



# **PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BELLA VISTA**

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## **2017 ANNUAL REPORT**



*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,

Last year I began this report writing of potential changes in our national and congregational lives that might be ahead in 2017. Little did I know how momentous those changes would be.

Rev. Liz and Jim Wagner's departure to Ohio was nowhere on my radar. I anticipated a new Church Treasurer in George Pickell, but not the departure of Church Accountant Cathy Sayes, making George's transition much more difficult. In addition, Sandy Andrews retired as our Choir Accompanist. Added to this were many deaths and relocations, which put pressure on our budget.

Successful year? If we measure the ABC's ... no. Attendance was down on average 15 people per Sunday. We added 12 new members, but 12 saints entered the church triumphant. An additional 10 members relocated from Bella Vista to be nearer to family and 3 members joined other local churches. That resulted in a net loss of 13 members. The rest of us are also now a year older. The Building remained the same size, with the addition of one new HVAC unit and the resurfacing of the parking lot, neither of which was budgeted and paid for from the Endowment Fund. The Cash on hand was down because of those deaths, but reasonable. Our pledges were down almost \$25,000 and unpledged giving also down \$25,000. This could have been catastrophic had we not saved salary expense from the Associate Pastor's position. The one bright spot was the session was frugal and, though the parking lot and HVAC repairs show up as expenses (though paid by the Endowment Fund), we basically balanced the budget.

In the midst of all these changes and departures, we should remember that God is with us and we must remain faithful and obedient to God's claim and call upon our lives to be Christ's Church.

It's a bit early to tell if any of this is a self-inflicted spiral down or a continuing change in Bella Vista demographics. Try as we might, we have been unsuccessful in attracting more young families. The number of new, more mature, retirees seems to be in decline as are the number of local visitors to PCBV. When people do visit, we are very good at making them members.

Sometime in 2018, we will be undertaking a mission study to determine who God is calling us to be in our changing environment. With my announced retirement in the summer of 2020, this study will give us a head start in the search for a new Pastor and other staffing needs. It will also help us discern who and what God is calling us to be and do. In the meantime, we have an excellent staff that serves this church. Above all, despite the toxicity of our national political climate, our fellowship with one another remains strong. Continue to pray without ceasing for our present church and future church and to remember, God is not finished with any of us!

Yours in Christ,  
Rev. Dennis Ritchie, Senior Pastor

*A congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*

## **Church Officers and Staff Organization for 2017**

### **Session**

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

<u>Class of 2017</u>	Bill Cagle, Vice-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
<u>Class of 2018</u>	Patsy Cloyd, Vice-Moderator of Christian Education Committee Burnis Leavens, Moderator of Missions Committee Darrell Maples, Moderator of Worship Committee Harry Reif, Moderator of Property Committee Nancy Skinner, Moderator of Outreach Committee
<u>Class of 2019</u>	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, Moderator of Stewardship and Finance Committee

### **Diaconate**

<u>Class of 2017</u>	<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>
Kay Burroughs	Joanne Chitty	Jerry Cozad
Nancy Ortman	Carol Durbin	Vicki Erickson
Roy Paxton	Peggy McMenus	Peggy Prevost
Leon Wehmeyer	Konny Rishel	Gary Stumbo

### **Church Staff**

Dennis Ritchie, Pastor and Head of Staff  
Ruth Lawson, Administrative Assistant  
Becky Morgan, Church Secretary  
Maureen Arigi, Church Accountant  
Steve Knudsen, Director of Music  
Gail Knudsen, Organist  
Sharon Golaway, Pianist  
Marti Tillman, Child Care  
Catt August, Contracted Custodial Care

### **News Editors**

Ruth Lawson, Weekly Newsletter  
Jean Nichols, Local Community Newspapers  
Jim Prince, Webmaster

## **2017 MEMBERSHIP ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT**

Active Members as of 12/31/2016: 336 (includes 1 teen member)  
(plus: 19 children, 4 affiliate members, 4 members of Presbytery, 4 other participants)

### **Membership Gains in 2017: 10**

### **Membership Losses in 2017: 25**

#### **NEW MEMBERS IN 2017**

- |               |                  |                       |
|---------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Riley Carl | 5. Shirley Olson | 9. Janet Ryan-Maynard |
| 2. Mack Bean  | 6. Tony Francis  | 10. Sharyn Hughes     |
| 3. LeRae Bean | 7. Jo Bain       |                       |
| 4. Bob Olson  | 8. Marie Ryan    |                       |

#### **LOSSES IN 2017**

##### **Deaths:**

- |                   |                    |                   |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Tom Foster     | 5. Virginia Andrew | 9. Donna Farmer   |
| 2. Dennis Lepp    | 6. Ann Baxter      | 10. Ross Hildreth |
| 3. Ed Grosshuesch | 7. Pete Hieronimus | 11. Loren Novak   |
| 4. Darlene Wales  | 8. Dale Cutsforth  | 12. Roy Johnson   |

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

- |                   |                      |                      |
|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Jim Couto      | 6. Pat Larimore      | 11. Lona Mullins     |
| 2. Susan Couto    | 7. Bryn Butler       | 12. Holly Wertens    |
| 3. Mike Marrs     | 8. Peggy Swain Stein | 13. Ruth Grosshuesch |
| 4. Florene Young  | 9. Caryl Thomas      |                      |
| 5. Betty Jo Kelso | 10. Clark Mullins    |                      |

**Total Active Members as of 12/31/2017: 321 (includes 1 teen member)**  
(plus: 19 children, 4 affiliate members, 4 members of Presbytery, 6 other participants)

171 Average 2017 Worship Attendance

22 Average 2017 Sunday School Attendance

**Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**December 2017**

<b>Assets</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
<b>Checking Account</b>		
Gen Fund - Unrestricted		
110.00.10 - General Fund Checking	\$30,249.71	
<b>Total Gen Fund - Unrestricted</b>	<b>\$30,249.71</b>	
<b>Other Funds - Restricted</b>		
110.00.15 - Special Offering Fund	\$6,715.00	
110.00.25 - Christian Ed Fund	\$90.00	
110.00.30 - Building Fund	\$11,632.32	
110.00.40 - Worship Committee Fund	\$321.13	
110.00.55 - Deacon's Assistance Fund	\$9,655.38	
110.00.60 - Mission Comm Fund	\$996.10	
110.00.80 - Memorial Garden Fund	\$3,891.55	
110.00.90 - Presbyterian Men Fund	\$258.00	
110.00.91 - Bus Ministry - Fund	\$3,611.17	
110.00.93 - Presbyterian Veterans Council	\$316.12	
110.00.95 - Temporary Restricted Checking	\$18,861.96	
<b>Total Other Funds - Restricted</b>	<b>\$56,348.73</b>	
<b>Total Checking Account</b>	<b>\$86,598.44</b>	
<b>Other Current Assets</b>		
140.00.10 - Prepaid Expense/Insurance	(\$16.00)	
142.00.10 - Prepaid Expense/MN Continuing Ed	\$700.00	
145.00.10 - Petty Cash Fund	\$54.33	
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>\$738.33</b>	
<b>Memorial/Honor Fund Assets</b>		
128.00.10 - MM - Operating Reserve	\$5,000.00	
128.00.20 - M/H Undesignated	\$14,847.10	
128.00.22 - M/H Designated Other	\$535.00	
129.00.22 - M/H Music	\$5,743.54	
131.00.22 - M/H Library	\$814.37	
135.00.22 - M/H Mission Trip Support	\$5,680.45	
<b>Total Memorial/Honor Fund Assets</b>	<b>\$32,620.46</b>	
<b>Investment Fund - PCBV</b>		
150.00.98 - Investment-TX Presby Foundation	\$358,593.70	
<b>Total Investment Fund - PCBV</b>	<b>\$358,593.70</b>	
<b>Total CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>\$478,550.93</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>

**Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista**  
**Balance Sheet (Continued)**  
**December 2017**

<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	(\$2,738.68)	
204.00.80 - PR Accounts Payable	(\$27.35)	
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	<b>(\$2,766.03)</b>	
<b>Accrued Liabilities</b>		
222.00.10 - FICA/MC Tax w/h	\$5,544.32	
223.00.10 - State Income Tax w/h	\$1,090.61	
224.00.10 - Federal Income Tax w/h	(\$5,527.20)	
224.16.10 - Retirement Savings	(\$200.00)	
225.00.10 - Prepaid Pledges - GF	\$7,900.00	
<b>Total Accrued Liabilities</b>	<b>\$8,807.73</b>	
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>\$6,041.70</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>\$6,041.70</b>
<b>Fund Principal</b>		
312.00.10 - Operating Fund Equity	\$37,648.67	
312.00.15 - Special Offering Fund Equity	\$1,601.00	
312.00.20 - Mem Undesignated Fund Equity	\$11,970.96	
312.00.22 - Mem Designated Fund Equity	\$12,635.71	
312.00.30 - Building Fund Equity	\$1,424,625.37	
312.00.40 - Worship Committee Fund Equity	\$95.28	
312.00.55 - Deacon's Assistance Fund	\$9,855.38	
312.00.60 - Mission Committee Fund Equity	\$170.92	
312.00.80 - Mem Garden/Columbarium Fund Equity	\$2,272.76	
312.00.90 - Presbyterian Men Fund Equity	\$585.00	
312.00.91 - Bus Ministry Fund Equity	\$3,570.17	
312.00.93 - Presbyterian VC Fund Equity	\$316.12	
Excess Cash Received	\$4,081.57	
<b>Total Fund Principal and Excess Cash Received</b>		<b>\$1,509,428.91</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>		
Total Temporary Restricted	\$18,861.96	
Total Permanent Restricted	\$358,593.70	
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>		<b>\$377,455.66</b>
<b>Total Liabilities, Fund Principal, &amp; Restricted Funds</b>		<b>\$1,892,926.27</b>



**Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista**  
**Analysis of Revenues & Expenses**  
**December 2017**

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	\$368,000.00	\$29,793.73	\$350,368.74	\$368,000.00	(\$17,631.26)
423.00.10 - Un-Pledged Offerings	\$50,000.00	\$3,320.00	\$26,364.54	\$50,000.00	(\$23,635.46)
424.00.10 - Loose Offerings	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,849.48	\$3,000.00	(\$1,150.52)
428.00.10 - Designated/Special Gift	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,325.00	\$10,000.00	\$325.00
432.00.10 - Building Use	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$580.00	\$500.00	\$80.00
434.00.10 - Interest Income	\$100.00	\$7.39	\$99.10	\$100.00	(\$0.90)
435.00.10 - Other Income	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$977.17	\$500.00	\$477.17
<b>Total GENERAL FUND INCOME</b>	<b>\$432,100.00</b>	<b>\$33,121.12</b>	<b>\$390,564.03</b>	<b>\$432,100.00</b>	<b>(\$41,535.97)</b>
<b>COMMITTEE PROJECTS INCOME</b>					
440.00.40 - Income - Worship Com	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$778.74	\$0.00	\$778.74
442.00.25 - Income - Christian Ed	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$90.00
448.00.60 - Income - Mission Com	\$0.00	\$579.00	\$7,232.45	\$0.00	\$7,232.45
449.00.90 - Income - Presbyterian	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$173.00	\$0.00	\$173.00
450.00.91 - Income - Bus Usage	\$0.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$15.00
451.00.91 - Income - Bus Donation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$80.00
<b>Total COMMITTEE PROJECTS INCOME</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$594.00</b>	<b>\$8,369.19</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$8,369.19</b>
<b>SPECIAL OFFERING INCOME</b>					
464.00.15 - Income - One Great Hr	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,209.00	\$0.00	\$4,209.00
467.00.15 - Income - Vera Lloyd	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,015.00	\$0.00	\$1,015.00
468.00.15 - Income - Christmas Jo	\$0.00	\$2,040.00	\$2,040.00	\$0.00	\$2,040.00
469.00.15 - Income - Desig. Missio	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$175.00
470.00.15 - Income - Other Design	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,480.00	\$0.00	\$5,480.00
<b>Total SPECIAL OFFERING INCOME</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,065.00</b>	<b>\$12,919.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$12,919.00</b>
<b>MEMORIAL FUND INCOME</b>					
474.00.20 - MH Undesignated Inc	\$0.00	\$135.00	\$3,546.00	\$0.00	\$3,546.00
476.00.20 - MH Interest Income (u	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.14	\$0.00	\$50.14
479.00.22 - MH Music Department	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,294.00	\$0.00	\$1,294.00
485.00.22 - MH Designated Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$385.00	\$0.00	\$385.00
<b>Total MEMORIAL FUND INCOME</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$135.00</b>	<b>\$5,275.14</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$5,275.14</b>
<b>BUILDING FUND INCOME</b>					
491.00.30 - BF Pledged Offerings	\$15,000.00	\$800.00	\$12,874.50	\$15,000.00	(\$2,125.50)
492.00.30 - BF Unpledged Offerin	\$1,500.00	\$250.00	\$2,415.00	\$1,500.00	\$915.00
<b>Total BUILDING FUND INCOME</b>	<b>\$16,500.00</b>	<b>\$1,050.00</b>	<b>\$15,289.50</b>	<b>\$16,500.00</b>	<b>(\$1,210.50)</b>
<b>MEMORIAL GARDEN INCOME</b>					
448.00.80 - Mem Garden Contribul	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$377.73	\$0.00	\$377.73
448.02.80 - Mem Garden Designat	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$45.00	\$0.00	\$45.00
448.03.80 - Sale of Niches	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
448.04.80 - Sale of Memorial Wall	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
448.06.80 - Sale of Nameplates	\$0.00	\$70.00	\$514.21	\$0.00	\$514.21
448.08.80 - Contributions for Maint	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$450.00
<b>Total MEMORIAL GARDEN INCOME</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$120.00</b>	<b>\$2,286.94</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,286.94</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$448,600.00</b>	<b>\$37,085.12</b>	<b>\$434,703.80</b>	<b>\$448,600.00</b>	<b>(\$13,896.20)</b>

**Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista**  
**Analysis of Revenues & Expenses (Continued)**  
**December 2017**

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	\$8,400.00	\$0.00	\$8,400.00	\$8,400.00	\$0.00
514.00.10 - MS Minister's Discretio	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
515.00.10 - MS Presbytery Outreach	\$9,000.00	(\$1,000.00)	\$7,700.00	\$9,000.00	\$1,300.00
516.00.10 - MS Seminaries	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
518.00.10 - MS Other Mission Gifts	\$7,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$7,322.99	\$7,000.00	(\$322.99)
<b>Total Mission &amp; Benevolent Expense</b>	<b>\$55,600.00</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>	<b>\$54,422.99</b>	<b>\$55,600.00</b>	<b>\$1,177.01</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/I	\$28,200.00	\$2,346.16	\$28,153.92	\$28,200.00	\$46.08
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	\$115.96	\$4,950.53	\$4,500.00	(\$450.53)
554.18.10 - MN Travel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$311.79	\$0.00	(\$311.79)
<b>Total Minister's Expense Fixed</b>	<b>\$116,022.18</b>	<b>\$9,405.63</b>	<b>\$116,738.36</b>	<b>\$116,022.18</b>	<b>(\$716.18)</b>
<b>Assoc Minister's Expense Fixed</b>					
942.00.10 - AM Base Salary	\$18,268.00	\$0.00	\$14,052.37	\$18,268.00	\$4,215.63
944.00.10 - AM Housing/Utilities	\$15,600.00	\$0.00	\$11,700.00	\$15,600.00	\$3,900.00
945.00.10 - AM Retirement Plan C	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	\$1,800.00	\$2,400.00	\$600.00
948.00.10 - AM Pension/Medical/I	\$15,250.00	\$0.00	\$11,437.20	\$15,250.00	\$3,812.80
950.14.10 - AM Social Security All	\$2,774.50	\$0.00	\$2,080.89	\$2,774.50	\$693.61
952.16.10 - AM Continuing Educat	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	\$5,799.33	\$4,500.00	(\$1,299.33)
<b>Total Assoc Minister's Expense Fixed</b>	<b>\$58,792.50</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$46,869.79</b>	<b>\$58,792.50</b>	<b>\$11,922.71</b>
<b>Ministers Variable Expense</b>					
546.00.10 - MN Minister's Auto Mil	\$3,500.00	\$792.88	\$3,567.95	\$3,500.00	(\$67.95)
549.00.10 - MN Minister's Business	\$2,000.00	\$485.70	\$2,319.73	\$2,000.00	(\$319.73)
946.00.10 - AM Assoc Minister's A	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,716.83	\$2,000.00	\$283.17
947.00.10 - AM Assoc Minister's Bi	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$864.52	\$1,000.00	\$135.48
<b>Total Ministers Variable Expense</b>	<b>\$8,500.00</b>	<b>\$1,278.58</b>	<b>\$8,469.03</b>	<b>\$8,500.00</b>	<b>\$30.97</b>
<b>Other Staff Expenses</b>					
561.10.10 - OS Admin Asst - Sala	\$23,300.00	\$1,971.20	\$24,896.00	\$23,300.00	(\$1,596.00)
562.10.10 - OS Secretary - Salary	\$19,470.00	\$1,776.06	\$21,633.30	\$19,470.00	(\$2,163.30)
563.10.10 - OS Accounting - Sala	\$10,545.00	\$840.00	\$9,620.43	\$10,545.00	\$924.57
564.10.10 - OS Pianist/Organist -	\$10,370.40	\$1,005.85	\$9,629.70	\$10,370.40	\$740.70
566.10.10 - OS Director of Music	\$15,000.00	\$1,285.00	\$16,700.00	\$15,000.00	(\$1,700.00)
568.10.10 - OS Nursery Attendan	\$2,265.00	\$256.70	\$2,370.70	\$2,265.00	(\$105.70)
570.14.10 - OS FICA Payroll Tax	\$6,192.71	\$564.93	\$6,517.77	\$6,192.71	(\$325.06)
571.10.10 - OS Non-Employee M	\$1,750.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,650.00
576.00.10 - OS Miscellaneous Ex	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
<b>Total Other Staff Expenses</b>	<b>\$89,143.11</b>	<b>\$7,699.74</b>	<b>\$91,467.90</b>	<b>\$89,143.11</b>	<b>(\$2,324.79)</b>
<b>Other Ministry Expense</b>					
520.00.10 - OM Mission Operatin	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$42.96	\$200.00	\$157.04
573.28.10 - OM Session(Elders) I	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$520.63	\$500.00	(\$20.63)
575.00.10 - OM Bus Operating Ex	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,761.06	\$0.00	(\$1,761.06)
580.00.10 - OM Deacons' Expens	\$300.00	\$84.95	\$657.50	\$300.00	(\$357.50)
<b>Total Other Ministry Expense</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$84.95</b>	<b>\$2,982.15</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>(\$1,982.15)</b>
<b>Other Administrative Expense</b>					
582.26.10 - OA Office Supplies	\$2,750.00	\$549.64	\$1,865.26	\$2,750.00	\$884.74
584.20.10 - OA Postage	\$1,750.00	\$0.00	\$773.00	\$1,750.00	\$977.00
590.34.10 - OA Copier Lease/Mai	\$11,000.00	\$691.81	\$7,106.92	\$11,000.00	\$3,893.08
592.36.10 - OA Computer Related	\$4,500.00	\$485.25	\$5,469.49	\$4,500.00	(\$969.49)
593.38.10 - OA Telephone	\$3,250.00	(\$157.26)	\$3,368.03	\$3,250.00	(\$118.03)
594.40.10 - OA Insurance - Work	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$1,373.00	\$1,800.00	\$427.00

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595.00.10 - OA Memberships/Sub	\$1,500.00	\$1,177.50	\$2,103.30	\$1,500.00	(\$603.30)
596.00.10 - OA Misc Admin Exper	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$771.39	\$1,000.00	\$228.61
<b>Total Other Administrative Expense</b>	<b>\$27,550.00</b>	<b>\$3,246.94</b>	<b>\$22,630.39</b>	<b>\$27,550.00</b>	<b>\$4,719.61</b>
<b>Building/Grounds Expenses</b>					
602.00.10 - BG Utilities	\$16,000.00	\$1,579.20	\$17,269.76	\$16,000.00	(\$1,269.76)
604.32.10 - BG Interior Maint/Sup	\$1,600.00	\$26.04	\$1,795.45	\$1,600.00	(\$195.45)
606.32.10 - BG Exterior Maint/Sup	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$1,088.04	\$800.00	(\$288.04)
607.32.10 - BG Kitchen Supplies	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
608.34.10 - BG Maintenance Cont	\$12,400.00	\$90.58	\$13,330.22	\$12,400.00	(\$930.22)
610.36.10 - BG Property Purchase	\$1,000.00	\$354.89	\$2,127.69	\$1,000.00	(\$1,127.69)
612.40.10 - BG Insurance	\$15,000.00	\$3,212.00	\$17,918.00	\$15,000.00	(\$2,918.00)
616.00.10 - BG Misc Expenses	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$14.22	\$200.00	\$185.78
618.00.10 - BG Capital Repairs/In	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$95.00	\$0.00	(\$95.00)
<b>Total Building/Grounds Expenses</b>	<b>\$47,100.00</b>	<b>\$5,262.71</b>	<b>\$53,638.38</b>	<b>\$47,100.00</b>	<b>(\$6,538.38)</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	\$110.91	\$250.00	\$139.09
712.24.10 - WC Candles, Flowers	\$300.00	\$100.00	\$173.12	\$300.00	\$126.88
713.26.10 - WC Bulletins/Supplies	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
714.28.10 - WC Worship Material	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$36.00	\$200.00	\$164.00
715.30.10 - WC Music	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$690.00	\$500.00	(\$190.00)
717.00.10 - WC Miscellaneous Exp	\$1,000.00	\$37.98	\$289.82	\$1,000.00	\$710.18
<b>Total Worship Committee Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,900.00</b>	<b>\$137.98</b>	<b>\$1,299.85</b>	<b>\$2,900.00</b>	<b>\$1,600.15</b>
<b>Stew/Finance Committee Expense</b>					
721.00.10 - SF Campaign Expens	\$750.00	\$380.86	\$498.46	\$750.00	\$251.54
723.26.10 - SF Office Supplies	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$46.99	\$150.00	\$103.01
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>\$380.86</b>	<b>\$545.45</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$454.55</b>
<b>Fellowship Committee Expenses</b>					
732.24.10 - PL General Supplies	\$400.00	\$75.50	\$634.79	\$400.00	(\$234.79)
736.00.10 - PL Fellowship Hour S	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$637.32	\$1,500.00	\$862.68
737.00.10 - PL Miscellaneous Exp	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$644.27	\$800.00	\$155.73
<b>Total Fellowship Committee Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,700.00</b>	<b>\$75.50</b>	<b>\$1,916.38</b>	<b>\$2,700.00</b>	<b>\$783.62</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	\$11.24	\$1,200.00	\$1,188.76
746.28.10 - CE Books/Films	\$650.00	\$247.50	\$801.58	\$650.00	(\$151.58)
747.00.10 - CE Vacation Bible Sc	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
747.42.10 - CE Sunday School Cl	\$900.00	\$59.45	\$284.38	\$900.00	\$615.62
748.00.10 - CE Youth Program Su	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,006.73	\$1,500.00	\$493.27
748.24.10 - CE Library Supplies	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
748.28.10 - CE Library Resources	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$333.78	\$750.00	\$416.22
749.00.10 - CE Miscellaneous Exp	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$73.25	\$200.00	\$126.75
<b>Total Christian Education Expenses</b>	<b>\$5,800.00</b>	<b>\$306.95</b>	<b>\$2,510.96</b>	<b>\$5,800.00</b>	<b>\$3,289.04</b>
<b>Outreach Committee Expenses</b>					
754.24.10 - OR General Supplies	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
756.00.10 - OR Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$103.55	\$0.00	(\$103.55)
756.10.10 - OR Projects for Outrea	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$108.16	\$0.00	(\$108.16)
757.00.10 - OR Miscellaneous Exp	\$1,100.00	\$0.00	\$745.08	\$1,100.00	\$354.92
<b>Total Outreach Committee Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,600.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$956.79</b>	<b>\$1,600.00</b>	<b>\$643.21</b>
<b>Property Committee Expenses</b>					
767.00.10 - PR Miscellaneous Exp	\$0.00	(\$18,919.84)	\$340.00	\$0.00	(\$340.00)
<b>Total Property Committee Expenses</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>(\$18,919.84)</b>	<b>\$340.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>(\$340.00)</b>
<b>Communications Committee Exp</b>					
773.00.10 - CM Miscellaneous Exp	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$84.00	\$100.00	\$16.00
774.00.10 - CM Advertising	\$1,740.00	\$28.00	\$1,243.88	\$1,740.00	\$496.12
774.42.10 - CM Advertising Phone	\$340.00	\$0.00	(\$10.32)	\$340.00	\$350.32

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776.00.10 - CM Web Site Hosting	\$710.00	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$710.00	\$690.00
<b>Total Communications Committee E:</b>	<u>\$2,890.00</u>	<u>\$28.00</u>	<u>\$1,337.56</u>	<u>\$2,890.00</u>	<u>\$1,552.44</u>
<b>Total GENERAL FUND EXPENSES</b>	<u>\$420,597.79</u>	<u>\$11,488.00</u>	<u>\$406,325.98</u>	<u>\$420,597.79</u>	<u>\$14,271.81</u>
<b>COMMITTEE PROJECTS EXPENSE</b>					
784.00.40 - Worship Project Exper	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$486.14	\$0.00	(\$486.14)
785.00.55 - Deacon's Assistance E	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	(\$200.00)
786.00.60 - Mission Committee E	\$0.00	(\$1,541.35)	\$4,739.37	\$0.00	(\$4,739.37)
790.00.90 - Presbyterian Men Proj	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	(\$500.00)
<b>Total COMMITTEE PROJECTS EXPENSE</b>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>(\$1,541.35)</u>	<u>\$5,925.51</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>(\$5,925.51)</u>
<b>SPECIAL OFFERINGS EXPENDED</b>					
824.00.15 - One Great Hour - Expe	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,209.00	\$0.00	(\$4,209.00)
827.00.15 - Vera Lloyd - Expended	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,015.00	\$0.00	(\$1,015.00)
828.00.15 - Christmas Joy - Expen	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,581.00	\$0.00	(\$1,581.00)
830.00.15 - Other Designated Gifts	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	(\$500.00)
<b>Total SPECIAL OFFERINGS EXPENSE</b>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$7,305.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>(\$7,305.00)</u>
<b>MEMORIAL FUND EXPENDITURES</b>					
854.00.20 - Undesignated - Expen	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$3,725.13)	\$0.00	\$3,725.13
861.00.22 - Designated - Mission T	\$0.00	\$1,541.35	\$1,541.35	\$0.00	(\$1,541.35)
<b>Total MEMORIAL FUND EXPENDITURE</b>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$1,541.35</u>	<u>(\$2,183.78)</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$2,183.78</u>
<b>BUILDING FUND EXPENSES</b>					
904.00.30 - BF Building Maintenanc	\$17,600.00	\$1,300.00	\$11,700.00	\$17,600.00	\$5,900.00
908.00.30 - BF Major Repairs & In	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,131.15	\$10,000.00	\$8,868.85
<b>Total BUILDING FUND EXPENSES</b>	<u>\$27,600.00</u>	<u>\$1,300.00</u>	<u>\$12,831.15</u>	<u>\$27,600.00</u>	<u>\$14,768.85</u>
<b>MEMORIAL GARDEN EXPENSES</b>					
<b>Mem Garden Construction Costs</b>					
<b>Mem Garden Sustainability Cost</b>					
788.11.80 - Purchase of Name Pla	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$332.70	\$0.00	(\$332.70)
788.16.80 - Maintenance on Memo	\$0.00	(\$222.43)	\$85.67	\$0.00	(\$85.67)
<b>Total Mem Garden Sustainability C</b>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>(\$222.43)</u>	<u>\$418.37</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>(\$418.37)</u>
<b>Total Mem Garden Construction Costs</b>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>(\$222.43)</u>	<u>\$418.37</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>(\$418.37)</u>
<b>Total MEMORIAL GARDEN EXPENSES</b>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>(\$222.43)</u>	<u>\$418.37</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>(\$418.37)</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>\$448,197.79</u>	<u>\$12,565.57</u>	<u>\$430,622.23</u>	<u>\$448,197.79</u>	<u>\$17,575.56</u>
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>\$402.21</b>	<b>\$24,519.55</b>	<b>\$4,081.57</b>	<b>\$402.21</b>	<b>\$3,679.36</b>

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Accounts	Beginning Balance	Restricted Revenue	Restricted Expenses	Ending Balance
<b><u>Temporary Restricted</u></b>				
340.00.95 - Endowment Birthday Celebration	\$32.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$32.00
341.00.95 - Children's School Mission	\$2,720.38	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$2,920.38
342.00.95 - Missions	\$3,762.35	\$546.35	\$130.00	\$4,178.70
348.00.95 - Choir/Music Designated gifts	\$2,019.33	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$1,769.33
349.00.95 - Bequest Fund	\$8,806.55	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,806.55
350.00.95 - Endowment Fund Gifts	\$1,155.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,155.00
<b>Total Temporary Restricted</b>	<b>\$18,495.61</b>	<b>\$746.35</b>	<b>\$380.00</b>	<b>\$18,861.96</b>

Accounts	Beginning Balance	Restricted Revenue	Restricted Expenses	Ending Balance
<b><u>Permanent Restricted</u></b>				
380.00.98 - Endowment Fd-TX Presb Foundation	\$310,297.93	(\$12,041.26)	\$0.00	\$298,256.67
381.00.98 - Children's School Mission	\$5,175.40	\$117.85	\$0.00	\$5,293.25
382.00.98 - Missions	\$3,105.24	\$70.71	\$0.00	\$3,175.95
383.00.98 - Choir/Music Gifts	\$4,140.33	\$94.27	\$0.00	\$4,234.60
385.00.98 - Operating Reserve	\$20,899.01	\$537.39	\$0.00	\$21,236.40
386.00.98 - Memorial Garden Fund	\$25,873.76	\$523.07	\$0.00	\$26,396.83
<b>Total Permanent Restricted</b>	<b>\$369,291.67</b>	<b>(\$10,697.97)</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$358,593.70</b>



# BUDGET SUMMARY FOR 2018

ACCOUNT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET Yr. 2017	BUDGET Yr. 2018	CHANGE Yr. 2017	PERCENT CHANGE
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<b>GENERAL FUND INCOME</b>					
422	Pledged Offerings	\$368,000	\$352,611	(\$15,389)	-4.2%
423	Un-Pledged Offerings	50,000	25,000	(25,000)	-50.0%
424	Loose Offerings	3,000	2,000	(1,000)	-33.3%
428	Designated/Special Gifts	10,000	0	(10,000)	-100.0%
432	Building Use	500	250	(250)	100.0%
434	Interest Income	100	50	(50)	-50.0%
435	Other Income	500	1,000	500	100.0%
	<b>TOTAL GF INCOME</b>	<b>\$432,100</b>	<b>\$380,911</b>	<b>(\$51,189)</b>	<b>-11.8%</b>
<b>BUILDING FUND INCOME</b>					
491	Pledged Offerings	\$15,000	\$2,040	(\$12,960)	-86.4%
492	Unpledged Offerings	1,500	0	(1,500)	-100.0%
	<b>TOTAL BF INCOME</b>	<b>\$16,500</b>	<b>\$2,040</b>	<b>(\$14,460)</b>	<b>-87.6%</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL &amp; BUILDING INCOME</b>		<b>\$448,600</b>	<b>\$382,951</b>	<b>(\$65,649)</b>	<b>-14.6%</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND EXPENSE</b>					
510-520	Mission & Benevolent	\$55,600	\$56,200	(\$600)	-1.1%
540-559	Minister	116,022	117,811	(1,789)	-1.5%
942-952	Associate Pastor	58,793	0	58,793	100.0%
546&946	Ministers Variable Expense	8,500	5,500	3,000	35.3%
560-576	Other Staff	89,143	98,542	(9,399)	-10.5%
573,577-581	Other Ministry	1,000	2,600	(1,600)	-160.0%
582-599	Other Administrative	27,550	25,500	2,050	7.4%
600-699	Building\Grounds	47,100	66,600	(19,500)	-41.4%
700-719	Worship Committee	2,900	3,400	(500)	-17.2%
720-729	Stewardship/Finance Committee	1,000	2,750	(1,750)	-175.0%
730-739	Fellowship Committee	2,700	2,700	0	0.0%
740-749	Christian Education Committee	5,800	5,175	625	10.8%
750-759	Outreach Committee	1,600	1,600	0	0.0%
770-774	Communications Committee	2,890	4,800	(1,910)	-66.1%
	<b>TOTAL GF EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$420,598</b>	<b>\$393,178</b>	<b>\$27,420</b>	<b>6.5%</b>
<b>BUILDING FUND EXPENSE</b>					
904	Building Maintenance Contracts	17,600	0	17,600	100.0%
908	Major Repair & Improvements	10,000	10,000	0	0.0%
	<b>TOTAL BF EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$27,600</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$17,600</b>	<b>63.8%</b>
<b>TOTAL GF &amp; BF EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$448,198</b>	<b>\$403,178</b>	<b>(\$45,020)</b>	<b>-10.0%</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME MINUS EXPENSE GF &amp; BF</b>		<b>\$402</b>	<b>\$20,267</b>	<b>\$20,669</b>	<b>5141.5%</b>

## **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE — 2017**

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 George Pickell serve as Church Treasurer, that Kathy Fidler serve as Church Historian; and that Emily Dieleman serve as Church Librarian for 2018.

Conducted the staff evaluations and reviewed the staff.

Reviewed the insurance coverage and prepared claims for lightning damage.

Completed the Administrative Budget for 2018.

Convened the Nominating Committee and presented candidates to the Congregation for Elder and Deacon for the Class of 2020, nominated Shepherd Group Coordinators, nominated a member for the Endowment Committee, presented replacements for fill several Deacon and Elder vacancies, and presented candidates for the 2018 Nominating Committee

Cathy Rew, Moderator



## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE — 2017**

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 led by Robert Ritschel and Bible Study led by Bill Wellner. Children's classes are led by Burnis Leavens and Sharyl Ritschel. A nursery is available for our youngest visitors on Sunday.

The renovation of the nursery was completed under the leadership of Carol Ritchie, with the skillful help of the Building and Grounds Committee and many other church members.

During the year both children and adults were involved in a learning and working mission trip to Ferncliff, a fun Easter Egg hunt, and Lenten activities. Maryann Sweeney coordinates these activities with the Christian Education Committee.

Deloris Jennings, Moderator  
Patsy Cloyd, Vice-Moderator

## LIBRARY REPORT — 2017

It will soon be time for me to do some major “house cleaning” in the Library to free up some shelf space.

Again I appreciate the help of Terry and Jack Woods on Sunday mornings.

I am grateful to have this opportunity to order, read, and make the reviews for the bulletin/newsletter each week.

Emily Dieleman, Church Librarian

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## PUPPET/YOUTH MINISTRY — 2017

### CREATIVE KIDS MAKE IT AND SHARE IT PCBV July 31- Aug. 4, 2017

Day 1: 70 Cookies baked and decorated; 27 Bags and 2 trays decorated. Delivered to First Responders at Town Center, Bella Vista. Ami Maples drove us in the church bus. The firemen brought out the fire truck and let the kids explore it. The firemen demonstrated their firefighting equipment and uniforms.

Day 2: 26 Blankets were tied and placed in the PCBV sanctuary for blessing on Sunday 8/6/2017. The blankets will be presented at a later date to the Bella Vista Preschool. 46 hygiene kits were packed for the NWA Children's Shelter to be delivered by Burnis Leavens on 8/7/2017.

Day 3: 35 Tote bags were decorated and filled each with a pair of knitted slippers, donated by the Crochet, Chat, Knit and Pray group of the PCBV, and a comb, Kleenex packet, notebook, pen, and emery board. These were delivered the same day to Brookfield Assisted Living by the church bus driven by Ami Maples. The children placed the totes at each table setting for the residents. They were given a tour of the facility and a room. Lynn from the Vista Newspaper came by and interviewed the CE committee members working and took pictures of the children filling the totes.

Day 4: 60 greeting cards were decorated and packaged in threes for the Concordia residents to have to send to family and friends. Ami Maples drove us to Concordia. Our greeter gave us a tour of the second floor where most of the activities take place, meals and the library. The children made thank you cards for the volunteers who worked all week on the Creative Kids, Make It and Share It program.

Day 5: We celebrated kids by tie-dying t shirts, outside games, scavenger hunt, tour of the sanctuary and discussion of our stained glass windows. We had an indoor picnic with parents, grandparents and family members.





## **PUPPET/YOUTH MINISTRY — 2017 (continued)**

### **The family mission trip to Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center was June 2-4, 2017.**

Those attending: Rev. Dennis Ritchie, Jim and Maryann Sweeney, Patsy Cloyd, Burnis Leavens, Lois Ault, Kelli, Jeremey, Conlan, Adelyn Cranford, Mallory, Mason and Briggs Weaver, Julie and Wes Tribble, and Bev Eagan

Friday evening: Supper, Camp fire, S'mores, fishing, basketball

Saturday: Breakfast, Lunch and Supper. Inspected health kits at the DCA. We had a Tour of the Camp with David Gill as guide. We were transported in a solar powered vehicle. We toured the ECO House, some went swimming and played in the splash park. Evening time was for Games, Julie's Birthday celebration.

Sunday: After breakfast, Maryann Sweeney led a Kid/Adult church time after which we departed for home.

Eleven of the group had not been to Ferncliff in the past and three boys are looking forward to attending Ferncliff summer camp in the future. We learned a lot about the mission of Ferncliff, the PDA, solar powered energy and got to know each other as individuals.

Maryann Sweeney



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## **WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB — 2017**

The Women's Book Club meets the last Thursday of each month in the Church Parlor at 10:00 am. The Club is unique in that we do not all read the same book. We read an author, a topic or a theme and share with others. All women in the community are invited.

Maryann Sweeney, Ruth Cozad, & Barb Tropansky

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## **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE — 2017**

**Members:** Jim Prince (Moderator), Ruth Lawson, Dianne Allen, Lorna Sterrett, Jean Nichols, Kathy Fidler, and Lee Hehl

In 2017, the Communications Committee continued its work of promoting the church's events and services. The committee supported the web site and Facebook page, made sure the outdoor electronic sign was up to date and supported other committees with their publicity needs.

Jim Prince continued as webmaster in 2017. Jim updated the church website with information about various church ministries, activities, and posted the audio of Sunday and special church services. Lee Hehl maintained the Church Events portion of the web site. Jim also updated prayer requests that are sent to him when the church office is closed.

## COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE — 2017 (continued)

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 also maintained the outdoor electronic sign.

Kathy Fidler served as the church historian. She kept a written pictorial history of the church and its activities. She received information and pictures from various church committees. Kathy also interviewed new members and wrote up their information for the web site and the bulletin board in the connector hall.

Lorna Sterrett wrote weekly newspaper articles about upcoming activities in the church for local Arkansas and Missouri newspapers. She also created articles about special events involving Church committees. In December after 10 years, Lorna retired, and Jean Nichols volunteered to write the articles.

Dianne Allen kept up the church bulletin board. It is in the connector hall close to the entrance to the fellowship hall.

This year the committee has placed ads for Easter services and the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast. We also had an ad in the Discover Northwest Arkansas.com, and an insert in the Democrat-Gazette and the 2018 Edition of the Greater Bentonville Chamber Annual Welcome Guide and Business Directory.

Jim Prince, Moderator

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## HISTORIAN'S REPORT — 2017

Of note in 2017:

- ◆ Delivery of Meals on Wheels in February
- ◆ Lenten Soup Suppers March 8 – April 5
- ◆ CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and AED (automated external defibrillator) training March 6 at the Bella Vista Fire Dept.
- ◆ Lela Sandfort's 104<sup>th</sup> birthday March 10
- ◆ Easter Cantata "Behold the Lamb!" April 16
- ◆ Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, National Day of Prayer May 4
- ◆ Continuation of Dinner Church headed by Bob & Sharyl Ritschel
- ◆ University of the Ozarks Chamber Singers Spring Concert May 19
- ◆ Creative Kids Camp July 31-August 4
- ◆ Dissolution of Pastoral Call for Rev. Liz Wagner who accepted the call as pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Logan, Ohio
- ◆ Change of staff: Financial Secretary Cathy Sayes (moved) to be replaced by Maureen Arigi and Choir Accompanist Sandy Andrews (retired) to be replaced by Sharon Golaway
- ◆ PDA (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance ) geared up in wake of destruction by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria
- ◆ Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista is now listed as a charity for Amazon Prime, [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)

## HISTORIAN'S REPORT — 2017 (continued)

Opportunities for study were found: in the Sunday classes - Lenten study "Aging Matters" led by Rev. Dennis Ritchie and Rev. Liz Wagner - Lenten Devotional Booklet incorporating the congregation's input - Stewardship Campaign Devotion Booklet.

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 2020 as **Elders**: Marinell Anderson, Jerry August, Bev MacDonald, Carolyn Pickell, Ronnie Prevost and **Deacons**: Mack Bean, Dick Francis, Jan Halgrim, Nancy Ortman. Filling unexpired positions: Class of 2018 Deacon Konny Rishel. Class of 2019 Deacon Gary Stumbo. **Shepherd Group Coordinators**: Kay Burroughs, Carolyn Pickell. **Librarian**: Emily Dieleman. **Historian**: Kathy Fidler. **Clerk of Session**: Burnis Leavens.

Finally, we honor the memories of: Tom Foster, Dennis Lepp, Ed Grosshuesch, Darlene Wales, Virginia Andrew, Ann Baxter, Pete Hieronimus, Dale Cutsforth, Donna Farmer, Ross Hildreth, Loren Novak, Roy Johnson.

Kathy Fidler, Church Historian

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## FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE — 2017

The Fellowship Committee's duties include arranging regular fellowship programs, dinners and other activities for the congregation. Usually the committee puts out a sign-up sheet and notice in the bulletin. Then orders the food and sets up the dining facilities for the appropriate number of people.

We also get and pay for juice, coffee and cookies for the Sunday morning fellowship hour.

This year our committee started with about 9 members. Usually 4 or 5 members attend our committee meetings. Some of the committee members have been involved with the fellowship activities for a number of years. Their knowledge is very helpful when planning the various activities. Unfortunately, this year 5 members retired from the committee.

At 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 2017 we met 6 times and arranged 4 social functions.

The **Soup Suppers** started on March 8. Fellowship and Missions Committees took care of the first soup supper. Fellowship did the set up and arranged for the catering of the soup and bread.

One of the biggest events is the **church picnic**. This year the picnic was held on June 15, and moved to the Kingsdale Pavilion. We moved the picnic to Kingsdale Pavilion to avoid weather related problems like we had in 2017. The Fellowship Committee paid for the hamburgers, brats, hot dogs and buns. A crew of about 6 cooked the food. One hundred one people signed up and were served.

## FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE — 2017 (continued)

**Thanksgiving Dinner** was held on November 23. Fellowship sponsored the potluck by providing the turkey and gravy. We did the set up with table decorations and handled take down with the help from many others. About 86 people attended.

We are preparing for the **Christmas Dinner potluck**. One of our members has purchased and sliced the 4 hams. In 2017 about 77 people attended. This year we had 73.

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** – especially with helping with clean-up and take-down after these functions.

Respectfully Submitted  
Jim Gutowski, Moderator

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## SHEPHERD GROUPS — 2017

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 2017.

Each group served one session of the Lenten Soup Suppers. Cans of soup was also collected and 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.

Kay Burroughs and Carolyn Pickell have agreed to be co-coordinators for 2018.

Kelli Cranford,  
Shepherd Group Coordinator

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## EXERCISE CLASS — 2017

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.

Gail Knudsen

## **PRESBYTERIAN SINGLES — 2017**

The Presby Singles met once in 2017. Sandy Andrews will be the moderator for 2018.

Vera Martin and Peggy McMenus

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## **LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE — 2017**

The Long Range Planning Committee did not meet during 2017, as no pressing issues were presented to it during the year.

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

Jim Anderson, Moderator

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## **MISSIONS COMMITTEE — 2017**

The Missions Committee Members for 2017 were: Moderator Burnis Leavens, Secretary Barb Tropansky, Joanne Chitty and Marinell Anderson, Meals on Wheels Coordinator Mike Hartigan, Helping Hands and Care & Share Coordinator Gary Stumbo along with Joanne and Paul Chitty. Joan Groves, Dianne Allen, Duane Johnson representing the University of Arkansas Campus Ministry, Konny Rishel and Sharyl Ritschel.

On Souper Bowl Sunday the youth collected \$451.47 that was presented to the Samaritan Community Center for their Snack packs for Kids program when the committee visited the Center and saw how they were involved helping others. The Committee also gave a check for \$500 at the same time.



Meals on Wheels program was chaired by Mike Hartigan during February. A total of 55 people helped deliver meals to shut-ins in three different areas of Bella Vista. A check for \$500 was given to help support the Meals on Wheel program.

The Committee visited Havenwood and presented \$800 to help with their program. Checks for \$1,000 each were presented to the Village House Director and to the Courtesy Van Director with pictures in the local papers from all three of these organizations.



The Committee visited New Heights 4 Kids and supplied a lunch for the students and staff and later sent a check for \$250.

Care and Share and Helping Hands each received a check for \$500. The Care & Share trailer parked at the church twice during the year for donations. There were three Saturday work days at Helping Hands.

## MISSIONS COMMITTEE — 2017 (continued)

Habitat for Humanity, Bright Futures in Gravette and Presbyterian Seminaries each received \$1,000.

Lyons College and the University of the Ozarks each received \$2,000 on scholarship aid from PCBV.

Campus Ministry received \$2,000 and Ferncliff Camp received \$2,200 and the University of Livingstonia received \$500. The Bella Vista Pre-School, The Benton County Women's Shelter and the Children's Advocacy Center each received \$500. Shoebox Ministry received \$600.

Personal Missionaries were sent \$3,000 plus the amount given by the congregation for cook stoves for \$725. PDA was sent \$1,000 plus the amount given for hurricane relief by the congregation. Honduras projects received \$500, AR Food Bank was sent \$750. \$500 was sent to help a student from Livingstonia with living expenses while attending Austin Seminary. The regular support for the AR Presbytery was \$2,500 a month which was part of the Mission Budget approved by Session for 2017.

The NWAR Children's Center received over 140 hygiene bags packed by the Sunday School youth as well as the youth at the summer Creative Kids program. Mission sewing group sent clothing items and hats and scarves to the Children's Center also.

Clean up buckets have been a project all year and \$500 was sent to Church World Services to help with the shipping costs of getting the buckets to where they are needed.

School supplies were collected for the Gravette Schools again this year. Christmas gift cards are being sent to Vera Lloyd Home for the youth. Shepherd Groups are helping some Gravette Families with Christmas gifts.

Special Offerings throughout the year were the One Great Hour of Sharing, Vera Lloyd Home and Family Services, Peace and Global Witness and the Christmas Joy Offering. The Missions Committee saw that these were held and that the funds were sent out for their intended use.

Thanks to all those who helped with financial donations as well as food, school supplies, clothing, clean up buckets and Christmas gifts.

Burnis Leavens, Moderator Missions Committee 2017



## HELPING HANDS — 2017

*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 2017 **HH** provided almost two million dollars in aid to people needing food, dental care and/or financial assistance (2017 not compiled yet). 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. They have been able to give back to the community 83.5% of each dollar collected or donated.



## HELPING HANDS — 2017 (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. Food contributions are not at the same level as in previous years, but the need has not diminished. Please remember to bring your donations and leave in the connector hall. See the note on cash donations below.
- **Thanksgiving food** – we again collected both food donations and cash this year. Both Thanksgiving and Christmas are great times to help those less fortunate to have the staples they need to enjoy these joyous seasons.
- **Workdays** are also an important part of our commitment. In 2017 PCBV members worked three 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. **Our Saturday schedule for 2018 is 2/17; 6/16; 9/29 in 2019 we are scheduled for 1/19. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us!**
- **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 & Paul Chitty



### UPDATE FROM LARRY & INGE STHRESHLEY, MISSIONARIES

During the past year, over 1 million people have had to flee their homes in the Kasai region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo because of militia and/or army activities. As political unrest has spilled over into ethnic violence, many villages have been burned, and health centers and schools have been destroyed in the process. Since 1892, the Kasai region has been the main area in the Congo where Presbyterian mission work has been carried out with what is now the Presbyterian Church of the Congo (CPC). It will take time to rebuild.



When I was at the USHINDI office in Goma talking with my friend, Ann Clemmer, who had just come back from the United States, I learned that she had brought back a trunk full of ziplock bags and that the IMA World Health actually brings in about 10,000 of them a year. Ziplock bags have always been a “prized commodity” for me living in the Congo. They are really handy things, and up until recent years you wouldn’t find them in the stores in Kinshasa. My kids laugh because I wash and reuse them, but after years of scarcity, it has just become a habit. As it turns out,

## LARRY & INGE STHRESHLEY (continued)

USHINDI, a program in Eastern Congo that works to address sexual and gender-based violence, uses ziplock bags to make kits for post-exposure, prophylaxis treatment that runs 30 days. All the components are secured in ziplock bags that are sealed and labeled. That way, the drugs are always available. There is no time lost looking for drugs on pharmacy shelves to treat a survivor of rape, and no discovering that a couple of the drugs needed are out of stock or have expired. See, I always knew that ziplock bags were a thing of wonder.

Larry and I are both home in Kinshasa now until after the Christmas holidays. Our son Michael is arriving on December 19th to spend Christmas with us. We will go out to the airport to meet him which is an hour trip across town.

We wish all the members of the Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

Love, Inge & Larry Sthreshley

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## PRESBYTERIAN PLAYERS — 2017

Membership is composed of, but not limited to, persons who attend the Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista. 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, direct, work with sound and lights, props, scenery, costumes, makeup/hair, and “behind the scenes” duties to join us. Contact Bruce or Dianne Allen, Jim or Maryann Sweeney, Nancy Ortman, or Burnis Leavens for more information.

Our Lenten soup supper presentations for 2017 were:

**Regrets and Redemption**  
**Monologs for the Lenten Season**  
**By Margaret Rose Fisher**  
Director: Maryann Sweeney  
State: Jim Sweeney  
Music: Stephen & Gail Knudsen

On March 8 the drama was “Tests: A Beggar Woman” with Dianne Allen as the reader and Jim Sweeney & Bruce Allen did staging and sound. Scripture was Matthew 11:15-18 and the music was *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* #196.

The drama for March 15 was “Assignments: The Centurion of Capernaum” with Robert Ritschel as the reader. Scripture was Luke 7:1-10 and the music was *Take My Life and Let It Be* #697.

On March 22 the drama was “A Foolish Woman: The Mother of James and John” with Julie Tribble as the reader and Wes Tribble, Colan Cranford, Adelyn Cranford, and Burnis Leavens as extras. Scripture was Matthew 20:20-24 and the music was *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love* #203.

The drama for March 29 was “The Hardest Words: The Wife of Pontius Pilate” with Gail Cowden as the reader and Burnis Leavens and Nancy Ortman as extras. Scripture was Matthew 27:15-27 and the music was *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* #213.



## PRESBYTERIAN PLAYERS — 2017 (continued)

Our Last drama on April 5 was “Perfect: Judas” with Darrell Maples as the reader. Scripture was John 13:21-30 and the music was *This Is the Night* #206.

Officers for 2017 were:

**Moderator:** Bruce Allen

**Vice-Moderator:** Burnis Leavens

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Nancy Ortman

**Historian:** Sharon Carpiaux

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## MISSION SEWING — 2017

This year we provided many items for the Children’s Shelter, Audrey’s House, Gravette Schools, Restoration Village, Concordia, and Highlands Rehab.

- Baby outfits — 27
- Children’s outfits — 104
- Belonging bags — 27
- Afghans — 39

Denise Eicken and Pat Keller

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## OUTREACH COMMITTEE – 2017

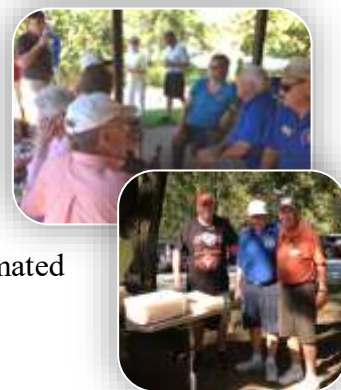
Committee Members this year: Moderator Nancy Skinner, Secretary Karen Paxton, Supplies Coordinator Carolyn Pickell, John Jaeger, Ron Burroughs, Joyce Johnson, Lela Sandfort, Kay Rhoads, Roy Paxton, Jean Nichols, and Gary Stumbo.

The responsibilities of the Outreach Committee are to welcome all visitors, assist them through the membership process and to acclimate those new members into the fellowship of the church. This includes writing notes and calling visitors, discussing membership in PCBV with them, assisting them in filling out membership forms, introducing them to members of Session, ordering badges, and introducing them to the congregation. Next, follow-up is done by contacting all committees and groups to which new members have indicated an interest. New members are assigned to a Shepherd Group and the lead of that group is also contact so that the new member(s) may be welcomed by his/her Shepherd Group.

This fall, the Outreach Committee had its annual pontoon party with 47 attending. This party was a welcome to new members and a party that included current visitors as well. Pontoon rides were given by Roy & Karen Paxton and John Jaeger served as chef cooking hamburgers and hotdogs. A good time was had by all.

The Outreach Committee will continue to focus on welcoming new members into our church and following through until they are fully acclimated into our church family.

Nancy Skinner, Moderator



## PROPERTY COMMITTEE — 2017

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

Following is a list of projects completed in 2017:

- Replaced water stained ceiling tiles in Classroom C, the Nursery, and the hallway outside of and in Steve Knudsen's office.
- Fixed heat pump #6 for the Narthex.
- Replaced all incandescent light bulbs in the Sanctuary, Library, Narthex, and the hallway outside of the Nursery with 1300 Lumens LED light bulbs.
- Replaced the batteries and light bulbs as need in the EXIT Lights and Emergency Lights.
- Harlan Freerks installed additional shelving in the cabinets in the Parlor.
- Nursery remodeling was completed and a free standing cabinet was secured to the wall.
- Replaced the electric blower motor in the furnace for Classrooms A, B, and the Administrative Assistant's Office.
- Replaced the burned out parking light bulbs with LED bulbs.
- Repainted the yellow sidewalk area outside the Church Office.
- The pine tree between the Garage and the Fellowship Hall was struck by lightning resulting in the removal of the tree and the repair of the Security System, the Sound System in the Fellowship Hall, stage lights, lights in the Memorial Garden, Internet modem, a printer, keyboard and a computer in the office area. We also had to repair one electrical panel outside and its electrical panel inside for the heat pump and had to replace one heat pump outside and its electrical panel inside.
- Repaired the drywall behind the dishwasher in the Kitchen.
- Replaced the mulch under and behind the bushes around the outside of the church.
- Replaced the thermostat in the Parlor.
- Repaired the ceiling stained from a rain leak in the Connecting Hallway.
- Repaired the door and hydraulic closer between the Narthex and the Office Vestibule.
- Replaced 12 feet of rain stained carpet in the hallway outside of Steve's Office.
- Repaired the Stucco on the outside of the front of the Church that had some holes in it.
- Trimmed tree branches that were hanging down over the parking lot and grass area that was mowed and removed a 12 foot scrub tree by the heat pumps in the back of the Sanctuary.
- Sealed and painted all of the parking area around the Church.
- Replaced the worn out couch in the Pastor's Office.
- Installed nightlights in the Fellowship restrooms in the Connecting Hallway area.
- Replaced a 9 foot Christmas tree and made a stand for it in the Fellowship Hall.
- Replaced all of the puck lights that lit up the front of the Façade at the back of the Sanctuary balcony.

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 — 2017**

The members of the Memorial Garden Committee are Bill and Pam Cagle, John Foss, Harry Reif, Nancy Ortman, and Jim Anderson. 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.

This year Liz Wagner took a call to pastor a church in Ohio. We do not have a replacement associate pastor so we have not replaced her at this time. Nancy Ortman replaced Peggy Stein. Peggy Stein relocated to AZ last year.

The Garden has run smoothly this year. We now have 16 Niches sold and 16 Spaces sold on the Memorial Wall. We have had several services for the scattering of ashes in the Scattering Garden.

A lightning strike damaged about one half of the LED Pathway lights. Those were replaced and they are working again. A secondary issue arose from the lightning strike and the irrigation did not work for about two weeks. As a result we had one tree and one bush die. Those have been replaced. We are waiting until spring of 2018 to see if 1-2 more trees will need to be replaced.

The Garden currently pays a percentage share of the water bill, maintenance items and the additional insurance for the Garden. Through the Property Committee we have scheduled our lawn contractor to blow off the Garden on a regular basis.

Bill Cagle  
Moderator of Memorial Garden Committee



## **STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE COMMITTEE — 2017**

The Stewardship and Finance Committee met monthly in 2017 to discuss and review the income and expenses of the church's financial positions. Committee members were Moderator Jim Anderson, Vice-Moderator Bill Cagle, Treasurer George Pickell, Bruce Allen Secretary, Ken Groves, Dave Warner, Dave Guarnaccia, and Karen Paxton. In January, Dave Warner replaced Jim Anderson as Moderator and late in the year, two new members were also added to the Committee; Ami Maples and Jim Prince.

The final budget approved for 2017 included income forecasted of \$451,600 and expenses budgeted at 465,658 for the combined General and Building Funds.

Monthly reports were made to the Session meetings regarding Stewardship and Financial matters. In addition, Elders were scheduled to count the Sunday contributions during the year. Planning for the annual Stewardship Campaign was begun in July. The Campaign theme was a repeat of the previous year; "All for the Love of God." A Booklet, Pledge card and return envelope was mailed to all members of the church in October encouraging them to consider their commitment to God through the Church. An individual Expense Goal, prepared by each Committee of the Session was presented on November 7<sup>th</sup> at the Stewardship Dinner. Expenses by each Committee totaling \$417,000 were discussed, however, it was too early to project the Pledge income at that time

## **STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE COMMITTEE — 2017 (continued)**

A financial audit of the previous year-end books and records was completed by Mr. Jim Kennedy, CPA with the firm of Fuller CPA, Rogers, AR.

Finally, we all appreciate the work of Maureen Arigi, our new Church Accountant and George Pickell, our Church Treasurer.

Dave Warner, Moderator

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## **ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE — 2017**

The members of the Endowment Committee are: Bill Cagle, George Pickell, Bruce Allen, David Warner, and Jim Anderson. This committee operates as a subcommittee to the Stewardship and Finance Committee.

Five new TPF (Texas Presbyterian Foundation) funds were opened in 2017. The balances in each account are listed below as of November 22, 2017. The monies were moved from the church accounts to TPF. The monies moved into TPF were not earning any interest so the new accounts were opened so that the money in these funds could grow and provide more opportunities to increase their ministry. They are:

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| 1. Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista — Worship           | (Balance ... \$ 4,140.33) |
| 2. Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista — Missions Children | (Balance ... \$ 5,175.40) |
| 3. Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista — Missions          | (Balance ... \$ 3,105.24) |
| 4. Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista — Memorial Garden   | (Balance ... \$25,873.76) |
| 5. Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista — Reserve           | (Balance ... \$20,699.01) |

The Endowment Fund as of November 22, 2017 has a balance of \$310,297.84.

These items for the church have been funded from the Endowment Fund during the year:

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| 1. Parking lot resurfacing ... | \$11,776.20 |
| 2. A/C HVAC unit ...           | \$ 7,143.64 |

Bill Cagle, Moderator of Endowment Committee

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## **MEMORIAL COMMITTEE — 2017**

The members of the Memorial Committee are Bill Cagle, George Pickell, David Warner and Barry Owen. The committee operates as a subcommittee to the Stewardship and Finance.

This committee has met only twice during the year. Most of us did not know the committee existed but in November and December the committee met twice to resolve several items that primarily surfaced from the new church accountant, Maureen Arigi. In both of our meetings, Maureen Arigi and Jim Anderson have joined us.

## **MEMORIAL COMMITTEE — 2017 (continued)**

The key items discussed and the recommendations that were made are as follows.

- ⇒ The Memorial checking account will be combined into the General checking account. This will increase transparency and will make the accounting easier to reconcile. This motion was approved by Session on 12-9-17.
- ⇒ Checks requested from the Memorial account that are \$500 or less will not be presented to the Session for approval. Prior to the requestor receiving the money, the Memorial Committee and the Stewardship and Finance Committee will have to approve the request. This motion was approved by Session on 12-9-17
- ⇒ The Memorial Committee will try to increase awareness of the funds available for use among the Session members and committee moderators.
- ⇒ When a Memorial Service is held (by a member or members family) and money is paid by check into the church, to cover recommended payments to people like the pastor, organist, soloist, pianist etc., then when the committee meets quarterly, then they will decide how the money needs to be proportioned out.

Bill Cagle, Moderator of Memorial Committee

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## **WORSHIP COMMITTEE — 2017**

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 assist the pastor with memorial services as well as occasional services for Concordia and Village House in cooperation with other Bella Vista churches.

The 2018 communion schedule was approved by the Session, with eighteen communion services and twelve home services. The 2017 schedule provided for seventeen communion services and ten home services. Ronnie Prevost assumed the roll of scheduling the Elders for serving, after the passing of Pete Hieronimus our long time communion guru, as well as providing volunteers to prepare the sacraments with assistance from Darrell Maples.

The Ash Wednesday service was at noon, and the Maundy Thursday, Good Friday services were 7:00 pm services in an effort to make the services more available to our working members.

Our Worship services have been enhanced by our projector system by providing hymns, responsive readings, occasional videos, and art work, as well as providing thumb drives to be used for memorial services. Ruth Larson provides each week, slides of church activities projected prior to each service. Our projection and sound leaders are Steve Little and Bruce Allen with assistance from Jim Prince and Darrell Maples. Systems are in need of up grades for future usage.

Other Items of note:

- The entire church gets appropriately decorated for the Lent/Easter and Advent periods. Vera Martin and members of the Art Committee head this effort. There were many new faces who assisted in the Advent decorating, but many more are needed and welcomed. We thank Kathy Fidler and here family for each year decorating for Thanksgiving and Advent.

## **WORSHIP COMMITTEE — 2017 (continued)**

- Darrell Maples and Ronnie Prevost organized CPR/AED training in March by the local Fire Department of Bella Vista. Two classes were given and currently we have seventeen certified lifesavers in our congregation.
- Communion preparation and service instructions were reviewed and rewritten By Darrell Maples and Ronnie Prevost. Many Thanks to Becky Morgan our church secretary.
- Serving as greeter/usher co-heads are Nancy Bumgardner and Karen Schneider. Nancy will retire in December of 2017 and Ami Maples will assume the role, and Karen, (thank you), will stay on. This task continues to be very challenging due to the limited number of members who are willing to sign-up. We are having a few successes with initiatives for sign-ups.
- Dinner Church has been a success, but has been put on hold as of September 2017 due to the departure of our Associate Pastor Liz Wagner for her new Pastorate. Plans for 2018 is for Dinner Church to return first quarter 2018.

Members of Worship Committee: Marinell Anderson; Nancy Bumgardner; Duane Johnson; Steve Knudsen; Ruth Lawson; Burnis Leavens; Steve Little; Karen Schneider; Mickie Victor; Darrell Maples (Co-Moderator); Ronnie Prevost (Co-Moderator); Pastor Dennis Ritchie.

For 2018, Ronnie Prevost and Jerry August will serve as co-moderators.

Darrell Maples, Co-Moderator



## **MUSIC MINISTRY — 2017**

Despite losing a number of choir members this past year, the choir has maintained its ability to sing at a high level, of which, I'm very proud. Both the Chancel Choir and Chancel Bells continue to get compliments on their musicality and contributions each Sunday.

After our choir accompanist Sandy Andrews' retirement after 7 years of faithful service, we welcomed Sharon Golaway as our new accompanist for the coming year. We are very fortunate to have someone with her keyboard skills and musicality play with us and hope she will be with us for a long time.

The major events this year for the choirs featured the Easter Cantata, "Behold the Lamb" by Lloyd Larson, and the Christmas Cantata, "Sweet Little Jesus Boy". A number of choir members also participated in an exciting special 500th anniversary of the Reformation concert at the First Presbyterian Church in Bentonville on October 31st.

Our annual Christmas "banquet" was held at the Knudsen residence following our Christmas Cantata.

I want to give a very special THANKS TO ALL of our Chancel Choir members and Chancel Bell players and organist, Gail Knudsen, for the giving of your talents and time to make the music in our congregation an integral part of the life of our church.

Stephen Knudsen, Music Director

## BOARD OF DEACONS — 2017

Deacons serving for 2017 — Class of 2017: Leon Wehmeyer, Roy Paxton, Kay Burroughs, Nancy Ortman. Class of 2018: Joann Chitty, Carol Durbin, Konny Rishel, Peggy McMenus. Class of 2019: Jerry Cozad, Gary Stumbo, Vicki Erickson, and Peggy Prevost. Nancy Ortman 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. Each Deacon is assigned 3-4 people whom they call on or visit. Reports are emailed to the church for the pastors information. 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 members of the church who would like a visit from a deacon can call the church and request that they be assigned a deacon.

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 are 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.

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 — 2017

Following the death of a church member, a member of the Bereavement Committee is contacted by the pastor and, if requested, is 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, choir and/or deacons 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.

Sadly, this congregation lost the following twelve members to death in 2017:



Tom Foster



Dennis Lepp



Ed Grosshuesch



Darlene Wales



Virginia Andrew



Ann Baxter



## BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE — 2017 (continued)



Pete Hieronimus



Dale Cutsforth



Donna Farmer



Ross Hildreth



Loren Novak



Roy Johnson

The Bereavement Committee reports to the Deacons. Current members are: Vicki Erickson, Karen Paxton, Dotty Lewis, Linda Ervin, Nancy Ortman, and Lynn Zemlicka. However, several of our church members have been of tremendous service repeatedly during the course of this year. We extend a very special thank you to each of them and to everyone who assisted in any way with the family meals and memorial service receptions. We could not provide the service we do without your help! Truly, many hands make less work for all involved, and the service we offer is really appreciated by some very special grieving families at a difficult time in their lives.

Respectfully submitted,  
Vicki Erickson

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## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP — 2017

The Men's Fellowship met two times for breakfast, devotions, and to hear interesting guest speakers. At our January 21 meeting local accountant and tax preparer Mike Moles enlightened us with information regarding taxes and IRA distributions and entertained us with trivia and amusing stories. Bella Vista POA CEO Tom Judson spoke at our May 20 meeting regarding current issues and developments and future projects. He gave detailed answers to the members questions which made the meeting very informative.

Our group organized (coordinator Bill Wellner) three blood drives.

We completed four roadside litter pickups (organizer Bruce Allen). Each meeting we bring cans of food along with our cash donations.

We also donated \$250.00 each to Courtesy Van and to Village House in Bella Vista this year. The checks were delivered on February 9 by Vice President Jim Wagner, Secretary-Treasurer Bruce Allen, and former two term President Ross Hildreth. Pictures were taken and published in the Weekly Vista.

We began the year without a president, but then David Rew volunteered to accept the position. In September our vice president position became open when Jim Wagner and Rev. Liz Wagner moved following her acceptance of a call to a church in Ohio.

A meeting will be scheduled in the early part of 2018 to plan our path forward.

Bruce Allen, Secretary / Treasurer





## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN — 2017

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.

Three women's circles meet monthly for Bible Study. Each supports at least one mission project. In 2017, Lydia Circle supported Head Start and made children's fleece blankets for various organizations; Martha Garvin Circle supported the Shoebox Ministry and annual Sweater Collection; and Rebecca Circle supported Village House and Oasis of NWA. The circles met from September through June. The Bible study for 2017-2018 is "*Cloud of Witnesses*" by Melissa Bane Sevier.

In addition to the Circle meetings, four luncheons are held each year. The Spring Luncheon, hosted by Martha Garvin Circle, was held on March 10, 2017. The Birthday Luncheon, hosted by Rebecca Circle, was held on May 12, 2017. The Fall Luncheon, held on October 6, 2017, was hosted by the PW Coordinating Team. The annual Christmas Tea was held on December 9, 2017 and was hosted by Lydia Circle. PW invites the men of the church to the luncheons when possible. These luncheons always provide an informative program and a time for fellowship.

The 2017 Presbyterian Women Retreat, sponsored by the Arkansas Presbytery, was held August 11-12 at Ferncliff. Thirteen women from PCBV traveled to Ferncliff for this inspiring retreat, where they participated in workshops led by women of Muslim, Jewish, and Christian faiths. They returned refreshed and committed to build bridges with our neighbors.

Missions are an important part of Presbyterian Women of BV. 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. The knit/crochet group continues to meet weekly at the church to knit or crochet items for charity. They completed comfort shawls for church needs, mats for the homeless, baby items, hats and scarves for the Salvation Army, and Peace Pals for Knitting4Peace.

PW also supports two mission offerings annually. The Birthday Offering is collected in May and dedicated at the Birthday Luncheon held in May. The Thank Offering is collected in November and dedicated at the Christmas Tea. In 2017, PWBV collected \$753 for the Birthday Offering and \$781 for the Thank Offering. 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" are sent to Church Women United to be combined to become grants for special projects of evangelism, service, and relief throughout the world.

Every two years, an Honorary Life Membership is presented by our local Presbyterian Women to a church member for faithful service and leadership in PW and the Church. Written nominations are submitted to the Honorary Life Committee, which tallies the nominations. In 2017, the Honorary Life Membership was presented to Ruth Cozad.

Sharyl Ritschel, Moderator

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN’S YEAR END TREASURER’S REPORT — 2017**

**Pledge Monies Received** \$6,000.00

**Actual Mission Giving** \$4,247.00

**Actual Operating Expenses** \$2,225.00

**Special Offerings:**

**May Birthday Offering** \$ 753.00

**Least Coin Collection** \$ 201.05

**CentsAbility (2-cents-a-meal)** \$ 407.00

**Thank Offering** \$ 781.00

**TOTAL:** \$ 2,142.05

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

**Savings Account Balance @ Year End** **\$4,235.00**

Dianne Allen, PW Treasurer

## CHURCH OFFICERS — 2018

### Session

Rev. Dennis Ritchie, Moderator

Burnis Leavens, Clerk of Session

George Pickell, Church Treasurer

Class of 2018 Patsy Cloyd, Moderator of Christian Education Committee  
Burnis Leavens, Vice-Moderator of Christian Education Committee  
Darrell Maples, Vice-Moderator of Property Committee  
Harry Reif, Moderator of Property Committee  
Nancy Skinner, Moderator of Outreach Committee

Class of 2019 Barry Owen, Moderator of Communications Committee  
Jim Prince, Vice-Moderator of Stewardship and Finance Committee  
Cathy Rew, Moderator of Administrative Committee  
Janel Stryker, Vice-Moderator of Administrative Committee  
David Warner, Moderator of Stewardship and Finance Committee

Class of 2020 Marinell Anderson, Moderator of Missions Committee  
Jerry August, Moderator of Worship Committee  
Bev MacDonald, Moderator of Fellowship Committee  
Carolyn Pickell, Vice-Moderator of Fellowship Committee  
Ronnie Prevost, Vice-Moderator of Worship Committee

### Diaconate

#### Class of 2018

Joanne Chitty

Carol Durbin

Peggy McMenus

Konny Rishel

#### Class of 2019

Jerry Cozad

Vicki Erickson

Peggy Prevost

Gary Stumbo

#### Class of 2020

Mack Bean

Dick Francis

Jan Halgrim

Nancy Ortman

## 2018 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP LISTS

### Administrative Committee

Cathy Rew, *Moderator*

Janel Stryker, *Vice-Moderator*

Dennis Ritchie, *Pastor*

Greg Grim

Dave Guarnaccia

Jean Nichols

Nancy Ortman

Don Rhoads

### Fellowship Committee

Bev MacDonald, *Moderator*

Carolyn Pickell, *Vice-Moderator*

Dianne Allen

LeRae Bean

Ruth Cozad

Bev Eagan

Paula Hertzog

John Jaeger

Ami Maples

Jennette Martin

Terry Woods

### Presby Singles

Sandy Andrews

Vera Martin

Peggy McMenus

### Bereavement Committee

Bernie Benson

Vicki Erickson

Linda Ervin

Dotty Lewis

Nancy Ortman

Karen Paxton

Lynn Zemlicka

### Christian Education Committee

Patsy Cloyd, *Moderator*

Burnis Leavens, *Vice-Moderator*

Dennis Ritchie, *Pastor*

Lois Ault

Elaine Hietbrink

Peggy McMenus

Ronnie Prevost

Maryann Sweeney

Terry Woods

### Communications Committee

Barry Owen, *Moderator*

Dianne Allen

Kathy Fidler

Lee Hehl

Ruth Lawson

Jean Nichols

## 2018 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP LISTS (continued)

### **Missions Committee**

Marinell Anderson, *Moderator*  
Burnis Leavens, *Secretary*  
Dianne Allen                      Joanne Chitty  
Jo Dodd                              Joan Groves  
Duane Johnson                  Konny Rishel  
Sharyl Ritschel                  Gary Stumbo  
Barb Tropansky

### **Property Committee**

Harry Reif, *Moderator*  
Darrell Maples, *Vice-Moderator*  
Jim Anderson                      Bill Cagle  
Marvin Dodd                      Harlan Freerks  
Jerold MacDonald              Gene Pohl  
Roger Zemlicka

### **Worship Committee**

Jerry August, *Moderator*  
Ronnie Prevost, *Vice-Moderator*  
Dennis Ritchie, *Pastor*  
Marinell Anderson              Duane Johnson  
Steve Knudsen                      Ruth Lawson  
Burnis Leavens                      Steve Little  
Ami Maples                          Karen Schneider  
Mickie Victor

### **Long Range Planning Committee**

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

### **Outreach Committee**

Nancy Skinner, *Moderator*  
Karen Paxton, *Secretary*  
Dennis Ritchie, *Pastor*  
Ron Burroughs                      Jim Gutowski  
John Jaeger                              Joyce Johnson  
Jean Nichols                          Shirley Olson  
Roy Paxton                              Kay Rhoads  
Lela Sandfort

### **Presbyterian Players Committee**

Nancy Ortman, *Moderator*  
Gail Knudsen, *Vice-Moderator*  
Burnis Leavens, *Secretary/Treasurer*  
Dianne Allen, *Historian*  
Bruce Allen                          Nancy Ortman  
Jim Sweeney                          Maryann Sweeney

### **Nominating Committee**

Janel Stryker, *Moderator*  
Cathy Rew, *Vice-Moderator*  
Ron Burroughs (*Bible Study Group*)  
Barb Francis (*Presbyterian Women*)  
Cora Hawkins (*At-Large*)  
Duane Johnson (*Choir*)  
Nancy Ortman (*Deacons*)  
Carolyn Pickell (*At-Large*)  
Bob Rishel (*Men's Fellowship*)  
Gary Stumbo (*Adult Christian Education*)  
Linda Westphal (*At-Large*)

### **Endowment Fund**

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

### **Memorial Committee**

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

### **Memorial Garden Committee**

Jim Anderson                          Bill Cagle  
Pam Cagle                              John Foss  
Nancy Ortman                          Harry Reif

### **Stewardship & Finance Committee**

David Warner, *Moderator*  
Jim Prince, *Vice-Moderator*  
George Pickell, *Church Treasurer*  
Bruce Allen, *Secretary*  
Dennis Ritchie, *Pastor*  
Jim Anderson                          Ken Groves  
Dave Guarnaccia                      Ami Maples  
Karen Paxton

### **Arts & Hobby Committee**

Deloris Jennings                      Jennette Martin  
Vera Martin                              David Rew  
Konny Rishel

### **Audio/Visual Team**

Bruce Allen                              Jim Gutowski  
Ruth Lawson                              Steve Little  
Darrell Maples                          Jim Prince



