



# **PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BELLA VISTA**

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## **2016 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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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

*“The ever-whirling wheel of change; the which all mortal things do sway,”* spoke Edmund Spenser (1552-1559). *“But times do change and move continually.”*

We are in a period of transition. We’ve endured an unusual election cycle that seemed to go on for much too long. We are now transitioning into a new congress and administration with possible changes in store, which may affect Social Security and Medicare. This is the time to continue to develop God’s gifts, focus our mission and pull together in the manner and image of being yoked to Christ and to one another.

During my first eight years here I have learned much about you. You are passionate about caring for people. If you are in the hospital, convalescing at home, mourning, or moving back to Iowa, Minnesota, or Kansas; if you need your church — people are here for you.

Many of you care deeply about the mission of larger Presbyterian Churches of which we are a part. Some are uninformed or in total disagreement with the larger church. Yet this is the church of which Christ is the head. Our Book of Order states:

*“Christ calls the church into being, giving it all that is necessary for its mission in the world, for its sanctification, and for its service to God. Christ is present with the church in both spirit and word.”*

From the time of Paul and through today this imperfect church has been called by Christ, and sent into the world as redeemed sinners, *“for there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”* (Romans 3:23)

Christ alone rules, calls, teaches, and uses the church as he wills.

Doing mission, building up, and serving God are labor intensive. What will you do in 2017 to build up Christ’s church?

Some of you might travel to Honduras on a work trip to improve the lives of those affected by systemic poverty. Others may want to become active with the University of Arkansas’ Campus Ministry. Some of you will be asked to lead a Sunday School class or Bible study, serve as an Elder or Deacon, Shepherd Group Leader or just make coffee. Others may change light bulbs, sew, sing in the choir, or greet and usher.

One thing will remain constant ... change. Some will come and some will go. But whether we come or go, we all belong to God.

Yours in Christ,  
Rev. Dennis Ritchie, Senior Pastor

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*When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. Isaiah 43:2*

*Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Amos 5:14*

*Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. 2 Corinthians 13:11*

*Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you. Philippians 4:9*

Do you hear the theme in these scripture passages? These are just a few of the passages in God's Word where we are assured that God will remain with us. Many times this year, I have felt the necessity to remind myself that God is with us. I am sure that you have shared those feelings. Several from our community have moved to be near family as their health declines, several have ended their sojourn on earth and now reside in the rooms Jesus prepared for them. Many have experienced the limitations of our human bodies, some with joyful ingenuity and some with gracious acceptance. Our picnics have been subjected to fickleness of summer thunderstorms and our founding air conditioners have succumbed to mechanical failure. God has been with us, supplying the fortitude, humor and financial resources to face our challenges.

God has graced us with many fabulous new members, increasing our joy and strengthening our councils. God guided our mission committee's sabbatical, helping them identify two areas for our activities and monies: Education and Food/Shelter/Life-style Support. God has also nourished us through our loving community and wonderful worship and education activities.

There is little doubt that we will be equipped to face the challenges which will emerge in the coming year. God will be with us. All will be well.

Rev. Liz Wagner, Associate Pastor

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## **Church Officers and Staff Organization for 2016**

### **Session**

Rev. Dennis Ritchie, Moderator  
Burnis Leavens, Clerk of Session  
Sharry McGuire, Church Treasurer

<u>Class of 2016</u>	Paul Fox, 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, Vice-Moderator of Worship Committee
<u>Class of 2017</u>	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
<u>Class of 2018</u>	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 & Finance Committee Harry Reif, Moderator of Property Committee

### **Diaconate**

<u>Class of 2016</u>	<u>Class of 2017</u>	<u>Class of 2018</u>
Jerry Cozad	Kay Burroughs	Joanne Chitty
Bev Eagan	Roy Paxton	Carol Durbin
Dick Francis	Elaine Roberson	Martha Ann Hill
Carol Ritchie	Leon Wehmeyer	Fran Zimmermann

### **Church Staff**

Dennis Ritchie, Pastor and Head of Staff  
Liz Wagner, Associate Pastor  
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**

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

## 2016 MEMBERSHIP ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT

Active Members as of 12/31/2015: 341  
(plus: 20 children, 3 affiliate members, 4 members of Presbytery, 4 other participants)

### Membership Gains in 2016: 22

### Membership Losses in 2016: 27

#### NEW MEMBERS IN 2016

- |                  |                     |                                   |
|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Jerry August  | 9. Virg Halgrim     | 17. Kathleen Litton               |
| 2. Sandy August  | 10. Jan Halgrim     | 18. Trinity Francis (Teen Member) |
| 3. David Warner  | 11. Jean Nichols    | 19. Darrell Maples                |
| 4. Sharon Warner | 12. George Pickell  | 20. Ami Maples                    |
| 5. Larry Hall    | 13. Carolyn Pickell | 21. Ralph Trigg                   |
| 6. Janet Hall    | 14. Carl Weaver     | 22. Vickie Trigg                  |
| 7. Butch Cowdin  | 15. Mallory Weaver  |                                   |
| 8. Gail Cowdin   | 16. Daryl Litton    |                                   |

#### LOSSES IN 2016

##### Deaths:

- |                 |                      |                       |
|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Tom Wilson   | 7. Ron Eaton         | 13. Bob Farris        |
| 2. Corky Kropp  | 8. Dell Mashburn     | 14. Ryan Smith        |
| 3. Bob Beard    | 9. Barbara Hostetler | 15. Mary Jane Burgh   |
| 4. Joe Campbell | 10. Marge Hildreth   | 16. Al Erickson       |
| 5. Doug Ashmore | 11. Paul Fox         | 17. Walt Cloyd        |
| 6. Darlene Hurt | 12. Chuck Cobb       | 18. Lorraine Newberry |

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

- |                 |                    |                   |
|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Dave Bell    | 4. C.J. August     | 7. Jan Burgess    |
| 2. Julea Bell   | 5. Marlys Petersen | 8. Howard Clausen |
| 3. Betty Rendon | 6. Bruce Burgess   | 9. Linda Clausen  |

**Total Active Members as of 12/31/2016: 336 (includes 1 teen member)**  
(plus: 18 children, 4 affiliate members, 4 members of Presbytery, 4 other participants)

187 Average 2016 Worship Attendance

25 Average 2016 Sunday School Attendance

**Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**December 2016**

<b>Assets</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
<b>Checking Account</b>		
<b>Gen Fund - Unrestricted</b>		
110.00.10 - General Fund Checking	\$33,631.34	
<b>Total Gen Fund - Unrestricted</b>	<b>\$33,631.34</b>	
<b>Other Funds - Restricted</b>		
110.00.15 - Special Offering Fund	\$1,601.00	
110.00.30 - Building Fund	\$10,650.03	
110.00.40 - Worship Committee Fund	\$95.28	
110.00.55 - Deacon's Assistance Fund	\$9,855.38	
110.00.60 - Mission Comm Fund	\$170.92	
110.00.80 - Memorial Garden Fund	\$27,272.76	
110.00.90 - Presbyterian Men Fund	\$585.00	
110.00.91 - Bus Ministry - Fund	\$3,570.17	
110.00.93 - Presbyterian Veterans Council	\$316.12	
110.00.95 - Temporary Restricted Checking	\$35,834.99	
<b>Total Other Funds - Restricted</b>	<b>\$89,951.65</b>	
<b>Total Checking Account</b>	<b>\$123,582.99</b>	
<b>Other Current Assets</b>		
140.00.10 - Prepaid Expense/Insurance	\$5,966.00	
142.00.10 - Prepaid Expense/MN Continuing Ed	\$900.00	
145.00.10 - Petty Cash Fund	\$50.00	
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>\$6,916.00</b>	
<b>Memorial/Honor Fund Assets</b>		
128.00.10 - MM - Operating Reserve	\$25,000.00	
128.00.20 - M/H Undesignated	\$11,970.96	
128.00.22 - M/H Designated Other	\$150.00	
129.00.22 - M/H Music	\$4,449.54	
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>\$49,606.67</b>	
<b>Endowment Fund - PCBV</b>		
150.00.98 - Investment-TX Presby Foundation	\$266,203.05	
<b>Total Endowment Fund - PCBV</b>	<b>\$266,203.05</b>	
<b>Total CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>\$446,308.71</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	\$196,397.03	
165.00.30 - Building (Choir/Classroom Addition)	\$257,623.60	
170.00.30 - Furniture & Fixtures	\$180,922.78	
175.00.30 - Vehicles/Bus	\$22,766.46	
179.00.30 - Equipment - Maintenance	\$45,249.24	
180.00.30 - Equipment - Office	\$138,839.23	
181.00.30 - Equipment - Comp/copiers	\$12,987.23	
<b>Total Asset Category</b>	<b>\$3,322,603.15</b>	
<b>Less: Accum Depreciation</b>		
190.00.30 - BF Accumulated Depreciation	(\$1,908,227.81)	
<b>Total Less: Accum Depreciation</b>	<b>(\$1,908,227.81)</b>	
<b>Total Fixed Assets by Category</b>	<b>\$1,414,375.34</b>	
<b>Total FIXED ASSETS</b>		<b>\$1,414,375.34</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>\$1,860,684.05</b>



**Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista**  
**Balance Sheet (Continued)**  
**December 2016**

<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	\$3,308.03	
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	<b>\$3,308.03</b>	
<b>Accrued Liabilities</b>		
220.00.10 - Accrued CE - Sr Pastor	\$150.64	
225.00.10 - Prepaid Pledges - GF	\$4,615.00	
226.00.30 - Prepaid Pledges - BF	\$400.00	
<b>Total Accrued Liabilities</b>	<b>\$5,165.64</b>	
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>\$8,473.67</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>\$8,473.67</b>
<b>Fund Principal</b>		
312.00.10 - Operating Fund Equity	\$16,493.34	
312.00.15 - Special Offering Fund Equity	\$2,836.00	
312.00.20 - Mem Undesignated Fund Equity	\$9,984.52	
312.00.22 - Mem Designated Fund Equity	\$13,205.31	
312.00.30 - Building Fund Equity	\$1,475,780.35	
312.00.55 - Deacon's Assistance Fund	\$280.38	
312.00.60 - Mission Committee Fund Equity	\$393.52	
312.00.80 - Mem Garden/Columbarium Fund Equity	\$21,777.41	
312.00.90 - Presbyterian Men Fund Equity	\$800.00	
312.00.91 - Bus Ministry Fund Equity	\$4,222.15	
312.00.93 - Presbyterian VC Fund Equity	\$316.12	
312.00.94 - Toy Workshop Ministry Fund Equity	\$527.28	
Excess Cash Received	\$3,555.96	
<b>Total Fund Principal and Excess Cash Received</b>		<b>\$1,550,172.34</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>		
Total Temporary Restricted	\$35,834.99	
Total Permanent Restricted	\$266,203.05	
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>		<b>\$302,038.04</b>
<b>Total Liabilities, Fund Principal, &amp; Restricted Funds</b>		<b>\$1,860,684.05</b>

**Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista**  
**Analysis of Revenues & Expenses**  
**December 2016**

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	\$19,259.97	\$362,572.62	\$360,000.00	\$2,572.62
423.00.10 - Un-Pledged Offerings	\$55,000.00	\$5,170.00	\$40,893.38	\$55,000.00	(\$14,106.62)
424.00.10 - Loose Offerings	\$3,000.00	\$196.00	\$3,647.68	\$3,000.00	\$647.68
428.00.10 - Designated/Special Gift	\$7,490.00	\$0.00	\$6,920.00	\$7,490.00	(\$570.00)
432.00.10 - Building Use	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
434.00.10 - Interest Income	\$200.00	\$5.75	\$73.09	\$200.00	(\$126.91)
435.00.10 - Other Income	\$0.00	\$18.00	\$324.01	\$0.00	\$324.01
<b>Total GENERAL FUND INCOME</b>	<b>\$425,690.00</b>	<b>\$24,649.72</b>	<b>\$414,930.78</b>	<b>\$425,690.00</b>	<b>(\$10,759.22)</b>
<b>COMMITTEE PROJECTS INCOME</b>					
440.00.40 - Income - Worship Com	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$621.63	\$0.00	\$621.63
445.00.55 - Income - Deacon's Ass	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
446.00.60 - Income - Mission Comr	\$0.00	\$32.00	\$3,525.49	\$0.00	\$3,525.49
449.00.90 - Income - Presbyterian I	\$0.00	\$125.00	\$610.00	\$0.00	\$610.00
451.00.91 - Income - Bus Donation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$69.00	\$0.00	\$69.00
455.00.94 - Income - Toy Worksho	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$52.50	\$0.00	\$52.50
<b>Total COMMITTEE PROJECTS INCOME</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$217.00</b>	<b>\$14,878.62</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$14,878.62</b>
<b>SPECIAL OFFERING INCOME</b>					
464.00.15 - Income - One Great Hc	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,676.00	\$0.00	\$3,676.00
466.00.15 - Income - Peace Making	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,220.00	\$0.00	\$1,220.00
467.00.15 - Income - Vera Lloyd	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,706.00	\$0.00	\$2,706.00
468.00.15 - Income - Christmas Joy	\$0.00	\$1,581.00	\$1,591.00	\$0.00	\$1,591.00
<b>Total SPECIAL OFFERING INCOME</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,581.00</b>	<b>\$9,193.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$9,193.00</b>
<b>MEMORIAL FUND INCOME</b>					
472.00.10 - MM - Operating Reserv	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00
474.00.20 - MH Undesignated Incc	\$0.00	\$1,350.00	\$1,950.00	\$0.00	\$1,950.00
476.00.20 - MH Interest Income (u	\$0.00	\$4.11	\$36.44	\$0.00	\$36.44
479.00.22 - MH Music Department	\$0.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$0.00	\$45.00
<b>Total MEMORIAL FUND INCOME</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,399.11</b>	<b>\$27,031.44</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$27,031.44</b>
<b>BUILDING FUND INCOME</b>					
491.00.30 - BF Pledged Offerings	\$18,000.00	\$1,017.50	\$15,337.50	\$18,000.00	(\$2,662.50)
492.00.30 - BF Unpledged Offerin	\$3,000.00	\$100.00	\$1,505.00	\$3,000.00	(\$1,495.00)
494.00.30 - BF Special Gifts	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,527.02	\$0.00	\$8,527.02
<b>Total BUILDING FUND INCOME</b>	<b>\$21,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,117.50</b>	<b>\$25,369.52</b>	<b>\$21,000.00</b>	<b>\$4,369.52</b>
<b>MEMORIAL GARDEN INCOME</b>					
448.00.80 - Mem Garden Contribut	\$0.00	\$70.00	\$1,770.00	\$0.00	\$1,770.00
448.03.80 - Sale of Niches	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,250.00	\$0.00	\$3,250.00
448.04.80 - Sale of Memorial Wall	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
448.06.80 - Sale of Nameplates	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,294.93	\$0.00	\$2,294.93
448.08.80 - Contributions for Maint	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$1,800.00
<b>Total MEMORIAL GARDEN INCOME</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$70.00</b>	<b>\$10,114.93</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$10,114.93</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$446,690.00</b>	<b>\$29,034.33</b>	<b>\$501,518.29</b>	<b>\$446,690.00</b>	<b>\$54,828.29</b>

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**Analysis of Revenues & Expenses (Continued)**  
**December 2016**

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	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00
512.00.10 - MS Local Missions	\$9,400.00	\$1,000.00	\$6,424.52	\$9,400.00	\$2,975.48
514.00.10 - MS Minister's Discretio	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$200.00	\$125.00
515.00.10 - MS Presbytery Outreac	\$9,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$8,500.00	\$9,000.00	\$500.00
516.00.10 - MS Seminaries	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
518.00.10 - MS Other Mission Gifts	\$7,000.00	\$700.00	\$5,884.89	\$7,000.00	\$1,115.11
<b>Total Mission &amp; Benevolent Expenses</b>	<b>\$56,600.00</b>	<b>\$5,200.00</b>	<b>\$50,884.41</b>	<b>\$56,600.00</b>	<b>\$5,715.59</b>
<b>Minister's Expense Fixed</b>					
542.00.10 - MN Base Salary	\$41,401.00	\$3,450.08	\$41,400.96	\$41,401.00	\$0.04
544.00.10 - MN Housing	\$21,000.00	\$1,750.00	\$21,000.00	\$21,000.00	\$0.00
547.00.10 - MN Retirement Plan C	\$15,000.00	\$1,250.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
548.00.10 - MN Pension/Medical/Ir	\$27,477.36	\$2,346.16	\$28,153.92	\$27,477.36	(\$676.56)
550.14.10 - MN Social Security All	\$5,921.18	\$493.43	\$5,921.16	\$5,921.18	\$0.02
552.16.10 - MN Cont. Education	\$4,500.00	\$1,415.46	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Minister's Expense Fixed</b>	<b>\$115,299.54</b>	<b>\$10,705.13</b>	<b>\$115,976.04</b>	<b>\$115,299.54</b>	<b>(\$676.50)</b>
<b>Assoc Minister's Expense Fixed</b>					
942.00.10 - AM Base Salary	\$18,268.00	\$1,522.34	\$18,268.08	\$18,268.00	(\$0.08)
944.00.10 - AM Housing/Utilities	\$15,600.00	\$1,300.00	\$15,600.00	\$15,600.00	\$0.00
945.00.10 - AM Retirement Plan Cr	\$2,400.00	\$200.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	\$0.00
948.00.10 - AM Pension/Medical/Ir	\$14,983.84	\$1,270.80	\$15,249.60	\$14,983.84	(\$265.76)
950.14.10 - AM Social Security All	\$2,774.50	\$231.21	\$2,774.52	\$2,774.50	(\$0.02)
952.16.10 - AM Continuing Educat	\$3,000.00	\$11.52	\$3,505.32	\$3,000.00	(\$505.32)
<b>Total Assoc Minister's Expense Fixed</b>	<b>\$57,026.34</b>	<b>\$4,535.87</b>	<b>\$57,797.52</b>	<b>\$57,026.34</b>	<b>(\$771.18)</b>
<b>Ministers Variable Expense</b>					
546.00.10 - MN Minister's Auto Mil	\$3,500.00	\$938.52	\$3,996.54	\$3,500.00	(\$496.54)
549.00.10 - MN Minister's Business	\$2,000.00	\$513.81	\$2,120.44	\$2,000.00	(\$120.44)
946.00.10 - AM Assoc Minister's A	\$3,500.00	\$245.70	\$2,292.73	\$3,500.00	\$1,207.27
947.00.10 - AM Assoc Minister's Bi	\$1,000.00	\$39.03	\$863.77	\$1,000.00	\$136.23
<b>Total Ministers Variable Expense</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,737.06</b>	<b>\$9,273.48</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$726.52</b>
<b>Other Staff Expenses</b>					
561.10.10 - OS Admin Asst - Salar	\$20,800.00	\$1,792.00	\$23,448.00	\$20,800.00	(\$2,648.00)
562.10.10 - OS Secretary - Salary	\$19,470.00	\$1,567.80	\$20,138.82	\$19,470.00	(\$668.82)
563.10.10 - OS Accounting - Sala	\$10,545.00	\$578.83	\$9,088.04	\$10,545.00	\$1,456.96
564.10.10 - OS Pianist/Organist -	\$10,370.40	\$1,000.65	\$9,808.45	\$10,370.40	\$561.95
566.10.10 - OS Director of Music	\$15,000.00	\$1,250.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
568.10.10 - OS Nursery Attendant	\$2,265.00	\$211.40	\$2,249.90	\$2,265.00	\$15.10
570.14.10 - OS FICA Payroll Tax	\$6,077.96	\$489.66	\$6,099.55	\$6,077.96	(\$21.59)
571.10.10 - OS Non-Employee Mi	\$1,750.00	\$0.00	\$840.00	\$1,750.00	\$910.00
576.00.10 - OS Miscellaneous Ex	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$71.95	\$250.00	\$178.05
<b>Total Other Staff Expenses</b>	<b>\$86,528.36</b>	<b>\$6,890.34</b>	<b>\$86,744.71</b>	<b>\$86,528.36</b>	<b>(\$216.35)</b>
<b>Other Ministry Expense</b>					
520.00.10 - OM Mission Operating	\$200.00	\$86.28	\$281.80	\$200.00	(\$81.80)
573.28.10 - OM Session(Elders) E	\$500.00	\$120.00	\$474.15	\$500.00	\$25.85
575.00.10 - OM Bus Operating Ex	\$0.00	(\$546.49)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
580.00.10 - OM Deacons' Expens	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$168.78	\$300.00	\$131.22
744.00.10 - OM Presbyterian Play	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$175.00	\$175.00
<b>Total Other Ministry Expense</b>	<b>\$1,175.00</b>	<b>(\$340.21)</b>	<b>\$924.73</b>	<b>\$1,175.00</b>	<b>\$250.27</b>
<b>Other Administrative Expense</b>					
582.26.10 - OA Office Supplies	\$2,750.00	\$477.66	\$2,281.22	\$2,750.00	\$468.78
584.20.10 - OA Postage	\$1,750.00	\$10.00	\$1,003.01	\$1,750.00	\$746.99
590.34.10 - OA Copier Lease/Mair	\$11,000.00	\$387.75	\$10,565.21	\$11,000.00	\$434.79
592.36.10 - OA Computer Related	\$4,500.00	\$341.79	\$3,652.52	\$4,500.00	\$847.48
593.38.10 - OA Telephone	\$3,250.00	\$233.97	\$3,066.48	\$3,250.00	\$183.52
594.40.10 - OA Insurance - Work (	\$1,800.00	\$121.33	\$1,456.00	\$1,800.00	\$344.00



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595.00.10 - OA Memberships/Sub:	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$944.80	\$1,500.00	\$555.20
596.00.10 - OA Misc Admin Expen	\$1,000.00	\$108.28	\$485.00	\$1,000.00	\$515.00
<b>Total Other Administrative Expense</b>	<b>\$27,550.00</b>	<b>\$1,680.78</b>	<b>\$23,454.24</b>	<b>\$27,550.00</b>	<b>\$4,095.76</b>
<b>Building/Grounds Expenses</b>					
602.00.10 - BG Utilities	\$20,000.00	\$1,642.04	\$16,012.85	\$20,000.00	\$3,987.15
604.32.10 - BG Interior Maint/Sup	\$1,600.00	\$672.80	\$2,794.42	\$1,600.00	(\$1,194.42)
606.32.10 - BG Exterior Maint/Sup	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$1,272.03	\$800.00	(\$472.03)
607.32.10 - BG Kitchen Supplies	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$18.25	\$100.00	\$81.75
608.34.10 - BG Maintenance Cont	\$12,400.00	\$3,428.38	\$10,186.79	\$12,400.00	\$2,213.21
610.36.10 - BG Property Purchase	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$852.65	\$1,000.00	\$147.35
612.40.10 - BG Insurance	\$11,000.00	\$872.58	\$13,298.00	\$11,000.00	(\$2,298.00)
616.00.10 - BG Misc Expenses	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$5.71	\$200.00	\$194.29
618.00.10 - BG Capital Repairs/Im	\$0.00	(\$2,015.37)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Building/Grounds Expenses</b>	<b>\$47,100.00</b>	<b>\$4,600.43</b>	<b>\$44,440.70</b>	<b>\$47,100.00</b>	<b>\$2,659.30</b>
<b>Worship Committee Expenses</b>					
579.12.10 - WC Pulpit Supply Fee	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$450.00	\$450.00
711.16.10 - WC Communion Supp	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$83.09	\$250.00	\$166.91
712.24.10 - WC Candles, Flowers	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$397.60	\$300.00	(\$97.60)
713.26.10 - WC Bulletins/Supplies	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
714.28.10 - WC Worship Materials	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
715.30.10 - WC Music	\$500.00	\$239.52	\$746.06	\$500.00	(\$246.06)
717.00.10 - WC Miscellaneous Ex	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$857.65	\$1,000.00	\$142.35
<b>Total Worship Committee Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,900.00</b>	<b>\$239.52</b>	<b>\$2,084.40</b>	<b>\$2,900.00</b>	<b>\$815.60</b>
<b>Stew/Finance Committee Expense</b>					
720.00.10 - SF Executive Endowm	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$29.27	\$0.00	(\$29.27)
721.00.10 - SF Campaign Expen	\$750.00	\$295.72	\$436.72	\$750.00	\$313.28
723.26.10 - SF Office Supplies	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$46.00	\$150.00	\$104.00
727.00.10 - SF Miscellaneous Exp	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
<b>Total Stew/Finance Committee Expense</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$295.72</b>	<b>\$511.99</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$488.01</b>
<b>Fellowship Committee Expenses</b>					
732.24.10 - PL General Supplies	\$400.00	\$96.47	\$420.09	\$400.00	(\$20.09)
736.00.10 - PL Fellowship Hour S	\$1,500.00	\$20.44	\$539.35	\$1,500.00	\$960.65
737.00.10 - PL Miscellaneous Exp	\$800.00	\$86.84	\$474.88	\$800.00	\$325.12
<b>Total Fellowship Committee Expense</b>	<b>\$2,700.00</b>	<b>\$203.75</b>	<b>\$1,434.32</b>	<b>\$2,700.00</b>	<b>\$1,265.68</b>
<b>Christian Education Expenses</b>					
745.24.10 - CE General Supplies	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
745.28.10 - CE CE Seminars/Wor	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$34.21	\$1,200.00	\$1,165.79
746.28.10 - CE Books/Films	\$650.00	\$0.00	\$224.28	\$650.00	\$425.72
747.00.10 - CE Vacation Bible Sch	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$89.90	\$500.00	\$410.10
747.42.10 - CE Sunday School Cu	\$900.00	\$62.95	\$523.17	\$900.00	\$376.83
748.00.10 - CE Youth Program Su	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,077.92	\$1,500.00	\$422.08
748.24.10 - CE Library Supplies	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$41.99	\$50.00	\$8.01
748.28.10 - CE Library Resources	\$750.00	\$147.32	\$523.66	\$750.00	\$226.34
749.00.10 - CE Miscellaneous Exp	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$20.44	\$200.00	\$179.56
<b>Total Christian Education Expenses</b>	<b>\$5,800.00</b>	<b>\$210.27</b>	<b>\$2,535.57</b>	<b>\$5,800.00</b>	<b>\$3,264.43</b>
<b>Outreach Committee Expenses</b>					
752.20.10 - OR Postage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9.24	\$0.00	(\$9.24)
754.24.10 - OR General Supplies	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$240.81	\$500.00	\$259.19
755.26.10 - OR Office Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$177.38	\$0.00	(\$177.38)
757.00.10 - OR Miscellaneous Exp	\$100.00	\$34.49	\$241.46	\$100.00	(\$141.46)
<b>Total Outreach Committee Expenses</b>	<b>\$600.00</b>	<b>\$34.49</b>	<b>\$668.89</b>	<b>\$600.00</b>	<b>(\$68.89)</b>
<b>Communications Committee Expense</b>					
773.00.10 - CM Miscellaneous Exp	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
774.00.10 - CM Advertising	\$2,000.00	\$498.00	\$1,767.60	\$2,000.00	\$232.40
774.42.10 - CM Advertising Phone	\$540.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$540.00	\$540.00
776.00.10 - CM Web Site Hosting &	\$250.00	\$26.85	\$451.85	\$250.00	(\$201.85)
<b>Total Communications Committee Expense</b>	<b>\$2,890.00</b>	<b>\$524.85</b>	<b>\$2,219.45</b>	<b>\$2,890.00</b>	<b>\$670.55</b>

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<b>Total GENERAL FUND EXPENSES</b>	\$417,169.24	\$36,518.00	\$398,950.45	\$417,169.24	\$18,218.79
<b>COMMITTEE PROJECTS EXPENSE</b>					
784.00.40 - Worship Project Expen	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$526.35	\$0.00	(\$526.35)
785.00.55 - Deacon's Assistance E	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$425.00	\$0.00	(\$425.00)
786.00.60 - Mission Committee Ex	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,748.09	\$0.00	(\$3,748.09)
790.00.90 - Presbyterian Men Proje	\$0.00	\$125.00	\$825.00	\$0.00	(\$825.00)
791.00.91 - Bus Ministry Expenditu	\$0.00	\$591.99	\$720.98	\$0.00	(\$720.98)
795.00.94 - Toy Workshop Ministry	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$579.78	\$0.00	(\$579.78)
<b>Total COMMITTEE PROJECTS EXPENSE</b>	\$0.00	\$716.99	\$6,825.20	\$0.00	(\$6,825.20)
<b>SPECIAL OFFERINGS EXPENDED</b>					
824.00.15 - One Great Hour - Expe	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,676.00	\$0.00	(\$3,676.00)
826.00.15 - Peace Making - Exper	\$0.00	\$1,220.00	\$1,220.00	\$0.00	(\$1,220.00)
827.00.15 - Vera Lloyd - Expended	\$0.00	\$2,706.00	\$2,706.00	\$0.00	(\$2,706.00)
828.00.15 - Christmas Joy - Expen	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,826.00	\$0.00	(\$2,826.00)
<b>Total SPECIAL OFFERINGS EXPENDED</b>	\$0.00	\$3,926.00	\$10,428.00	\$0.00	(\$10,428.00)
<b>MEMORIAL FUND EXPENDITURES</b>					
854.00.22 - Designated - Music De	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$614.60	\$0.00	(\$614.60)
<b>Total MEMORIAL FUND EXPENDITURES</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$614.60	\$0.00	(\$614.60)
<b>BUILDING FUND EXPENSES</b>					
904.00.30 - BF Building Maintenance	\$17,600.00	\$1,300.00	\$15,600.00	\$17,600.00	\$2,000.00
908.00.30 - BF Major Repairs & Im	\$10,000.00	(\$698.32)	\$17,297.49	\$10,000.00	(\$7,297.49)
<b>Total BUILDING FUND EXPENSES</b>	\$27,600.00	\$601.68	\$32,897.49	\$27,600.00	(\$5,297.49)
<b>MEMORIAL GARDEN EXPENSES</b>					
<b>Mem Garden Construction Costs</b>					
788.00.80 - Mem Garden Cost of D	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$448.67	\$0.00	(\$448.67)
788.03.80 - Mem Garden Special F	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,786.77	\$0.00	(\$2,786.77)
788.04.80 - Purchases of Niches	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	(\$500.00)
<b>Mem Garden Sustainability Cost</b>					
788.11.80 - Purchase of Name Plat	\$0.00	\$34.80	\$544.69	\$0.00	(\$544.69)
788.16.80 - Maintenance on Memo	\$0.00	\$456.00	\$339.45	\$0.00	(\$339.45)
<b>Total Mem Garden Sustainability C</b>	\$0.00	\$490.80	\$884.14	\$0.00	(\$884.14)
<b>Total Mem Garden Construction Costs</b>	\$0.00	\$490.80	\$4,619.58	\$0.00	(\$4,619.58)
<b>Total MEMORIAL GARDEN EXPENSES</b>	\$0.00	\$490.80	\$4,619.58	\$0.00	(\$4,619.58)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>\$444,769.24</u>	<u>\$42,253.47</u>	<u>\$454,335.32</u>	<u>\$444,769.24</u>	<u>(\$9,566.08)</u>
<b>Net Total</b>	\$1,920.76	(\$13,219.14)	\$47,182.97	\$1,920.76	\$45,262.21



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<b>Other Revenues</b>					
<b>Non Cash Transfers</b>					
499.00.30 - BF Transfer from Exp	\$0.00	\$45,587.22	\$45,587.22	\$0.00	\$45,587.22
<b>Total Non Cash Transfers</b>	\$0.00	\$45,587.22	\$45,587.22	\$0.00	\$45,587.22
<b>Total Other Revenues</b>	\$0.00	\$45,587.22	\$45,587.22	\$0.00	\$45,587.22

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 Experi	\$0.00	\$89,214.23	\$89,214.23	\$0.00	(\$89,214.23)
<b>Total Non-cash Expenses</b>	\$0.00	\$89,214.23	\$89,214.23	\$0.00	(\$89,214.23)
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	\$0.00	\$89,214.23	\$89,214.23	\$0.00	(\$89,214.23)
 <b>Net Operating Total</b>	 \$1,920.76	 (\$56,846.15)	 \$3,555.96	 \$1,920.76	 \$1,635.20

Accounts	Beginning Balance	Restricted Revenue	Restricted Expenses	Ending Balance
<b>Temporary Restricted</b>				
340.00.95 - Endowment Birthday Celebration	\$64.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$64.00
341.00.95 - Children's School Mission	\$8,398.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,398.41
342.00.95 - Missions	\$8,083.85	\$550.00	\$209.39	\$8,424.46
346.00.95 - Children's Ministries Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
348.00.95 - Choir/Music Designated gifts	\$7,541.57	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$7,571.57
349.00.95 - Bequest Fund	\$8,806.55	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,806.55
350.00.95 - Endowment Fund Gifts	\$220.00	\$1,785.00	\$0.00	\$2,005.00
352.00.95 - Pastors Discretionary Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
354.00.95 - Designated Gifts	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
356.00.95 - Misc Pass-Through	\$65.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$65.00
358.00.95 - Presbyterian Players/Dinner Theatre	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Temporary Restricted</b>	<b>\$33,179.38</b>	<b>\$2,865.00</b>	<b>\$209.39</b>	<b>\$35,834.99</b>

Accounts	Beginning Balance	Restricted Revenue	Restricted Expenses	Ending Balance
<b>Permanent Restricted</b>				
380.00.98 - Endowment Fd-TX Presb Foundation	\$258,590.29	\$7,612.76	\$0.00	\$266,203.05
<b>Total Permanent Restricted</b>	<b>\$258,590.29</b>	<b>\$7,612.76</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$266,203.05</b>

# BUDGET SUMMARY FOR 2017

ACCOUNT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET Yr. 2016	BUDGET Yr. 2017	CHANGE Yr. 2017	PERCENT CHANGE
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<b>GENERAL FUND INCOME</b>					
422	Pledged Offerings	\$360,000	\$368,000	\$8,000	2.2%
423	Un-Pledged Offerings	55,000	50,000	(5,000)	-9.1%
424	Loose Offerings	3,000	3,000	0	0.0%
428	Designated/Special Gifts	7,490	10,000	2,510	33.5%
432	Building Use	0	500	500	100.0%
434	Interest Income	200	100	(100)	-50.0%
435	Other Income	0	500	500	100.0%
	<b>TOTAL GF INCOME</b>	<b>\$425,690</b>	<b>\$432,100</b>	<b>\$6,410</b>	<b>1.5%</b>
<b>BUILDING FUND INCOME</b>					
491	Pledged Offerings	\$18,000	\$15,000	(\$3,000)	-16.7%
492	Unpledged Offerings	3,000	1,500	(1,500)	-50.0%
	<b>TOTAL BF INCOME</b>	<b>\$21,000</b>	<b>\$16,500</b>	<b>(\$4,500)</b>	<b>-21.4%</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL &amp; BUILDING INCOME</b>		<b>\$446,690</b>	<b>\$448,600</b>	<b>\$1,910</b>	<b>0.4%</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND EXPENSE</b>					
510-520	Mission & Benevolent	\$56,600	\$55,600	\$1,000	1.8%
540-559	Minister	115,300	116,022	(722)	-0.6%
942-952	Associate Pastor	57,026	58,793	(1,767)	-3.1%
546&946	Ministers Variable Expense	10,000	8,500	1,500	15.0%
560-576	Other Staff	86,528	89,143	(2,615)	-3.0%
573,577-581	Other Ministry	1,175	1,000	175	14.9%
582-599	Other Administrative	27,550	27,550	0	0.0%
600-699	Building\Grounds	47,100	47,100	0	0.0%
700-719	Worship Committee	2,900	2,900	0	0.0%
720-729	Stewardship/Finance Committee	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%
730-739	Fellowship Committee	2,700	2,700	0	0.0%
740-749	Christian Education Committee	5,800	5,800	0	0.0%
750-759	Outreach Committee	600	1,600	(1,000)	-166.7%
770-774	Communications Committee	2,890	2,890	0	0.0%
	<b>TOTAL GF EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$417,169</b>	<b>\$420,598</b>	<b>(\$3,429)</b>	<b>-0.8%</b>
<b>BUILDING FUND EXPENSE</b>					
904	Building Maintenance Contracts	17,600	17,600	0	0.0%
908	Major Repair & Improvements	10,000	10,000	0	0.0%
	<b>TOTAL BF EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$27,600</b>	<b>\$27,600</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>TOTAL GF &amp; BF EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$444,769</b>	<b>\$448,198</b>	<b>\$3,429</b>	<b>0.8%</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME MINUS EXPENSE GF &amp; BF</b>		<b>\$1,921</b>	<b>\$402</b>	<b>(\$1,519)</b>	<b>-79.1%</b>

## **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE — 2016**

The Administrative Committee is responsible for overseeing the office area of the church. We assist the Head of Staff (Pastor) 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.

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, then, upon her resignation due to job-related matters, George Pickell; that Kathy Fidler serve as Church Historian; and that Emily Dieleman serve as Church Librarian for 2017.

Conducted the staff evaluations and reviewed the staff.

Reviewed the insurance coverage.

Completed the Administrative Budget for 2017.

Convened the Nominating Committee and presented candidates to the Congregation for Elder and Deacon for the Class of 2019, presented candidates for the 2017 Nominating Committee, and presented replacements to fill several Deacon and Elder vacancies.

Recommended several revisions to the Policies and Procedure Manual. These were variously for purposes of clarification, necessary new policies and/or to remain consistent with the current PC [USA] Book of Order.

Ronnie Prevost, Moderator



## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE — 2016**

The Christian Education Committee supports Christian learning activities at PCBV. Christian Education classes are available on Sunday morning for all ages. Adult classes are Contemporary Issues with leader Bob Ritschel and Bible Study with leaders Jim Wagner and Bill Wellner. Marty Chapman and Bill Cagle lead Youth classes for older children and a class for younger children is lead by Burnis Leavens and Sharyl Ritschel. In addition to Sunday classes, a Youth program is supervised by Maryann Sweeney in cooperation with parents of the youth. The youth program emphasizes a mission ministry which included a trip to Heifer Farms this year. Along this the Mission committee, CE financially supports Ferncliff summer programs for youth.

The Church library is directed by Emily Dieleman. She also reviews books for the Weekly News in the Sunday bulletin.

A nursery is available on Sunday with Marty Tillman as the attendant. Marty Chapman compiles and maintains a list of people who volunteer to assist the nursery attendant. A Nursery renovation



## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE (continued)**

is underway directed by Carol Ritchie. The work is being completed by our wonderful Building committee. Thank you to all the Church members who are sharing their wonderful talents to complete this project.

Tuesday evening Bible Study classes were held this year. Lois Ault and Peggy McMenus were instrumental in coordinating a meal each time.

In the Fall, a Dinner Church began. it is a wonderful, peaceful interlude in our busy lives. Sharyl Ritschel and Liz Wagner brought this idea to the CE committee for beginning support. However, Sharyl and Liz have a committee who do all the planning and work involved.

Deloris Jennings



## **LIBRARY REPORT — 2016**

What a joy to have the ceiling repairs completed in the Library. It did affect the usage but with the new year upon us it should pick up.

It has been a great pleasure to have been the Librarian for 16 years and have added over 2000 books to the Library. I enjoy reading and writing the Book Reviews for the church bulletin each week.

I have had many people ask me how I could do the reviews when I could not read/see for several months. I had planned ahead for this so I had the books read and the reviews for the first four months of 2017 finished. Now I am happy to report that after the last surgery my sight is as good as it will get.

Thank you for the opportunity to be your Librarian and the many words of encouragement. Also I want to thank my Sunday morning helpers Terry and Jack Woods.

Emily Dieleman, Church Librarian



## **PUPPET/YOUTH MINISTRY — 2016**

There were no activities as far as the puppet ministry goes for 2016. I did do an interactive program in April for the Butterfield Trails Questers on the history of puppets.

The only youth activity was a weekend at Heifer Ranch in May. We visited the education farm in rural Perryville, AR. The 1,200 acre Heifer Ranch is filled with gardens and livestock, including goats, pigs, llamas, and more. They say, "Come meet the animals and take part in our hands-on, interactive programs and activities promoting sustainable solutions to global hunger, poverty and environmental degradation."

Maryann Sweeney

## COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE — 2016

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

In 2016 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 2016. 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 when the church office is closed.

Ruth Lawson, the church administrative assistant, served as our office contact. She attended meetings, provided support and made much of the committee's work possible. Ruth helped the committee a great deal by keeping the new electronic up to date. She has also worked to make sure backgrounds give the sign the best visibility.

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.

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 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 second year on the committee and I have been in charge of placing ads in local newspapers. The committee has placed ads for Easter services, Thanksgiving and Christmas services. We also had an ad in the City Guide.

Julie Tribble, Moderator

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## HISTORIAN'S REPORT — 2016

Of note in 2016:

- God and Country – The Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista Remembers our Veterans, revision in January
- The development of a Lenten Devotional Booklet by Jan Burgess incorporating the congregation's input
- Lenten Soup Suppers Feb. 17-March 16
- Lela Sandfort's 103rd birthday March 10
- Newly hung Easter quilt in the sanctuary March 27

## HISTORIAN'S REPORT (continued)

- Hosted the Church Women United – Friendship Day May 6 “Finding Grace”
- Hosted the Presbyterian Women Cluster 1 Fall Gathering August 26 “Journey to Understanding”
- Grand Piano Dedication and Concert September 11

Opportunities for study were found: in the Sunday classes - Daily Devotions for Lent 2016 “Walk With Me Awhile Today” - Lenten Soup Suppers - “Sabbath as Resistance” by Walter Brueggemann, a Lenten study - 'Simply Genesis' a 4 week study in June - “Loving, Reflective, Obedience” led by John Foss July 10 through August - The P.L.A.C.E. (Presbyterian Leadership Academy for Congregational Enrichment) workshop August 2 in Little Rock - “A Journey to Understanding” Fall Gathering August 26 - “Applied Worship” adult Christian Education class beginning September 11 - “Nine Essential Things I've Learned About Life” by Rabbi Harold S. Kushner Adult Bible Study Group starting Thursday September 15.

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 2019 as **Elders**: Barry Owen, Jim Prince, Cathy Rew, Janel Stryker, David Warner and **Deacons**: Jerry Cozad, Dale Cutsforth, Mike Hartigan, Peggy Provost. Filling unexpired positions: Class of 2016 elder Jim Anderson, Class of 2017 elder Bill Cagle, Class of 2016 Cathy Rew

Finally, we honor the memories of: Tom Wilson, Corky Kropp, Bob Beard, Doug Ashmore, Darlene Hurt, Ron Eaton, Dell Mashburn, Barbara Hostetler, Marge Hildreth, Paul Fox, Chuck Cobb, Ryan Smith, Mary Jane Burgh, Al Erickson, Walt Cloyd as well as former members and friends: Warren Kester, Russ Bartlett, Linda Kimball, David Tropansky, Bob Farris, and Lorraine Newberry.

Kathy Fidler, Church Historian

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## FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE — 2016

The Fellowship Committee's duties include arranging regular fellowship programs, dinners and other activities for the congregation. We also obtain and pay for juice, coffee and cookies for the Sunday morning fellowship hour.

Our committee consists of about 14 members. Usually 7 – 10 members attend our committee meetings on the first Wednesday of the month. Most of the committee members have been involved with the fellowship activities for a number of years, which is of great help when planning, setting up, operating and cleaning up the social functions.

In each meeting we review our last function, determine if anything could have been done differently or better and start planning for our next social function(s).

In 2016 we met 7 times and were involved in 8 social functions.

On February 7 we had a **Sunday Family Potluck Dinner**. About eighty-three attended.

## FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE (continued)

The **Soup Suppers** started on February 17. Fellowship and Missions Committees handled the first supper. We asked for a \$4 and a can of soup donation from each person. A total of 325 cans of soup were donated to Care & Share of Gravette.

In March Fellowship helped Outreach with the **bingo/pizza party**. Approximately 100 people attended.

In July Fellowship helped the Missions committee with the **Back-to-school Brunch**.

One of the biggest events is the **church picnic**. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate. All the burgers, brats and hot dogs were already prepared when downpour started. Although it was a rainout, 30-40 people hovered under the shelter at Blowing Springs eating and enjoying the fellowship. We plan to have the 2017 picnic at the Kingsdale shelter.

On September 11, Fellowship helped with the **Piano Dedication Concert reception**. About 90 people attended.

**Thanksgiving Dinner** was held on November 24. Fellowship sponsored the potluck by providing the turkey and gravy. We did the set up with decorations and handled take down. About 80 people attended.

We are preparing for the **Christmas Dinner potluck**. One of our members has purchased and sliced the 4 hams. We anticipate 80 -90 people attending.

The Committee members work hard to make each social function an enjoyable experience for the congregation. However, this could not be done without the support of all our church members. **Thank you.**

Respectfully Submitted  
Jim Gutowski, Moderator

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## SHEPHERD GROUPS — 2016

All members of the congregation are assigned to a Shepherd Group and new members are assigned upon joining the church. Friends of the church, who attend regularly, are invited to be included and participate in the activities. There eight groups in 2016.

Each group served one session of the Lenten Soup Suppers. They provided 319 servings and collected 325 cans of soup. The soup was given to the Care and Share in Gravette.

Each group planned a variety of activities for the members.

A meal or reception was provided for those who were bereaved or ill and assistance to those in need following illness or surgery.

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

### **EXERCISE CLASS — 2016**

The exercise class meets each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning at 8 AM in Fellowship Hall. Approximately ten members spend 45 minutes doing simple, but effective, exercises. This includes 25 minutes of stretching and light calisthenics, 15 minutes of walking, and 5 minutes of cool-down. Why not make a new year's resolution to join us . We would welcome you to join our group.

Ed Grosshuesch

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### **PRESBYTERIAN SINGLES — 2016**

The Presby Singles did not meet in 2016.

Vera Martin and Peggy McMenus

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### **LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE — 2016**

The Long Range Planning Committee prepared a report in April of 2016 recommending the purchase of an LED Sign from LED Craft at cost of \$14,590.00. Session approved the purchase at their meeting in April, using funds from the recent estate gift. The sign was ordered, built and delivered in June. Best Sign Group installed the sign in late June for \$1,117.55, plus a permit for \$42.00. The total cost of the new sign was \$15,749.55.

The old sign required manual updating at a risk to those replacing the letters, on a weekly basis. The new sign can be updated from the Church Office at any time and as often as desired and provides greater flexibility using multiple colors to highlight varying and timely messages.

Members of the committee were Jim Anderson – Moderator, Joan Groves, Dave Guarnaccia, Harry Reif, Betsy Smith, Peggy Stein and Pastors Dennis Ritchie and Liz Wagner.

Jim Anderson, Moderator

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### **MISSIONS COMMITTEE — 2016**

The Missions Committee members for 2016 were: Moderator Burnis Leavens, Marinell Anderson Secretary, Dianne Allen, Donna Farmer, Joan Groves, Duane Johnson, Caryl Thomas, Marilyn Dottenwhy, Barb Tropansky, Gary Stumbo, Joanne Chitty, Konny Rishel, Sharyl Ritschel and Bruce Burgess.

On Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday, the Sunday School kids collected \$587.56 in their soup pots. These funds were sent to the Samaritan Community Center for their Snack packs for kids program. Healthy snacks are sent home for the weekend for kids in need. The Snack packs are placed in the backpacks of school kids in need on Fridays.

## MISSIONS COMMITTEE (continued)

Meals on Wheels program was chaired by Bruce Burgess in April. A total of 60 people helped deliver the meals to shut-ins in 3 different areas of Bella Vista.

The NW Arkansas Children's Shelter received over 125 personal hygiene bags that were packed by the Sunday School children along with a wide variety of children's books. Mission Sewing women sent along several handmade clothing outfits for kids of various sizes to the shelter.

School supplies were collected for the Gravette Schools again this year. Three Ferncliff Camp scholarships were provided between the Missions and Christian Education committees.

Clean up buckets have been an ongoing process during the year. Many have been delivered to Ferncliff Camp where Presbyterian Disaster Association has a warehouse. From there Church World Services sends them where they are needed when a disaster strikes.

Missions collected many food items for Thanksgiving from members. Several groups helped the Missions Committee with funds to supply gift cards for Vera Lloyd Home at Christmas. Gravette Schools provided names of family members that could use some help for Christmas and clothing and toys were bought by church groups, individual members and the Missions Committee.

As a committee we have met for several months to try and focus where the needs are great, where we can do the most good, and what groups we can eliminate so as to give larger amounts in some areas.

Thanks for the financial donations made by church members as well as food, school supplies and clothing, clean up bucket items, Christmas gifts, and hygiene items that are donated.

Burnis Leavens, Moderator Missions Committee



## HELPING HANDS — 2016

*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 forth (40) years and PCBV has been an active participant for three (3) decades. In 2016 **HH** will provide almost two million dollars in aid to people needing food, dental care 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. Altogether, so far in 2016, they have been able to give back to the community **83.5%** of each dollar collected or donated. 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 food** – we contributed \$763.57 in cash plus 50 boxes of food to be used in their annual Thanksgiving boxes.

## HELPING HANDS — 2016 (continued)

- **Workdays** are also an important part of our commitment. In 2016 PCBV members worked four times 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. **In 2017 our workdays will be 2-17-16, 6-10-27 and 10-7-17. Please mark your calendars.**
- **Donations** also play an important part of what we do to make sure this organization has the resources necessary to fulfill their mission. The Mission Committee allocated \$500.00 from our annual budget to help meet expenses.
  - ◇ **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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## CARE AND SHARE OF GRAVETTE — 2016

This was the first year that PCBV expanded our help to this great organization. C & S also have a Thrift Store, food pantry, extend financial assistance, work with the Senior Citizen Center and are very proactive in helping the Gravette School District with both goods, clothing and assisting in the lunch program by paying “IOUs” from children who don’t have the money for lunch. They also give scholarships to graduating seniors who need a hand up to continue their education. It should be noted that their focus is only in the geographical area covered by the Gravette School District, which includes most of western Bella Vista.

Our partnership included:

- **Cash donations** - \$250.00
- **Food Items** – 376 cans and boxes of nonperishable items. (Mostly Soup Supper cans)
- **2 Rummage days** – where they dropped their trailer off in our Church parking lot and members of the congregation dropped off items that could be sold in their Thrift Store.
  - ◇ **We will continue to have their trailer scheduled twice in 2017 – both in the spring and fall so we can donate items we no longer need.**



## **A NOTE FROM LARRY & INGE STHRESHLEY, MISSIONARIES**

We are doing well, but just super busy with this huge project. The political situation has also been challenging. Presidential elections are not being held on schedule and there is a lot of tension between the government and opposition forces. There is a strong possibility of significant demonstrations on the 19th of December. We will be leaving for the USA on the 17th to spend Christmas with our 2 kids. (I did not want to bring them into the Congo's problems ... )



Michael has been accepted into a Master's program at the University of Florida in Agro Ecology. He will be leaving Hawaii and will meet us in Ashland, VA. We will buy a car with Michael and then all 3 drive to Atlanta to spend Christmas together with Lisa. Then we drive with Michael to Gainesville, FL and have 5 days there to help Michael get settled into his new life — note this is more for his parents than for Michael.

We plan to return to the Congo on the 4th of January if everything is calm in the country. Between now and the 17th of December, Larry has a trip to London. The project he manages is financed by UKAID and the British parliamentarians are having a hearing on their aid to the Congo and Larry will be answering their questions regarding this project. You can pray for him on this as it is an important opportunity to lift up both the needs here in the Congo and the achievements this project has made with regards to strengthening the health care system of the country. He leaves Sunday night the 4th of December for London. (I am a bit envious!)

Larry has his hearing on Tuesday at 10:30 am and returns on Thursday the 8th of December. I will be flying to the Maniema province with the nutrition team for a training on December 8th for 6 days. I am very encouraged about the nutrition work we have been doing and the impact it is having. Our training of community volunteers in key nutrition messages to share with their communities seems to be fruitful, for which I am thankful.

I have also been out in the villages of the Kasai province working on our clean cook stove project. I love this clean cook stove! We put out 50 stoves in the village and came back 2 months later and had 100% adoption of the stove. Now we are working on production and a sales model. I will be back in the Kasai province in January to evaluate. If all is going well, then we will start going to scale.

Please extend our thanks to all at Bella Vista for their prayers and financial support. We wish all a blessed holiday season.

Love, Inge and Larry Sthreshley



## MISSIONS COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT — 2016

Local Mission Giving:		Outreach:	
Courtesy Van	\$ 500	UofA Campus Min.	\$ 1,500
Helping Hands	\$ 500	Lyon College Scholar.	\$ 2,000
Samaritan Center	\$ 500	U of Ozarks Scholar.	\$ 2,000
Meals on Wheels	\$ 500	Ferncliff Camp & Conf.	\$ 2,000
Shoebox Ministry	\$ 600	U of Livingstonia	\$ 1,500
Single Parent Scholar.	\$ 500		
B V Pre-School	\$ 500	Other Mission Giving:	
Village House	\$ 600	Sthresley-Missionary	\$ 3,000
Children's Advocacy	\$ 500	Honduras Ministry	\$ 1,000
Youth Bridge	\$ 500	AR. Food Bank	\$ 500
Sunshine School	\$ 500	Presby. Disaster Assist.	\$ 1,000
Habitat for Humanity	\$ 600	Ferncliff Camp Scholar.	\$ 260
Boys & Girls Club	\$ 300		
Soul's Harbor	\$ 200	Special Offerings:	
Audrey's House of Hope	\$ 200	One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 3,676.00
Havenwood	\$ 400	Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Home	\$ 2,706.00
Individual Mission Trip	\$ 800	Joy Offering	\$ 2,891.00
Head Start	\$ 500	Peacemaking — 75%	\$ 915.00
Care & Share	\$ 500	Care & Share — 25%	\$ 305.00
Seminaries	\$ 1,000	Souper Bowl of Caring	\$ 587.56
Presbytery Giving	\$30,000		
		<b>TOTAL MISSION GIVING IN 2016</b>	<b>\$ 66,040.56</b>

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## PRESBYTERIAN PLAYERS — 2016

The group has been available in previous years to provide religious drama throughout the year for the PCBV. We have previously presented an annual dramatic production of humor in good taste along with a variety of talented entertainment to the general public as a fund raiser for a local charitable organization.

Membership is composed of, but not limited to, persons who attend the Presbyterian Church. We welcome anyone in the community interested in participating in the activities of the Players. We encourage anyone who has had a secret desire to act or to demonstrate their musical talent to join us. We also need anyone willing to assist in the many important “behind the scenes” functions.

We are hoping to begin 2017 by participating in the Lenten soup suppers.

Officers have not yet been elected for 2017.

Officers for 2015 – 2016 were:

**Moderator:** Bruce Allen

**Vice-Moderator:** Burnis Leavens

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Nancy Ortman

**Historian:** Sharon Carpiaux

## **MISSION SEWING — 2016**

This year we provided many items for many organizations.

- Concordia Care Center — 31 afghans and 6 bibs
- Bradford House — 25 afghans
- Cooper Elementary School — 18 sets of gloves and scarves and 5 hats
- NOROC — 33 outfits and 6 afghans
- Audrey's House — 19 afghans, 4 layettes, 13 burp pads, 9 blankets, 13 newborn hats, 14 baby gowns, and 11 bibs

Denise Eicken and Pat Keller

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## **OUTREACH COMMITTEE – 2016**

Committee Members this year: Moderator John Jaeger, Secretary Karen Paxton, Ron Burroughs, Joyce Johnson, Greg Grim, Roy Paxton, Carolyn Pickell, Jan Thurman, Gary Stumbo, Lela Sandfort, Kay Rhoads, and Jean Nichols

Twenty-three new members and four “Friends of the Church” joined PCBV in 2016. Many thanks to members of the Outreach Committee for extending a hearty welcome to our visitors and striving to integrate them into our congregation. The committee continues to review the weekly visitors list and does their best to initiate contact with them.

The Outreach Committee, with the help of the Mission Committee, continues to provide crackers weekly to the surgery waiting room at Mercy Hospital in Rogers. People waiting on news of their loved ones and friends have sent cards and letters to PCBV expressing their thanks.

The Outreach Committee had a church-wide white-elephant bingo party that seemed to be well attended. Through donations and the help of the Fellowship Committee it was self sustaining. The committee was very happy with that.

In October we had our annual Pontoon Party that was attended by 45-50 new members and people that were still thinking of joining PCBV.

In 2016 the committee started putting together an orientation program for new members. It is quite an extensive program and continues to need some fine tuning. I feel confident that this program will be ready to present in early 2017.

The Outreach Committee will continue to focus on reaching visitors and guests of PCBV as our source of prospective new members.

John Jaeger, Moderator

## **PROPERTY COMMITTEE — 2016**

Committee Members this year: Moderator Harry Reif, Vice-Moderator Marvin Dodd, Secretary Ryan Smith, Jim Anderson, Bill Cagle, Darrell Maples, Harlan Freerks, Jerold MacDonald, Gene Pohl, Jim Wagner, and Roger Zemlicka.

Following is a list of projects completed in 2016:

- Two handicap signs in front of the Office were changed to read, “Handicap Parking on Sunday and Wednesday Only”.
- Silicone was sprayed on the roof above Steve’s office and hallway, inside and outside the steeple, around the stained glass window above the Narthex, and above the window on the parapet. The result is NO new leaks from the rain.
- Added stone over old septic tank where it had receded.
- Increased the size of air return in Classroom C and added insulation to quiet the room when the blower is on.
- Hung a quilt in the Sanctuary.
- Purchased and installed an electrical LED sign.
- Adapted pew racks so that info and envelopes do not fall over. Also added some communion cup holders.
- Replaced #6 air conditioner’s compressor.
- Replaced one heat pump unit.
- Repaired the drywall outside Steve’s office, the Library, balcony in the Narthex, and dressing room to the right of the stage.
- Installed an electric eye for the Flag light.
- The Nursery update is nearing completion with the following changes ...
  - ◊ Removed some cabinets to make it look more like a Nursery and not a kitchen.
  - ◊ Moldy drywall behind the cabinets was removed and new drywall installed.
  - ◊ Nursery was repainted a new color.
  - ◊ New end piece was installed at the end of cabinets.
  - ◊ Carpet squares (2 feet x 2 feet) were installed after two layers of floor tiles were installed on the floor where the old cabinets were to level out the floor.
  - ◊ Mural is being painted on one and a quarter walls. This is being done by David & Cathy Rew and by Maura Owen.

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

Harry Reif, Moderator



## **MEMORIAL GARDEN COMMITTEE — 2016**

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

## **MEMORIAL GARDEN COMMITTEE (continued)**

Peggy Swain-Stein relocated to Arizona during the late summer and will now need to be replaced on the committee as the committee determines a need to do so.

The Garden was officially completed in December of 2015. The two remaining benches that were paid for by committees and individuals were installed as of August 2016. The Garden is now fully complete and will operate as is until we need to proceed forward with building additional Columbarium or Memorial walls. Currently we are one third sold with Niches (having sold 16 of 48 Niches). We will likely build the next wall when we are 70% sold. When we build the next wall the Memorial Fund Reserves will be able to pay for it without the need for additional monies from the congregation.

During the course of 2016 we have had the irrigation system modified to ensure complete water to all plants and trees. As of December 2016, we have contracted with Donnie (the lawn maintenance company who has the church contract) to maintain (blow off) the Garden once every two weeks during the 32 week growing season. The Memorial Garden will pay for that. The Memorial Garden will also pay for our share of the water bill and the additional insurance that was required when the Garden was completed.

Bill Cagle



## **STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE COMMITTEE — 2016**

The S & F Committee met monthly in 2016 to discuss and review the income and expenses of the church's financial positions. Committee members were Moderator Paul Fox, Vice-Moderator Clark Mullins, Treasurer Sharry McGuire, Jim Anderson, Bruce Allen, Bill Cagle, Ken Groves, Dave Guarnaccia, Karen Paxton and Ronnie Prevost. After the death of Paul Fox in August, Jim Anderson replaced him as moderator.

The final budget approved for 2016 included income of \$446,690.00 and expenses of \$444,769.24 for the combined General and Building Funds.

Monthly reports were made to Session regarding financial and stewardship matters. Elders were scheduled to count the contributions each Sunday during the year. Planning for the annual Stewardship Campaign was discussed each month. The Campaign theme was "All for the Love of God". A booklet was mailed in October to members and friends of the Church encouraging them to consider their commitments to God through the Church. The Goal Budget prepared by each Committee of Session was presented in November at a Congregational Dinner with projected income for 2017 of \$451,600.00 and expenses of \$465,658.00 for the combined General and Building Funds.

A financial audit of the previous year's books was completed in June by Cathy Rew, Jim Wagner and Dick Dottenwhy. We thank them for their effort.

We appreciate the work of Cathy Sayes, our Church Accountant and Sharry McGuire, our Church Treasurer.

Jim Anderson, Moderator

## ENDOWMENT FUND — 2016

The balance in the Endowment Fund managed by Texas Presbyterian Foundation was \$242,730.98 as of January 1, 2016. With numerous contributions and market changes during the year and expenses for an air conditioner of \$8,527.02, we have a balance of \$258,590.29 as of September 30, 2016.

Clark Mullins, Moderator of Endowment Fund

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## WORSHIP COMMITTEE—2016

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 2016 communion schedule was approved by the Session, with nineteen communion services during the year. The schedule for 2017 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 Bill Wellner and Marinell Anderson ensured the preparation of the sacraments. Sharry McGuire provided the bread for every communion service during the year.

During the Lenten season, the Ash Wednesday service was at Noon. It is likely to be scheduled at the same time in 2017.

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. In addition, Ruth Lawson has provided slides showing church activities that are projected prior to each service. Steve Little and Bruce Allen are the leaders for these projects often assisted by Jim Wagner and Jim Prince.

Other items of note:

- 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. Kathy Fidler and her family once again helped in the decorating for Thanksgiving.
- A memorial ceremony was held in late October (All Saints Sunday) recognizing members of the congregation who have passed away during the past year.
- The Committee adopted a *Life of the Church* title for special announcements made at the beginning of the service that are not associated with “missions.”

## WORSHIP COMMITTEE (continued)

- Serving as *greeter/usher* co-heads are Nancy Bumgardner and Karen Schneider. This task continues to be very challenging due to the limited number of people who *willingly* sign-up; however, a few initiatives have improved the volunteer rate.
- A *Dinner Church* began in October. This monthly service is designed as an informal, yet meditative worship experience that also combines the preparing and sharing a meal. It is still taking root and is likely to be “tweaked” in future months.

Members of the Worship Committee include Marinell Anderson; Nancy Bumgardner; Pete Hieronimus; Duane Johnson; Steve Knudsen; Ruth Lawson; Burnis Leavens, Steve Little; Karen Schneider; Mickie Victor; Bill Wellner (Co-Moderator) and Pastors Dennis Ritchie and Liz Wagner. **For 2017, Ronnie Prevost and Darrell Maples will serve as co-moderators.**

Robert E. Ritschel, Co-Moderator



## MUSIC MINISTRY — 2016

Our year started out with Bob Ritschel and Sandy Andrews taking over the choir directing, organ, and Chancel Bells duties while the Knudsen’s wintered in Florida during January. Thanks to you both.

The ensembles had a very productive year participating in all Sunday services, save the months of July and August (a well-deserved time off). Special musicians filled in for those two months.

Our regular schedule resumed in September and continued through December.

On September 11, we held a special concert celebrating the gift by Muriel and Emil Cross of a Mason Hamlin Grand Piano. The afternoon of music presented by several pianists (Janet Hall, Sandy Andrews, Elaine Cobb, Muriel Cross, and Gail Knudsen) as well as the Chancel Choir were a fitting way to honor God through the gift of music.

On December 18, the choir presented the Advent/Christmas Cantata, “Night of the Father’s Love” by Pepper Choplin. It was truly beautiful. Thank you to all who participated. Our music banquet was held that same day in the Fellowship Hall and was catered by our own Sharry McGuire. Delicious food and a great time was had by all.

Thanks to all of you who sang or played this year in our Chancel Choir and Chancel Bells. You made our services that much more special. Also, a special thank you to our amazing accompanist, Sandy Andrews and organist, Gail Knudsen. You made a profound difference in the spiritual life of our church.

Stephen Knudsen, Music Director

## **BOARD OF DEACONS — 2016**

Deacons serving for 2016 — Class of 2016: Jerry Cozad, Carol Ritchie, Dick Francis and Bev Eagan—Class of 2017: Leon Wehmeyer, Roy Paxton, Kay Burroughs, Nancy Ortman—Class of 2018: Joann Chitty, Carol Durbin, Martha Ann Hill, Fran Zimmerman. Bev Eagan served as Secretary taking notes of meetings and sending cards to those with concerns. The deacons meet on the first Wednesday of every month.

The Diaconate cared for approximately 35-40 members of the congregation each month. Some were homebound or residents of care centers. Many were hospital patients and others lost family members. We reported to the pastors how each was doing and tried to bring comfort.

The prayer shawls were made by members of the church and given to the deacons. Our Pastors blessed the shawls and the deacons distributed to those in need of comfort.

Each month a Deacon of the Month and back up Deacon is selected to assist the pastors in calling on members of the congregation either in the hospital or homebound. These deacons often help with home communion. The Deacon of the Month also divides the available chancel flowers into individual arrangements for distribution to our homebound or hospitalized.

Pastor Liz led us in a study of the book “Don’t Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart” by Kenneth Haugk. We learned what and what not to say to those with great concerns.

The Deacons of PCBV provide a valuable service and is greatly appreciated by the congregation. All who agree to become Deacons are dedicated to being a liaison with those who can’t make it to church regularly and the Pastors. We greatly appreciate their service.

Jerry Cozad, Moderator

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## **BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE — 2016**

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 the shepherd groups, circles, Men’s Fellowship, choir, etc. with planning, preparing 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 2016 our congregation lost a total of eighteen church members to death. Fourteen of them resided locally, including: Tom Wilson, Corky Kropp, Bob Beard, Doug Ashmore, Darlene Hurt, Ron Eaton, Dell Mashburn, Barbara Hostetler, Marge Hildreth, Paul Fox, Ryan Smith, Mary Jane Burgh, Al Erickson and Walt Cloyd. Non-resident members Joe Campbell, Chuck Cobb, Bob Farris, and Lorraine Newberry also died this year. We also lost two charter members in 2016 who were no longer members: Linda Kimball and Warren Kester.

We extend a special thank you to everyone who assisted in any way with the family meals and service receptions. Many hands make less work for all involved, and the service we offer is truly appreciated by the grieving families at a difficult time in their lives.

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



## **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP — 2016**

The Men's Fellowship met 8 times for breakfast, devotions, and to hear interesting guest speakers.

Our group organized (coordinator Bill Wellner) three blood drives which collected a total of 63 units of blood. We completed 4 roadside litter pickups (organizer Bruce Allen). The church's participation in the annual Walk to End Alzheimer's (organized by the group's representative Ed Grosshuesch) raised \$3,038.00. Each meeting we bring cans of food along with our cash donations.

We also donated \$350.00 each to Care & Share in Gravette and to Helping Hands in Bentonville this year.

Jim Wagner will continue to serve as vice-president and Bruce Allen will continue to serve as secretary / treasurer in 2017. A president has yet to be selected.

Bruce Allen, Secretary / Treasurer

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## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN — 2016**

Presbyterian Women of Bella Vista offers a variety of ways for women 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 required for participation in PW activities, gatherings, luncheons or mission projects.

Four women's circles meet monthly for Bible Study. Each supports at least one mission project. In 2016, Lycia Circle supported Head Start; Naomi Circle supported Box Tops for Education, Habitat for Humanity, and the NWA Children's Shelter; Martha Garvin Circle supported the Shoebox Ministry and annual Sweater Collection; and Rebecca Circle supported Village House and Gravette Elementary School. The circles met from September through June. The Bible study for 2016-2017 is *"Who is Jesus?"* by Judy Yates Siker.

In addition to the Circle meetings, there are four luncheons held each year: a Fall luncheon, a Christmas Tea, a Spring luncheon, and the "Birthday" luncheon in late spring. PW Circles take turns hosting these luncheons, which always provide an informative program and a time for fellowship.

In August of 2016, PW of Bella Vista hosted the Fall Cluster Gathering. Ninety women from churches all over Northwest Arkansas attended this Gathering, which was held on August 25, 2016. Women from Oasis of Northwest Arkansas presented an inspiring program, and a worship service was held in the sanctuary. Pastor Liz Wagner presented information on the upcoming Bible study for the year. Everyone enjoyed a time of fellowship with lunch.

On Saturday, December 10th, the PW had their annual Christmas Tea. Lydia Circle was the host circle and the interactive entertainment and sing-along was emceed by Gail Knudsen and Nancy Ortman. The women brought cookies to eat and share. They packaged cookies for volunteers to take to shut-ins and those in need of holiday cheer. In addition, volunteers delivered tins to all the fire stations and first responders in Bella Vista.



## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (continued)**

There are several PW mission groups. The Quilting group meets in members' homes twice a month, to complete quilts for the children at Vera Lloyd Home. The Sewing group schedules cutting days throughout the year for cutting of patterns for kits to be sewn at home. Sewn items are then distributed to nonprofit organizations locally and for Presbytery and Synod missions. A new group started this year is the Knit/Crochet group, which meets weekly at the church to knit or crochet items for charity. They completed comfort shawls, mats for the homeless, and baby items distributed to refugees in Greece.

PW also supports two mission offerings annually. The Birthday Offering is collected in the spring at the Birthday luncheon. The Thank offering is collected in the fall. PW also supports Cents-ability to raise awareness and funds for the fight against hunger and poverty. Each Circle collects change at their monthly meetings as part of the Fellowship of the Least Coin offering. The "least coins" become grants for special projects of evangelism, service, and relief throughout the world.

Sharyl Ritschel, Moderator



### **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S YEAR END TREASURER'S REPORT — 2016**

<b>Pledge Monies Received</b>	<b>\$6,070.00</b>	
<b>Mission Giving:</b>		
<b>Budgeted Mission Giving</b>	<b>\$3,890.00</b>	
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,585.00</b>	
<b>Collections:</b>		
<b>May Birthday Offering</b>	<b>\$ 507.00</b>	
<b>Rebecca Circle Gifts</b>	<b>\$ 405.00</b>	
<b>(Village House, Village Bible Food Bank, BV Lutheran Food Bank)</b>		
<b>Least Coin Collection</b>	<b>\$ 177.00</b>	
<b>Centisibility (2-cents-a-meal)</b>	<b>\$ 468.00</b>	
<b>Thank Offering</b>	<b>\$ 730.00</b>	
<b>Mother's Day Cards</b>	<b>\$ 439.00</b>	
<b>Naomi Circle Gift</b>	<b>\$ 285.00</b>	
<b>(NWA Children's Shelter)</b>		
<b>Living Waters of the World</b>	<b>\$ 261.00</b>	
<b>Checking Account Balance @ Year End — approximately</b>		<b>\$1,700.00</b>
<b>Savings Account Balance @ Year End</b>		<b>\$3,580.00</b>

Dianne Allen, PW Treasurer

## CHURCH OFFICERS — 2017

### Session

Rev. Dennis Ritchie, Moderator  
Burnis Leavens, Clerk of Session      George Pickell, Church Treasurer

#### Class of 2017 Bill Cagle, Moderator of Stewardship and Finance Committee

Jim Gutowski, Moderator of Fellowship Committee  
Deloris Jennings, Moderator of Christian Education Committee  
Ronnie Prevost, Vice-Moderator of Worship Committee  
Julie Tribble, Vice-Moderator of Fellowship Committee

#### Class of 2018 Burnis Leavens, Moderator of Missions Committee

Darrell Maples, Moderator of Worship Committee  
Harry Reif, Moderator of Property Committee  
Nancy Skinner, Moderator of Outreach Committee  
Vacant Position

#### Class of 2019 Barry Owen, Vice-Moderator of Property Committee

Jim Prince, Moderator of Communications Committee  
Cathy Rew, Moderator of Administrative Committee  
Janel Stryker, Vice-Moderator of Administrative Committee  
David Warner, Vice-Moderator of Stewardship and Finance Committee

### Diaconate

#### Class of 2017

Kay Burroughs  
Nancy Ortman  
Roy Paxton  
Leon Wehmeyer

#### Class of 2018

Joanne Chitty  
Carol Durbin  
Martha Ann Hill  
Peggy McMenus

#### Class of 2019

Jerry Cozad  
Dale Cutsforth  
Mike Hartigan  
Peggy Prevost

## 2017 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP LISTS

### Administrative Committee

Cathy Rew, *Moderator*  
Janel Stryker, *Vice-Moderator*  
Dennis Ritchie, *Pastor*  
Liz Wagner, *Associate Pastor*  
Dave Guarnaccia      Bev Novak  
Nancy Ortman      Don Rhoads

### Fellowship Committee

Julie Tribble, *Moderator*  
Jim Gutowski, *Vice-Moderator*  
Ruth Cozad      Bev Eagan  
Jeanette Martin      Kay Rhoads  
Bob Rishel      Lorna Sterrett  
Terry Woods

### Presby Singles

Vera Martin      Peggy McMenus

### Bereavement Committee

Bernie Benson      Vicki Erickson  
Linda Ervin      Dotty Lewis  
Karen Paxton      Lynn Zemlicka

### Christian Education Committee

Deloris Jennings, *Moderator*  
Dennis Ritchie, *Pastor*  
Liz Wagner, *Associate Pastor*  
Lois Ault      Denise Eicken  
Elaine Hietbrink      Burnis Leavens  
Peggy McMenus      Carol Ritchie  
Sharyl Ritschel      Maryann Sweeney  
Terry Woods

### Communications Committee

Jim Prince, *Moderator*  
Dianne Allen      Kathy Fidler  
Lee Hehl      Ruth Lawson  
Bob Rolle      Lorna Sterrett

## 2017 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP LISTS (continued)

### **Missions Committee**

Burnis Leavens, *Moderator*  
Rev. Liz Wagner, *Associate Pastor*  
Dianne Allen            Marinell Anderson  
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*  
Barry Owen, *Vice-Moderator*  
Jim Anderson            Bill Cagle  
Marvin Dodd            Harlan Freerks  
Jerold MacDonald       Darrell Maples  
Gene Pohl                Jim Wagner  
Roger Zemlicka

### **Worship Committee**

Darrell Maples, *Moderator*  
Ronnie Prevost, *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  
Karen Schneider        Mickie Victor

### **Long Range Planning Committee**

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

### **Outreach Committee**

Nancy Skinner, *Moderator*  
Dennis Ritchie, *Pastor*  
Karen Paxton, *Secretary*  
Dennis Ritchie, *Pastor*  
Liz Wagner, *Associate Pastor*  
Ron Burroughs           John Jaeger  
Jean Nichols            Roy Paxton  
George & Carolyn Pickell  
Kay Rhoads              Gary Stumbo

### **Audio/Visual Team**

Bruce Allen              Jim Gutowski  
Steve Little              Jim Prince  
Jim Ramey                Jim Wagner

### **Stewardship & Finance Committee**

David Warner, *Moderator*  
Bill Cagle, *Vice-Moderator*  
George Pickell, *Church Treasurer*  
Bruce Allen, *Secretary*  
Dennis Ritchie, *Pastor*  
Liz Wagner, *Associate Pastor*  
Jim Anderson            Ken Groves  
Dave Guarnaccia        Karen Paxton  
Sharry McGuire

### **Nominating Committee**

Cathy Rew, *Moderator*  
Janel Stryker, *Vice-Moderator*  
Ron Burroughs (*Bible Study Group*)  
Bill Dieleman (*Adult Sunday School*)  
Barb Francis (*Presbyterian Women*)  
Cora Hawkins (*At-Large*)  
Duane Johnson (*Choir*)  
Nancy Ortman (*Deacons*)  
Carolyn Pickell (*At-Large*)  
Bob Rishel (*Men's Fellowship*)

### **Endowment Fund**

George Pickell, *Church Treasurer, Ex-Officio*  
Dennis Ritchie, *Pastor, Ex-Officio*  
Liz Wagner, *Associate Pastor, Ex-Officio*  
Bruce Allen              Jim Anderson  
Bill Cagle                Sonja Pohl  
David Warner

### **Memorial Committee**

Bill Cagle, *Moderator*  
George Pickell, *Church Treasurer*  
Barry Owen              Harry Reif  
David Warner

### **Memorial Garden Committee**

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

### **Presbyterian Players Committee**

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

### **Arts & Hobby Committee**

Deloris Jennings        Jennette Martin  
Vera Martin              Konny Rishel



