



**First Presbyterian Church of Fort Lauderdale**

# 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

*Where Faith Is Alive*



# A Message From The Associate Pastor



## **Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,**

It is amazing to observe how, in all things, God continues to bless the people of First Presbyterian Church of Ft. Lauderdale. While 2016 presented many challenges; it also began a season of refinement, self-reflection and peace for the church.

As part of our refinement the congregation sought to become a more effective institution. To do so we passed new by-laws that restructured the Session to a lean 18-24 ruling Elders that oversee seven session committees. The Board of Deacons was also restructured to create five specific care-giving committees. In concert with these actions, the Policies and Procedures Manual of the church was completely revamped with a focused emphasis on developing functional job descriptions for our elected Elders and Deacons.

As a portion of our self-reflection, our Mission Study Team engaged our congregation in an Appreciative Inquiry process that led to a wonderful Mission Study Report that celebrates the joys of Christ's church here in Ft Lauderdale.

Additionally, our Pastor Nominating and Discernment Committees were formed and have begun the important work of preparing their hearts to help guide and lead the church into a new season of self-discovery and flourishing ministry.

But maybe most importantly, over the last few months, I have been privileged to observe the people of this church growing together in discipleship, fellowship, service and love in new and dynamic ways. This spiritual growth has resulted in a unifying peace that offers a promising future for our formation in

Christ. Everyday I visibly witness how lives are being transformed at First Presbyterian in innovative and life-giving ways.

As such, this is an exciting season of ministry to be part of with you. Thank you for your continued dedication to Christ's Kingdom purposes through First Presbyterian Church. I am eager to see what God has in store for us in 2017!

**Faithfully yours in Christ,**

Rev. Dr. Christopher Benek

**Associate Pastor  
First Presbyterian Church  
of Ft. Lauderdale**

## Adult Christian Education (ACE)

### Major Accomplishments in 2016

- Increased the number of Small Group Bible Studies (SGBS) from four (4) to nine (9).
- Began a SGBS at John Knox Village
- 80% of new members participated in SGBS/ACE
- Opportunities for Service projects
  - Clothing Drive (June)
  - Love Bags (July)
  - Operation Back Pack (August)
  - Advent Church Wide Bible Study and Christmas Challenge/Bless Someone on Christmas Day gift card initiative
- Opportunities for Fellowship projects
  - Annual Fish Fry at the Family Village Center (June)
  - Church Wide Scavenger Hunt (July)
  - FPC group participated in the Annual Heart Run (American Heart Association 5K)
  - ACE/Small Groups Family Beach Night host (July)
  - Family Movie Nights (six were offered Summer 2016)
- WNL attendance numbers up 60% from 2015
- Hosted only venue in Broward County the Beth Moore Living Proof Live Rally (January)
- Hosted county-wide trip to Beth Moore Living Proof Live event in Miami (April)

### Goals for 2017

- Increase number of SGBS to twelve (12)
- Continue with Service and Fellowship opportunities
- Recruit for, establish and maintain a Small Group Bible Study on Wednesday evenings for parents with children participating in choir, Mission Possible Kids and Glow Kids
- Recruit for, establish and maintain a Small Group Bible Study on Wednesday evenings specifically for men
- Recruit and mentor new facilitators
- Support growth programs of Men's Ministry
- Recruit volunteers and create a sub-committee for WNL! including but not limited to food servers, money collectors, table setters and clean up
- Create and utilize an electronic method of attendance tracking for all ACE programs Small Group Bible Studies

# Christian Education



## Children

### Special thanks to our committee members!

**Chair:** (Elder) Kay Lani Atkinson

**Staff:** Cindy Vason, Chris Benek

**Committee:** Pam Alexander, Dan Arnold, Amanda Benson, Sarah DelNegri, Nikki Diefenbach, Gretchen Fasulo, Ron Green, Wanda Irwin, Gina Reynen, Heather VanWorkum.

### 2016 Accomplishments

Children's Ministry continued to provide many opportunities for young children at First Presbyterian Church to grow in their faith, experience Christian fellowship, and receive loving care through Church School, Children's Chapel, Vacation Bible School and other special church events with the following specific goals accomplished this year:

- Provided a safe and loving environment in our nursery for infants- age 4.
- Provided Sunday School Christian education during the 9:30am Contemporary worship service.
- Provided Children's Chapel Christian education during the 11:00 traditional worship service.
- Provided Wednesday night CHILDREN'S MISSION program: Mission Possible Kids for children 1st -5th grade with (26) registered agents, Director and 2 volunteers. The program gives children the opportunity to actively participate in monthly mission projects. The children provided: heart pillows for homebound members, valentine cards for FPC college students, thank you cards for FTL First Responders, Red Nose Day to help fight hungry children, smile bags for Chris Evert children's hospital, thank you cards for troops, welcome bags for visitors with children, pastor appreciation thumbprint canvas painting, cards and visit to Maxine Adams at Manor Pines, Reverse Trick-or-Treat' at Williamsburg Landing, Blessing Mix bags for Thanksgiving baskets and filled Christmas stockings and caroling at Williamsburg Landing.
- Created a NEW Children's Wednesday night Mission program: Glow Kids for kids PreK4 & Kindergarten with (13) registered agents and 5 volunteers. The program gives younger siblings an opportunity to actively participate in monthly mission projects while parents attend a WNL group.
- Supported the Family Parenting Group called Sacred Parenting led by Kathy Mayers and Karen Owen.
- Supported the All Church Workday by providing volunteers to clean toys used by children.
- Supported Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox drive and donated 75 boxes to the program.
- Supported Summer Family Beach Nights with the committee hosting one of the church-wide beach nights.
- Provided time and financial support for the 'Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)' FPC outreach program.
- Provided a week-long Vacation Bible School (VBS) to children in our community with (130) attendees and 45 volunteers. This year a full-day option was available with after-care with (15) participants and 3 supervisors.
- Completed a VBS mission project, which included collection and distribution of (200) children's backpacks and supplies to those in need in our community.
- Held family/children monthly outreach events: Father/Daughter dance, Easter Egg Hunt, Trunk or Treat, Family Christmas Night, Parent's Night Out, Rally Day, MOPS Marriage Retreat and Cheerleading Camp.
- Established two new church-wide events: Mother/Son dance that was held in May in honor of Mother's Day with (68) attendees and a CHURCH-WIDE Sock Hop that was held in Sept to help kick-off fall events with (36) attendees).
- Hosted a Family Retreat to Lake Placid with 9 families (37 people) joining together for the weekend.
- Celebrated First Informed Communicant Class of 13 children and held a brunch for their families (40 attendees).
- Celebrated Fifth Grade graduation recognition in worship for (13) students.
- Celebrated BLESSING OF THE BABIES with families recognized at the Hanging of the Greens service.
- Updated Children's Protection Policy that was approved by Session.

# Christian Education

## Children



- Created a new Children's Program Security Policy Flyer that will be distributed to volunteers to understand the policy and procedures for events at the church in regards to children.
- Supported the renovation of the all-purpose room to provide Nursery with cribs for families with young children.
- Purchased new equipment for Sunday School room (Room #218/ Flat Screen TV).
- Purchase new equipment for Adult/MOPS room (Room #219/Flat Screen TV).

### Looking Ahead - 2017 Goals

Grow children's (entire families) faith at FPC:

- Obtain approval for new children's Sunday school curriculum.
- Work with CE committee to encourage their involvement in our programs/activities.
- Develop programs/classes/events that incorporate an integrated schedule for both children and parents.
- Increase FPC member participation in teaching CE classes (Sunday School/MP/Glow Kids).

Increase the attendance/participation in Children's programs:

- Increase our presence/traffic on social media.
- Invite new committee members to diversify the committee and bring new ideas to the group.
- Support the MOPS program (outreach program for this church).
- Nurture relationships with Happyland families.
- Contact Non-attending FPC Families and encourage their participation.
- Increase 'dads' support/participation of CM program.
- Train volunteers/staff on Security Policies for a safe campus.

Upgrade the technology/equipment for the CM program:

- CPR training for all CM employees and volunteers.
- Work with Finance/Buildings and Grounds to provide the safest environment possible for our campus.
- Update Classroom Environments with new floorings, window treatments, ceiling tiles, etc.

### 2017 Wish List

Finances to provide updated technology to the program/classrooms.  
Finances to provide safe and secure programs/classrooms.  
Church-wide support for members to participate and serve as volunteers for our program/events.



# Christian Education



## Women

**Phyllis Thomas - Moderator**

**Gail Auguston-Koppen; Dee Gallo; Lorie Moran; Mona Petersen; Georgiana Schuldt; Laura Ziegler**

- The ministry continues with effective Bible studies with growing attendance [church members and community]
- Expansion of Team teaching facilitators
- Monthly electronic newsletter and weekly emails to communicate the ministry's news, agenda and events
- Successful fellowship and social events throughout the year, continue to grow and develop this aspect of the ministry
- Ongoing missional partnership with Women in Distress of Broward County

## Youth



**Special Thanks to Our Committee Members: Jim Lowry (Chair), Jennifer Dudas, Gabrielle Fickinger, Lisa Gonzalez, Linda Greenman, Stephen Greep, Pamela Hickson, Maris Irwin, Betsy Jacaty, Karen Malin, Suzanne McCawley, Michael Sayers, Chandler Gelb, Simeon Rodgers and Chris Benek**

### 2016 Accomplishments

- Continued to expand transportation for Lauderhill Point Ministries and now including more LHP students in all phases of youth ministry programming than ever before
- Completed a mission trip to an impoverished area near Brunswick, Georgia and participated in the rebuilding of a house and facilitated a Vacation Bible School
- Expanded social media presence to include Snapchat and implemented OneCallNow in order to broaden the reach of our communication with parents and students
- Our high school students participated in a Back to School Retreat hosted at the church emphasizing the importance of healthy relationships and Christian Community
- Twelve 8th grade students enrolled and passed our spring confirmation class and became church members.



- Launched an initiative within the middle school youth program to encourage students to bring friends to youth group last spring
- We took more than 45 students and leaders on our middle school retreat, the Great Escape this summer
- Assembled a team of volunteers that is committed to communicating regularly with our college students
- Embarked on the most expansive college road trip in recent history, which included 8 schools and visits to more than 30 college students
- The college ministry sent care packages to students at more than 25 colleges and established connection with over 80 students.
- 40 students and leaders attended BreakThru, a faith development retreat for our middle and high school students
- Launched a new high school small group on Wednesday nights that focuses on faith development in the greater Fort Lauderdale community
- Hired two part-time youth ministry interns in order to increase the reach and relational capabilities of the youth ministry with an emphasis on cultivating a healthy Christian community
- Began participation in community beach cleanups

### Looking Ahead – 2017 Goals

- Increase student ministry involvement in the community
- Streamline data collection for students and families in order to better capture new student contact information.
- Increase the involvement of families by offering fellowship events
- Increase the contact and relationships between our college students and high school seniors preparing to go away to school.
- Continue emphasis on growing a healthy Christian community of students “where the less than perfect are more than welcome.”

### Wish List for 2017

- A full-time staff member that is gifted in doing relational ministry, in order to effectively disciple the number of students that are participating. This person should additionally possess gifts in marketing and communications.

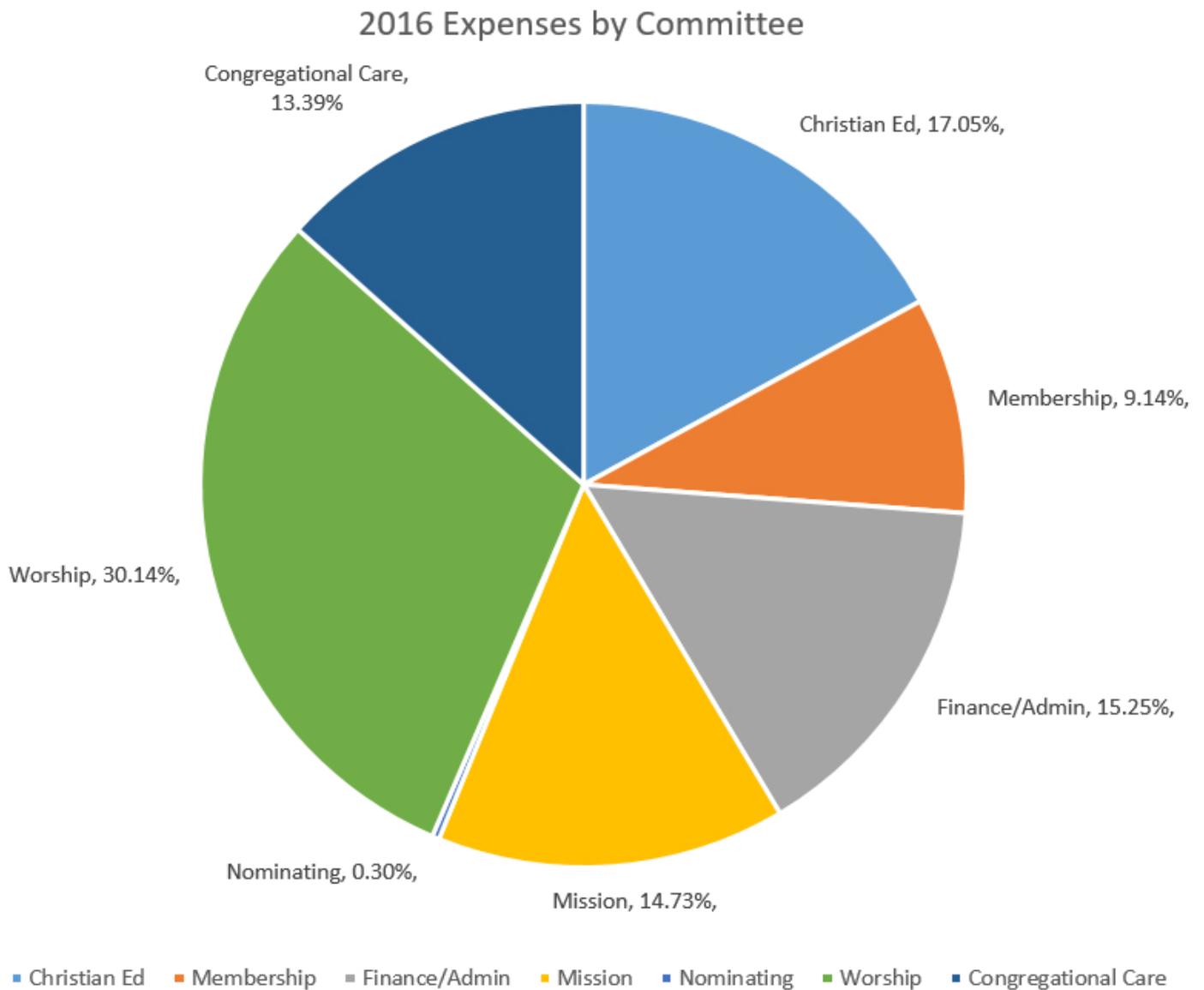
## 2016 Financial Reports

Total giving for the 2016 calendar year was 14.3% less than the amount budgeted. The 2017 giving budget was lowered to reflect the reduced level of public support the church has experienced in recent years. In an effort to reduce dependence on church reserves, 2017 budgeted expense was lowered from 2016 actual expense by \$ 375,330 (16.9%). The Budget Committee and your Session continue to explore the many ways we can more efficiently enhance and continue the important ministries and programs of our beloved Church. Please pray for guidance concerning how our Lord would have you support the continuing of our ministries.

### 2016 Annual Report to Congregation

|                         | <b>2016<br/>Budget</b> | <b>2016<br/>Actual</b> | <b>2017<br/>Budget</b> |
|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Giving to budget        | \$ 1,534,000           | \$ 1,313,252           | \$ 1,186,843           |
| Investments, securities | 120,800                | 135,541                | 113,800                |
| Investments - property  | 155,965                | 172,839                | 174,965                |
| Happyland               | 20,172                 | 10,213                 | 62,740                 |
| Food Service            | -                      | 3,962                  | 5,973                  |
| Designated funds        | 146,000                | 105,965                | 100,600                |
| Other Income            | 275,000                | 123,890                | 116,000                |
| Reserves                | 95,000                 | 353,389                | 82,800                 |
|                         | <u>\$ 2,346,937</u>    | <u>\$ 2,219,051</u>    | <u>\$ 1,843,721</u>    |
| Missions                | \$ 165,150             | \$ 74,066              | \$ 86,000              |
| Missions - Per Capita   | 42,000                 | 2,930                  | 35,000                 |
| Ministry                | 54,650                 | 48,686                 | 37,500                 |
| Music                   | 30,050                 | 29,503                 | 23,100                 |
| Communications          | 94,420                 | 79,531                 | 58,800                 |
| Hospitality             | 13,550                 | 7,178                  | 6,750                  |
| Personnel               | 1,604,117              | 1,607,643              | 1,288,121              |
| Admin/Stewardship       | 55,750                 | 61,447                 | 40,900                 |
| Building and Grounds    | 287,250                | 308,067                | 267,550                |
|                         | <u>\$ 2,346,937</u>    | <u>\$ 2,219,051</u>    | <u>\$ 1,843,721</u>    |

**The chart depicts the percentages of 2016 church budget expenditures devoted to the respective Committees of Session:**



# Membership

## Major accomplishments of the Membership Committee in 2016

- The Membership Committee was reorganized as a Standing Session Committee from a sub-committee of the Christian Education Committee. This change was recommended by the Right Sizing task force and approved by Session.
- Assumed responsibility for First Step which is a monthly opportunity to learn more about membership at First Presbyterian.
- Developed a comprehensive 2016-17 calendar for distribution on Rally Day. Calendar included all 2016-17 church dates as well as staff contact information and a Program Guide to all church sponsored events and activities.
- Created a comprehensive campus map in conjunction with the Buildings and Grounds Committee.
- Revised Membership Policies to comply with the current Book of Order as well as FPC revised By Laws and Procedures.

## Goals for 2017

- Reach out to current members who have not been active in membership. Encourage them to return to active participation or determine why they are not participating and what we might do to better serve their needs.
- Inventory current fellowship opportunities/events and the groups they serve. Research and identify new fellowship opportunities/events; sponsor at least 2 new church wide opportunities in 2017.
- Improve communications. Information on website as well as written materials distributed needs to be current and relevant.
- Develop and coordinate ministry teams in the following areas: evangelism, shepherding, fellowship, and calendar.
- Research possibility of creating in 2017 a Church Pictorial Directory, which could be created online or as a "hard copy."

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|---|-------------|
| <b>Membership as of 12/31/2015</b> .....                    | <b>1359</b> |
| <b>New members received by transfer of membership</b> ..... | <b>6</b>    |
| <b>New members received by reaffirmation of faith</b> ..... | <b>19</b>   |
| <b>New members received by profession of faith</b> .....    | <b>6</b>    |
| <b>Restored to active membership</b> .....                  | <b>9</b>    |
| <b>Communicants received as members</b> .....               | <b>12</b>   |
| <b>Deaths of members</b> .....                              | <b>24</b>   |
| <b>Transferred to other churches</b> .....                  | <b>16</b>   |
| <b>Removed from active roll</b> .....                       | <b>16</b>   |
| <b>Membership as of 12/31/2016</b> .....                    | <b>1355</b> |
| <b>Affiliate Membership as of 12/31/2015</b> .....          | <b>31</b>   |
| <b>New affiliates</b> .....                                 | <b>3</b>    |
| <b>Deaths of affiliates</b> .....                           | <b>2</b>    |
| <b>Affiliate Membership as of 12/31/2016</b> .....          | <b>32</b>   |
| <b>Adult baptisms</b> .....                                 | <b>3</b>    |
| <b>Infant baptisms</b> .....                                | <b>9</b>    |
| <b>Marriages</b> .....                                      | <b>3</b>    |

*Chris Benek, Ross Bridger, Kathy Craven, Daniel Ehmke, Mary Ellen Mitchell-Rosen*

## **Looking Back - 2016 Accomplishments**

- Committed \$80,000 to fund our 19th home for Habitat for Humanity
- Sponsored Bike to Build event for Habitat for Humanity and raised some of the funds for our 19th house.
- Created our second Mission Directory for our congregation and guests that highlights our ongoing local and global missions.
- Responsibly administered the final-year distribution of funds to select missions in accordance with the criteria established by a major donor to the church.
- Cooking in the Kitchen made Chili every Monday to deliver to the homeless at LifeNet4Families.
- The Craft Ministry made pillows that were distributed to local hospitals, including Joe DiMaggio Children's hospital and cancer centers.
- Prayer shawl Ministry knit and crochet prayer shawl for the sick and those in need of prayer.
- Continued to support the SERRV ministry which holds sales at least once a month throughout the year. Monies raised go to support artisans and their families in third world countries.
- Supported the Jail and Prison ministry programs, including family embrace and Angel Tree.
- Supported youth and families from Lauderhill Point by developing relations and transportation to attend our worship services and church programs.
- Assisted with initiation of a Lenten project. Donations received to supply work boots for the homeless. Over five thousand dollars received. Work boots are distributed on Sunday evening at the 5th Ave Church in cooperation with HOPE South Florida feeding program.
- Sustained the annual Thanksgiving Basket Drive which provided approximately 750 turkey dinners to members of our community.
- Endorsed an Advent project, "Christmas is not Your Birthday". A project that provided gift cards to persons in need or working on Christmas Day, Distributed after the Christmas Day Service.

## **Looking Ahead – Goals for 2017**

- Provide opportunities and direction for those who wish to serve in the call of Jesus Christ.
- Encourage and recruit members to participate in the Habitat for Humanity build of a house sponsored and financially supported by First Presbyterian Church.
- Increase participation in Habitat for Humanity event-Bike to Build.
- Continue to be creative and innovative in ways to fund our Missions.
- Increase involvement in local and global missions.
- Expand and strengthen our relational ministries with HOPE South Florida, Rebuilding Broward Together, Jail and Prison Ministries and Lauderhill Point.
- Explore opportunities for new mission projects.
- Enhance communication and support of the Mission Committee to our Mission Teams.

## **2017 Wish List**

- Assist Mission teams with opportunity to grow and share their mission projects.
- Develop and enrich the relational aspects of our mission projects.

# Mission

## Adult Activity Center (AAC)

The year of 2016 has been one of continued growth in our mission to reach out to the many "Seniors" in our church and community. The Adult Activity Center's mission is to provide activities and opportunities for seniors and we have been successful at this mission. We are here to nurture Senior Adults spiritually, socially, emotionally and physically, helping to keep everyone active and involved in life.

The Good News Magazine recently wrote an article titled "Adult Activity Center Combats Loneliness." As one member said, "AAC saved my life with the companionship it offered me after my husband passed away" another said "It's a peaceful way to enjoy fellowship, and you leave 'feeling great that you've met people'". We will continue to make sure that everyone in Broward County who could benefit from this Center not only knows about it, but also comes out to seek its benefits.

The Adult Activity Center meets every Thursday from September through May with programs and activities from 9am to 3pm. Each week, more and more people are experiencing the fun we have. Our board and volunteers are a key component to the success of AAC. The day starts out with volunteers in Fellowship Hall hustling and bustling to set the many tables for all the members who start arriving by 10am. The volunteers make up the lovely centerpieces and place on the tables the "All About Communication" table newsletter along with our Wonderword puzzle. The welcome table is filled with nametags for each reservation, a creative candy



arrangement for our "guessing game" and a "picture board" full of photos taken at past events. By 10am the room looks festive and fun for all our guests to enjoy. Some of the favorite programs in 2016 were the Gold Coast Banjo Band, A dramatic portrayal of Nancy and Ronald Reagan, a Square Dancing show and a wonderful Saint Patrick's Day celebration with singer Don Stansfield. All of Chef Kevin's meals are a hit because he cooks everything from scratch and it is hot and fresh. Morning and afternoon activities this past year have included blood pressure screening, a morning stretch, movie time, wii bowling, bridge and line/chair dancing.

In addition to our wonderfully busy Thursdays, we offer trips once a month from November through April. In 2016 we had some fabulous trips that were booked to capacity. Members experienced the sites of South Florida with the fellowship of friends and enjoyed a delicious lunch along the way. Some highlights to our trips this year were a day in Naples, FL and the Duck Tour in South Beach Miami in March with all the Spring Breakers. We also enjoyed an IMAX movie at the Museum of Discovery and Science and enjoyed the new beautiful hotel, Margaritaville in Hollywood, FL.

Special thanks and recognition is extended to the members of the Adult Activity Center Board of Directors who served during the year 2016. Sissy Lindsey, Chair; Kyra Battle, Frances Holman, Ethel Huggard, Oleta Krause, Doreen Lalumiere, Peggy McKeown, Ruth Pierce, Susie Quinby, George Schipper, Anita Terraneo and Susie Williams along with Board Emeritus: Gail and Dave Clarke. The Board meets every other month in addition to Thursdays to help provide new ideas and opportunities to serve this ministry. Their commitment is truly rewarding and invaluable and a ministry in itself. Our board members ages range from 60 to 99 and it is such a joy to see them ministering to each other as well as to the whole AAC.

# Board of Deacons

In 2016, the Deacons met on a monthly basis encouraging the engagement of all members with caring ministry for the congregation and the community we serve. An identified need was praying openly with others, therefore, there were 3 presentations on prayer by three different people who had a strong prayer life at Diaconate meetings.

## **Accomplishments for 2016:**

Deacons met regularly with their CareConnect individuals (home bound or those who needed additional love and support) through home visits, phone calls and cards. Deacons shared their CareConnect individuals at two of the Diaconate meetings allowing the whole body to become more intimately involved with the CareConnect individuals.

## **Prayer Committee**

- Deacons had a Day of Prayer where all members were put on prayer cards as a bookmark and were passed out in church so that all members of our church family are being prayed for throughout the year
- Deacons were assigned prayer partners who prayed for each other throughout the year
- Deacons regularly were available to pray for anyone in need of prayer at the end of the 11 a.m. service
- Increased the number of participants in the labyrinth walk during Lent

## **Blood Drive:**

First Presbyterian Church blood drive approximately donated 150 units of blood in a year that was marked with a more restrictive donor population from One Blood due to Zika and other viruses . This committee will be under the Session's Missions Committee in 2017.

## **Care Cards**

- Cards were sent to various people in the congregation on a weekly basis on a monthly rotational basis by members of the Prayer Committee for people on the prayer list, new members of the church and new confirmands.

## **Communion**

- Serving of communion continued to be provided on a monthly basis at all 3 services throughout the year with an increased cohesiveness with committee members cleaning up following the 11 a.m. service.
- This committee will be under the Worship Committee in 2017. Deacons, elders and all ordained members will be encouraged to continue to serve in this ceremony of reconnecting with Jesus Christ

## **Compassionate Care**

- Every member on the CareConnect roster was offered visitation/communion by Pastor Anderson and an Elder throughout the year and a second round of visitation began.
- Soup was distributed to CareConnect individuals and various people who attended church throughout the year.
- Pastor appreciation was acknowledged for the first time in the history of FPC

## **Memorial Reception**

- The program established in 2015 allowed for timely, efficient mobilization of a group to set-up for funeral/memorial services.
- This will be incorporated into the Support Care Committee in 2017.

## **Liaison Group**

- Adult Activity Center (ACC) met weekly from October-May and in additional monthly trips from November-April to provide support, love, encouragement and a hot lunch to Senior Adults in our church and community. This group has been reassigned to the Session's Mission Committee in 2017.
- A group from FPC provided monthly visits to congregational members from John Knox featuring different speakers with communion provided. The Long Term Care Committee will be responsible for John Knox in 2017.

# Board of Deacons

## GOALS 2017

- Empowering First Presbyterian Church through committee work and ministry teams to provide 1:1 caring relationships to meet the needs of our congregation, the community FPC serves and our pastoral staff.
- Facilitate paradigm shift from Board of Deacons with six committees consisting of only Deacons to five committees led by a minimum of three Deacons with ministry teams under each committee by February 2017. The committees are: Prayer Committee, Compassionate Care Committee, Support Care Committee, Short Term Care Committee, and Long Term Care Committee.
- The leadership of each committee will recruit membership to the ministry teams from members of the congregation who have a love of Christ and are willing to serve others. The ministry teams of each committee will evolve throughout the year. Responsibilities for the committees will be to:
  - Provide ministry of sympathy, witness and service to the church family
  - Minister to the needy, the sick, the friendless, and those in distress
  - Assist in areas of church ministry as delegated the Session
- A Deacon's Manual will be updated to reflect the restructuring of the diaconate committees and each committee's goals and functions by May 2017.

## Committee Goals:

**Prayer Committee** – The Prayer Committee shall pray directly with others and through intercessory prayer as a means to enhance connections with God as inspired by the Holy Spirit.

- Set up prayer warriors for the 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. worship services by members of the Prayer Committee ministry team

**Compassionate Care Committee** – The Compassionate Care Committee shall show God's love through acts of kindness.

- Deacon leader will provide direction for ways to identify those who would benefit from receiving cards and words of encouragement to members of the card care ministry team
- Members of the ministry team will be responsible for sending cards to identified individuals
- Poinsettias and lilies will be distributed to CareConnect individuals during Advent and Lenten seasons
- Long term goal in 2018 will be to set up a meal train ministry team

**Support Care Committee (formerly known as Urgent Care)** – The Support Care Committee shall attend the immediate needs of our church family with God's love.

- Establish ministry teams for hospital visits, funeral/memorial receptions
- Train members of the crisis support ministry team how to provide support to those in need with appropriate boundaries

**Short Term Care Committee** – The Short Term Care Committee shall share the love of Jesus Christ through continued outreach for those recently hospitalized or in rehabilitation.

- Provide love and support to people returning home from hospitalizations and/or in rehabilitation
- Set up a care closet/community support
- Update the Resource Manual to share information and community resources

**Long Term Care Committee** – The Long Term Care Committee shall provide loving support for congregational members and foster Christian relationships with those who have long term needs.

- Oversee and provide structure to the CareConnect Program
- Continue to provide monthly programs at John Knox for members of the congregation and others in the community by a member of the pastoral staff
- Organize monthly visitation/communion to CareConnect individuals by a Pastor and a Deacon throughout the year with the goal for each person to be offered at least one visit annually

# Worship & Music



## 2016 Accomplishments

### 2016 Concerts:

|                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| February 14, 2016 @7:30pm | The Gold Coast Jazz Society                                   |
| March 3-6, 2016           | 43rd Annual Kirk Singer Musical                               |
| March 20, 2016 @7:30pm    | Cathedral Choir & Orchestra Spring Concert "Feel the Spirit"  |
| May 1, 2016 @ 11am        | Children's Choirs musical in morning worship                  |
| June 5, 2016 @7:30pm      | Kirk Singer Farewell Concert                                  |
| October 23, 2016 @7pm     | Brass Through the Ages  |
| December 18, 2016 @ 4pm   | Annual Christmas Concert with The Cathedral Choir & Orchestra |

### Notes on Services:

February 10, 2016, Ash Wednesday. Contemporary Musicians contributed music to the worship.  
February 14, 2016, Scottish Sunday  
March 24, 2016, Maundy Thursday. Reenactment of Da Vinci's Last Supper. Communion was served. Square nails were offered to the congregation as a reminder of the service.  
March 25, 2016, Good Friday. The service was at noon. Light lunch followed in Fellowship Hall.  
March 27, 2016, Easter. 8am service was held in the park. 9:30 am, Contemporary (Fellowship Hall) and Traditional (Sanctuary) services were held concurrently. 11am traditional service was held in the Sanctuary.  
November 27, 2016, Hanging of the Greens Service.  
December 24, 2016, Christmas Eve. 5pm Family Service, 6:30pm Contemporary Service in Fellowship Hall, Traditional Communion Services at 8pm & 10pm.  
December 25, 2016, Christmas Day. One traditional service at 11am.  
January 1, 2017, New Year's Day. One traditional service at 11am. Communion will not be served in January as it had been served twice in December on Dec 4th and Christmas Eve, 2016.

### Communion:

Mr. Steve Stimpson, Communion Coordinator, was an invited guest at the W & M Committee meetings to offer input. Due to restructuring of Deaconate duties and committees, the Communion Coordinator duties will officially be considered part of the W & M committee as of 2017.

### Ushers:

Mr. Bradford Sanders, Head Usher, began attending W & M committee meetings as an invited guest to update the committee on ushering needs for the Christmas holiday worships and the Christmas concert. As of 2017, the Head Usher will be part of the W & M Committee.

### Kirk Singer and Chapel Singers:

Kirk Singers continue to sing at the 11am service and occasionally (approx. every 6-8 weeks) at the contemporary service. Once Upon a Mattress was performed by the Kirk Singers March 3-6, 2016.  
Kirk Singer Choir toured the United Kingdom June, 2016.  
Snow White and the Prince was performed by the Chapel Singers November 11 & 12, 2016.

### Cathedral Choir:

The Cathedral Choir continues to provide leadership during the 11 am traditional service.

Worship & Music's 2017 Goals (submitted by 2017 Chairperson, Holly Strawbridge):

1. Strengthen and refresh our ministry teams of ushers, greeters, communion servers and Sanctuary decorators
2. Continue to strengthen our robust music program to ensure worship services and concerts remain exciting and meaningful
3. Improve the on-line worship service experience to ensure that viewers feel like participants
4. Assist in making the worship services at First Presbyterian Church attractive and welcoming to newcomers and church-home seekers
5. Rethink special holiday-related services and events to add new excitement to the church calendar.



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