528.36</b>	<b>\$7,998.64</b>	<b>\$7,998.64</b>	<b>\$7,210.69</b>	<b>(\$787.95)</b>
<b>Other Ministry Expense</b>					
520.00.10 - OM Mission Operating	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16.67	\$16.67
573.28.10 - OM Session(Elders) E	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$41.67	\$41.67
575.00.10 - OM Bus Operating Ex	\$0.00	\$45.50	\$45.50	\$0.00	(\$45.50)
580.00.10 - OM Deacons' Expens	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
744.00.10 - OM Presbyterian Play	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14.58	\$14.58
<b>Total Other Ministry Expense</b>	<b>\$1,175.00</b>	<b>\$45.50</b>	<b>\$45.50</b>	<b>\$97.92</b>	<b>\$52.42</b>
<b>Other Administrative Expense</b>					
582.26.10 - OA Office Supplies	\$2,750.00	\$206.01	\$206.01	\$229.17	\$23.16
584.20.10 - OA Postage	\$1,750.00	\$193.05	\$193.05	\$145.83	(\$47.22)
590.34.10 - OA Copier Lease/Mair	\$11,000.00	\$1,117.72	\$1,117.72	\$916.67	(\$201.05)
592.36.10 - OA Computer Related	\$4,500.00	\$227.28	\$227.28	\$375.00	\$147.72
593.38.10 - OA Telephone	\$3,250.00	\$171.69	\$171.69	\$270.83	\$99.14
594.40.10 - OA Insurance - Work C	\$1,800.00	\$121.34	\$121.34	\$150.00	\$28.66

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595.00.10 - OA Memberships/Sub:	\$1,500.00	\$658.00	\$658.00	\$125.00	(\$533.00)
596.00.10 - OA Misc Admin Expen	\$1,000.00	\$125.64	\$125.64	\$83.33	(\$42.31)
<b>Total Other Administrative Expense</b>	<b>\$27,550.00</b>	<b>\$2,820.73</b>	<b>\$2,820.73</b>	<b>\$2,295.83</b>	<b>(\$524.90)</b>
<b>Building/Grounds Expenses</b>					
602.00.10 - BG Utilities	\$20,000.00	\$185.36	\$185.36	\$1,666.67	\$1,481.31
604.32.10 - BG Interior Maint/Supp	\$1,600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$133.33	\$133.33
606.32.10 - BG Exterior Maint/Sup	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$66.67	\$66.67
607.32.10 - BG Kitchen Supplies	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8.33	\$8.33
608.34.10 - BG Maintenance Cont	\$12,400.00	\$1,416.77	\$1,416.77	\$1,033.33	(\$383.44)
610.36.10 - BG Property Purchase	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$83.33	\$83.33
612.40.10 - BG Insurance	\$11,000.00	\$1,129.59	\$1,129.59	\$916.67	(\$212.92)
616.00.10 - BG Misc Expenses	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16.67	\$16.67
<b>Total Building/Grounds Expenses</b>	<b>\$47,100.00</b>	<b>\$2,731.72</b>	<b>\$2,731.72</b>	<b>\$3,925.00</b>	<b>\$1,193.28</b>
<b>Worship Committee Expenses</b>					
579.12.10 - WC Pulpit Supply Fee	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$37.50	\$37.50
711.16.10 - WC Communion Supp	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20.83	\$20.83
712.24.10 - WC Candles, Flowers	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
713.26.10 - WC Bulletins/Supplies	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16.67	\$16.67
714.28.10 - WC Worship Materials	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16.67	\$16.67
715.30.10 - WC Music	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$41.67	\$41.67
717.00.10 - WC Miscellaneous Exp	\$1,000.00	\$276.00	\$276.00	\$83.33	(\$192.67)
<b>Total Worship Committee Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,900.00</b>	<b>\$276.00</b>	<b>\$276.00</b>	<b>\$241.67</b>	<b>(\$34.33)</b>
<b>Stew/Finance Committee Expense</b>					
721.00.10 - SF Campaign Expense	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$62.50	\$62.50
723.26.10 - SF Office Supplies	\$150.00	\$46.00	\$46.00	\$12.50	(\$33.50)
727.00.10 - SF Miscellaneous Exp	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8.33	\$8.33
<b>Total Stew/Finance Committee Expense</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$46.00</b>	<b>\$46.00</b>	<b>\$83.33</b>	<b>\$37.33</b>
<b>Fellowship Committee Expenses</b>					
732.24.10 - PL General Supplies	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33.33	\$33.33
736.00.10 - PL Fellowship Hour St	\$1,500.00	\$66.02	\$66.02	\$125.00	\$58.98
737.00.10 - PL Miscellaneous Exp	\$800.00	\$108.50	\$108.50	\$66.67	(\$41.83)
<b>Total Fellowship Committee Expense</b>	<b>\$2,700.00</b>	<b>\$174.52</b>	<b>\$174.52</b>	<b>\$225.00</b>	<b>\$50.48</b>
<b>Christian Education Expenses</b>					
745.24.10 - CE General Supplies	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4.17	\$4.17
745.28.10 - CE CE Seminars/Work	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
746.28.10 - CE Books/Films	\$650.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$54.17	\$54.17
747.00.10 - CE Vacation Bible Sch	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$41.67	\$41.67
747.42.10 - CE Sunday School Cu	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
748.00.10 - CE Youth Program Su	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$125.00	\$125.00
748.24.10 - CE Library Supplies	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4.17	\$4.17
748.28.10 - CE Library Resources	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$62.50	\$62.50
749.00.10 - CE Miscellaneous Exp	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16.67	\$16.67
<b>Total Christian Education Expenses</b>	<b>\$5,800.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$483.35</b>	<b>\$483.35</b>
<b>Outreach Committee Expenses</b>					
754.24.10 - OR General Supplies	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$41.67	\$41.67
757.00.10 - OR Miscellaneous Exp	\$100.00	\$80.48	\$80.48	\$8.33	(\$72.15)
<b>Total Outreach Committee Expenses</b>	<b>\$600.00</b>	<b>\$80.48</b>	<b>\$80.48</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	<b>(\$30.48)</b>
<b>Communications Committee Exp</b>					
773.00.10 - CM Miscellaneous Exp	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8.33	\$8.33
774.00.10 - CM Advertising	\$2,000.00	\$232.30	\$232.30	\$166.67	(\$65.63)
774.42.10 - CM Advertising Phone	\$540.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$45.00	\$45.00
776.00.10 - CM Web Site Hosting &	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20.83	\$20.83
<b>Total Communications Committee Expense</b>	<b>\$2,890.00</b>	<b>\$232.30</b>	<b>\$232.30</b>	<b>\$240.83</b>	<b>\$8.53</b>
<b>Total GENERAL FUND EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$417,169.24</b>	<b>\$31,094.91</b>	<b>\$31,094.91</b>	<b>\$34,764.10</b>	<b>\$3,669.19</b>
<b>COMMITTEE PROJECTS EXPENSE</b>					
795.00.94 - Toy Workshop Ministry	\$0.00	\$59.23	\$59.23	\$0.00	(\$59.23)
<b>Total COMMITTEE PROJECTS EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$59.23</b>	<b>\$59.23</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>(\$59.23)</b>



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<b>BUILDING FUND EXPENSES</b>					
904.00.30 - BF Building Maintenance	\$17,600.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,466.67	\$166.67
908.00.30 - BF Major Repairs & Improvements	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$833.33	\$833.33
<b>Total BUILDING FUND EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$27,600.00</b>	<b>\$1,300.00</b>	<b>\$1,300.00</b>	<b>\$2,300.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
<b>MEMORIAL GARDEN EXPENSES</b>					
<b>Mem Garden Construction Costs</b>					
788.03.80 - Mem Garden Special Fund	\$0.00	\$2,786.77	\$2,786.77	\$0.00	(\$2,786.77)
<b>Mem Garden Sustainability Cost</b>					
788.11.80 - Purchase of Name Plate	\$0.00	\$34.93	\$34.93	\$0.00	(\$34.93)
788.16.80 - Maintenance on Memorial Garden	\$0.00	(\$250.00)	(\$250.00)	\$0.00	\$250.00
<b>Total Mem Garden Sustainability Costs</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>(\$215.07)</b>	<b>(\$215.07)</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$215.07</b>
<b>Total Mem Garden Construction Costs</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,571.70</b>	<b>\$2,571.70</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>(\$2,571.70)</b>
<b>Total MEMORIAL GARDEN EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,571.70</b>	<b>\$2,571.70</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>(\$2,571.70)</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$444,769.24</b>	<b>\$35,025.84</b>	<b>\$35,025.84</b>	<b>\$37,064.10</b>	<b>\$2,038.26</b>
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>\$1,920.76</b>	<b>\$22,170.32</b>	<b>\$22,170.32</b>	<b>\$160.07</b>	<b>\$22,010.25</b>

Accounts	Annual Budget (This Year)	MTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Budget (This Year)	YTD Budget/Actual (This Year)
<b>Other Revenues</b>					
<b>Non Cash Transfers</b>					
499.00.30 - BF Transfer from Expense	\$0.00	\$94,620.89	\$94,620.89	\$0.00	\$94,620.89
<b>Total Non Cash Transfers</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$94,620.89</b>	<b>\$94,620.89</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$94,620.89</b>
<b>Total Other Revenues</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$94,620.89</b>	<b>\$94,620.89</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$94,620.89</b>

Accounts	Annual Budget (This Year)	MTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Budget (This Year)	YTD Budget/Actual (This Year)
<b>Other Expenses</b>					
<b>Non-cash Expenses</b>					
909.00.30 - BF Depreciation Expense	\$0.00	\$86,800.69	\$86,800.69	\$0.00	(\$86,800.69)
<b>Total Non-cash Expenses</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$86,800.69</b>	<b>\$86,800.69</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>(\$86,800.69)</b>
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$86,800.69</b>	<b>\$86,800.69</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>(\$86,800.69)</b>
<b>Net Operating Total</b>	<b>(\$22,876.96)</b>	<b>\$5,016.15</b>	<b>(\$30,917.33)</b>	<b>(\$22,876.96)</b>	<b>(\$8,040.37)</b>

Accounts	Beginning Balance	Restricted Revenue	Restricted Expenses	Ending Balance
<b>Temporary Restricted</b>				
340.00.95 - Endowment Birthday Celebration	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
341.00.95 - Children's School Mission	\$9,466.11	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$8,966.11
342.00.95 - Missions	\$4,399.64	\$210.00	\$3,700.00	\$909.64
346.00.95 - Children's Ministries Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
348.00.95 - Choir/Music Designated gifts	\$7,278.67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,278.67
349.00.95 - Bequest Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
350.00.95 - Endowment Fund Gifts	\$360.00	\$115.00	\$0.00	\$475.00
352.00.95 - Pastors Discretionary Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
354.00.95 - Designated Gifts	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
356.00.95 - Misc Pass-Through	\$100.00	\$205.00	\$305.00	\$0.00
358.00.95 - Presbyterian Players/Dinner Theatre	\$0.00	\$760.00	\$760.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Temporary Restricted</b>	<b>\$21,604.42</b>	<b>\$1,290.00</b>	<b>\$5,265.00</b>	<b>\$17,629.42</b>

Accounts	Beginning Balance	Restricted Revenue	Restricted Expenses	Ending Balance
<b>Permanent Restricted</b>				
380.00.98 - Endowment Fd-TX Presb Foundation	\$234,852.28	\$7,878.70	\$0.00	\$242,730.98
<b>Total Permanent Restricted</b>	<b>\$234,852.28</b>	<b>\$7,878.70</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$242,730.98</b>

# BUDGET SUMMARY FOR 2016

ACCOUNT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET Yr. 2015	BUDGET Yr. 2016	CHANGE Yr. 2015	PERCENT CHANGE
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<b>GENERAL FUND INCOME</b>					
422	Pledged Offerings	\$364,000	\$360,000	(\$4,000)	-1.1%
423	Un-Pledged Offerings	55,000	55,000	0	0.0%
424	Loose Offerings	3,000	3,000	0	0.0%
432	Building Use	1,000	0	(1,000)	-100.0%
434	Interest Income	100	200	100	100.0%
435	Other Income	150	7,490	7,340	4893.3%
	<b>TOTAL GF INCOME</b>	<b>\$423,250</b>	<b>\$425,690</b>	<b>\$2,440</b>	<b>0.6%</b>
<b>BUILDING FUND INCOME</b>					
491	Pledged Offerings	\$14,860	\$18,000	\$3,140	21.1%
492	Unpledged Offerings	2,000	3,000	1,000	50.0%
	<b>TOTAL BF INCOME</b>	<b>\$16,860</b>	<b>\$21,000</b>	<b>\$4,140</b>	<b>24.6%</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL &amp; BUILDING INCOME</b>		<b>\$440,110</b>	<b>\$446,690</b>	<b>\$6,580</b>	<b>1.5%</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND EXPENSE</b>					
510-520	Mission & Benevolent	\$55,700	\$55,600	\$100	0.2%
540-559	Minister	115,300	115,300	0	0.0%
942-952	Associate Pastor	57,026	58,739	(1,713)	-3.0%
975-978	Parish Associate	1,000	0	1,000	-100.0%
546&946	Ministers Variable Expense	10,050	10,000	50	0.5%
560-576	Other Staff	88,371	87,528	843	1.0%
573,577-581	Other Ministry	1,650	1,175	475	28.8%
582-599	Other Administrative	27,250	27,550	(300)	-1.1%
600-699	Building\Grounds	76,000	53,200	22,800	30.0%
700-719	Worship Committee	4,500	2,900	1,600	35.6%
720-729	Stewardship/Finance Committee	1,050	1,000	50	4.8%
730-739	Fellowship Committee	3,000	3,000	0	0.0%
740-749	Christian Education Committee	6,400	5,800	600	9.4%
750-759	Outreach Committee	2,250	2,600	(350)	-15.6%
770-774	Communications Committee	3,440	2,890	550	16.0%
	<b>TOTAL GF EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$452,987</b>	<b>\$427,282</b>	<b>\$25,705</b>	<b>5.7%</b>
<b>BUILDING FUND EXPENSE &amp; PRINCIPAL</b>					
908	Major Repair & Improvements	10,000	10,000	0	0.0%
???	Building Maintenance Contracts		17,600	(17,600)	100.0%
	<b>TOTAL BF EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$27,600</b>	<b>(17,600)</b>	<b>-176.0%</b>
<b>TOTAL GF &amp; BF EXPENSES &amp; PRINCIPAL</b>		<b>\$462,987</b>	<b>\$454,882</b>	<b>(\$8,105)</b>	<b>-1.8%</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME MINUS EXPENSE GF &amp; BF</b>		<b>(\$22,877)</b>	<b>(\$8,192)</b>	<b>\$14,685</b>	<b>-64.2%</b>

## **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE — 2015**

The Administrative Committee is responsible for overseeing the office area of the church. We assist the Head of Staff with staffing matters. We review the insurance coverage of the church to be sure it is adequate. We also maintain the Policy and Procedure Manual as well as tend to many other duties that are listed in the policy manual. The Nominating Committee is a Sub-Committee of the Administrative Committee and is charged with finding candidates to serve as Elders and Deacons and also finding replacement candidates when vacancies occur.

2015 was an unusually busy year for the Administrative Committee. There were two very important staff changes. After 20 years of service, Jim Anderson announced his decision to retire as Church Treasurer and after 17 years of service, Vicki Erickson announced her decision to retire as Administrative Assistant. We are so grateful for all they have done and continue to do for our church. Our search for replacements began early in the year. We are fortunate to have found and hired Ruth Lawson as Administrative Assistant, and we are thankful that Sharry McGuire has so willingly volunteered to serve as treasurer.

The following is a list of Administrative committee duties that were completed:

Recommended to the Session that Burnis Leavens serve as Clerk of Session, that Sharry McGuire serve as Church Treasurer, that Kathy Fidler serve as Church Historian, and that Emily Dieleman serve as Church Librarian for 2016.

Conducted the staff evaluations and reviewed the staff.

Reviewed the insurance coverage.

Completed the Administrative Budget for 2016.

Convened the Nominating Committee and presented candidates to the Congregation for Elder and Deacon for the Class of 2018, presented candidates for the 2016 Nominating Committee, and presented two replacements to fill Deacon vacancies.

Peggy Stein, Moderator



## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE — 2015**

This Committee supports the Christian Education ministry of the church, the Youth program, the church library, and the church nursery.

The Christian Education program has a children's class taught by Burnis Leavens and Sharyl Ritschel, a youth class for older children taught by Willa Oliver (they are currently taking confirmation classes taught by the pastors), and two adult classes: a Bible Study class taught by Jim Wagner and Bill Wellner and the Contemporary Issues class led by Bob Ritschel.

The Youth program is overseen by Maryann Sweeney in cooperation with the parents of the children. The kids have engaged in a variety of activities in the course of the year. As part of the youth ministry the Committee, assisted by the Mission Committee, financially supported four youth in their attendance at Ferncliff Camp summer programs.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE (continued)

Once again VBS was coordinated by Sharyl Ritschel. The children went from the tropics of last year to the heights of Everest this year. Sharyl was helped by a number of volunteers for whom we were most thankful.



The library, under the able direction of Emily Dieleman, continues to add to its holdings and attracts a number of readers. The newer books are reviewed by Emily in the *Weekly News* in the Sunday bulletin to introduce our library and the books to the congregation.



The nursery is available every Sunday with Marti Tillman as the attendant assisted by persons who have volunteered to be nursery assistants.

Bill Wellner, Moderator

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## LIBRARY REPORT — 2015

This report is also a bit of history about the Church Library. When I became the Librarian on August 1, 2000, the first task I faced was moving the old library from what is now Ruth's Office to the new location at the rear of the Sanctuary. Most of the books were too old to keep and had never been cataloged.

As I sorted I discovered there was only one Fiction book and that was *Alice In Wonderland*. Needless to say that had to go! The new space also had some new shelves and cabinets made by Bernie Hietbrink. As I sorted and made piles of like topics, I soon realized I needed to rename the categories. We have many Bibles, Commentaries, Books of Meditation, and Biographies.

Asked why I wanted to build up the Christian Fiction section, I remembered this quote, "Books by Christian writers do more than entertain, they touch the heart, change lives and stir the soul." I ordered only books by Christian authors. Many books are donated and those I scrutinize very carefully and read them before I enter them into the system. I even read all the books before I write a review for the newsletter.

You might be interested to know I have entered into our system over 1,700 books. I greatly enjoy being the Church Librarian.

Emily Dieleman, Church Librarian



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## PUPPET/YOUTH MINISTRY — 2015

The Presbyterian Church Puppet Ministry, under the direction of Maryann Sweeney, took part in the Presbyterian Players 2015 Olios. The Youth Group has monthly gatherings. This year they had a lock-in at the Church, a swim party at Denise Eicken's, had a Mardi Gras Party, attended "Shrek" at the Rogers Little Theater, and sang in the Youth Choir for a Sunday service. Lindsay and Will Tribble are



## **PUPPET/YOUTH MINISTRY** (continued)

acolytes and helped usher and were readers for Sunday services this year. Trinity Francis signed Silent Night for the Christmas Eve service. Four youth are currently preparing for their Confirmation with Rev. Liz Wagner. Under the guidance of Burnis Leavens, the youth participate in Mission projects such as Souper Bowl of caring, labeling the crackers for Outreach to distribute at Mercy Hospital's surgical waiting room, and every six weeks, they put together toiletry packets for the children staying at the NWA Children's Home. Four youths attended Ferncliff Camp this summer.

Maryann Sweeney

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## **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE — 2015**

Members: Julie Tribble (Moderator), Vicki Erickson, Ruth Lawson, Jim Prince, Dianne Allen, Lorna Sterrett, Jim Prince, Kathy Fidler, Bob Rolle and Lee Hehl

In 2015 the communications committee continued its work of promoting the church's events and services. The committee supports the web site and Facebook page, makes sure the outdoor lighted sign is up to date and supports other committees with their publicity needs.

Jim Prince and Lee Hehl continued as webmasters in 2015. Jim updated the church website with information about various church ministries, activities, and posting weekly services with sermons. Jim also updates prayer requests that are sent to him from church staff.

Vicki Erickson, the church administrative assistant, served as our office contact. She attended meetings, provided support and made much of the committee's work possible. Vicki retired this year. She has been replaced by Ruth Lawson. Ruth helped the committee a great deal when she designed a flyer for the silent auction that was used in an ad for *The Weekly Vista*. Both of these ladies have been a great help to the committee.

Kathy Fidler served as the church historian. She keeps a written pictorial history of the church and its activities. She receives information and pictures from various church committees. Kathy, also interviews new members and writes up their information for the bulletin board in the connector hall.

Bob Rolle posts information about church activities on the outdoor sign board. This board contains information about church activities and events so that passing motorists can see.

Lorna Sterrett writes newspaper articles about the activities of the church. Her articles provide a way for the church to get the word out about sermons, events and activities in local newspapers. She writes one article every week.

Dianne Allen keeps the church bulletin board. This is located in the connector hall close to the entrance to the fellowship hall.

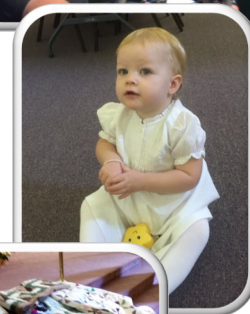
This year has been my first year on the committee and I have been in charge of placing ads in local newspapers. The committee has placed ads for Easter services, the silent auction, Christmas Oleos and an ad in next year's city guide. The committee also placed an ad for vacation bible school in the Insights insert for the Bella Vista water bills.

Julie Tribble, Moderator

## HISTORIAN'S REPORT — 2015

Happenings in the church that were special in 2015:

- The development of a Lenten Devotional Booklet by Jan Burgess incorporating the congregation's input
- The 30 year anniversary of the church in June
- Following along via the America by Bicycle website, Dennis' 3,715 mile journey from the Pacific coast to the Atlantic coast
- Live Auction Sept. 20 which raised money for Cooper Elementary and three Gravette schools
- Participation in the Festival of Worship Through Music & Art in October
- A visit by Larry & Inge Sthresly, our missionaries from the Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Dedication of the Memorial Garden & Columbarium October 18
- Donation by Lorna Sterrett of flag in memory of Bob Sterrett and Lowell Carr, and in honor of Scott Carr
- Baptism of Adelyn Mae Cranford in November
- December Christmas Olives with the proceeds going to Open Avenues
- Dedication of quilts for Vera Lloyd Home
- The retirement celebration for Jim Anderson (Church Treasurer for 20 years), Vicki Erickson (Administrative Assistant for 17 years) and Bernie Hietbrink (Head Usher for many years)



Opportunities for study were found in the Sunday classes, a Lenten Study – “What Wondrous Love” led by Liz Wagner, a presentation by Dr. Jack Harberer at the Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> Soup Supper, a Maundy Thursday Seder Passover Meal, May Adult Study Class led by Liz Wagner, June 22-25 VBS Everest – “Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Powers”, September Theological Study Weekend led by Dr. Thomas Currie, and an October Adult Study group meeting on Thursday evenings.

Other committee reports will show the various ways we found to serve and find fellowship with each other

We appreciate those who agreed to fill the Class of 2018 as **Elders**: Jan Burgess, Marty Chapman, Burnis Leavens, Clark Mullins, Harry Reif and **Deacons**: Joanne Chitty, Carol Durban, Martha Ann Hill, Fran Zimmerman.

Finally, we honor the memories of: Gloria Bobb, Betty Redman, Fred Pflederer, David Chapman. Donna Lee Allyn, Tom Benson, Barbara Delk, Lee Ortman, Wilma Hamilton, Don Main, Jo Hoyt, Pat Hoyt, Art Galchutt, Pat Cutsforth, Lynn Smith as well as former members and friends: Velma Spears, Carol Taylor, Marv Petersen, Danny Farmer, Glenda Deaton, Dick Deaton, Joyce McFadyen, Francis Benson and Joan Brown.

Kathy Fidler, Church Historian

## FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE — 2015

Fellowship Committee meets on the first Wednesday of each month with approximately 10 attending each meeting. We have a committee of 14 members with many others helping with any event we are involved in. We work well together. Our focus is to provide fellowship opportunities for all members of our congregation.

Our year began with a **Sunday Family Dinner** on February 2, 2015. We always have a large turnout for this event which takes place immediately following the church service.

Fellowship and Missions started off the **Lenten soup suppers** on February 25, 2015.

Along with the 30th Anniversary Committee, we helped spearhead and carryout the **30th Anniversary Celebration** on June 14, 2015, with a catered dinner from Ruby Tuesday's and entertainment. We served about 217 for that dinner.

July followed with an **Ice Cream Social**.

In September we hosted the annual **all-church picnic** providing the brats, hotdogs and hamburgers. In addition, we assisted the Christian Education Committee with a potluck dinner.

In early October, we helped Missions celebrate the work of our missionaries to the Congo, Rev. Dr. Larry & Inge Sthreshley.

In November we assisted Stewardship/Finance with the **Stewardship Annual Dinner**. **Thanksgiving** was celebrated with Fellowship sponsoring the potluck with turkey and gravy provided. We had 58 sign up and served 90. With God's grace, we were able to serve all.

**Christmas** was celebrated with ham provided and attendees brought dishes to share.

Our Committee is continually thinking of ways to celebrate the work of our church and the community. We appreciate suggestions new ways the church membership would like to see us provide the opportunity for fellowship. It is a privilege to be able to work with this committee and the fellowship of this church.

Ruth Cozad, Moderator

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## SHEPHERD GROUPS — 2015

New members are assigned to a Shepherd Group immediately upon joining the church so they are welcomed right away. Friends of the church who attend regularly are given the opportunity to be a part of a Shepherd Group and participate in its activities.

Shepherd Groups continued this year with outstanding leadership. Members worked hard as they took their turns serving soup suppers during Lent. Extra soup was taken to shut-ins or those who were ill.



## **SHEPHERD GROUPS (continued)**

They also took their turns in hosting the coffee hour after worship for church fellowship every 8 weeks.

Each group planned and provided a variety of activities and members of other groups were often invited to join them if they wished. Showing concern for those who are bereaved or ill is another responsibility of the Shepherd Groups. A meal or reception before or after the memorial service is provided. Rides to the doctor or whatever assistance might be needed is offered to those who are ill or have had surgery.



I am sorry to report that Lee Ortman, a Shepherd Group Leader for Group 8 died.

Kelli Cranford has agreed to work with me this coming year and will be the coordinator for 2017 and 2018.

Dick Sterup,  
Shepherd Group Coordinator

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## **PRESBYTERIAN SINGLES — 2015**

The Presby Singles did not meet in 2015.

Vera Martin, Peggy McMenus, Joy Phillips

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## **LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE — 2015**

The Long Range Planning Committee did not meet during 2014 or 2015, but in September of 2014, Ed Delk requested Session's approval of the idea to work for the assisted living facility for low income residents at Highlands Crossing. This project is in collaboration with the Community Development Corporation (CDC), which built the Plaza. The Session approved an expense of \$860 for a Non-Profit application fee for a 501-C3 from the Internal Revenue Service. The board of The Care Center at Highlands Crossing, Inc. was led by Ed Delk, with members from our Church including Rev. Dennis Ritchie, Peggy Stein and others from the community. Ed Delk has moved away and Jim Anderson has agreed to join the board as Ed's replacement representing the Church.



With the Non-Profit designation, the Board will be in a position to write grant requests from various organizations to raise money. The CDC continues to be involved in this project.

The Long Range Planning Committee has also been requested by the Communications Committee to put on its agenda for 2015 or 2016 the replacing of the existing manual roadside sign with an electronic sign. An electronic sign would allow for a more efficient way to communicate news about our church and would be much easier to update.

Jim Anderson, Moderator

## MISSIONS COMMITTEE — 2015

The Missions Committee members for 2015 were: Moderator, Marinell Anderson, Secretary, Burnis Leavens, Dianne Allen, Sharon Carpiaux, Donna Farmer, Joan Groves, Duane Johnson, Caryl Thomas, Bruce Burgess, Marilyn Dottenwhy, Barbara Tropansky, Gary Stumbo, Joanne Chitty and Konny Rishel.

Missions did not meet in January or March due to ice and snow. Our long time Helping Hands representative resigned in February due to health reasons. We will certainly miss Jim Sweeney and all he did for us and Helping Hands. THANK YOU, JIM!!!

Our first activity was “Meals on Wheels” in January. Bruce Burgess made a 3 year commitment to head this important program for the Church. A total of 64 people helped deliver meals to shut-ins during the month.



On “Souper Bowl of Caring” Sunday, the Sunday School kids collected \$601 in their soup pots. These funds provided snacks for the Samaritan Community Center’s “Back Pack” program. Healthy snacks are sent home in back packs for kids in need. They also filled 154+ personal item bags for the Northwest Arkansas Children’s Shelter. We helped send Will and Lindsay Tribble to Ferncliff Camp this summer. They had a wonderful time and are ready to go again. Christian Ed sent two to Camp, also.

With Extra Mission Funds, we were able to purchase new mic’s for the pastors, as well as a new CD recorder for recording Sunday Morning Worship. We gave the balance of the Armed Service Fund to the Military Officers of America group to use for scholarships here in Arkansas.

The “Pack Shack” organization held a “Feed the Funnel” program at Cross Church and we helped prepare meals for their One Million Meals for the Needy.



In April, 7 people went down to Ferncliff Work Days to help with yard work, miscellaneous jobs and working in the PDA center. It was a fun trip as well as a time for fellowship. They were able to see the progress being made from the Ferncliff @75 fund raiser. We met our \$5,000 pledge this year for a total of \$15,000.

We again collected school supplies for the two school districts here in Bella Vista. Cooper Elementary received about 1/3 of the supplies and the Gravette schools (4) received about 2/3.



Woodworkers (formerly Toymakers) began work in April to hold a Live Auction to benefit Cooper Elementary and the Gravette Schools in September. The group was offered new items from The Fireplace Store when it closed – bbq grills, patio furniture, display items, etc. They began making furniture, doll house, doll furniture, etc. The women began making quilts, baby blankets, jewelry, baked goods and candy to sell. A pulled pork lunch was offered for a free will offering. We were hoping the community would be supportive in this endeavor. Church members certainly were supportive. We raised \$7,004. This helped cover expenses and we were able to present to the Garland School District a check for \$3,400 at their December School Board Meeting. A check for \$1,360 will be





## MISSIONS COMMITTEE (continued)

presented to the Cooper Elementary school. The remainder of funds will be held until later for Gravette. Missions also purchased 55 earbuds for the Kindergarten class in Gravette for use with their computers.



Dr. Larry and Inge Sthresley, our Missionaries from the Congo were here in October. The Missions Committee had breakfast with them and learned about their work in the Congo. A pot luck supper was held so the whole congregation could hear about their work in the Congo. We were able to send them \$715 additional for their needs.

We filled 46 boxes of food for Thanksgiving for Helping Hands. A gift of \$500 was given to help provide meat for these boxes. Thank you for your generosity in helping those in need.



Seven of the eight Shepherd groups provided Christmas gifts for students at Gravette Middle School and/or the Vera Lloyd Home. This was the first time we have helped Vera Lloyd Home at Christmas. Approximately \$1,500 in gift cards was sent along with 15 quilts from the Quilters. THANK YOU.

We were not able to fulfill all the items we had budgeted in Missions this year, due to the budget shortfall. We did fulfill the Local Missions designated for 2015. Thank you for your support of Missions.

Our new Moderator of Missions will be Burnis Leavens. All of the Missions Committee has agreed to serve in 2016.

Marinell Anderson, Moderator of Missions



## HELPING HANDS — 2015

*Where Our Neighbors Receive Help, Not A Handout!*



The Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista is one of the original twenty-six (26) area churches that have joined **Helping Hands** in providing food and other financial assistance to our Benton County neighbors that are in need because of our volatile economy. **HH** has been in existence for nearly forty (40) years and PCBV has been an active participant for three (3) decades. In 2014 **HH** provided over two million one hundred twenty nine (**\$2,129,000**) dollars in aid to people needing food and/or financial assistance. Financial assistance is provided to the first 25 families each morning and food to about 80 families each day who are striving to get back on their feet.

## HELPING HANDS (continued)

We participate in the following ways:

- ♦ **Food items** are donated weekly as our members leave non-perishable goods on the HH table in the Connector Hallway. Men's fellowship also collects canned goods from each of their members at their monthly meeting.
- ♦ **Thanksgiving boxes** were prepared again this year and our members were responsible for donating ALL of the necessary ingredients for a complete Thanksgiving meal for forty-four (44) families. These meals were distributed by HH. This includes donations of over five-hundred (\$500) dollars used to purchase meat for the meal.
- ♦ **Workdays** are also an important part of our commitment. In 2015 PCBV members worked on 1-16-15, 5-15-15 and 10-15-15 where we helped unload cars, set up displays, ran the cash registers and other necessary jobs. By volunteering our time, **HH** is able to put back into the community those dollars that would be needed to pay employees.
- ♦ **Donations** also play an important part of what we do to make sure this organization has the resources necessary to fulfill their mission.
  - ◇ **Cash Jar** is available each Sunday on the **HH** table in the Connector Hallway. If members forgot their monthly canned goods, many donated cash. Please note that **HH** is able to purchase canned goods for just \$.17 a pound. So donations are a big help.
  - ◇ **Personal donations** are made by many of our members as they recognize that **HH** receives no State or Federal money.

### Message from Helping Hands

***"You are the roots of this organization. You keep us stable and strong. Because of you, we keep growing and going. Thank you for all that you do to support Helping Hands. We see your determination and loyalty and know that we could not do it without you!"***

Sincerely, Gary Stumbo and JoAnne and Paul Chitty

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### MISSIONS COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT — 2015

#### Local Mission Giving:

Bella Vista TV Station	\$ 200
Courtesy Van	\$ 500
Helping Hands	\$ 600
Samaritan Center	\$ 500
Meals on Wheels	\$ 500
Head Start	\$ 600
Shoebox Ministry	\$ 500
Single Parent Scholar.	\$ 500
B V Pre-School	\$ 500
Village House	\$ 500
Children's Advocacy	\$ 500
Youth Bridge	\$ 500
Sunshine School	\$ 500
Woodworkers (Toy)	\$ 400
Habitat for Humanity	\$ 600
Boys & Girls Club	\$ 300

Seminaries	\$ 1,000
Presbytery Giving	\$30,000

#### Outreach:

UA Campus Min.	\$ 1,500
Lyon College Scholar.	\$ 1,500
U of Ozarks Scholar.	\$ 1,500
Ferncliff Camp & Conf.	\$ 1,500
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#### Extra Mission Giving:

Honduras Mission Trip	\$ 1,260
Mic's for Ministers	\$ 640
School supplies, clothes	\$ 887
Shelter Kits for kids	\$ 737
CD Player	\$ 312
"Feed the Funnel"	\$ 300
Ferncliff Retreat	\$ 939
Malawi student	\$ 1,000

## MISSIONS COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT (continued)

Other Mission Giving:		Special Offerings:	
Sthreshley's	\$ 2,800	One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 4,233
Hispanic Ministry	\$ 1,000	Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Home	\$ 2,228
AR. Rice Depot	\$ 200	Joy Offering	\$ 2,816
Presby. Disaster Assist.	\$ 1,000	Peacemaking — 75%	\$ 1,482
Miscellaneous	\$ 125	Lives Under Construction — 25%	\$ 494
Camp Scholarships	\$ 700	Helping Hands - cash for purchasing food	\$ 965
		Souper Bowl of Caring	\$ 601
		Woodworkers Auction	\$ 7,004
		Ferncliff @ 75 Pledge	\$ 3,500
		Nepal Earthquake	\$ 2,395
		Sthreshley's honorarium	\$ 715
		Syria	\$ 970
		Thanksgiving Boxes	\$ 861
<b>TOTAL MISSION GIVING IN 2015</b>		<b>\$85,864</b>	

### PRESBYTERIAN PLAYERS — 2015



The Presbyterian Players provide religious drama throughout the year for PCBV. They also present dramatic productions of humor in good taste to the general public in theater or single act production setting.

Membership is composed of, but not limited to, persons who attend the Presbyterian Church and/or persons interested in participating in the activities of the Players.

A series of the last four of five Lenten soup supper programs consisted of readings directed by Burnis Leavens which were a precursor to the Passover Seder Meal (Communion) for Christians conducted on Maundy Thursday.

The Players production of Christmas Olios and The Christmas Guest, a musical adaptation of Markham's poem "How the Great Guest Came" was presented on December 6 with the proceeds of \$760.00 from a free will offering to be donated to Open Avenues. The production was directed by Maryann Sweeney assisted by Jim Sweeney as Production Manager.

Officers for 2015 – 2016 are:

Moderator: Bruce Allen  
 Vice Moderator: Burnis Leavens  
 Secretary/Treasurer: Nancy Ortman  
 Historian: Sharon Carpiaux





## TOY MAKERS & TOY PAINTERS — 2015

The year of 2015 was one of preparation. The toymakers/woodworkers partnered with the Missions Committee, The Quilters, and other individuals to organize and execute a live auction at the church with the proceeds going to support Cooper Elementary and Gravette Schools. Meetings started in early spring and the work began. In addition to making hand crafted sewing projects and wooden items such as toys, games, and furniture, the workers under took tasks of securing an auctioneer, writing letters and distributing them throughout the community, designing a poster and getting them displayed at local businesses and clubs, making plans and preparing a lunch to be served, designing a sweet shop and securing baked goods for the event, working on advertising and collecting new merchandise for the sale. The auction was held September 26. Thanks to the many who made this venture a reality.

Toymakers and Toy Painters

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## MISSION SEWING — 2015

This year we provided many items for many organizations.

- Compassion House — Baby clothing and blankets
- Northwest Arkansas Children's Shelter — Clothing, quilts and books
- Samaritan House — Blankets and clothing
- NOROC — Clothing and blankets

Sharon Carpiaux and Pat Keller

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## QUILT GROUP — 2015



Approximately 7 women meet twice a month in individual homes to work on various projects related to quilting. The majority of our endeavors is making quilts for the children at the Vera Lloyd Home in Monticello, AR.

Relying on donations of fabric from members of the congregation, the ladies piece tops, construct the backing and cut batting for each quilt. The quilts are then taken to Brenda Youngblood of Diamond, MO, who has been doing our quilting for several years. She gives us a reduced rate for her work. After the quilting is completed, the ladies bind the quilts and apply a label stating the quilts were made by the ladies of the Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista.

In 2015, 21 quilts were completed and delivered to Vera Lloyd Home. Each child receives a quilt of his/her own to take with them when they leave the facility. This year some of the quilts also included a pillowcase.

The only expenses incurred by the group are for the quilting and for quilt batting. The Presbyterian Women has given us an annual budget of \$275, plus we have received some donations. As of December 1, 2015, \$115.97 has been spent. Additional batting will be purchased before the end of the year.

Jan Wallace, Moderator

## OUTREACH COMMITTEE – 2015

Committee Members this year: Moderator John Jaeger, Secretary Nancy Skinner, Ron Burroughs, Greg Grim, Marilyn Dottenwhy, Jan Thurman, Karen Paxton, Roy Paxton, Joyce Johnson, and Kay Rhoads.

**NEW MEMBER OUTREACH:** 29 new members joined PCBV and we added 4 new “Friends of the Church” in 2015. The Committee reviews the visitors list each month and contacts them by phone to determine their present church status, as well as provide them with information about PCBV.

**BINGO/PIZZA NIGHT:** Everyone enjoyed the socializing, pizza, soft drinks and the bingo gag gift exchange.

**NEW MEMBERS & GUESTS PICNIC:** Outreach partnered with the Fellowship Committee for this event for new members, visitors and church members at Tyree Park in the fall. It was very successful with about 49-50 people in attendance.

**SIGNS:** The Committee had two 5 x 5 signs installed, advertising PCBV’s location, phone number and website. One sign on Hwy. 279 (Forest Hills Blvd.), up the hill from Macadoodles, and the other sign on Hwy. 40. Due to lack of response, advertising signage will cease at the end of the present contract period.

**HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS:** In the early part of December, PCBV participated in the village sponsored, “Home for the Holidays” event.

**CRACKERS AT MERCY HOSPITAL:** The Committee is providing peanut butter crackers in the surgery waiting room at Mercy Hospital in Rogers. There is a label on each package showing PCBV as the provider of the crackers. The church has had many cards and notes expressing appreciation for these snacks, while awaiting word of their loved ones and friends in surgery. This ministry will continue in 2016.

**SUNDAY BUS:** We currently pick up church members and guests who live at Concordia. We would love to see more people volunteer as a bus driver. There is a real need.

The Outreach Committee will continue to focus on bringing visitors and new members to PCBV. We realize we must concentrate on bringing new families and individuals, both younger and those in their “sunset years” into PCBV. We will continue to welcome all those who come to PCBV to worship the Lord in His House. We have 10 dedicated, hard-working, fun-loving members on this Committee. Come Join Us!

John Jaeger, Moderator



## PROPERTY COMMITTEE — 2015

Committee Members this year: Moderator Harry Reif, Vice-Moderator Marvin Dodd, Secretary Ryan Smith, Jim Anderson, Terry Durbin, Harlan Freerks, Gene Pohl, Robert Rolle, Jim Wagner, and Roger Zemlicka.

Following is a list of projects completed in 2015:

- Sealed flat roof over Choir Director's office/hallway.
- Installed 620 feet of heating cables to melt snow and ice on Church roof.
- Reroofed over lower wings of Sanctuary in September.
- Replaced computers and printers that were lost by lightning strike in August along with the Fire and Security System. These were all covered under the Church's insurance.
- Carol Ritchie and Jo Dodd planted 75 Bella Vista Daffodil bulbs around the Church grounds. Be sure to look for them in the Spring.
- Replaced 4 broken parking blocks outside the Fellowship Hall.
- In the process of obtaining bids to seal the steeple, stained glass window in front of the Church, and brick the parapet above the window and flat roof above the Choir Director's office.
- Last year we replaced all the regular light bulbs in the Fellowship Hall (24 total). This year we've used all of them by replacing all the burned out lights in the Sanctuary.

This Committee is a very hard working group that is constantly trying to keep the Church in good repair.

Harry Reif, Moderator

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## MEMORIAL GARDEN COMMITTEE — 2015

The members of the Memorial Garden Committee are Bill and Pam Cagle, John Foss, Harry Reif, Peggy Swain, Jim Anderson and Liz Wagner. The committee operates as a subcommittee to the Property Committee. The purpose of the committee is to have oversight and management of the Memorial Garden.

The Memorial Garden project officially got underway in January. We developed a back off schedule to finalize the details of the project. We created the operating procedures (Policy and Procedure Manual) for the Garden and received approval from the session. Money for the project was raised and we presented to Session and received approval to move forward. We sourced the necessary permits and approvals from the city of Bella Vista. Landscape Creations was hired to be the architect to develop the plans. We worked through all of the details of designing the Garden. Once the Master Plan was finalized we presented it the Session and received approval to move forward.

In May we put the project out for Contractor Bids. We also opened up the opportunity to buy Niches or spaces on the Columbarium Wall at that time. We awarded the project to OAK construction. Session approved the bid and we officially began construction on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015.



## MEMORIAL GARDEN COMMITTEE (continued)

The project was completed in August but we waited to install the landscaping until mid-September. To raise additional money to offset the unexpected costs that were incurred, we asked the congregation to purchase the trees, shrubs, lighting and benches for the Garden. We raised an additional \$4,800.

The Memorial Garden was dedicated during worship service on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

The Granite Cross was installed in late December. We still have two stone benches yet to be installed. We have now sold 9 Niches and 8 spaces on the Memorial Wall.



Bill Cagle

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## STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE COMMITTEE — 2015

The S & F Committee met monthly in 2015 to discuss and review the income and expenses of the church's financial position. The primary activities were:

1. Report to Session recommendations regarding financial and stewardship matters.
2. Enroll current Session members and inactive elders to count contributions each Sunday.
3. Provide oversight to all budget and financial matters.
4. Conduct the annual Stewardship Pledge Drive Campaign.

General and financial information for 2015 follows:

- Committee members: Moderator Paul Fox, Vice-Moderator Art Keller, Moderator Endowment Bruce Allen, Treasurer Jim Anderson, Shirley Felton, Ken Groves, Jim Gutowski, Dave Guarnaccia, Bill Cagle, Ronnie Prevost, Karen Paxton, and Clark Mullins.
- January — Prepared a preliminary year end report for 2014 and reviewed pledges received versus not received. Reviewed the 2015 goal budget and made a presentation to session for approval. Session accepted a deficit budget of approximately \$23,000.
- February — Started planning for the 2015 fall campaign to promote the 2016 pledge campaign. Made arrangement for an audit of Church financial records for 2014 and reviewed the 2015 budget with the congregation at an annual meeting.
- March and April — Selected the theme for the 2016 pledge campaign ... “Renew Our Vows” ... to support our 30th year as a church.
- May-July — Reviewed the responsibilities of all sub-committees involved with budget preparation for the congregation dinner, design of pledge cards, invitations and letter presentation, selected group leaders for training and coordination to collect pledges.
- August-September — Finalized preparations for the 2016 campaign.
- November — Hosted an All-Church Potluck with the purpose of reviewing the current year and present plans for 2016 to the congregation.
- December — Pledge campaign for 2016 completed.

Changes and a review of some accounts had to be made to balance the general fund's capability to pay invoices in a timely manner. It was necessary to transfer \$28,000 from the reserve fund to the general fund to keep current. This action was taken by the committee.

## **STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE COMMITTEE (continued)**

We are currently in the process of closing out our 2016 pledge campaign in an effort to avoid a negative goal budget. To achieve this we encourage all members to honor their 2015 pledge and also consider their 2016 pledge to assist in the ability of the committee to function and manage the business of the church in a positive basis.

Paul Fox, Moderator

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### **ENDOWMENT FUND — 2015**

The Endowment Fund was established by PCBV in 2004 in order to encourage Christian persons to ensure the advancement of the mission and ministry of the church through gifts and bequests. The Texas Presbyterian Foundation was selected to help explain the giving options, and to facilitate the investing and expenditures of the monies received.

Interested church members are encouraged to contact one of the PCBV pastors and/or the Endowment Fund Moderator to get firsthand information to their questions.

On January 1, 2015, the actual cash value of the fund was \$216,833.74 and the account market value was \$257,988.06.

On July 1, 2015, a request of \$18,000 was made and given to the Memorial Garden and Columbarium project.

On August 1, 2015, \$3,555 from miscellaneous funds was transferred and deposited to the Endowment Fund.

The September 30, 2015 report (the last report to be received in the year 2015) showed the actual cash value of the Endowment Fund to be \$213,869.70 and the account market value was \$234,852.28

Contributions can be made directly to the Church and should be marked “Endowment Fund”.

Art Keller, Endowment Fund Moderator

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### **WORSHIP COMMITTEE—2015**

The Worship Committee is responsible for planning each Sunday service as well as for special events such as the Lenten period, Easter, Pentecost, Advent, and Christmas. The committee also arranges for occasional services for Concordia and Village House in cooperation with other Bella Vista churches.



The 2015 communion schedule was approved by the Session, with nineteen communion services during the year. The schedule for 2016 was submitted and approved by the Session at their November meeting. Pete Hieronimus has continued to organize the scheduling of Elders for communion distribution, while Deloris Jennings and Marinell Anderson ensured the preparation of the sacraments. Carol Smell has provided years of service by baking bread for every



## WORSHIP COMMITTEE (continued)

communion service; however, she and Bill have moved to Kansas. We are very fortunate that Sharry McGuire has assumed this responsibility.

During the Lenten season, the Ash Wednesday service was moved to Noon. Although this did not increase attendance, it will be scheduled at the same time in 2016. A *Seder Supper* was held on Maundy Thursday and it was very well attended. The committee elected not to distribute Palm leaves at the Palm Sunday service; apparently, this was acceptable because there were no complaints.

The pastors have adopted the use of wrap-around microphones that improves the overall sound quality. The projector system has increasingly been included during the service by projecting words to hymns, responsive readings, occasional videos, and art works that enhance the worship experience. Steve Little and Bruce Allen are the leaders for these projects

Other items of note:

- Due to the retirement of Vicki Erickson, Ruth Lawson has been attending the committee meetings.
- Pastor Ritchie was able to take a sabbatical leave of absence during the summer. Liz Wagner and Joe Tropansky provided most of the sermons during this period.
- The entire church was appropriately decorated for the Lent/Easter and Advent periods. Vera Martin and members of the Art Committee headed this effort. There were many new faces who assisted with the Advent decorating, including Kathy Fidler and her family who were visiting for Thanksgiving.
- A memorial ceremony was held in late October recognizing members of the congregation who have passed away during the past year, including Pat Cutsforth who faithfully served as co-head usher.
- The Committee submitted a Policy & Procedure recommendation to the Session that governs the approval and scheduling of a *Minute for Mission* during the Sunday morning worship.
- Bernie Hietbrink will be retiring at the end of December. Nancy Bumgardner has agreed to be the head usher beginning in January 2016. This task continues to be very challenging due to the limited number of people who *willingly* sign-up; however, Nancy intends to install a few changes that might improve the volunteer rate.

Members of the Worship Committee include Marinell Anderson; Pete Hieronimus; Bernie Hietbrink; Deloris Jennings; Duane Johnson; Steve Knudsen; Ruth Lawson; Burnis Leavens, Steve Little; Mickie Victor; and Pastors Dennis Ritchie and Liz Wagner. For 2016, Bob Ritschel and Bill Wellner will serve as co-moderators.

Robert E. Ritschel, Co-Moderator

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## MUSIC MINISTRY — 2015



This has been a memorable year for the Chancel Choir as we celebrated the church's 30th year anniversary. Jason Aragon was commissioned to compose a choral anthem for the choir to be performed at the June 14th church service. Even though the work, "That Pearl of Great Price", was difficult, the choir did an admirable job. Jason sang with the choir that Sunday to make it even more exciting.

## **MUSIC MINISTRY (continued)**

The year began with Bob Ritschel pitch-hitting for Steve and Sandy Andrews subbing for Gail on the organ (as well as the Chancel Bells). Thanks to both for their willingness to go above and beyond.

The Hallelujah Chorus was featured at the Easter celebration in April. The choir got a standing ovation!

After getting much earned time off (the choir sang for 32 Sunday services during the year), soloists provided the special music for the month of August.

In October the choir, along with the Highlands Church choir, presented 7 anthems for the Festival of Music and Arts. It was a great experience and, hopefully, can be repeated at some point.

The choir also participated in “Home for the Holidays”, Bella Vista’s kickoff to the holiday season.

The choir concluded the year by presenting the Christmas Cantata, “Canticles in Candlelight” by Joseph Martin after which they held their annual Christmas banquet, again, at the Texas Land and Cattle Company restaurant in Rogers.

The Chancel Bells also had a most productive season. Playing approximately once a month, the choir has shone much progress since my tenure as director started. You are sounding GREAT!

Thanks again to all who are participating in our choirs and for the giving of your time and talents for the musical life of our church. God smiles each time you sing and play. Finally, I’d like to thank Sandy Andrews for her accompany skills and to Gail Knudsen for playing for our Sunday and special services throughout the year. Your piano/organ duets are very uplifting. Both of you are exceptional musicians.

Stephen Knudsen, Music Director

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## **BOARD OF DEACONS — 2015**

Serving as Deacons in 2015 were Sandy Andrews, Donna Ramey, Kathy Stoffel, and Nancy Skinner, Class of 2015; Jerry Cozad, Carol Ritchie, Dick Francis, and Bev Eagan, Class of 2016; and Freda Baker, Roy Paxton, Elaine Roberson, and Leon Wehmeyer, Class of 2017. Nancy Skinner served as Moderator. Donna Ramey agreed to act as secretary and was responsible for sending cards to those confined and to others at a time of special need. The deacons meet on the first Wednesday of each month.

The Diaconate cared for approximately 35 - 40 members of the congregation under their care each month. Those called upon included the homebound, residents of nursing homes or care centers, hospital patients and those undergoing chemotherapy, and bereaved members of our congregation. Deacons have called on all of the above on a regular basis assessing their needs and wants and trying to fulfill both to the best of their abilities. Prayer shawls were delivered to the women and afghans to the men. Prayers were given for those cared for both in private and with the person being cared for.

## **BOARD OF DEACONS** (continued)

The women of the church provided the Deacons with the prayer shawls and afghans throughout the year. As more were given, more were provided. The Deacons appreciate the services of these women who helped to meet the needs of those in our congregation. This year, a tradition was begun by having our Pastors bless the shawls and afghans during a worship service. In addition to being prayed over by the women of the church, they were prayed over by the Pastors and the congregation before being given.

Each month of the year, a Deacon of the Month serves by assisting the Pastors in calling on members in the hospital and in serving communion to those homebound members of our church. When the Deacon of the Month is unavailable, the Deacons provide a back-up Deacon who willingly steps in to cover the duties of the Deacon of the Month. The Deacon of the Month also divides the chancel flowers on Sunday mornings when the donor of the flowers wishes to have them distributed to our homebound members. They are then delivered to those members by the Deacons.

In an effort to facilitate a closely bound group, a potluck supper was held this past summer for the Deacons and their significant others, our Pastors and the Administrative Assistant and spouse. In addition, it was a “Farewell — Be Safe” party for Pastor Dennis before he left on his sabbatical. Kathy Stoffel planned a Christmas dinner party for the Deacons at the Country Club. Each of us have grown closer to the others because of these special get-togethers. Because our work is hard, all-giving, tiring, and at times saddening, these parties have lifted our spirits and motivated us to serve with energy and love.

The Deacons said goodbye to the Class of 2015 and welcomed the Class of 2016. They are: Joanne Chitty, Carol Durbin, Martha Ann Hill, and Fran Zimmerman.

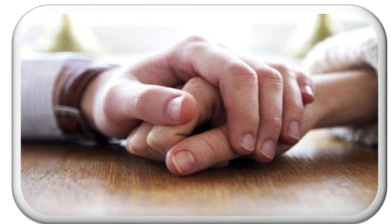
As Moderator, I wish to thank all Deacons for their dedication and willingness to do what is needed. Also, a very special thank you to Pastor Dennis, Pastor Liz, and the office staff for their strong support.

Nancy Skinner, Moderator

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## **BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE — 2015**

Following the death of a church member, the Bereavement Committee is contacted by the pastors and is then in contact with the deceased member’s family to assist them as needed prior to the funeral or memorial service for their loved one. We also work with shepherd groups and others such as circles, Men’s Fellowship, choir, etc. with planning and serving a family meal and/or reception following the funeral or memorial service. It is an honor to serve our Lord and the Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista in this capacity.



In 2015 our congregation lost a total of 18 church members to death. Sixteen of them resided locally, including: Gloria Bobb, Betty Redman, Fred Pfleiderer, David Chapman, Donna Lee Allyn, Tom Benson, Barbara Delk, Danny Farmer, Lee Ortman, Wilma Hamilton, Don Main, Pay Hoyt, Jo Hoyt, Art Galchutt, Pat Cutsforth and Lynn Smith. Two non-resident members, Marvin Petersen and Joyce McFadyen, also died this year.



## **BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE (continued)**

We extend a special thank you to Carol Smell for serving as the bereavement contact person for so many years. Carol and Bill moved from the area this year.

The members of the Bereavement Committee are: Vicki Erickson, Karen Paxton, Dotty Lewis, Linda Ervin, Lynn Zemlicka and Bernie Benson.

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## **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP — 2015**



Men's Fellowship met 9 times for breakfast, devotions and interesting programs. We sponsor the blood drives, provide roadside pickup in our neighborhood, collect lots of canned goods for Helping Hands, and we drive the church bus for various functions. Ed Grosshuesch served as the Men's Fellowship representative for the annual Alzheimer's Walk held on September 12. There were 16 walkers from PCBV and the church raised a total of \$3,337.



Bruce Burgess served as Secretary/Treasurer in 2015, and Bruce Allen will serve as Secretary/Treasurer in 2016.

Dick Dottenwhy, President

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## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN — 2015**

Presbyterian Women programming and resource options offer a variety of ways for women to work for justice and peace and to live out their faith in an inclusive, caring community that strengthens the Presbyterian Church. PW are active in the PCBV and belonging to a circle is not a pre-requisite for participation in the activities, gatherings, luncheons or mission projects.

There are four circles that meet monthly for Bible Study and each choose mission projects and all support the Fellowship of the Least Coin. The circles meet from September through June. The Bible study for 2015-2016 is "Come to the Waters", by Judy Record Fletcher.

On October 12, twelve members attended the FALL GATHERING at the First Presbyterian Church of Rogers, in Rogers, AR.



Our "kick-off" luncheon was held on September 12. The program was, "Getting to Know You". Each member brought samples of their hobbies or interests to share. The potluck luncheon was hosted by Martha Garvin Circle.

On Dec. 12, PW held a Christmas Tea hosted by Lydia Circle. A very enjoyable program of Christmas music was provided by "Perfect Harmony". The cookie exchange was substituted by a

## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN** (continued)

Christmas Tea, which was a welcomed change. Two Life Memberships were awarded by Barbara Tropansky. The recipients were Maryann Sweeney and Jennette Martin. The Thank Offering was also presented. Additional cookies were distributed to shut-ins and the Police and Fire Departments.

PW quilting group meets in member's homes twice a month, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays. The completed quilts are distributed to the Vera Lloyd Home so that each child may choose their own quilt to keep.

PW sewing is scheduled throughout the year at the church to cut out patterns for kits to be sewn at home. Also, baby layettes, lap robes, mittens and scarves are made and distributed to nonprofit organizations locally and for Presbytery and Synod missions.

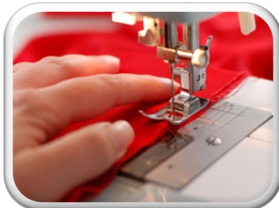
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Lois Ault, Moderator

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## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S QUILTING GROUP — 2015**

PW quilting group meets in members' homes twice a month, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays. Since the first of the year, 26 quilts were delivered to the Vera Lloyd Home. The quilts are of various designs that will appeal to both boy and girl residents from ages 8 to 18.



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Martha Garvin Circle received 130 new and used sweaters from members of the congregation, wrapped and donated them to the Salvation Army for distribution as Christmas gifts.

Maryann Sweeney, Moderator

## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S YEAR END TREASURER REPORT — 2015**

**Pledge Monies Received** \$6,315.00

**Mission Giving:**

<b>Budgeted Mission Giving</b>	\$2,800.00
<b>Additional Mission Giving</b>	\$ 75.00
<b>Memorial Garden Gift</b>	\$ 300.00

**Collections:**

<b>May Birthday Offering</b>	\$ 721.00
<b>Rebecca Circle Gifts</b>	\$ 600.00
<b>(Cooper/Gravette Schools + Memorial Garden)</b>	
<b>Least Coin Collection</b>	\$ 136.70
<b>Centisibility (2-cents-a-meal)</b>	\$ 304.80
<b>Thank Offering</b>	\$ 1,115.00

**Checking Account Balance @ Year End — approximately** **\$1,000.00**

**Savings Account Balance @ Year End** **\$3,758.62**

Many quilts and sewing items are complete and sent to various groups by the PW Quilting and PW Sewing Groups.

Martha Garvin Circle fills between 50 and 75 shoeboxes with personal essentials for men at each meeting. They are distributed through the Salvation Army. They also collect sweaters each fall to be distributed by the Salvation Army.

Ruth Cozad, PW Treasurer

## CHURCH OFFICERS — 2016

### Session

Rev. Dennis Ritchie, Moderator

Burnis Leavens, Clerk of Session

Sharry McGuire, Church Treasurer

Class of 2016 Paul Fox, Moderator of Stewardship and Finance Committee

John Jaeger, Moderator of Outreach Committee

Bob Ritschel, Moderator of Worship Committee

Peggy Stein, Moderator of Administrative Committee

Bill Wellner, Vice-Moderator of Worship Committee

Class of 2017 Marvin Dodd, Vice-Moderator of Property Committee

Jim Gutowski, Moderator of Fellowship Committee

Deloris Jennings, Moderator of Christian Education Committee

Brad Jones, Vice-Moderator of Administrative Committee

Julie Tribble, Vice-Moderator of Fellowship Committee

Class of 2018 Jan Burgess, Moderator of Communications Committee

Marty Chapman, Vice-Moderator of Christian Education Committee

Burnis Leavens, Moderator of Missions Committee

Clark Mullins, Vice-Moderator of Stewardship and Finance Committee

Harry Reif, Moderator of Property Committee

### Diaconate

#### Class of 2016

Jerry Cozad

Bev Eagan

Dick Francis

Carol Ritchie

#### Class of 2017

Kay Burroughs

Roy Paxton

Elaine Roberson

Leon Wehmeyer

#### Class of 2018

Joanne Chitty

Carol Durbin

Martha Ann Hill

Fran Zimmermann

## 2016 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP LISTS

### Administrative Committee

Peggy Stein, *Moderator*

Dennis Ritchie, *Pastor*

Liz Wagner, *Associate Pastor*

Dave Guarnaccia

Nancy Ortman

Bev Novak

Dick Sterup

### Fellowship Committee

Jim Gutowski, *Moderator*

Julie Tribble, *Vice-Moderator*

Ruth Cozad

Jeanette Martin

Jack & Duffie McClellan

Kay Rhoads

Hart Skinner

Terry Woods

Beverly Eagan

Ken Massman

Jeanne Reif

Bob Rishel

Lorna Sterrett

### Bereavement Committee

Bernie Benson

Linda Ervin

Karen Paxton

Vicki Erickson

Dotty Lewis

Lynn Zemlicka

### Christian Education Committee

Deloris Jennings, *Moderator*

Marty Chapman, *Vice-Moderator*

Lois Ault

Elaine Hietbrink

Peggy McMenus

Maryann Sweeney

Denise Eicken

Burnis Leavens

Sharyl Ritschel

Terry Woods

### Communications Committee

Jan Burgess, *Moderator*

Dianne Allen

Lee Hehl

Jim Prince

Lorna Sterrett

Kathy Fidler

Ruth Lawson

Bob Rolle

## 2016 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP LISTS (continued)

### **Presby Singles**

Vera Martin  
Joy Phillips

### **Missions Committee**

Burnis Leavens, *Moderator*  
Rev. Liz Wagner, *Associate Pastor*  
Dianne Allen      Marinell Anderson  
Bruce Burgess      Joanne Chitty  
Marilyn Dottenwhy      Donna Farmer  
Joan Groves      Duane Johnson  
Konny Rishel      Sharyl Ritschel  
Gary Stumbo      Caryl Thomas  
Barb Tropansky

### **Property Committee**

Harry Reif, *Moderator*  
Marvin Dodd, *Vice-Moderator*  
Ryan Smith, *Secretary*  
Jim Anderson      Terry Durbin  
Harlan Freerks      Jerold MacDonald  
Gene Pohl      Bob Rolle  
Jim Wagner      Roger Zemlicka

### **Worship Committee**

Bob Ritschel, *Moderator*  
Bill Wellner, *Vice-Moderator*  
Dennis Ritchie, *Pastor*  
Liz Wagner, *Associate Pastor*  
Marinell Anderson      Nancy Bumgardner  
Pete Hieronimus      Duane Johnson  
Steve Knudsen      Ruth Lawson  
Burnis Leavens      Steve Little  
Mickie Victor

### **Long Range Planning Committee**

Dennis Ritchie, *Pastor*  
Liz Wagner, *Associate Pastor*  
Jim Anderson, *Moderator*  
Joan Groves      Dave Guarnaccia  
Harry Reif      Betsy Smith  
Peggy Stein

### **Arts & Hobby Committee**

Deloris Jennings      Jennette Martin  
Vera Martin      Konny Rishel

### **Endowment Fund**

Clark Mullins, *Moderator*  
Sharry McGuire, *Church Treasurer, Ex-Officio*  
Dennis Ritchie, *Pastor, Ex-Officio*  
Bill Cagle, *Secretary*  
Paul Fox      Dave Guarnaccia

### **Outreach Committee**

John Jaeger, *Moderator*  
Karen Paxton, *Secretary*  
Ron Burroughs      Greg Grim  
Joyce Johnson      Roy Paxton  
Kay Rhoads      Lela Sandfort  
Gary Stumbo      Jan Thurman

### **Stewardship & Finance Committee**

Paul Fox, *Moderator*  
Clark Mullins, *Vice-Moderator*  
Sharry McGuire, *Church Treasurer*  
Bruce Allen      Jim Anderson  
Bill Cagle      Dave Guarnaccia  
Ken Groves      Jim Gutowski  
Karen Paxton      Ronnie Prevost

### **Nominating Committee**

Peggy Stein, *Vice-Moderator*  
Shirley Baker (*Adult Bible Study Class*)  
Vicki Erickson (*At Large*)  
Barb Francis (*Presbyterian Women*)  
Jiggs Gaedtke (*At Large*)  
Eileen Kringen (*Presbyterian Singles*)  
Ken Massman (*Choir*)  
Bob Rishel (*Men's Fellowship*)  
Carol Ritchie (*Deacons*)  
Gary Stumbo (*Adult Sunday School*)

### **Presbyterian Players Committee**

Bruce Allen, *Moderator*  
Burnis Leavens, *Vice-Moderator*  
Nancy Ortman, *Secretary/Treasurer*

### **Memorial Committee**

Clark Mullins, *Moderator*  
Sharry McGuire, *Church Treasurer*  
Harry Reif      Marvin Dodd

### **Memorial Garden Committee**

Bill & Pam Cagle  
Liz Wagner, *Associate Pastor*  
Jim Anderson      John Foss  
Harry Reif      Peggy Stein

### **Audio/Visual Team**

Bruce Allen      Jim Gutowski  
Steve Little      Jim Prince  
Jim Ramey      Ryan Smith



