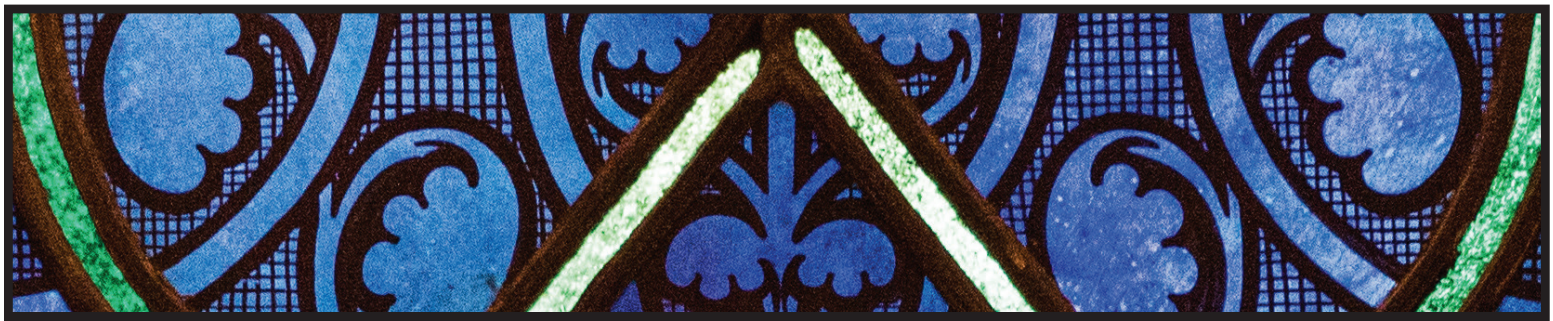

St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church

Annual Report 2015

2015 ANNUAL REPORT

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St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church
New Orleans, Louisiana
Sunday, January 31, 2016

Call to Order & Opening Prayer	Donald R. Frampton, Moderator
Declaration of Quorum and Purpose of Meeting	Rasch Brown, Clerk
Distribution of Annual Reports	Ushers
Financial Reports Church Operations & Budget Capital Campaign Visionary Fund	Lee Randall, 2015 Chair, Finance Committee
Approval of Senior Pastor's Terms of Call	Dave Mize, 2016 Chair, Personnel Committee
Remarks	Donald R. Frampton
Closing Prayer & Adjournment	Donald R. Frampton

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Chair: Cathy Franklin | Vice-Chair: Michael O'Keefe
Director of Christian Education: Michele Murphy

Long Range Plan

The committee voted to combine with the Youth & Young Adults Committee to form a new committee, Spiritual Formation, which will have three components: Children & Young Families, Youth & Youth Adults and Adult Christian Education. The groups will meet individually each month and as a group on a quarterly basis to unify the offerings of the church and increase participation.

Bible Adventures

The Children's Sunday School Classes (3 year olds-3rd Grade) began a new curriculum this year, Deep Blue Kids. The students learned about the Bible through fun activities, stories and projects. Each week they watched an animated video that tells the Bible story in a contemporary way. Students in all classes learned the same story each week, which has been helpful for parents in weekly discussions at home.

Challenger Class

The Challenger Class (4th & 5th Grades), continues to have a strong program. In October, nine students attended a weekend retreat at Tickfaw State Park with the theme "Being a Positive Role Model." This year we focused on Jesus' miracles, the 12 disciples, Lent, how to study the Bible and what it means to be a Reformed Presbyterian. The Challenger Class also participated in community service by raising funds and gifts for Operation Christmas Child and raising money for Second Harvest Food Bank through the Souper Bowl of Caring special offering. In the spring, twelve 4th Graders received Bibles from the church.

Vacation Bible School

VBS was held the first week in June with the theme, "G-Force." There were 85 participants, 20 youth counselors and numerous adult volunteers.

Small Groups

Several small groups continued meeting this year: Wednesday afternoon Spiritually Hungry Women's Group led by Miriam Schulingkamp, Men's Bible Study on Wednesday evenings led by Don Frampton, Thursday Morning Prayer Group that meets in the Land Building, and the Wednesday morning CBD Study Group that meets at Between the Bread Restaurant in the CBD. A senior high girl's group also met this year, led by Youth Intern, Caitlin Vanderwolf.

Nursery School

The Nursery School continued to offer weekday programs for approximately 100 children (full capacity) under the leadership of Director, Keflyn Fransen. Summer and holiday camps for this age group were also held during the year.

MOMs & MOM-SY Groups

This demographic flourished with two groups for moms, meeting several times a month with the theme of "Let It Go." MOMs, for mothers of children under 5 years of age, enjoyed having a place to bring their children and gather with others in the same stage of life. MOM-SY started this year in conjunction with the MOMs group, giving mothers of children kindergarten and up (school years ages) a space for fellowship.

40/50 Group

In December, the 40/50 group enjoyed a Progressive Dinner at the three church member's homes.

Summer Sundays

During the summer months, the church offers one combined worship service at 9:30 a.m. We continued the Grow, Proclaim and Serve curriculum which brought the children through familiar stories from the old and new testaments.

Adult Christian Education

2015 featured a rich offering of adult Sunday School opportunities. In the spring, course offerings included People's Bible Study, the Apostles Creed, Character Sketches – a Lenten series, Toxic Charity, and Why do Bad Things Happen to Good People. All adult Christian education classes met together for the Selley Series Lecture on Sunday, April 19, 2015 with the Rev. Joanna M. Adams as leader. Over the summer, an offering led by Crorey Lawton was initiated based on the weekly lectionary, and was well received. It is anticipated that in the future this will become a recurring offering during the summer and possibly other times of the year. In the fall of 2015, Feasting on the Word replaced People's Bible Study. Don Frampton started the semester with a class on The Bible and Same Sex Marriage after the recent Supreme Court rulings. Maureen Herring lead a class on God's Secretary. The 20/30s group meets throughout the semester with a book study. A new group for parents started this fall and included, Parenting the Early Years, Hurry Less, Worry Less at Christmas and How to Celebrate Christmas with your Family. The Lupberger Lecture was presented in early November by the Rev. Dr. Francis Taylor Gench.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Franklin, 2015 Chair

COMMUNITY MINISTRY COMMITTEE

Chair: Amber Beezley | Vice-Chair: Tupper Allen

The Community Ministries Committee supports agencies and organizations which provide a wide range of critical services to the neediest residents in our city. We provide this support in the form of substantial financial resources, volunteers, and prayer. Our partnerships continue to inspire the congregation, and they provide an immediate opportunity for all members to become involved in our church's ministry outside our walls.

The Committee had an active year in 2015 in which we sought to strengthen collaboration among our partners, expand volunteer opportunities for the congregation, and discern our impact more strategically. We focused our partnerships and outreach on the areas of children, education, neighborhoods and communities, homelessness, women, families, at-risk youth, and senior citizens.

RHINO has continued to provide rebuilding to the greater New Orleans area with a strong year for Camp RHINO held for youth missions in the summer. We look forward to studying the impact and future outreach of RHINO in the year ahead.

The Carrollton Camp project has continued to expand and recently completed its fifth session in December 2015. Each session has provided campers with enriching activities, unique field trips and special visitors. The program is an unqualified success in large part because of the tremendous leadership we've found in Sean Tate, our continued partnership with our host site, Lafayette Academy, and delicious meals for our campers through Pepperoni's Cafe.

Finally, as stewards of the congregation's resources, we conducted a thorough study of our existing and proposed partnerships and their role as community giving in the church's budget. The committee continues to seek meaningful ways to connect our congregation with our partners for volunteer opportunities. In conjunction to this, the committee has supported the Personnel Committee in seeking an Outreach Coordinator for the upcoming year 2016.

Supported Ministries

Through the Community Ministries budget and committee liaisons, SCAPC supported the following 18 organizations in 2015:

- Carrollton United
- Connect Missions/Crescent City Café
- Eden House
- Liberty's Kitchen
- Junior League of New Orleans Diaper Banks
- New Orleans Charter Science & Mathematics High School
- New Orleans Mission
- Program of Hope at First Presbyterian Church
- Raintree Children & Family Services
- Rebuilding Hope in New Orleans (RHINO) & Camp RHINO
- Reconcile New Orleans
- St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church Carrollton Camp Program
- St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church White Gift Program
- St. Thomas Community Health Center
- Start the Adventure in Reading (S.T.A.I.R.)
- Uptown Shepherd Center
- Victories in Service
- YAV – Young Adult Volunteers at JW Johnston Garden

Information on these organizations, including a description of their services and their liaison to SCAPC, is available on the church's website.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amber Beezley, 2015 Chair

CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE

Chair: Margo Phelps | Vice-Chair: Barbara Weiser

Caregiver Support Group

The National Alzheimer's Association provided training for a facilitator of a Caregiver Support Group, and member Barry Thompson agreed to be trained to provide this service to our congregation and community. He was trained in late 2013. The group began meeting in 2014 on the 1st Monday of the month at noon. The group remained fairly small and Barry reported a lack of interest in the Caregiver Support Group. In the spring of 2015, we suspended the group meetings and Barry continued the ministry by phone as needed.

Baptismal Cloth Samplers

The Baptismal Cloth sampler project is headed by Judith Halverson with help from Wendi Adams, Allison Flanagan, Betty Founds, Jennie Steele, and Nancy Borland recently joined the team. The team hand-stitches a sampler cloth for every child baptized at SCAPC under 5 years of age. The sampler cloth is inscribed with the child's name and date of baptism. The pastors acknowledge the project when presenting the cloth to the family during Sunday morning worship services. Seventeen cloths were sewn in 2015 for babies baptized.

Caring for Nursing Home & Home Bound Residents

Committee members prepared and delivered holiday gift bags to SCAPC members who are in local retirement homes. Easter and Christmas treat bags were delivered to members residing at Lambeth House and Poydras Home, with a short visit and expression of care. During Christmas we extended this ministry to eleven home bound members, as well. Mayson Buffington continues to deliver flower arrangements after worship services to Poydras and Lambeth House with a name card giving SCAPC recognition for the flower donation.

Correspondence

Roney Morton and select team members continued to write notes to SCAPC members for sympathy, healing, encouragement, congratulations and other occasions. The entire team worked together to send birthday cards to SCAPC's senior adult members 70 and over.

Online Daily Devotional

In the absence of an Associate Pastor, the Online Daily Devotional has been suspended.

Miscarriage Ministry

After Rev. Kelly Hostetler suffered a miscarriage in November of 2012, she suggested that the Congregational Care Committee might consider an appropriate, compassionate response to families who suffer a miscarriage, since it is something that people rarely talk about or understand at a community/public level. The Committee decided to put together a generous care bag with items like a soft blanket, some chocolate, a journal and a few other items of encouragement and care. One member of the committee donated the funds to cover these bags. We delivered one bag during 2015.

Pantry Ministry

The Congregational Care Committee sponsored a spring and fall meal drive, providing containers and recipes for members to use in preparing the meals, and collecting them to store in the church freezer. The meals will be delivered by members of the committee to those in need. The freezers are now full!! Before the Pantry Drive in October, Bonnie and Jim Hobden boxed up WNO leftover dinners for us to deliver to those members who were in need.

Adult Day Care

The Congregational Care Committee studied the feasibility of an Adult Day Care Program as requested by the Long Range Plan. A Task Force Committee was formed which included Don Frampton, Wayne Willcox, Brent Butcher (Property), John Hope IV (Community Ministries) and Barry Thompson (Personnel).

We visited the JCC and spoke with Allison Freeman, Regan Forrester and the Program Director at Poydras Home. Areas of concern (liability, compliance, insurance, location, regulations, etc….) were researched. Several "caregivers" expressed interest for their loved ones. After a meeting with the head of Personnel and the SCAPC staff, it was decided to put the Adult Day Care on hold until an Associate Pastor is in place.

Respectfully Submitted,
Margo Phelps, 2015 Chair

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE

Chair: Geoff Snodgrass | Vice-Chair: Price Lanier
Committee Members: Lilla Wright Kearney, Pierce Young

Coffee Fellowship

Coffee Fellowship was very strong this year as usual. Attendance averaged more than 100 church members and visitors each Sunday. The committee supplied the snacks each Sunday following both the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services. We aimed to have approximately 200 snacks per 10:30 service, and every Sunday all of the snacks were eaten very quickly. We feel that the snacks and fellowship after the service are becoming a great tradition and one that people look forward to each week.

WNO

WNO has a steady attendance of between 35 and 50 members! We had a great spring and fall and look forward to a good 2016. Programs were abundant with Broadway Night, Scottish Heritage, RHINO, a White Gift wrapping night with Christmas crafts and even a Bingo Night. We are planning to make Bingo Night a regular tradition at least twice a year. The food, expertly prepared by Jim & Bonnie Hobden, has been excellent this year and we are going to work on getting the word out so that attendance goes up. There is also discussion of providing childcare during the programs.

Congregation BBQ

We had a Congregation wide BBQ in September. The date was pushed back a few weeks which allowed for great fall weather. Volunteers grilled sliders, cooked pulled pork, and smoked hot dogs for our hungry crowd of over 175 adults and kids. The event was a huge success once again and we think it will only continue to grow and become more popular.

Wine Tasting

A wine tasting was held at Hoppers Cart de Vins in early December. This was the second wine tasting event that CL has sponsored and we would like to host more in 2016.

2016

There will be more of the same for CL in 2016. We will continue with after service snacks, organize some great programs for WNO, put on the Congregational BBQ and hopefully continue with more wine tasting events. There is also talk of bringing back Supper Clubs and hopefully a successful golf tournament in the spring.

Respectfully Submitted,
Geoff Snodgrass, 2015 Chair

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chair: Lee Randall | Vice-Chair: Debbie Rees

Attached are the following reports as of December 31, 2015:

- Operating Income Statement, including the approved Budget for 2016
- Operating Balance Sheet
- Summary of Unbudgeted Operating Expenses
- RHINO Financial Report
- Capital Campaign, Renovation and Benevolence Fund Report
- Visionary Fund Financial Report

Operating Budget

The surplus from budgeted operations was $21,000 and our net wedding surplus was $18,000, resulting in an overall surplus of $39,000. Although current year pledge receipts were $78,000 less than budget, excess receipts from prior year pledge revenue and members without pledges brought donation revenues to within $15,000 of budget.

Although our total operating expenses were $50,000 less than budget, we still relied on significant draws from the Visionary Fund and the Capital Campaign Benevolence Fund to cover expenses for Property Maintenance and Carrollton Camp. Children's Christian Education was over budget due to higher retreat expenses; Property was over budget due to the need to replace the air conditioning unit in the kitchen; Music was over budget because of hiring additional singers for the choir. All other departments remained within budget.

Our cash position continues to remain strong and we have no debt. The RHINO program managed to reach a breakeven status as lodging expenses were brought to bear against revenues.

Capital Campaign Benevolence Fund

We currently have only about $9,000 in Capital Campaign pledges still outstanding to be received in 2016. The campaign generated a surplus of $364,000, which became the basis for our Benevolence Fund. We disbursed $84,000 from this fund to two seminaries and for Carrollton Camp expenses in 2015, and the 2016 budget is reserving $22,000 of these funds to cover World Missions and Community Ministry projects. This should leave just over $260,000 in grant money available for disbursement by the Benevolence Fund by the end of 2016.

Visionary Fund

The Visionary Fund assets decreased by $1 million due primarily to the second floor renovation and Sanctuary waterproofing expenses and secondarily to the general drop in stock market values.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lee W. Randall, 2015 Finance Chair

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OPERATING ACCOUNT STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS	2014 ACTUAL	2015 ACTUAL	2015 BUDGET	2015 VARIANCE	2016 BUDGET
RECEIPTS					
Pledge Payments	$1,291,899	$1,357,361	$1,435,919	($78,558)	$1,422,063
Prior Year Pledge Payments	39,840	56,651	30,000	$26,651	30,000
Members without Pledges	107,102	111,574	70,000	$41,574	70,000
Visitor and Loose Plate Collections	61,899	59,856	65,000	($5,145)	65,000
Subtotal--Donation Revenues	$1,500,740	$1,585,443	$1,600,919	($15,476)	$1,587,063
Visionary Fund Operating Draw	170,000	197,000	197,000	0	215,000
Visionary Fund Pastoral Housing Draw	34,342	43,660	43,660	(0)	35,385
Visionary Fund Property Draw	0	15,000		15,000	40,000
Benevolence Fund (Capital Campaign)		23,606	33,300	(9,694)	22,000
Visionary Fund Special Draw				0	43,000
Music Fund Draw				0	23,000
Gifts & Memorials Draw				0	4,000
Wedding Revenues (Net)	26,748	18,187	15,000	3,187	15,000
Other Budgeted Misc. Revenue (Net)	6,204	6,653		6,653	
Campus Ministry Revenue	9,905	2,059	8,305	(6,246)	6,000
Interest Income (Net of Fees)	(4,145)	(4,520)	0	(4,520)	(3,000)
Total Receipts	$1,743,794	$1,887,087	$1,898,184	($11,097)	$1,987,448
DISBURSEMENTS					
Benevolences:					
Presbytery Tax	(31,011)	(31,011)	(31,011)	0	(31,011)
Greater Church	(36,267)	(38,567)	(38,567)	0	(41,577)
Seminary Support	(2,300)	(2,300)	(2,300)	0	
Local Projects-Community Ministry	(167,109)	(194,621)	(208,601)	13,980	(193,142)
Missions	(2,648)	(2,760)	(4,050)	1,290	(21,500)
Total Benevolences	($239,335)	($269,259)	($284,529)	$15,270	($287,230)
Adult Christian Ed	(2,919)	(1,366)	(3,000)	1,634	(3,000)
Children's Christian Ed	(14,708)	(16,181)	(15,950)	(231)	(17,989)
Youth & Young Adults Christian Ed	(24,322)	(27,716)	(27,680)	(36)	(34,559)
Speaker Series	(2,387)	(1,929)	(2,500)	571	(2,500)
Congregational Care	(8,088)	(853)	(3,700)	2,847	(3,750)
Congregational Life	(17,178)	(18,171)	(19,247)	1,076	(25,958)
Property	(297,448)	(304,540)	(291,232)	(13,308)	(308,465)
Membership	(283)	(222)	(1,000)	778	(1,000)
Music	(77,123)	(87,445)	(83,290)	(4,155)	(99,542)
Personnel	(996,966)	(1,057,743)	(1,079,000)	21,257	(1,120,000)
Member Involvement	(3,520)	(1,351)	(3,200)	1,849	(3,200)
Stewardship	(522)	(772)	(800)	28	(800)
Worship	(3,572)	(2,268)	(5,350)	3,082	(5,350)
Office	(54,528)	(57,996)	(77,706)	19,710	(74,105)
Total Expenses	($1,742,898)	($1,847,811)	($1,898,184)	$50,373	($1,987,448)
Net Surplus (Deficit)	**$896**	**$39,276**	**$0**	**$39,276**	**$0**

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OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE SHEET	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
ASSETS					
Cash & Equivalents	$1,539,797	$620,565	$471,923	$433,117	$276,341
Deposits in Transit and Acc Receivable	$152,839	$184,049	$71,195	$118,301	$84,217
Due from Visionary Fund	$563,402	$612,116	$218,006	$316,581	$610,911
Renovation Project Assets		$501,022	$321,214	$0	
Other Assets	$13,991	$12,382	$12,382	$13,774	$12,382
TOTAL ASSETS	$2,270,029	$1,930,134	$1,094,719	$881,773	$983,851
LIABILITIES					
Current Liabilities					
Accounts Payable	$13,677	$8,140	$5,776	$16,336	$5,378
Accrued Liabilities	$18,962	$20,940	$17,931	$20,162	$27,502
Deferred prepaid pledges received	$191,276	$174,877	$190,912	$180,637	$247,188
Other Deposits received	$8,500	$32,850	$11,500	$10,000	$6,500
Temporary Gifts & Memorials	$3,915	$3,920	$2,676	$19,014	$3,468
Total Current Liabilities	$236,329	$240,728	$228,795	$246,148	$290,036
Gifts & Memorials					
Unrestricted Gifts & Memorials	$12,610	$29,766	$25,123	$36,701	$48,818
Restricted Gifts & Memorials	$59,461	$61,936	$65,255	$63,581	$55,693
RHINO Fund	$132,439	$151,450	$130,983	$155,295	$150,920
Total Gifts & Memorials	$204,509	$243,152	$221,361	$255,577	$255,430
Other Liabilities					
Renovation Fund/Benevolence Fund	$1,620,045	$402,759	$320,028	$261,666	$280,727
Reserve for Major Maintenance (PPRSM)	$15,000	$15,000	$0		
Bank Loans Payable		$810,000	$200,000		
Total Other Liabilities	$1,635,045	$1,227,759	$520,028	$261,666	$280,727
TOTAL LIABILITIES	$2,075,883	$1,711,639	$970,184	$763,392	$826,193
CAPITAL					
Prior Year Surplus	$194,146	$218,495	$124,536	$118,382	$157,658
TOTAL LIABILITIES & CAPITAL	$2,270,029	$1,930,134	$1,094,719	$881,773	$983,851

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SUMMARY OF UNBUDGETED EXPENSES	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Sources of Unbudgeted Funds					
Funds from Gifts & Memorials	77,495	33,969	29,301	81,913	179,508
Funds from RHINO Fund	150,036	172,479	198,609	181,668	213,595
Funds from Property Maintenance Reserve	0	0	15,000	0	0
Funds from Prior Year Surplus	150,852	6,000	77,134	7,050	0
Funds from Capital Campaign Pledges	251,021	2,317,454	719,277	276,262	4,377
Funds from Bank Loans		810,000			0
Funds from Nursery School	1,800				251,313
Funds from Visionary Fund			791,017		808,051
Total Sources of Unbudgeted Funds	$631,204	$3,339,902	$1,830,339	$546,893	$1,456,843
Uses of Unbudgeted Funds					
Gifts & Memorials Expenses	(67,495)	(33,969)	(127,479)	(152,654)	(304,362)
RHINO expenses	(150,036)	(172,479)	(198,609)	(181,668)	(213,595)
Renovation Expenses	(370,563)	(3,133,454)	(879,250)	0	(907,047)
Repayment of Bank Loans			(610,000)	(200,000)	0
Audit/Review Expenses					
Other Capital Expenditures	(43,109)	0	(15,000)	(12,571)	(31,840)
Total Uses of Unbudgeted Funds	($631,204)	($3,339,902)	($1,830,339)	($546,893)	($1,456,843)

RHINO (Rebuilding Hope in New Orleans)	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Beginning RHINO Fund	$155,316	$132,439	$151,450	$130,983	$155,295
RHINO Receipts--Currrent Year Fees	$91,588	$127,746	$116,790	$140,699	$146,834
RHINO Receipts--Donations	$19,521	$38,526	$37,487	$48,356	$48,976
Total RHINO Receipts--Current Year	$111,109	$166,272	$154,277	$189,055	$195,810
RHINO Expenses--Lodging	($97,277)	($103,175)	($112,707)	($96,635)	($113,704)
RHINO Expenses--Projects					
RHINO Expenses--Staff	($39,581)	($48,067)	($57,433)	($59,941)	($65,949)
RHINO Expenses--Food, Supplies	($13,179)	($21,238)	($28,469)	($25,092)	($33,941)
Total RHINO Expenses--Current Year	($150,036)	($172,479)	($198,609)	($181,668)	($213,595)
Net Surplus (Deficit)--Current Year	($38,927)	($6,208)	($44,332)	$7,387	($17,785)
RHINO Receipts--Future Year Bookings	$16,050	$25,219	$23,865	$16,925	$13,409
Ending RHINO Fund	$132,439	$151,450	$130,983	$155,295	$150,920

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FORWARD TOGETHER! Capital Campaign and Renovation	Cumulative 2009 - 2014	2015	Cumulative 2015	Estimated Remaining	Estimated Total
Receipts					
Pledge payments received	$4,276,933	$102,668	$4,379,601	$9,000	$4,388,601
Drawn from Prior Year Surplus	$196,047		$196,047	$0	$196,047
Other income	$2,325		$2,325	$0	$2,325
Transaction fees	($4,715)		($4,715)	$0	($4,715)
NET RECEIPTS	$4,470,590	$102,668	$4,573,258	$9,000	$4,582,258
Expenses					
Contractual Hard Costs (Construction Contra	($3,138,097)		($3,138,097)	$0	($3,138,097)
Contractual Soft Costs:					
Architectural Fees	($379,597)		($379,597)	$0	($379,597)
Consultant Fees (Engineering, Acoustical, e	($87,103)		($87,103)	$0	($87,103)
Other Consultants, Miscellaneous	($24,167)		($24,167)	$0	($24,167)
Total Contractual Soft Costs	($490,867)	$0	($490,867)	$0	($490,867)
Other Soft Costs (Windows, Furniture, Legal	($554,698)		($554,698)	$0	($554,698)
Additional Project Expenses	($11,275)		($11,275)	$0	($11,275)
Interest Expense	($13,988)		($13,988)	$0	($13,988)
TOTAL EXPENSES	($4,208,924)	$0	($4,208,924)	$0	($4,208,924)
Net Project Surplus (Deficit)	$261,666	$102,668	$364,333	$9,000	$373,333
Bank Debt Borrowed	$810,000				
Bank Debt Repaid	($810,000)				
Bank Debt Outstanding	$0				

BENEVOLENCE FUND	Cumulative 2009 - 2014	2015	Cumulative 2015	Estimated Remaining	Estimated Total
Reserve for Benevolence Component		Actual:	$364,333	Estimated:	$373,333
Benevolence Fund Disbursements					
Austin Theological Seminary		($50,000)	($50,000)		($50,000)
Louisville Theological Seminary		($10,000)	($10,000)		($10,000)
2015 Draw to support Carrollton Camp Program		(23,606)	($23,606)		($23,606)
2016 Draw to support Living Waters & Community Ministry			$0	($22,000)	($22,000)
Total Disbursements		($83,606)	($83,606)		($105,606)
Net Available Benevolence Funds		Actual:	$280,727	Estimated:	$267,727

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VISIONARY FUND

EARNINGS--YEAR TO DATE	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Beginning Asset Balances	$4,703,740	$4,362,039	$4,756,004	$5,173,153	$6,426,551
Realized Investment Income	83,979	87,421	100,009	77,049	168,928
Realized Capital Gains (Losses)	199,429	89,297	363,965	215,780	258,252
Contributions Received	23,030	107,114	99,164	1,204,611	101,306
Draw for Church Operations	(150,000)	(160,000)	(165,000)	(170,000)	(197,000)
Draw for Pastoral Housing	(29,766)	(31,843)	(32,152)	(34,342)	(43,660)
Draw for Property Maintenance					(770,906)
Draw for Scholarships					(14,552)
Draw for Employee Benefits & Pension	(46,290)	(46,170)	0	0	(869)
Draw for Missions					(10,000)
Transfer Other Cash to Operating Fund		(104,000)	(650,000)		0
Other Distributions Made	(8,676)	(22,815)	(157,902)	(27,316)	(21,725)
Unrealized Gains (Losses)	(413,407)	474,961	859,064	(12,385)	(460,700)
Ending Asset Balances	$4,362,039	$4,756,004	$5,173,153	$6,426,551	$5,435,626

NET ASSETS	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Cash--Money Market Fund	109,348	4,356	4,356	4,356	101,303
Investments at Market Value	4,816,093	5,363,764	5,386,802	6,738,775	5,945,234
Due From (To) Church Operating Acct	(563,402)	(612,116)	(218,006)	(316,581)	(610,911)
Net Fund Assets	$4,362,039	$4,756,004	$5,173,153	$6,426,551	$5,435,626

NET FUNDS					
Unrestricted Fund	$702,821	$814,315	$785,250	$835,889	$780,234
Benevolences Fund	$736,240	$790,803	$866,650	$865,441	$825,779
Missions Fund	$108,066	$116,075	$127,207	$127,030	$121,208
Seminary Support Fund	$40,599	$43,608	$47,790	$47,723	$45,536
Counseling Fund	$10,276	$11,038	$12,096	$12,079	$11,526
Favrot Fund	$195,993	$210,518	$230,709	$230,387	$219,828
Christian Education Fund	$63,410	$68,418	$74,980	$74,876	$71,743
Flowers Fund	$15,655	$16,815	$18,428	$18,402	$17,559
Music Fund	$39,615	$42,551	$46,632	$46,567	$44,433
Speakers Fund	$39,655	$42,594	$46,679	$46,614	$44,478
Property Fund	$175,505	$188,316	$286,476	$344,093	$342,241
Meier Campus Ministry Fund	$50,854	$54,623	$59,862	$59,779	$57,039
Maddox Property Maintenance Fund	$942,383	$1,012,223	$1,109,306	$1,107,759	$290,646
Riess Fund				$1,119,106	$1,096,837
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	$109,771	$119,053	$133,940	$142,498	$140,525
Trustees' Discretionary Fund	$37,084	$41,734	$47,754	$49,875	$49,580
Reddoch Scholarship Fund	$26,676	$28,332	$32,420	$30,204	$23,483
Turfitt Scholarship Fund	$125,246	$132,509	$157,461	$155,610	$147,015
Phifer Library Fund	$27,588	$28,796	$29,146	$27,860	$27,526
Employee Benefits Fund (Scholarships)	$23,402	$21,444	$21,804	$22,773	$21,774
Pastoral Housing Fund	$744,842	$802,391	$881,362	$884,629	$835,994
Lupberger Theological Fund	$49,840	$49,698	$53,811	$52,704	$49,526
Peirce-Geiser Fund	$56,044	$74,601	$91,945	$87,638	$80,738
Evans Property Maintenance Fund	$40,475	$45,549	$0	$0	$0
Lindsey Fund			$11,443	$37,016	$55,586
Presbyterian Women Fund (Maddox)					$34,793
Total All Funds	$4,362,039	$4,756,004	$5,173,153	$6,426,551	$5,435,626

MEMBER INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Chair: Beth Poe | Vice-Chair: Mike Pugh
Committee Members: Jean Stickney, Jeanie Clinton, Judith and Phil Luchsinger

During the calendar year 2015, in accordance with our charge, we accomplished the following:

- coordinated and led the annual Session Retreat, held in January of 2015.
- recruited Elders to serve as commissioners for stated Presbytery meetings.
- worked with the Pastor to select chairs and vice-chairs for all Session committees.
- assigned new Elders to committees.
- coordinated the selection of nominees for the Nominating Committee.
- recruited volunteers to read a multilingual Call to Worship on Pentecost Sunday.
- recruited volunteers for Carrollton Summer Camp.
- designed the Yes! Card for specific use in the 2016 Stewardship Campaign and for general use throughout the year as a means of encouraging greater involvement of members (both new and continuing) in various church ministries.
- worked with Membership Coordinator, Camille Zander, who is establishing a data base of member involvement and who responds to each member submitting a Yes! Card, putting them into contact with the appropriate committee chair, group leader or staff member.
- helped in the recruitment of volunteers for Carrollton Christmas Camp.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beth Poe, 2015 Chair

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Chair: R. Jackson Little | Vice-Chair: Tripp Edwards
Other Committee Members:
Louise Burnstein, Jack Hinrichs, Judith Luchsinger, Philip Luchsinger, George Schneider, Gwen Wertz, Julie Nice, John Morton, Jr.

In 2015 we welcomed forty one (41) new members. New members have been uniformly impressed by the commitment of those in the church to the many outreach programs that the church undertakes, and the sense of caring for others. The other major attractions to the church, are the meaningful, stimulating sermons by Dr. Frampton, as well as Steven Blackmon's outstanding music program. There is a definite sense that the church and its members are constantly striving to improve.

The principal role of the Membership Committee is to actively recruit, orient and assimilate new members into the life of the church. This process begins after each Sunday service, where the committee seeks out visitors and meets with them to discuss the many facets of the church and how they might become involved. First time visitors receive letters, emails and phone calls from members of the committee. We also provide new member packets, which offer details about the many activities of the church and provide new members with ideas on how to become personally involved.

Orientation sessions are conducted on an as needed basis. These sessions are designed to introduce new members to opportunities for involvement, as well as provide a history of our church. Presbyterian 101 is a one-hour course, presented by a pastor, which covers the history of the Reformed tradition in general, and of the Presbyterian Church. These classes are continually being reviewed, in hopes of improving the value of the meetings.

In the past, we had new member brunches once a year to greet and honor those who had joined since the previous function. These had been held at a member's home who lived near the church. Last year, we invited new members to a "Wednesday Night Out" dinner instead. The Membership Committee paid for the new members' dinners. This provided new members with an opportunity to get involved with the church, on another social level. Going forward, varying these activities, from year-to-year, would be appropriate.

The long range plan of the church, adopted this year, calls for an increase in membership, over a 5 year period, of 50 new members per year. This year we will be modestly shy of our goal. Hopefully, some of the changes in the process, and increased dedication by the committee will enable us to achieve this long term goal.

Respectfully submitted,
R. Jackson Little, 2015 Chair

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chair: Hans Jonassen | Vice-Chair: Dave Mize

Saint Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church and the Personnel Committee began implementation of the Long Range Plan in 2015. Additional staff positions recommended in the plan and budgeted in 2015 included a Youth Intern, a part-time Administrative Assistant and a Pastoral Associate. In addition to those positions, budgeted for 2016 is an Outreach Coordinator for ½ year pending the completion of the search for an Associate Pastor. The 2016 Personnel budget, which was developed with consultation from Don Frampton and Wayne Willcox, was approved by the Finance Committee and by Session.

Additionally, in 2015 the Personnel Committee assisted in the realignment of the SCAPC Nursery School with the Church's accounting and administrative processes.

In November, the Committee again held its annual staff interviews with all employees including professional staff. As in the past, the interviews allowed for a positive exchange of information between all staff members and Personnel. Examples of outcomes included deferral of the Adult Day Care Program until the new Associate Pastor is hired and established.

Respectfully submitted,
Hans Jonassen, 2015 Chair

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Chair: Bruce E. Peterson | Vice-Chair: Brent Butcher

2nd Floor Education Building Renovation:

The renovation of the 2nd Floor Education Building was completed. This work included improvements to the nursery school's rooms (both facilities in the rooms and wall adjustments to change the room sizes), the addition of a conference room, expansion of the second floor kitchen and SCAPC office improvements in partial fulfillment of the strategic long range plan. Unexpected issues arose that resulted in change orders and additional unplanned work such as asbestos remediation.

Sanctuary Water Intrusion:

The work to correct this problem was divided into two phases. The first was the repointing of the masonry on several faces of the church sanctuary and removing previously applied waterproofing materials. After the completion of this work, the moisture levels in the interior walls indicated that there was still a problem in several areas. Expert advice was sought and we are currently evaluating the proposed solution of replacing the side aisle roofs (they are near the end of their life span) as well as the other flat roofs on the church's education building. Included with this work will be improved drainage off of the roofs by adjusting the pitch of the roof and increasing scupper capacity. Once these corrections are made, the interior walls in the sanctuary will be repaired.

Other General Property matters addressed during 2015:

- A replacement air conditioning system was added for the kitchen.
- Sewer line repairs on State Street.
- Tree trimming on the State Street side of the church.
- Correct outside drainage to prevent water intrusion into the first floor classroom.
- Fence repair (automobile collision).
- Continued efforts to get Metairie Cemetary to perform repairs on the Bloomfield tombs.

Financials and Budget:

We finished the year slightly over budget, but this was anticipated and the session had been previously advised to the possibility. The overage was primary the result of unexpected plan changes and unknown conditions to be remediated in the 2nd floor education building renovations.

Looking Ahead:

Our plans for 2016 include the resolution of the side aisle roof leaks and the repair of water damage to the interior of the sanctuary. There will be tree trimming on the Eleanore Street side of the church to reduce the collection of leaves in the gutters. Finally we will be assisting with respect to church facilities needed for the proposed Elder Care Program.

Thanks to all property team members for their input and participation in another active year and thanks again to Wayne for his extraordinary efforts towards the stewardship of the Church's property.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce E. Peterson, 2015 Property Committee Chair

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Chair: John A. Dunlap | Vice-Chair: Ben Tiller
Rising Vice-Chair: Nathan Adams

In January, the Stewardship Committee attended the Session Retreat and began developing the theme for the 2016 Stewardship Campaign. It was agreed that our theme would focus on the Strategic Plan reaching final development by the Long Range Planning Committee. One of the goals of the Stewardship Committee set forth in the Strategic Plan was to seek pledges of members' time and talent as well as treasure in the 2016 Stewardship Campaign. Don Frampton and John Dunlap met in late 2014 to discuss the 2016 Stewardship Campaign and decided that the recent Lupberger Series speaker, William Willimon's book *Why Jesus?* might yield an appropriate approach to the scope of the campaign. John Dunlap re-read *Why Jesus?* with that in mind and uncovered the following quotes which exemplified the approach to this first Stewardship Campaign under the Strategic Plan:

"Jesus enlists ordinary folks to a much larger project than their own lives. He sweeps us up into a pageant otherwise known as the Kingdom of God. . . . He makes our lives mean more than they could have meant on their own. * * * For all its faults, one great thing about being grafted into Jesus' body, the church, is to have your little life swept up into something bigger than your life, a family bigger than the one into which you were born, an adventure that's more than your life could have been on its own."

William Willimon, Why Jesus? p. 116 & 129.

The use of 1 Corinthians 15:58[1] was also chosen as an inspirational Bible verse. After subsequent meetings among the Committee and SCAPC staff, we decided on the theme "Join the Adventure: Giving to Grow - Membership, Mission, and Ministry." This committee also met with the Member Involvement and Membership Committees to discuss how the 2016 Stewardship Campaign could solicit the time and talent of the congregation into the ministries and mission of the church.

Through this process, we developed the Yes! Card which laid out broad categories of potential areas of involvement.

In late Spring, we held a gathering of Stewardship Leaders[2] at the residence of John and Betty Hope on Thursday evening June 25, 2015. The purpose was to preview the 2016 Stewardship Campaign and get feedback from the Stewardship Leaders. We introduced the "Join the Adventure: Giving to Grow" theme, the Strategic Plan, the Willimon quotes and the Yes! Card. We then had a spirited discussion about various elements of the Campaign, including whether and to what extent we should ask people to increase their pledges. The general consensus on that issue was that, to meet the requirements of the Strategic Plan, we should seek at least a 10% increase from the congregation.

In late Spring and early Summer, we developed the core materials for the 2016 Stewardship Campaign packet. From ideas supplied by the brainstorming of the Stewardship Committee, Caitlin Rowland, SCAPC's Web and Publications Coordinator, did a fantastic job of putting the Campaign Brochures together, including designing and producing the artwork, editing and formatting the text, and everything else that created the final product for the Brochure, its cover letter, and the enclosed Pledge and Yes! Cards. She deserves tremendous credit for what turned out to be a very professional and very beautiful finished project.

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1 ". . . be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."

2 In addition to the hosting Stewardship Committee, invitations were limited to past Stewardship Campaign chairs and Capital Campaign Committee chairs. Approximately 20 people attended.

Sunday, September 27 was Stewardship Kickoff Sunday. We introduced the 2016 Stewardship Campaign and its theme with brief remarks at the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services. We then held the Kick-Off Celebration in Frampton Fellowship Hall immediately after 10:30 a.m. worship services. We had a wonderful brunch prepared by Jim and Bonnie Hobden. During the meal, we projected a continually looping slide show quiz with questions related to the "Join the Adventure; Giving to Grow – Membership, Mission, and Ministry." Many thanks to Jim and Bonnie for a job well done. The following day, we sent out the 2016 Stewardship Campaign packages to all SCAPC members.

Each Sunday between Kickoff Sunday and dedication Sunday a different committee took the lead to present minutes for mission highlighting our community outreach. Sunday, October 11, was Yes! Card Day handled by the Membership Involvement Committee (Beth Poe, Chair). Steven Blackmon and the Choir did a rendition of the Beatles song *Yesterday* with lyrics adapted to promote the Yes! Cards.

"Yesterday"
By the Beatles

Yesterday
All my troubles seemed so far away
Now it looks as though they're here to stay
Oh I believe in yesterday

Suddenly
I'm not half the man I used to be
There's a shadow hanging over me
Oh yesterday came suddenly

Why she had to go I don't know
She wouldn't say
I said some-thing wrong
Now I long for yesterday

Yesterday
Love was such an easy game to play
Now I need a place to hide away
Oh I believe in yesterday

"Yes!" Card Day
By the SCAPC Choir

"Yes!" Card Day
It's your chance to volunteer today
And we hope that you will not delay
Oh please sign up on "Yes!" Card Day

Hopefully
There are options you did not foresee
That will make you sign the card with glee
And "Yes!" Card Day will set you free

If you sign up now we will say
You are so fine
If you don't-too bad
And you are just out of line

"Yes!" Card Day
Take this chance before it slips away
Why not join us now without delay
Oh please sign up on "Yes!" Card Day

Sunday, October 18, was Dedication Sunday for the 2016 Stewardship Campaign. On this Sunday the congregation placed envelopes representing their pledges into baskets in front of the communion table. Pledge cards and envelopes were provided in the back of the pews. Those who had already pledged were told to write "Already Pledged" on the pledge cards; those who had not were encouraged make their 2016 pledge. Dedication Sunday, a fairly new SCAPC tradition, serves as something of a pledge reminder and has been quite effective.

In November, an enthusiastic team of volunteers made follow-up calls to those who had yet to pledge. Special thanks to Lilla Wright, Caty Trammell Johnson, Jack Little, Dawn Talbot, Nathan Adams, Bobby Hassinger, Jeanie Clinton, Casey Morriss, John Pearce, Julie Nice, Michael O'Keefe, Rasch Brown, Seth Hagler, and Ben Tiller for their considerable efforts in this regard. Most of these people perform this task year-in and year-out, and we truly owe them our gratitude. Finally, in late December we sent out one last letter reminding those members who have not yet renewed their pledge.

By mid-December year end, pledges totaled more than $1,346,000 and were projected to approach $1,420,000 once all 2016 pledges were in – an increase of approximately 1.9% from 2015's record-setting year. The unfortunate loss of certain contributors from the previous year's campaign (e.g., deaths, departures, etc.) and the effects of the crash in oil prices was partially offset by a 31% of renewing pledges making an increase in their pledge and the addition of more than $110,000 from new pledge sources.

The 2017 Stewardship Campaign is in the more-than-capable hands of this year's Stewardship Committee, ably led by Ben B. Tiller (Chair) and Nathan Adams (Vice Chair). We can expect a great year and a great campaign from them, and we wish them the best of luck.

Respectfully submitted,
John A. Dunlap, 2015 Chair

WORLD MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Chair: Henrietta Harris | Vice-Chair: Patti Pannell

2015 Activities, Programs, and Leadership

Andie Stagg started the process of Branding WM. *The display cases were updated and changed by Ann Van Horn. * WNO a taste of Africa, the menu was assisted by Patti Pannell and Henrietta Augustus Harris. • Gwen Wertz facilitated the Cuba Art exhibit. * Laura St. Clair presented a DVD of a Cuba Trip* Reception held for Rev. Jo Ella Holman, led by Aimee Bell • SCAPC provided printing assistance for the Cuba Partners Conference. • Greg Beuerman conducted a survey of our 5 Mission- Co workers.* Mary Malone directed our review of the Three Critical issues for PCUSA and the SCAPC WMC* Rev. Don Frampton and RHINO Ministry Director, Caroline Cottingham, facilitated the special offering for the SC flood victims via Eastminister Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC.

Call for Proposals from the SCAPC Constituents

World Mission (WM) heard the call in the SCAPC Strategic Plan 2015-2019 from the congregation to evaluate current mission projects and include broader input. With that in mind, the WM committee is currently sending out a call for proposals to ask our membership to support other world mission projects. WM is seeking submissions that highlight the three strategic goals of PCUSA for World Mission. These goals resolve around: 1. Poverty, 2. Evangelism, and 3. Reconciliation. World Mission has observed that the major focus of all three goals is on education, particularly the education of girls. Therefore, SCAPC WM is requesting proposals to address the following overarching strategy:
Strengthening our relations with global partners to foster educational development in schools, communities and healthcare as it affects women and children, especially girls. Application Process for 2016 - Advertise the call for proposals on line at www.scapc.org. Prior to the January 31, 2016 deadline, WM will conduct workshops on 'Preparing a Proposal for WM' on January 10, 17, and 24, 2016. Members may place completed applications in the WM box mail outside the SCAPC office.

Meetings, Attendance, and Distribution List

In 2015, WMC met nine times (January, March, April, May, June, September, October, November and December) with an average attendance of nine individuals. Currently the announcement for meetings is sent to 42 SCAPC members.
Direction for 2016: Our goal will be to get more members involved by advertising our meetings and activities in all SCAPC publications. Our first task for 2016 will be to invite all WMC members to attend the January 30, 2016 Session meeting. At that time, we will be inviting members to take a leadership role by 1) volunteering for some of our 2016 directional issues, 2) writing a proposal for a WM initiative, 3) serving as the WMC Liaison to one of our Mission Co- Workers, or 4) serving as the secretary or one of the other officers to the WMC.

PCUSA Church Support of the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA)

Currently the WMC is working with Elizabeth Little, Church Support Associate of the PMA out of Charlotte, NC. She is helping us to understand the funding and needs of our Mission Co-Workers. Through her tutelage, WMC was able to understand the average cost for a dual appointment and a single appointment. Additionally, we were able to review each mission co-worker's funding for 2014 and their current funding as of September 2015. As a result, we adjusted our funding and were able to move money from one co-worker and increase funding to another one lacking full funding for 2015.

Direction for 2016: WMC will continue to work with our PMA Associate to better use our allocations for our Mission Co-Workers. Going forward, we anticipate distributing a portion of our funding to the co-workers' pool every few months. That way, in September of each year, we can objectively make a final payment to those Co-workers still in need of funding.

Respectfully submitted,
Henrietta Augustus Harris, 2015 Chair

WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE

Chair: Judith Halverson | Vice-Chair: Donna Lupberger
Other Members: Casey Morriss

The purpose of the Worship and Music Committee is to coordinate and promote the worship life of the congregation, working with the Pastors and the Director of Music. The committee also promotes the music ministry of the church.

The committee has responsibility for the following important elements of the worship experience:

Communion

Communion is now served by intinction. It is served every Sunday at the 8:30 service and on a regular basis at the 10:30 service. Our committee is indebted to Mayson Buffington for faithfully arranging for all of the elements for communion at both services. In addition to preparing the elements, Mayson ensures that we have gluten-free bread in the bread tray. 4-5 Elders are asked to volunteer their service to assist the Pastors in serving communion. The committee is thankful for all of the Elders who served communion this year.

Baptisms

The Committee is responsible for requesting Session approval of any scheduled baptism. 20 baptisms were approved and held in 2015! Emily Fleshman plays such an important role in organizing each baptism, communicating to our committee the need for Session approval and working with the SCAPC member who stitches the special cloth given as a gift and remembrance of this special day. Emily prepares the gift of the cloth and books for the baby's parents and ensures that it is ready for the Pastor to give to the family immediately following the baptism. Caitlin Rowland also prints a beautiful baptism certificate for each family with artwork by church member, Patsy Hardin.

Flowers

We are so very thankful for Jennie Steele. She arranges for all of our floral needs through the year. She coordinates and ensures that the flowers for the Sunday service are in place. They are always beautiful. She also takes care of the palms for Palm Sunday and the flowers for the cross on Easter Sunday. The new cross has required creativity in making sure the flowers fit in the holes, and Jennie used her talents to make it beautiful. Now that both Easter services are identical, Jennie has to be sure the cross is cleared of the flowers after the 8:30 service so that they can be used again for the 10:30 service. This is quite a feat, and we are grateful for Jennie's efforts.

Banners

The banners for festival Sundays are a noticeable and welcome addition to worship. Banners adorn the sanctuary on Palm Sunday, Heritage Sunday and during Advent and Christmas. Several families have graciously donated Heritage Sunday banners this past year. They include:

Eean and Joan McNaughton
Geoff and Holly Snodgrass
Cam Morrison Family (Morrison Modern Green)
Max and Margaret Maxwell
Quentin and Anne Urquhart
Dave and Shauna Grissett (Morrison Ancient Red)
Don and Colleen Frampton

The newest tartans are of clans McLeod (Don) and Keith (Colleen), and were fabricated by Christyn Elliott of the Caledonian Society of New Orleans, who has made all 10 of our banners! The design for all tartans was created by Shauna Grissett.

New Bibles

It became quickly apparent that with the new hymnals obtained last year, our Bibles needed an update. We are so thankful for the generous gift from Nell and Sorrell Lanier in memory of Agnes and Glenn Buie, Billie and Sid Lanier, Linda Lanier Keosian and Lacy Douglass Lanier. The Bibles are a welcome addition to our worship experience.

Pentecost Sunday

This year, we started the services in a special way, with members speaking in tongues other than English to welcome the Holy Spirit. We heard Latin, Greek, French, Chinese, Italian, German, Spanish, Russian, Norwegian, Tagalog, and watched the words signed. Our thanks to everyone who participated in this special start to both services. We hope this becomes an annual part of the Pentecost service.

Special Collection for SCAPC Music Program

A special collection was started in 2014 on Palm Sunday and the Celebration of Carols Sunday at Christmas time. We are thankful for all who support the choir and music programs our church provides.

Our Ushers

We are so very grateful for Geoff Snodgrass and all of our ushers. They serve such an important service in helping the service run smoothly and guiding members and visitors find their way through the church on Sunday mornings and when funerals are held at the church.

New Bulletin Format

The Worship and Music Committee reviewed a proposed new bulletin format at their summer meeting. The new bulletin debuted when the regular services started back in August 2015.

The Worship and Music Committee is a dedicated group of SCAPC members who work quietly behind the scenes to ensure that the worship experience is rich and meaningful. We welcome feedback from members on how we can enhance the worship life of the congregation.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Halverson, 2015 Chair

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT COMMITTEE

Chair: Catherine Cauley
Members: Patrick Adams
Staff: Andy Fox and Genny Hagler

Overview

During the past year, the committee continued to lead with a focus on young adults and youth. This committee was made up of the chair (Catherine Cauley), Patrick Adams (a youth session representative) and two staff members-Andy Fox and Genny Hagler. Throughout the year, these committee members held leadership meetings with representatives and active members of both the 20/30s group and the youth group. The committee then served as the voice of these leadership teams at session meetings. The committee itself is more of a medium to speak to the session should either group need a voice. It was decided that this committee will be folded in with Christian Education to form a new session committee known as Spiritual Formation in 2016. This committee still feels it is in the best interests of the church that both young adults and youth have a strong voice within session even as they merge with CE.

20/30

Programming continues to be laid out twice a year, once in the summer and again in the winter for the upcoming spring and fall seasons. Genny Hagler leads the 20/30 Leadership Team through a review of past engagements from the prior year. Certain events continued to follow those of the prior year, especially the successful social events, such as the oyster roast and golf tournament. The emphasis on building a spiritual and faith based community continued in both our Sunday School class as well as our bi-weekly meeting known as PINTS (Presbyterians Imbibing in Necessary Theological Study). Attendance has continued to be strong for both of these offerings. We continue to reach our members through our Facebook page as well as the more traditional church communication. This has proved to be an excellent way to reach our young adult population and build a connected community. There is consensus that we provide a well balanced mix of ministry and social engagements. We have placed a greater emphasis this year on reaching young families. This included a family pumpkin carving event which was a great success!

Youth

The Youth Group has greatly prospered this year. We added a part-time Youth Intern (college student, Caitlin Vanderwolf) to help Andy lead our program. Caitlin started a middle school girls' small group which meets monthly and has been of great benefit to our middle school girls. We had 18 students in the 2015 confirmation class, and the students participated in a mission trip to Houston to start the confirmation process. Other trips included the annual trip to the Montreat Senior High Youth Conference and a highly successful Fall Retreat to Gulf Shores, AL attended by 40 youth. We attempted to organize an intergenerational mission trip to the Dominical Republic, but didn't generate enough interest. In 2015, after listening to feedback from our Youth Leadership Committee, we made some programming changes. We combined the Jr. and Sr. High students into one group, and changed the meeting time from 5pm-7pm. Attendance is up from last year as the Youth Group is averaging 35-40 kids each Sunday. We averaged closer to 30 last year.

Many thanks to the faithful youth leaders who volunteer their time to helping make the youth ministry at SCAPC so wonderful!

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Cauley, 2015 Chair

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