

First Presbyterian Church - Conroe



2016 - 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

Presented at the
Annual Meeting of the Congregation
Sunday, February 12, 2017

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Annual Report 2016-2017**

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Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, February 12, 2017

AGENDA

Distribution of Annual Reports for 2016-2017

Determination of a Quorum

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

Purpose of Meeting

Financial Results for 2016

General Budget for 2017

Election of Nominating Committee for 2017

Highlights from Annual Report

Adjournment and Closing Prayer



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Dear Friends,

As you read through this Annual Report, you'll find information from the Church's Committees and Ministry Teams. In these pages, I find many examples of what I love about this congregation along with many reasons to be optimistic for our future. I encourage you to read through the reports. If you are not already involved in the work of a committee or ministry team, please consider the opportunities for you to be more actively engaged in the life of the church.

There are many stories to be told about the life of this congregation. We are hard at work here in the church's buildings, throughout our community, across the country and even in some far-away places overseas. I do believe that God is blessing this work and will continue to do so into the future.

Looking back through the past year, I find many reasons to be thankful. Our congregation continues to be strong, continues to grow in faith and continues to be effective in doing the work of the Church. I am grateful and thank you for the honor of working with you as the Senior Pastor of this First Presbyterian Church. As always, I pray the very best of God's richest blessings for you all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David H. Green". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Rev. Dr. David H. Green,
Senior Pastor

2016 FINANCIAL RESULTS

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Change</u>
Income	\$786,000	\$763,733	\$-2.8%
Expenses	\$788,647	\$795,415	+0.9%

Non-Budget Mission Revenue Received \$41,362

Non-Budget Mission Revenue Disbursed \$31,585

Cash on hand (end 2015) \$176,475

Cash on hand (end 2016) \$186,745

Committed funds (end 2015) \$79,740

Committed funds (end 2016) \$110,620

Edward Jones Acct. (Eleanor Simpson Bequest) \$63,670

Excess proceeds from bond sale \$0

Year-End Total Loan Principal Outstanding \$2,675,590

Loan Principal Repayment in 2016 \$75,411

2017 GENERAL BUDGET

	2016	2016	2017
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Total Income	\$ 786,000	\$ 763,733	\$ 765,040
Pledges	560,000	549,665	544,940
Other	226,000	214,068	220,100
Non-Budgeted Mission	0	41,362*	0
Total Expenses	\$ 788,647	\$ 795,415	\$ 765,288
Mission; Budgeted	20,000	17,913	5,000
Mission; Non-Budgeted	0	31,585*	0
Building & Grounds	147,495	166,991	155,295
Administration			
Administrative	28,085	26,336	27,205
Personnel	336,835	337,053	326,696
Worship	12,250	10,813	10,000
Discipleship	24,300	19,668	22,500
Fellowship	7,000	6,295	6,600
Health & Wholeness	200	0	200
Caring & Prayer	850	506	850
Membership/Inviting	4,000	3,084	4000
Presbyterian Women	2,615	3,006	3,015
Session	500	709	750
Loan Interest Payments	127,818	127,370	126,853
Loan Principal Payments	76,699	75,411	76,325
No. of Pledges	135		126

*Not in Budget Bottom Line

2016-2017 Administrative Committee Annual Report
Fred Kate, Chair

Mission: For the glory of God, we are committed to personnel development, administrative over-site, stewardship development, and the financial health of our church body as it pursues its mission to love God, invest in others, and live generously.

Administrative Committee: Fred Kate (Chairman), Don Albers, Ron Bailey, Danny Ball, Chris Baughman, Sally DeStefano, David Green, and Jenny Peterson.

2016 Accomplishments:

1. Personnel:
 - Interviewed and hired a new Director of Christian Education.
 - Updated all the staff job descriptions.
 - Developed and/or updated all personnel procedures so that our church policies are consistent with current government regulations.
 - Conducted annual performance review for Senior Pastor and helped facilitate reviews for the other staff members.
 - Continued program to develop a comprehensive set of church Operating Procedures.
2. Stewardship:
 - Conducted annual stewardship campaign for 2017 budget year
3. Finance:
 - Prepared 2017 General Budget.
 - Completed an audit of the church's 2015 finances.
 - Monitored finances closely during year with a goal of avoiding or at least minimizing a budget deficit.

2017 Goals & Objectives:

1. Personnel
 - Conduct annual performance review for Senior Pastor and facilitate reviews for other church staff.
 - Continue to monitor and update all personnel policies as needed to comply with government regulations.
 - Continue the development of a comprehensive set of church Operating Procedures.
2. Stewardship
 - Develop and conduct the annual stewardship campaign.
 - Develop program(s) which emphasize the importance of good stewardship in our daily lives.

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3. Finance:

- Develop the annual budget for the church.
- Monitor all line items of current budget that are applicable to this ministry.
- Insure that the other ministry teams are monitoring and controlling their budget line items.
- Regularly report on the financial status of the church to the session and the congregation.
- Oversee church bank accounts, investments, and loans.
- Conduct yearly audit.
- Develop program to accelerate debt reduction.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE
2016-2017 Annual Report
Gary Weinberger, Chair

Mission: Ensure that our church building and grounds are pleasing and acceptable to God; are safe, functional, and comfortable for members, staff, and visitors; and promote and support the activities held at the church including: Worship, Fellowship, Sunday School, Day School, Small Groups, Mission projects, etc.

Building and Grounds Committee: Glenn Elms, Steve Das, Allen Haines, Tom Lowery, Bill Parker, Warren Taylor, Steve Tibbetts, and Gary Weinburger (Chairman).

2016 Accomplishments:

1. Sanctuary Projectors

- Both of the projectors facing the front of the Sanctuary were replaced.

2. Sanctuary Lighting

- Since we had rented a lift for the work on the projectors, we took advantage of its availability to patch and paint the wall where the projection screens were removed, and to replace 14 burned out light bulbs in the ceiling of the sanctuary. We rented a tall ladder and replaced the bulbs over the choir loft with LED bulbs, then erected scaffolding on the stage to replace the 8 light bulbs that are directly over the stage with LED bulbs. We also replaced the tubular bulbs in the sconces with incandescent showcase bulbs because LED bulbs were not yet available in that form factor.

3. Sanctuary Speakers

- The B&G members plus Brandon Folts and Steve Das' friend, Maynard, helped erect scaffolding, remove the two speaker enclosures hanging over the sanctuary, dismantle the scaffolding, diagnose and repair the speakers, erect scaffolding, rehung, test, and aim the speakers, dismantle and store the scaffolding all over the course of a week with no life-threatening injuries.

4. Emergency Lighting

- We had an unplanned power outage on Wednesday Apr 27 when a driver tried to teach his car how to climb a utility pole. It didn't work too well for him but it gave us the opportunity to check out our emergency lighting system. We found several fixtures where the battery needed to be replaced and did so. Ballasts were replaced in several emergency lighting fixtures.

5. Parking Lot Lighting

- Joe Seay replaced all of the parking lot lights with LED fixtures and added a new fixture to illuminate the handicapped spaces by the offices. Many thanks to Joe Seay for his skilled service and to his brother-in-law for the loan of his lift.

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6. Replacement Chairs for Classroom 105

- B&G received a proposal that we replace the current chairs in Room 105 with black plastic chairs like the ones acquired for the Youth classrooms and the library. This proposal came with an offer from a donor to match donations from the Sunday School class and the Sewing Group (up to \$1,000, giving us a budget of \$2,000 for new chairs). This offer was conditional on the removal of all of the old green-cushioned chairs from the room. (Note: This special offering required Session approval. It passed unanimously after the elders were informed that anyone who voted against this proposal would have to discuss their vote with the Mission Sewing ladies.)

Members responded favorably to this proposal and 100 new black plastic chairs were ordered and delivered. The individual gifts were matched by another large matching donation from one of our most generous givers.

7. Leak in sanctuary

- The torrential rain on Friday, May 27th allowed enough water to come into the sanctuary to wet and loosen the carpet tiles 10-12 feet from the exterior wall in some places. We acquired five floor fans (thank you, Coke Machine Fund) on Friday and by Sunday, the carpet was essentially dry. B&G scheduled a work day to analyze the problem and found that the water came in through the weep holes along the left (facing the stage) wall. This appears to be caused by three separate factors.
 - The first (and dominant) factor is that the perimeter foundation drain (or French drain) along that wall filled with silt over time. This prevented the rainwater from being carried away from the building rapidly enough. These drains are just 8" deep x 12" wide ditches around the foundation. They are filled with bull rock and are designed to rapidly carry water away from the foundation. After we discovered the problem along the Sanctuary wall, we walked around the entire building and discovered that the foundation drains around the entire building were filled with silt. All of these must be cleaned out. This may require removing some of the plants along the walls of the building to provide enough room to work (the bushes were planted too close to the walls anyway. Their roots are contributing to the problem.). We plan to have someone clean out the foundation drains on a regular basis (probably annually).
 - The second factor is that the downspout for the gutter in that area was clogged as was the gutter itself thus causing the gutter to overflow onto the clogged French drain. We hired a crew from Gardenmania Landscaping to clean out all of the gutters around the entire building including the FLC (the demographics of the B&G committee precluded us from trying that ourselves. In other words, we're all old.) We will schedule this service on a semi-annual basis. This will buy us some time to address the problem of the clogged foundation drains.

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- The third factor is that the edging strip along the outer edge of the drain was replaced by the landscaper who re-did the plantings in the front lawn and sidewalks to the Sanctuary. The old edging strip had rusted away and allowed rainwater to drain through the flower beds instead of the French drain. This masked the problem with the drain. Even after the new edging strip was installed, water was still able to flow away from the building adequately enough until the recent torrential rains when the water was confined to the drain area by the new edging. Because it couldn't escape quickly enough, it came into the sanctuary through the weep holes.

The real remedy will be to clean out the French drains to get the water to flow away from the building and to clean out the gutter and downspout to keep excess water from getting into the French drain. Sealing the weep holes is not the correct answer because their function is to provide an outlet for any water that condenses on the inside of the brick walls when the warm, moist air of our typical summer days meets the cool back surface of the sheet rock when the air conditioner is running – which is 8 or 9 months of the year. When this is done, we can then reattach the carpet tiles in the sanctuary that were loosened by the water infiltration.

8. Grant from Presbyterian Disaster Relief

- We received a \$5,000 grant from Presbyterian Disaster Relief to help defray the costs of repairs due to water damage from the exceptional rains.

9. Batteries for Fire Alarm panel in Office

- An alert signal occurred in the Reception area of the church office. An alarm system technician was called out and traced the problem to nearly dead batteries in the Annunciator panel (hidden behind the wall hanging behind the reception desk in the front office – Warren knew about the panel but didn't realize it had its own set of batteries). The batteries were available from our alarm company for \$75 each plus trip charge or from Academy for \$25 each plus Warren's personal trip charge. We opted for the latter and we now have 2 new batteries in that panel. (Warren's trip charge plus 75 cents let him buy a Coke from the machine.)

10. Repairs to Restroom between Room 200 & 202

- Allen Haines removed the tiles at the bottom of the wall, declared that the sheet rock behind the tile was yucky but that there was no sign of a leak, replaced the sheet rock with a water-resistant variety, and replaced the tile (we found some extras from the original construction). Upon reassembly, the original gasket leaked. That was replaced and now everything works and nothing smells.

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11. Landscaping

- Paul Evans (who we found has a real passion for landscaping) has been very active making sure the beds along the front sidewalk and around the cross are healthy and free of weeds. He took soil samples, determined which nutrients were needed and amended the beds. They are looking much better now. Paul has cleaned out the PDS vegetable garden beds and he and the other kids planted carrots, lettuce, onions, and Froot Loops. Paul also ordered about 2000 tons of black mulch (well, it seemed like that much) which Glenn and Warren moved and Paul spread one morning

12. Youth Work Day Project - Paint Benches

- The Youth painted some concrete benches which had been out of service for several years. They used a water-based paint. They finished about 5 minutes before one of our torrential April rainstorms. Their hard work was last seen approaching the storm drain. Some rework was required. Bill Bowen lined up a Youthful individual who needed a few more service hours to qualify for the summer mission trip and that person managed to finish painting the benches between rainstorms. After the paint dried, the Utes moved the benches to the beds on either side of the circular flower bed in the main sidewalk. Paul Evans saw what they had done, was overcome with joy, and did his happy dance.

13. Pond & Waterfall

- The old pump for the waterfall was replaced. A float valve was installed and connected to the pipe that feeds the hose bib to keep the water level in the pool constant

2017 Goals and Objectives:

1. Maintain the church's physical building and contents to keep it fully operational at or below budget.
2. Monitor all utilities to minimize expenses and make energy saving improvements where applicable.
3. Review the overall security of the church building and make improvements where applicable and needed.
4. Acquire and install 5 video cameras to show who is at entry doors.
5. Finish the rollout of the Card Key system.

CARE AND PRAYER COMMITTEE
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Jean Heasley, Chair

Mission: To provide comfort, encouragement and assistance to FPC members in times of bereavement or illness, to promote the health and wellness of the congregation, and to offer opportunities for individuals to pray for one another and for the concerns of the church.

Members: Jean Heasley (Chair), Jackye Cannon, Shirley Dukes, B.C. Linton, Dell Schooler, and Joanne Tralmer.

2016 Accomplishments:

1. GriefShare grief support group met for two 13-week series of sessions, spring and fall, on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the FLC Library. These video and discussion sessions for anyone experiencing the loss of a loved one are open to church members and to the community and averaged 8 -16 participants per series. Thanks to the Kitchen Ministry who provide a light supper prior to meetings. Jackye Cannon, Frances Closson and Jean Heasley facilitated these sessions.
2. Surviving the Holidays, a special GriefShare support seminar, was held on November 20 in the church parlor. This seminar was open to the public with 14 in attendance.
3. College Care mailings were sent to 30 college students on the week following Thanksgiving. A letter of encouragement and invitation to a holiday dinner at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Green, along with a Connections bulletin and a gift card were sent to each student.
4. Home Communion was served monthly to homebound members unable to attend church services this year. Visitation and telephone calls were made to other homebound members. Joanne Tralmer coordinates these activities.
5. Cards are provided at the Welcome Desk each Sunday to be signed by members of the congregation and mailed to those members dealing with illness, grief or other cares. Joan Purdom coordinates this activity.
6. Prayer Shawls have been prepared by the Mission Sewing Group.
7. Blessing Bags of small items for anyone hospitalized, in chemo treatment, surgery or homebound illness are available in the church office.
8. Health and Wellness Bulletin Board is located in the main church hallway and has been updated as needed by Dell Schooler.
9. Military Bulletin Board is located in the main church hallway and has been added to and updated as new information is provided. FPC college students have been added to this bulletin board. This year's Vacation Bible School participants again wrote thank you notes to service members.
10. Peppy Pacers, an active group of walkers, continue to meet three times weekly on Monday, Thursday and Friday mornings in the FLC. Pat Ezell coordinates this group.

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11. Stretching Body and Soul, an exercise class stressing balance and flexibility continues to meet weekly on Tuesdays in the FLC, averaging 8 - 15 members weekly. Prayer for all needs is a regular time of each session. Dell Schooler and Pat Ezell coordinate these classes. In May, Tai Chi sessions led by Linda Pfeiffer were introduced in these fitness/yoga programs.
12. A Prayer Session group met every Tuesday morning with Rev. John Dearman in his office prior to his departure in August. The C&P Committee is trying to establish a new regular time for members to pray together.
13. An updated church-wide prayer list is maintained and distributed by email to all prayer warriors in the Stretching Body and Soul classes and to Bible study and Sunday groups.
14. A number of cancer awareness and support events were held in 2016:
 - February 7, wholeness and healing service was conducted at both worship services.
 - In April, FPC volunteers prepared for the Relay for Life by registering participants, collecting money and creating luminaries, and collecting donations for quilt raffle. The sewing group contributed the quilt to be raffled. Altogether, more funds were raised for this Relay than at any time in the past.
15. April 29-30, the ACS Conroe Relay for Life was held at Conroe HS stadium with Kathy Haines as coordinator.
16. June 5, Cancer Survivor Day was celebrated with ribbons given to all survivors during church services.

Goals and Objectives for 2017:

1. Continue GriefShare series of sessions for spring and fall.
2. Continue grief support Surviving the Holidays seminar in the fall.
3. Continue ongoing exercise programs promoting health and wellness, Stretching Body and Soul and Peppy Pacers.
4. Continue support of college students through College Care mailings.
5. Provide ongoing services to homebound, hospitalized or bereaved members.
6. Maintain the bulletin board of FPC college students and military members.
7. Update and publicize resources such as Blessing Bags that are available to members.
8. Reestablish regular small group prayer sessions.
9. Hold a Wednesday Night Live program on communal prayer.
10. Propose a Men's Prayer Breakfast to be coordinated with other Session committees.

DISCIPLESHIP COMMITTEE
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Anne Elms, Chair

Mission: To encourage people to meet in Small Groups and Sunday School classes for fellowship, encouragement, edification, training, prayer, and study of the Bible and to aid people in developing meaningful interpersonal relationships, and to experience the love of God as manifested within the Body of Christ through such fellowship.

Discipleship Ministry Team: Anne Elms (Chair), Kim White, Mark Sowden, Dana Corbit, David Corbit, Glenna Lang, Theresa Pattillo, Yvonne Rose, and Virginia Tamborello.

Youth Ministry Team:
(Reports to Discipleship for oversight and approval of their recommendations and decisions)

Volunteer Youth Director: Mark Sowden
Sr. High Parent Advisory Committee: Mark Sowden (Chair), Kim White, and Sr. High Parents.
Jr. High Advisory Committee: Dana Corbit (Chair), Kim White, and Jr. High Parents.

Vision: To empower, equip, and train youth to be the future leaders of the church through discipleship.

Children's Ministry Team:
(Reports to Discipleship for oversight and approval of their recommendations and decisions)

Kim White, Liz Kessler, Glenna Lang, and Cherry Perciful.

Vision: To create a safe place for parents to bring their children where their little ones will be given the opportunity to encounter God, learn faith and Biblical essentials, and experience a loving community that cares about their spiritual and emotional growth.

Essentials to achieve this vision:
To teach a love for the Bible.
To teach how to talk to God through prayer.
To make children aware of what God is doing in their midst.
To model God's love to each other through Christ.

Presbyterian Day School:
(See PDS Report)

Anne Elms (Board Chairman)
Kim White, DCE
Bill Parker (Building and Grounds)
Glenna Lang (Member at Large)
Bobby Ezell (Member at Large)

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2016 Accomplishments:

Children's Ministry

1. Sunday School Attendance Averages:
 - Children - 9
 - Youth - 8
 - Adult – 99
2. Continued using Gospel Light Sunday School curriculum. Teachers report that they are pleased with the curriculum.
3. Conducted Children's Sunday School teacher training and support.
4. Coordinated a successful Easter Egg Hunt for elementary children with the help of the Youth.
5. Coordinated and participated in a successful VBS July 11 - 15. The theme was Cave Quest. In attendance were 120 children and 70 volunteers.
6. In September, sent postcards to all VBS participants inviting them to Sunday School and upcoming events.
7. Coordinated a Day Camp for rising 5th and 6th graders during VBS week. With Kristi Swoboda leading, the students participated in Bible Study, presented the smack lesson for the younger children, and renovated the Prayer Garden.
8. Offered a very successful second annual Fall Festival for children of FPC and PDS.
9. Offered a Gingerbread House Decorating event. Attendance was 14 kids and 10 adults.
10. Coordinated the annual Children's Christmas Pageant on December 11. In an effort to build bridges between FPC families and PDS families, the tradition has become to invite PDS Kindergartners to join FPC Sunday School children in telling the story of Jesus' birth.
11. Continued WNL classes for children.

Youth Ministry

1. Continued Sunday night Youth activities for JH and SH students.
2. Continued Wednesday night meetings for fun, fellowship, and service.
3. Built relationship bridges between Youth and Elders of the church.
4. Coordinated the annual Chili Cook-off on Jan 31. Connie Kitkoski coordinated. There were 13 teams with prizes for the winning teams. Over \$3,800 was raised for the Youth Mission Trip expenses.
5. Participated in Conroe area wide DNow on January 15 - 17. 29 FPC Youth and 8 adults participated.

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6. Participated in the Youth Presbytery Conclaves.
7. Five people served on the PYCC (Presbytery Youth Connection Council): Leigh Green, Daniel Green, Jaziel Perez, and Collin Pattillo.
8. Coordinated the annual Youth Live and Silent Auction on May 1. Over \$10,000 was raised for the Youth Mission Trip expenses.
9. Conducted a Confirmation class, which culminated in the presentation of one Confirmand, Jaziel Perez, to the congregation on May 29.
10. Recognized 14 graduating Seniors during worship on April 24. Each graduate received a gift.
11. Conducted a successful SH Mission Crown Point, NM. 34 Youth and 8 adults made the trip.
12. Conducted a successful JH Mission Trip to San Augustine, TX. 6 Youth and 3 adults made the trip.
13. Youth lead worship Services on Youth Sunday, September 25. The sermon was delivered by Next Step Director for the Crown Pont Project, Hannah Stowell.
14. Offered a very successful second annual Fall Festival for the children of FPC and PDS. Attendance was 45 kids and 50 adults, total 95.
15. Helped plan and facilitate a farewell dinner and tribute for Rev. John Dearman.
16. Participated in several service projects: Assisted Building and Grounds Committee; Planted trees (donated by Roy Kessler) in public areas of Point Aquarius; served at the Soup Kitchen; decorated church Chrismon Trees; assisted Children's Ministry with Easter Egg Hunt, Christmas Pageant, and PDS Fiesta.
17. Celebrated Christmas with JH and SH progressive dinners.
18. Helped in countless ways on countless projects.

General Discipleship

1. Continued the concept of an 8 week Wednesday Night Live in the fall and another 8 week session in the spring.
2. Compiled an Annual Curriculum Notebook of the year's present and planned curricula. This was presented to Session for approval.
3. Conducted background checks on all teachers, and Youth leaders. (Now the responsibility of the Admin Committee.)
4. Completed the Child Protection OPS.
5. Recognized Sunday School teachers in appreciation of their faithful dedication.
6. Revived the Jesus and Java adult Sunday School class.
7. Transitioned to a new staff representative for Discipleship, Kim White.

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2017 Goals and Objectives

Children's Ministry

1. Continue to move in the direction of family ministry resulting in spiritual transformation in the children, and find ways to involve parents in the discipleship process for the glory of God.
2. Plan more family events, gatherings and seminars.
3. Collaborate with PDS for programming events.
4. Grow and strengthen the Sunday School and WNL programs to the point where splitting classes into smaller age ranges is necessary.
5. Conduct an Easter Egg Hunt.
6. Conduct a Confirmation Class and dinner.
7. Support and participate in VBS.
8. Continue the Gingerbread House decorating event.
9. Coordinate the annual Children's Christmas pageant, including the PDS Kindergartners and Pre- Kindergartners.

Youth Ministry

1. Strengthen Youth Ministry through prayer, engaging curriculum, focused time, energy, parent involvement, and inviting new youth.
2. Continue to build relationships with other church youth groups in the area.
3. Coordinate fundraisers for Youth Mission Trips: Chili Cook-off, Youth Auction.
4. Fund and coordinate a JH Mission Trip to Moore, OK, July 30-Aug. 5 and a SH Mission Trip to Moore, Oklahoma June 4-10.
5. Recognize graduating seniors.
6. Conduct Youth Sunday on the last Sunday in September.

General Discipleship

1. Complete OPS assigned to the Discipleship Committee.
2. Recruit a Discipleship Ministry Team representative from each of the five adult Sunday School classes.
3. Continue the development of additional WNL studies and Adult Sunday School classes.
4. Implement the use of Teacher Covenants in accordance with OPS 11.01
5. Place brochures and maps to Sunday School Classes at the three entrances from the parking

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Church Bus Usage

- January -D-NOW, Soup Kitchen
- February - Conclaves I, Conclaves II
- March - Senior High Activity, Soup Kitchen
- May - Soup Kitchen
- June - Senior High Mission Trip Crown Point NM
- July - Junior High Mission Trip to San Augustine, TX, VBS Day Campers to local missions
- August - Soup Kitchen
- October - Senior High Event- Soup Kitchen
- November - Senior High Tree Planting at Point Aquarius, Senior High Lock-In
- December - Senior High Progressive Dinner, Junior High Progressive Dinner, Youth Christmas Event- Soup Kitchen.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

CLASS	PARTICIPANTS	TEACHER(S)/LEADER(S)	ROOM	BOOK/CURRICULUM	DAY	TIME
Pre-School	Age 3 - Kindergarten	Joanne Tralmer, Deann Alger, Liz Kessler, Kathy Haines	202	Gospel Light	Sunday	10:00
Elementary	Grades 1 - 3	Ednelza Henderson, Drenda Lowery, Rebecca Lowery	200	Gospel Light	Sunday	10:00
Intermediate	Grades 4 - 6	Ruth Masters, Susan Young, Charline Muller, Leigh Green	FLC	Gospel Light	Sunday	10:00
Junior High	Grades 7 - 8	Kristi Swoboda	FLC	Re:form	Sunday	10:00
Senior High	Grades 9 - 12	Bill Bowen, Erin Trantham,	FLC	Titus, Prophecies of Daniel	Sunday	10:00
Fellowship	Adult	Cara Wood	204	Too Busy Not To Pray, "A Christmas Carol", Spirituality of Dietrich Bonhoeffer	Sunday	10:00
Exploring Our Faith	Adult	Susan Buckley	Library	Things Hidden: Scripture As Spirituality, Grounded: Finding God in the World	Sunday	10:00
Discussing God's Word	Adult	Gary Weinburger, Jean Heasley	206	The Present Word	Sunday	10:00
Bereans	Adult	Bob Shepherd	105	Jonah, The Book of Nahum	Sunday	10:00
Theophilus	Adult	Fran Brown	201	The Gospel of John	Sunday	10:00

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE AND SMALL GROUPS (which meet on campus)

CLASS	PARTICIPANTS	TEACHER(S)/LEADER(S)	ROOM	BOOK/CURRICULUM	DAY	TIME
Pre-School	Age 3 - K	Linda Terbl	202	Faith Weaver	Wed.	6:00
Elementary	Grades 1 - 6	Shonee Trail, Brandi Schmidt	200	Faith Weaver	Wed.	6:00
Jr./Sr. High	Grades 7 - 12	Todd White	FLC	Faith in Film	Wed.	6:00
Women's Bible Study	Women	Nancy Dawson	Library	Women of the Word Series: Women as Leaders	Wed.	6:00
Grief Share	Grieving Adults	Jackye Cannon	Library	Your Journey From Mourning to Joy	Wed.	6:00
Men's Bible Study	Men	Bob Shepherd	206	2 Corinthians	Mon.	7:00
Parables from the Back Side	Adults	Jay Swoboda	201	Parables from the Back Side by J. Ellsworth Kalas	Wed.	6:00
Small Group	Adults	Gordon Juhl	105	The Bible Jesus Read, by Philip Yancy	Wed.	6:00
Life Together	Adults	David Green	Parlor	Life Together by Dietrich Bonhoeffer	Wed.	6:00

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE
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Barb Barton, Chair

Mission: To provide fellowship opportunities throughout the year and to provide opportunities for FPC members to participate in activities that build a foundation and relationships within our Christ-centered church.

Fellowship Committee: Barb Barton (Chair), Shirley Dukes, Liz Kessler, Sondra Look, Carolyn Schack, Ruth Masters, and Jane Corbit.

2016 Accomplishments:

1. Provided and served refreshments at several funeral and memorial services. In September, the responsibility of this activity was transferred to Presbyterian Women.
2. Organized, provided and served the luncheon for the March Presbytery of the New Covenant meeting.
3. Assisted Pastor John Dearman with the annual Easter Egg Hunt for the children, providing candy and trinkets.
4. Organized and catered an all-church Appreciation/Farewell Luncheon for Rev. John Dearman and his family.
5. Provided hot dogs, refreshments and a baked goods sale for the Mission Committee sponsored church-wide Rummage Sale in October.
6. Organized, provided and served refreshments (cookies, hot chocolate and wassail) for the annual children's Christmas pageant.
7. Organized, provided and served a luncheon for the Presbytery Leadership Luncheon in January.
8. Assisted several families throughout the year in organizing, setting up and serving refreshments for special occasions for family members, e.g. milestone birthday parties and flag services.

2017 Goals and Objectives:

1. Continue to assist and support our Youth Ministries' Easter and Christmas events.
2. Plan and execute a Purple Tea Event in conjunction with our Cancer Resource Team.
3. Facilitate and assist with Graduation Appreciation dinner for FPC graduating high school seniors.
4. Coordinate and assist with Confirmation Class dinners.
5. Assist Presbyterian Women in funeral and memorial services when needed.
6. Participate in church-wide activities in conjunction with other ministries, e.g. Prayer breakfast(s) with the Prayer and Care Committee, future Mission Committee fund-raising events, etc.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
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Susan Young, Chair

Mission: To assimilate new members into the body of Christ at First Presbyterian Church of Conroe through New/Prospective Member “First Steps” Orientation classes, New Member Gatherings, and mentoring. Track new member participation in worship, Sunday school, small group activities and volunteer opportunities. Collect attendance at worship services, and record information for record keeping. Join in fellowship with one another. Respect each others' differences and opinions and to encourage each other through interaction and prayer.

Membership Committee: Barbara Bennett, Betty Blott, Muffy Crawl, Sarah Gutekunst, Carolyn Hebert, Gordon Juhl, Joan Purdom, Paula Shepherd, Sharon Walker, Judy Weinburger, Kim White and Susan Young (Chair)

2016 Accomplishments:

1. Held “First Steps” Prospective/New Member Orientation classes on June 5 and October 2. At each orientation class, Dr. Green was present to give an overview of the Christian faith, the Presbyterian tradition, and the mission and ministries of FPC Conroe. Opportunities for involvement within the church were explained by the leaders of each ministry. Potential new members filled out a Time and Talent form and were encouraged to join the activities after becoming members of the church.
2. Assigned each new member a mentor to provide them an instant connection to the church.
3. Held three “New Member Gatherings” on February 26, July 8 and October 7 in the homes of Membership committee members. Our committee provided a casual dinner for 12-15 individuals including new members, our ministers and their wives, and guests. These evenings proved to be an excellent opportunity to connect with new church members and become better acquainted.
4. Collected attendance sheets at worship services for record keeping.
5. Updated the church membership roster for “Church Windows”.
6. Sent birthday cards to children at Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services, monthly.
7. Sent care cards to the sick, shut-ins, and those mourning or facing traumatic situations.
8. Maintained and staffed the Welcome Center in Narthex for the 11:00 Worship Service.
9. Provided Greeters in Narthex for worship services.

2016 Member Statistics:

- New Members – 16 (1 Confirmand)
- Baptisms – 3
- Deaths – 11
- Transfers – 2

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2017 Goals and Objectives:

1. Schedule "First Steps" Prospective/New Member Orientation classes, as needed.
2. Schedule New Member Gatherings, quarterly, with pastors, mentors, Membership Committee members and other guests.
3. Continue to collect attendance sheets at worship services for record keeping.
4. Pam Walker will take pictures of New Members. These pictures are to be placed in the glass display case in the main hallway of the church.
5. Provide Visitor Information Cards at the Welcome Desk, as well as in the attendance pads, to gather the contact information of our visitors.
6. Continue to send cards to shut-ins, those who are sick or facing traumatic situations.
7. Continue to send birthday cards to the children (250) at Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services.
8. Continue to maintain and staff the Welcome Center for the 11:00 worship service
9. Continue to recruit greeters for both worship services.
10. Create a postcard to be sent to visitors, acknowledging their presence at church.
11. Create a New Member Information Packet filled with brochures describing our various ministries and activities.

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New Members – 2016 (16)

John and Ivy Lancaster	January 17, 2016
Ed and Jeanine Hobbs	January 23, 2016
George and Nina Schaefer	April 10, 2016
Michael and Jennifer McCrae	April 24, 2016
Samantha McCrae	April 24, 2016
Burt Johnson	May 19, 2016
Gai-Lynn Marshall	June 23, 2016
Richard and Lorna Gatlin	July 3, 2016
June Waggener	September 18, 2016
Jean Marc Mben	October 2, 2016
Lucinda (Cindy) Layne	October 9, 2016

Comfirmants 2016 (1)

Jaziel Perez	May 29, 2016
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Transfers – 2016 (2)

Meg Young	May 15, 2016
Margaret Yocom	November 20, 2016

Baptisms 2016 (4)

Bentley Lane Mohr	January 31, 2016
Chloe Nicole Folts	March 13, 2016
Dylan Michael Folts	March 13, 2016
Wilder James Bailey	December 24, 2016

Deaths 2016 (11)

Ruby Tatom	February 6, 2016	
John Stewart	April 12, 2016	
Harvey Hivnor	April 28, 2016	
Justine Calfee Deison	March 14, 2016	Ruling Elder
James Ray Vinson	May 15, 2016	
Carol Ann Farley Kincannon	May 23, 2016	
Eddy Joe Scott	May 30, 2016	
Wanda Ruth Dark	July 14, 2016	
Caryl Keir	August 12, 2016	Ruling Elder
Robert Schwinkendorf	September 13, 2016	
Mary Jean Black	October 21, 2016	

MISSIONS COMMITTEE
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John Haller, Chair

2017 Purpose and Goals:

Mission Ministry exists to serve God and to put our faith into action by spreading the Gospel and helping people with physical, spiritual and emotional issues and hunger in our local communities and throughout the world.

Members:

Penny Bell, Donna Fisher, Robbie Ganek, Sarah Gutekunst, John Haller (Chair), Roy Penney, Nancy Penney, Tom Young, Susan Young

Prologue:

The Mission Ministry wishes to acknowledge Mission contributions beyond the scope of our budgeted activities which represent literally thousands of volunteer hours, financial contributions, goods and services and independent fund raising activities throughout 2016, totaling an additional \$33,000 to FPCC mission programs.

In recognition we gratefully recognize: Care & Prayer, Discipleship, Worship, Presbyterian Women's, Mission Sewing, Soup Kitchen Volunteer, Women Of the Word, Seaman's Baskets, PW Circle (Esther, Lydia, Martha, Rebecca & Ruth), PW Women's Retreat, Feeding the Hungry Grant Donation, Family Promise, Conroe House of Prayer, Living Water International Donations, Shoe Box Donations, Mission Ministry Rummage Sale and non-budgeted offerings throughout the year.

Additional Mission Ministry accomplishments during 2016:

Presbytery Outreach Grant 2016, Homeless Project, awarded \$2000

Rummage Sale 2016, Church wide effort totaling \$2400

Living Waters International collections totaling \$7800

Achieved Grant award for Tamina Community Center awarded \$8500

Achieved Grant award for Houston Endowment totaling \$34,500

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2016 Budgeted Missions support:

1. Benevolent Missions International, Liaisons -Tom & Susan Young

We provide financial support & volunteers to this local agency that supplies eye surgery, medication, eye exams, glasses to the underserved in Fiji & Belize.

2. Bridgewood Farms, Liaison - Penny Bell

Financial assistance for this local agency helps support activities, services & shelter to adults with intellectual disabilities.

3. CRU – Ghena & Dasha Milcev, Liaison – Roy Penney

Financial assistance for this family who evangelize athletes to serve as leaders in Moldova through a University course, Monday church gatherings, and at international competitions.

4. CRU – Buchholz, Liaison – Roy Penney

Financial support for a U.S staff person who trains new staff and serves in International School Projects that train teachers in the Middle East

5. CRU – Edgar Rodríguez, Liaison – Roy Penney

Coordinates the translation of Jesus films into native languages of South America.

6. Cancare, Liaisons - Dell Schooler & Kathy Haines

Financial support and volunteers work to benefit cancer sufferers and encourage fellowship among survivors and their families.

7. Christian Literature, Liaison - Nancy Penney

We distribute Bibles that uniquely reach particular populations, such as military, Spanish speaking, and youth.

8. Christmas Basket Program, Liaisons Tom Young & Cole LaMaster

Funds are provided to purchase and deliver food boxes for selected families through a counselor at a local elementary school.

9. Conroe House Of Prayer, Liaisons – Tom & Susan Young, Henry & Betty Blott, Dr. Ron Bailey

We provide financial assistance for our volunteers to purchase, prepare, and serve breakfast at this local out-reach to the homeless.

10. Creative Outreach, Liaison - Nancy Penney

Financial assistance supports this local agency, which supplies faith-based training in Life Skills and Drug Rehabilitation at the New Life Women's Center.

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11. Family Promise of Montgomery County, Liaisons - Susan Young & Donna Fisher

In addition to financial assistance, project leader Jean Ball solicited volunteers, and organized our church building for three or four annual visits in this program that supplies shelter, meals, training, and compassionate assistance to homeless families with children.

12. Meals on Wheel, Liaisons – Penny Bell (Conroe) & Tom Young (Montgomery)

We provide financial assistance and volunteer drivers to deliver meals to the elderly and/or disabled homebound in Montgomery County.

13. Food Bank (see: Montgomery County Food Bank #18)

14. Hope for the Middle East, Liaison – Nancy Penney

We contribute financial assistance to this Houston agency, directed by Reverend. E. Elsharony, which aids local immigrants and two small Egyptian churches that are struggling under persecution.

15. Kairos, Liaisons – Gary & Dell Schooler

We provide cookies, scholarships, and volunteers to take prayer, support, guidance, and the fellowship of Christian love to the incarcerated.

16. Living Waters International, Liaisons – Dr. Ron Bailey and Tom Young

FPC members provide funding through the sale of necklaces and by a church- wide special offering so that volunteers can drill much needed water wells in Central America.

17. Crisis Assistance Center, Liaison - Penny Bell

We provide financial assistance to this local agency for supplying short-term emergency funds and other help to county residents.

18. Montgomery County Food Bank, Liaison – Dr. Ron Bailey

In addition to general support for food, when needed, we provide volunteers to pack “buddy backpacks” of foodstuffs for children needing to take their weekend meals home from school.

19. Montgomery County Jail Ministry, Liaison – Roy Kessler

The church has provided financial assistance for Christian educational materials and volunteer teaching and counseling services to prisoners at the local jail.

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20. Montgomery County Woman's Center, Liaison - Penny Bell

We give financial support to this agency which supplies emergency shelter, legal services, and counseling programs to victims of family violence, assault, abuse, or stalking.

21. Pregnancy Assistance Center North, Liaison - Donna Fisher

This supports a local women's center for expectant mothers who lack resources for medical care, baby items, formula, Bibles, etc.

22. Presbytery of the New Covenant, Liaison - Nancy Penney

Provide volunteer and financial support to the denominational work of New Covenant Presbytery as needed.

23. Presbyterian Children's Homes & Services, Liaisons -Tom & Susan Young, Henry & Betty Blott

We provide financial assistance to this agency which supplies full-time residences, foster homes, counseling, adoption services and other care to abused or neglected children.

24. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Relief Ministry, Liaisons - Tom Young & Roy Penney

We support this effort to supply rebuilding services and Christian hope through the One Great Hour of Sharing offering and volunteers in disaster areas.

25. Resourcing Christian Education (RCE International), Liaison - Roy Penney

These funds support educational missionaries, Scott and Carol Musser, in Spain as they begin a new out-reach: initiating the establishment of a Christian school in Madrid. Spain's schools are rated the lowest in Western Europe.

26. Salvation Army Soup Kitchen, Liaison – Sharon Walker

In addition to financial assistance for purchasing food, we provide volunteers who prepare and serve lunch every Monday; the youth serve lunch one Sunday a month.

27. Salvation Army Christmas Bell Ringers, Liaison – Donna Fisher

We provide volunteers to man a Salvation Army collection stand during the Christmas season.

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28. The Seafarer's Christmas Shoe Box Ministry, Liaison – Susan Buckley

Presbyterian Women sponsors the collection of funds and goods to be packed in shoeboxes, which are delivered to merchant seamen docking at the Port of Houston during November and December.

29. Serving in Mission (SIM), Liaison - Sarah Gutekunst

These funds support the mission work of Doctors Steve and Sheri Letchford, serving at a teaching hospital in Kenya.

30. Tamina Community Center, Liaison - Penny Bell

We provide financial assistance to this low-income neighborhood community center on the eastern edge of The Woodlands.

31. Witnessing Ministries of Christ, Liaison – Nancy Penney

We continued financial assistance to the Exodus Christian Presbyterian Church in North India, where we initiated the organization of a new presbytery. Funds provide outcast Dalit children and adults with evangelization, education, job training, health knowledge, and leadership skills.

MISSION SEWING
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Joan Lowery, Coordinator

1. For First Presbyterian Church:

- 6 Knitted/Crocheted Prayer Shawls for seriously ill FPC members
- 3 Receiving Blankets for the newborn children/grandchildren of FPC members
- Made 23 fleece shawls for use in the sanctuary
- Paid for replacing the blinds in the multi-purpose room
- Donated \$1,000, which was matched by an anonymous, for the purchase of chairs
- Held a “silent auction” and sale of handmade items in conjunction with the 2016 Sew-a-Thon which raised approximately \$1,500.00 to benefit the Mission Sewing Group
- Gave the Dearman family a quilt as a going-away gift

2. For the Community:

- **Conroe Regional Medical Center**
 - 62 Knitted caps for newborns and children
- **Birthright of Montgomery County**
 - 3 Flannel receiving blankets
- **Cancer Drive**
 - Donated a quilt which was auctioned to raise \$220
- **Conroe Animal Shelter**
 - 24 Doggie Pillows (stuffed with small scraps of batting and fabric)
- **Conroe Regional Medical Center**
 - 62 crocheted/knitted caps for infants and children
- **“It’s My Very own Bags of Love/Bags of Love”**
 - Held a Quilt-a-Thon on Feb 27th in which 101 people participated
 - Donated 86 children’s quilts
 - Collected \$185.00 for “Bags of Love” to purchase needed items for the bags
 - Collected two bags full of toys and other items to be used to fill the “Bags of Love”
 - Ruffled a quilt and donated the proceeds (\$200) in memory of Diane Parker
- **Project Linus**
 - Donated 14 children’s quilts

3. Beyond the Community:

- **Texas Children’s Hospital**
 - Made and donated 30 small purple “butterfly” quilts

4. World-Wide Missions:

- **Children’s Emergency Relief International (CERI)**
 - 516 Knitted/crocheted Caps
 - 245 Crocheted Scarves

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- **Days for Girls**
 - 28 Drawstring Bags
 - 8 Shields
 - 180 Liners
- **Healthy Women Healthy Families (formerly the Mother’s Day NetWorkers Project)**
 - Collected \$504.00
- **Knit for Kids c/o World Vision**
 - 28 Knitted Children’s Sweaters
- **Living Water International:**
 - Donated \$5,200 raised by making and selling crocheted yarn necklaces for \$5 each.
- **Seamen’s Christmas Boxes**
 - 100 Knitted caps

Healthy Women Healthy Families

For the past 11 years the Mission Sewing Group has been active in the malaria prevention program, sponsored by the Presbyterian Church PCUSA. First, by making mosquito nets, and then for the past several years they have participated in the Healthy Women Healthy Families, a project of the Presbyterian Church UPUSA. In exchange for a donation to the Healthy Women Healthy Families project, a donor receives a Mother’s Day card indicating that a donation to the program has been made in the recipient’s name.

1. Timeline for the Healthy Women Healthy Families Project

- April 30th
 - Set up net display and table in the Narthex
- April 30th and May 7th
 - A short article in the Connection about the Healthy Women Healthy families project
 - Set up display table in the Narthex

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The group has approximately 26 members. Some are unable to attend the meetings, but participate by working on projects from home.

The sewing group meets on the first, third and fourth Wednesdays of the month during the school year. They meet on the first through the fourth Wednesdays during the summer. When there is a fifth Wednesday, the group often schedules something different. Sometimes it is an outing and other times it is learning or working on a new project.

In the past six years the Mission Sewing Group has raised approximately \$31,500 through the sale of crocheted yarn necklaces. In October of 2015 they donated \$4,159.85 to Living Water International.

- **Jan. 8th** – There will be an article in the Connection about the money the Mission Sewing Group has raised through the sale of necklaces. They will have a table set up in the Narthex displaying the necklaces.

The 8th annual Quilt-a-Thon, to benefit It's My Very Own/Bags of Love and the Mission Sewing Group, is scheduled for February 25, 2017. It will be held in the Family Life Center. There will be a silent auction and a sales booth (to sell necklaces, church cook books, rugs and misc. hand-made items). With the exception of the cook books, the proceeds will go to the Mission Sewing Group to finance their activities for the year. A total of 573 quilts have been donated to It's My Very Own/Bags of Love.

1. Timeline for the Quilt-a-Thon

- Feb. 5th
 - Announcement in the Connection regarding the upcoming event
 - Hang quilts in the Narthex
- Feb. 12th and 19st
 - Minute for Missions
 - Insert sign-up sheets in the Bulletins
 - Have sign-up tables set up in the Narthex and in the coffee area in the FLC
- Feb. 24th
 - 9:00 until.....Prepare/set up for the event in the FLC
- Feb. 25st
 - Quilt-a-Thon: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

2. Mission Sewing Retreat

- March 13th – 17th
 - A retreat for the members of the Mission Sewing Group to be held at the lake home of Margie and Ron Bailey

PRESBYTERIAN DAY SCHOOL
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Janet Klem, Director

Purpose: The purpose of Presbyterian Day School shall be to minister, educate and nurture preschool and Kindergarten children of the church and the community through a weekday program with a Christian emphasis. The school's concern shall be for the total development of each child, spiritually, creatively, emotionally, intellectually, physically and socially. In addition, we strive to help each child grow in independence and social development, considering his or her own unique abilities and talents.

PDS Ministry Team/Board of Directors: **Session Representative:** Anne Elms, **Teacher Representative:** Sarah Harrison, **Parent Representatives:** Kim Severson and Mary Ann Whorton, **Congregational Representatives:** Bobby Ezell and Glenna Lang, **Property and Grounds:** Bill Parker, **Director of P.D.S.:** Janet Klem, **Director of Christian Education :** Kim White

Student and Staff Population: Currently Presbyterian Day School has approximately 138 students and 23 staff members. All classes are currently full and have waiting lists in our Toddlers and Two's. Due to 2017-2018 registration, we are holding off on enrolling students for 2016-2017. Teachers must complete 24 hours of continuing education, required by state licensing. All staff will be complete by March 1, 2017. Director is required to complete 30 hours of continuing education with an emphasis on leadership, management and business skills. This requirement has been completed. Substitute teachers are also required to complete 24 hours of training.

2016 Accomplishments :

1. Playgrounds were well maintained. New outside toys were purchased for play. (wagons and wheelbarrows) Wooden Climbing structure was power washed and re-painted. Boat structure was modified so that our children were more visible to our teachers monitoring playground activity. College Flags were added to top of climbing structure. Donations were taken to cover cost of flags. Fun competition for college fans and alumni.
2. PDS Bulletin Board was added to Family Life Hallway with approval of First Presbyterian Church Administration. Teachers can now display class art work for parents and church members to enjoy without damaging the walls.
3. New paint was added to a few classrooms with color approval from building and grounds. Carpet was repaired in Nursery and in rooms on hallway 100.
4. PDS is still offering Spanish, Music and Movement and Art to our Toddlers-Kindergarten and , in addition to our Pre-Kinder and Kindergarten program, we have " Praise and Worship " with FPC Music Director- Brandon Folts and a Science Lab with Nathaly Baxter on Wednesdays.

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5. EZ Care is still our program we use to keep our information organized and updated.
 6. Facebook is being monitored by Janice Kuhl and Audra Hoegemeyer. This source of media seems to work well with our families.
 7. Participated in” **Operation Christmas Child** “with Samaritan’s Purse once again. Our participation grew from last year! Dr. Green blessed the boxes during worship in November service and the boxes were then delivered to First United Methodist Church in Conroe. Kim White headed up this project.
 8. Sponsoring a child through Compassion International - Philanthropy Project Teaching our child to care for others.
 9. Scholastic Book was a huge success for our day school. We raised more than our last Fall book fair. Money is used for new supplies in classrooms. (books, rugs, manipulatives and furniture)
 10. “Fiesta 2017” is taking on a new adventure. This year, Fiesta will be held off sight for first time in PDS history.It will be held at Lone Star Community Center in Montgomery. Our theme will be our traditional “PDS Fiesta”. Fajitas and the traditional sides will be served, as well as a salsa/chip bar. Kim White will be sending out invites to FPC members.
 11. Pre-Kinder and Kindergarten learned The Lord’s Prayer in Chapel and will be recorded and presented in Sunday FPC Worship in 2017.
 12. PDS curriculum and special programs are always improving, plus additions made this year.
- Science Lab added on Wednesdays for Kindergarten and PreKindergarten
 - More take home readers added to Kinder classroom
 - Happily- Ever -After has been a success in Pre-Kindergarten, will continue using this reading readiness curriculum for 2017-2018
 - Paul Evans (Master Gardener) has volunteered to teach our children about gardening. He has come up twice this year to plant seasonal vegetables with all classes.
 - Kindergarten continues to visit P-6 Farms in the fall
 - Kindergarten celebrates 50th day of school with the 3rd annual “sock hop” Everything from root-beer floats to the bunny-hop.
 - DRA (Developmental Reading Assessment) continues in Kindergarten.

- “Kinder Camp” is still part of our Kinder program. Teachers and students meet twice in the summer prior to the start of the school year. Children, teachers and parents enjoy these short days of introductions.

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- Special programs are still important to PDS. We start the year off with “ Blessings of the Back backs “continue with Donuts with Dad for Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten, Fellowship Mall/ Open House(this year we added a bake sale and raised money for our scholarship program) , Fire Truck visit for **Fire Prevention Month**, Scholastic Book Fairs, Thanksgiving programs and Feasts for Pre-Kinder and Kindergarten, Christmas Program and participation in FPC Christmas Pageant, visit from Santa, FPC Gingerbread House Event, StoryTeller and Pajama Day, Texas Cowboy Hoedown and Pony Rides, Mad Science Week and Science Fair for Pre-Kinder and Kindergarten, Wonders of the Woodlands, Patty the Puffin / Dental Health Month, Vision and Hearing Screening provided by Conroe Service League and Conroe Noon Lion’s Club for Pre-Kinder and Kindergarten, Parent Appreciation Breakfast, Staff Appreciation Luncheon provided by our wonderful parents, Mother’s Day Luncheon- Kindergarten, presentation on “Stranger Danger” presented by ATA Martial Arts in Conroe, and a Basketball program led by Coach LaTaunya.
13. “Stay and Play”, our afterschool program, is still under supervision of Kathy Haines.
 14. “Wiz Kids” is still a popular program at PDS, Director/ Gwen Henderson and teacher/Trish Meadors. Offered on Wednesdays to Pre-Kinder and Kindergarten only.
 15. New copier was placed in our workroom.
 16. PDS Bullentin board was placed in the Family Life Hallway to display children’s art work.
 17. Locks were added to all classroom doors.

2017 Goals and Objectives

1. Working with Kim White/Director of Christian Education to invite and welcome our Families to come and worship at FPC. Information about the church was included in the registration packets this year.
2. Replace awnings on outside climbing structure.
3. Replace outside mats on playground entrances.
4. Be willing to offer classes and make changes in our program when the needs in our community are necessary.
5. Possibly replace Pre-Kindergarten reading curriculum with Super Kids in 2018-2019.

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Principals of a Christian Day School

1. Teachers shall be willing to teach the principles of a Christian Day School.
2. Classes (3's-Kindergarten) attend Chapel on Tuesdays and Thursdays to learn about the Bible and about the love our Father in Heaven has for all of us.
3. Pre-Kinder and Kindergarten join together on Wednesday mornings to sing Praise and Worship songs with Brandon Folts.
4. Staff at PDS will be role models to our children at PDS and teach them how to be ***Disciples of Christ*** through their acts of kindness, patience and forgiveness.***It is the goal of PDS to glorify God in all that we do and learn.***

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
2016-2017 Annual Report
Ann Johnson, Moderator

Mission: The Presbyterian Women's Team is composed of the officers and the Circle chairmen. Team meetings are held monthly with the exception of December, June and July. Circles meet monthly September-May. The 2016-2017 Presbyterian Team year is from June-May.

The Team Officers are:

Moderator: Ann Johnson
Vice-Moderator:
Past Moderator: Shirley Dukes
Secretary: Marty Taylor
Treasurer: Joanne Tralmer
Honorary Life Membership Chair: Marty Taylor
Membership Chair: Margaret Carson
Funeral/Memorial Service Coordinator: Marty Taylor
Women's Retreat Coordinators: Sally DeStefano and Ednelza Henderson

The Circle Leaders are:

Esther Circle: Lee Cruikshank
Lydia Circle: Glenna Lang and Sally DeStefano
Martha Circle: Karen Clark and Yvonne Rose
Rebecca Circle: Jean Ball and Linda Zoellner
Ruth Circle: Joanne Tralmer and Ann Kate

Approximately 300 women are members of our church. The five circles' monthly attendance averages 60-65, with four meeting in the morning and one meeting in the evening to accommodate the needs of working women.

Honorary Life Memberships were awarded to Frances Closson and Martha Haines in May 2016.

1. Activities:

- The Circles hold monthly meetings for devotion and Bible Studies.
- Two Gatherings are held each year, Fall and Spring. These are open to all women of the church and their guests. The Fall Gathering was held November 12, 2016. The program featured a brief summary of our Women's Retreat by Rev. Caressa Murray who will be the guest speaker and The Jazz Girls, an a capella choir from Montgomery High School. The program for the Spring Gathering on March 25, 2017, will feature The Chordbusters, a women's barbershop-style musical group.
- Monthly Birthday Celebrations are held at The Conroe Health Center. Each circle provides assistance in serving and singing! Brandon Folts, our Music Director, generously and consistently provides his time and talent to make these events a memorable time for the residents.

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- One hundred Seamen's Boxes were packed and delivered to the Houston International Seafarer's Center. Items for the boxes were provided by Circle members and others in our congregation. This project is chaired by Susan Buckley.
- Women members new to the church are personally contacted and welcomed as well as receiving a written card.
- Mission Sewing Group is comprised of dedicated and talented church women who are involved in numerous needle craft projects – including, but not limited to, prayer shawls for those who are ill or undergoing surgery, gowns, hats and sweaters for babies and liners for military helmets. A major project is sponsoring and executing an annual Quilt-a-Thon in conjunction with The Bags of Love organization which makes quilts for children who are taken from their parents' care for participating in illegal activities.
- FPC women participate in many aspects of church life including Family Promise, Kairos Prison Ministry, Salvation Army Soup Kitchen, Meals on Wheels, Wednesday Night Live, Peppy Pacers and Stretching Body and Soul.
- Funeral/Memorial Receptions at the church are offered and provided, if desired, to families, members and non-members.
- Days for Girls is an on-going service project which provides resources, materials and time to make kits of re-usable feminine hygiene items for the international non-profit organization.
- Benevolence Giving – The Fall Gathering Thank Offering was distributed with 1/3 being sent to Presbytery of pre-selected international projects benefitting women and children, and 2/3 was sent to Freedom Place, a faith-based organization rescuing and meeting the needs of girls and women caught in the sex-trafficking trade in Harris-Montgomery Counties' area. The Birthday Offering is collected at the Spring Gathering and benefits international women's and children's mission projects not covered by General Assembly mission support. Fellowship of the Least Coin is collected at the monthly Circle meetings and is sent through Presbytery to Fellowship, headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, which supports education for women through grants.

FPC TECH MINISTRY COMMITTEE
Annual Report 2016
Pete Gajewski, Chair

Mission

As a new Ministry of 6 months conceived in 2016 we found ourselves focused on Operational Issues.

Committee Membership

Pete Gajewski (Chair), Alan Haines, Amy Folts, Daniel Green, Donna Kattner, Mary Watrous, Matthew Green, Morris Burkwall, Reed Watson, Steve Das, Steve Tibbett, Warren Taylor

2016 Accomplishments

- Tech Ministry Committee was formed in the fall of 2016
- Media and Light booth guidelines were produced
- Projection equipment repaired by committee members
- Booth rehab plan set for January 2017

Current Plan

- Ensure the Sanctuary technology is reliable, usable and serviceable.
- That the audio, visual, and lighting systems have a descriptive set of operator guidelines
- That the video system black-outs be corrected
- Team up with Buildings and Grounds to replace stage bulbs as well as repositioning spot lights
- Reposition the live sound microphone
- Video Taping Service focus spots

Future Plan

- Investigate HDMI Switch for the independent projector showing of media.
- Recruiting volunteers to provide backup for the media and light booth
- Revamp the gymnasium sound and media
- Continually-Run Announcements of FPC programs on TV screens in the Narthex
- Podcasting

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE COOKING TEAM
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Suzie Reese, Coordinator

The Wednesday Night Kitchen Crew consists of approximately fourteen members who enjoy providing a good meal and an opportunity for fellowship for our church family.

2015 Accomplishments:

1. The Wednesday Night Kitchen Crew cooked dinner on Wednesday nights in the spring and the fall for a total of twenty-six dinners; 1,890 individual meals were served.
2. We provided meals for church events, including Presbytery Meeting and Sew-a-thon and served at other church functions. Dinner was served twice to Family Promise.
3. In addition to that, every week several meals were sent to homebound members.
4. The Wednesday Night Kitchen Crew also helped in the kitchen for events including the Chili Cook-off, the youth fund raiser dinner, and the Church Potluck/Dearman Going Away Reception.
5. New shelves, drawer units, and a variety of pots, pans, and utensils were purchased.
6. Several days were spent cleaning the kitchen.

WORSHIP MINISTRY

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Mission: Offer opportunities for spiritual growth and creativity as we work with both Pastors and church musicians to help our worship services fulfill our Vision to: ***"Love God, Invest in People, and Live Generously."***

Membership: Chuck Pohla (Chair) Chris Kattner, Cindy Bailey, Larry Bailey, Morris Burkwall, Karen Clark, Brandon Folts, Dr. David Green, John Gutekunst, Becky Judah, Gaylon Wood, Jaziel Perez, Marty Taylor, Nancy Vogt and Cara Wood.

2016 Accomplishments:

1. Improved the sanitation of the Communion service by introducing larger, diced pieces of bread that are given out during the Intinction process and are also passed out in the trays during the Regular process.
2. Sponsored a Healing Service on June 7 that ministered to those suffering from cancer, grief, and chronic health problems. Many were touched by the prayers and anointment with oil.
3. Developed a "Banner Schedule" to coordinate the type of banner hung in the Sanctuary with the spiritual time of the year.

2017 Goal and Objectives:

1. Provide opportunities for the spiritual growth by providing special publications such as Upper Room, These Days and the Advent Calendar which provide daily devotionals for personal growth and reflection.
2. Provide opportunities for participation by the Congregation:
 - Lay leaders (during the weekly services)
 - Advent reading and set-ups for the five Advent services each year
 - Ushering (weekly or occasionally as a substitute)
 - Communion servers (monthly)
 - Women's choir on Father's Day
 - Men's Choir on Veteran's Day
 - Work on teams to help the Pastors with their themed sermon topics

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3. Enhance special holidays and seasonal events by providing the following:
 - Easter Lilies on Easter
 - Flowering the Cross on Easter
 - Carnations on Mother's Day
 - Bookmarks on Father's Day
 - Poppies for Veteran's Day
 - Poinsettias for Christmas
 - Cornucopia display at Thanksgiving
 - Decorations for Advent
 - Crèche display for Advent and Christmas
 - Candles for the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Let's Get Connected

In this **Annual Report**, you have read the vision of many ministries, seen the schedule for our Sunday School classes, Youth groups, Small groups, and learned about many mission projects that our church members conduct. Our church's vision is to **“Love God, Invest in People, Live Generously.”** The following table lists the Session ministries, all of which are looking for participants. With each ministry or team, the phone number and email address are given for a contact person. If that ministry or team interests you, or fits your gifts and passions, please contact the lead person and talk with them. Get **connected**, put your gifts and passions to use, and you will be blessed for it.

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