

First Presbyterian Church – Conroe

Annual Report 2018-2019

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First Presbyterian Church – Conroe

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, March 3, 2019

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March 3, 2019

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Annual Meeting of the Congregation for Conroe's First Presbyterian Church.

In our time together, we will conduct some of the business that's required of the congregation. We will receive financial reports for 2018, hear plans for the 2019 budget, and receive recommendations about the Pastor's Terms of Call. All of this will have a very business-like feel to the information reported and actions taken by the congregation. But this year, the meeting will include something new and exciting.

Every year our meeting agenda has *Highlights from the Annual Report*. This year the highlights will include an introduction of the *Forever Fund*. As the name implies, our Trustees are looking ahead to the formation of a long-term endowment. But this report really isn't about money. At its heart, this part of the meeting will take us back to the time when each of us was invited and welcomed into the life of the congregation. This presentation will be made by our own Gigi Woodruff and will include a few minutes for Q&A with Rick Young, a former Pastor of the congregation and now director of the Texas Presbyterian Foundation. We will be asked to consider the powerful blessing that this congregation is to each of us, and its powerful impact on the lives of our children and grandchildren, our friends and neighbors, our extended families and our communities. We will also be asked to open our hearts and prayers for the congregation that will be here for future generations.

Please keep all of this in mind as you read through the reports prepared by our various committees and ministry team. The work of this congregation is as diverse as the personalities within it. But there are consistent themes through these reports. Time and time again, this congregation chooses to rise to challenges and to reach out with love. Time and time again, you choose to be a blessing to others. Time and time again, you choose to allow God to bless others through your efforts.

I invite you to review this booklet and to learn about the life and work of this First Presbyterian Church. I also invite you to consider your opportunities to participate in it. Even more than that, I encourage you to invite and to welcome others. This truly is a marvelous time in the life of our congregation.

All the best,

The Reverend Dr. David H. Green

2018 FINANCIAL RESULTS

	Budgeted	Actual	Change
Revenue	\$760,956	\$758,037	-0.4%
Expenses	\$755,471	\$752,369	-0.4%
Restricted Funds Revenue Received			\$136,677
Mission Related: \$47,095			
Restricted Funds Revenue Disbursed			\$211,607
Mission Related: \$61,789			
Restricted Funds Balance (end 2017)			\$137,953
Restricted Funds Balance (end 2018)			\$63,023
Checking Account(s) Balance (end 2017)			\$218,826
Checking Account(s) Balance (end 2018)			\$109,030
Committed Funds (end 2018)			\$95,173
Edward Jones Acct. (Eleanor Simpson Bequest)			\$64,850
Year-End Total Loan Principal Outstanding			\$2,616,201
Loan Principal Repayment in 2018			\$91,460

2019 GENERAL BUDGET

	2018 Budget	2018 Actual	2019 Budget
Total Revenue	\$760,956	\$758,037	\$727,686
Pledges	555,013	568,498	579,436
Freewill	157,000	138,946	110,000
Other	25,600	27,250	38,250
Carry-Over from Prev. Yr.	23,343	23,343	0
Total Expenses	\$755,471	\$752,369	\$727,532
Operating Expenses	\$478,360	\$492,637	\$483,062
Building & Grounds	130,400	149,548	145,000
Administration	26,380	25,633	25,830
Personnel	321,580	317,456	312,232
Debt Reduction	\$220,646	\$220,585	\$207,820
Loan Interest Payments	129,143	129,125	127,811
Loan Principal Payments	91,503	91,460	80,009
Program	\$51,465	\$34,012	\$36,650
Worship	8,700	6,947	8,400
Discipleship	25,100	14,923	15,300
Fellowship	6,200	6,623	6,500
Health & Wholeness	200	100	200
Caring & Prayer	3,850	2,561	1,350
Membership/Inviting	4,000	2,611	3,000
Presbyterian Women	3,015	247	1,700
Session	400	0	200
Mission	\$5,000	\$5,135	\$0
No. of Pledges	116		120

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

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Mission: 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 for the Glory of God.

Current Membership: Sally DeStefano (Chair), Ron Bailey, Danny Ball, Chris Baughman, David Green, Todd Harrell*, Fred Kate, John Lancaster*, Jenny Peterson, David Spinks*, Cara Wood*. *Joined in 2018.

2018 Accomplishments:

Personnel:

- Continued to monitor and update personnel policies and processes to ensure our church practices are consistent with current regulatory and other requirements.
- Conducted annual performance review for Senior Pastor.
- Communicated benefits programs for eligible employees and provided an additional medical coverage option for Plan Year 2019. Additionally, part-time church employees who are eligible for Board of Pensions coverages for workers with schedules less than 20 hours per week were offered benefits options at their cost starting in 2019.

Stewardship and Finance:

- Conducted annual stewardship campaign for 2019 budget year.
- Prepared 2019 General (Operating) Budget.
- Monitored finances closely during year with a goal of avoiding or at least minimizing a budget deficit.
- Implemented online giving option on the church website for tithes and other financial contributions.
- Developed new banking relationship and open new accounts.

Operating Procedures (OPS): Implemented a streamlined approach to approving OPS and their related processes and forms.

Other: Conducted a congregational survey.

2019 Goals & Objectives:

Personnel:

- Conduct annual performance review for Senior Pastor.
- Develop an employee handbook.

Stewardship and Finance:

- Develop and conduct the annual stewardship campaign.
- Develop the annual operating budget for the church.
- Regularly report on the financial status of the church to the session and the congregation.
- Oversee church expenses, revenues, bank accounts, investments, and loans.
- Conduct annual audit.
- Develop program to accelerate debt reduction.

Other:

- Encourage committees to use the features offered by Acceptiva for fund raising and scheduling events.
- Communicate results of 2018 church survey to congregation.

Care and Prayer Ministry
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Mission:

To provide encouragement, comfort, prayer and assist FPC members in times of bereavement, illness and crisis and to promote health and wellness of the congregation and to offer opportunities to receive and pray for one another and for concerns of the church.

Members:

Joanne Tralmer (Chair), B.C. Linton, Jean Heasley, Jackye Cannon and Sarah Gutekunst.

2018 Accomplishments:

- B.C. Linton completed a one-week training as leader for Stephen Ministry. She recruited and trained nine members. They were commissioned in October. Assignments are made by, and reports give to Dr. Green and B.C. Linton. This is a great step in the care of our members.
- Surviving the Holidays special GriefShare support seminar was held November 11 in the Church Parlor. Jean Heasley and Jackye Cannon facilitated this session.
- Collage Care mailings were sent to 18 students in December. A letter of encouragement with best wishes for a safe holiday was sent, including an invitation to a dinner at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Green, along with a Subway gift card.
- Home Communion was served to homebound members. Phone calls and some visits were also made. Joanne Tralmer coordinates this activity.
- Cards for members with illness, grief, or other concerns are provided at the Welcome Desk to be signed by members of the congregation. Joan Purdom coordinates this activity.
- Health and Wellness bulletin board was updated by Dell Schooler.
- Military and college student bulletin board was updated.
- Stretching Body and Soul, an exercise class stressing balance and flexibility continues to meet weekly. Dell Schooler led this group for many years. After the moved, Sarah Gutekunst continued the program.
- Prayer time meets Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. Joanne Tralmer coordinates this activity. A form of emergency contacts was made. Sharon Walker and her committee had members fill them out at their photo appointments. This was a great help.

Goals and Objectives for 2019:

- Continue GriefShare and Surviving the Holidays as needed.
- Continue ongoing exercise programs, promoting health and wellness.
- Continue contact with college students through college care mailings.
- Continue ongoing services to homebound and bereaved members.
- Maintain the bulletin board of military members and college students.
- Have a second person trained as leader for Stephen Ministry.
- Work with Sharon to input emergency contact information into the church computer system.
- Formulate a 2-week program of prayers of Praise and Gratitude.

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY 2018-Annual Report

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, Glenna Lang, Yvonne Rose, Anne Spinks, and Virginia Tamborello

Youth Ministry Team: (Reports to Discipleship for oversight and approval of their recommendations and decisions)
Volunteer Youth Director: Mark Sowden
Youth Parent Advisory Committee: Mark Sowden (chair), Kim White, Jr. & Sr. 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)
Vision: To create a safe place for parents to bring their children where the 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:

1. To teach a love for the Bible.
2. To teach how to talk to God through prayer.
3. To make children aware of what God is doing in their midst.
4. To model God's love to each other through Christ.

2018 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Children's Ministry

1. Sunday School Attendance Averages:
 - Nursery - 6
 - Children - 6
 - Youth - 8
 - Adult - 80
2. Continued using Gospel Light Sunday School curriculum. Teachers report that they are pleased with the curriculum.
3. Coordinated a successful Easter Egg Hunt for elementary children with the help of the Youth.
4. Coordinated and participated in a successful VBS July 9 - 13. The theme was *Shipwrecked: Jesus Rescues*. In attendance were 125 children and 60 volunteers. Thursday Family Night included a showing of "Madagascar" and Kona Ice .
5. In September, sent emails to all PDS families and VBS participants inviting them to Sunday School and upcoming events.
6. Coordinated a Day Camp for nine rising 5th and 6th graders during VBS week. With Anne and David Spinks leading, the students participated in VBS Curriculum, presented the snack lesson for the younger children, and participated in several mission projects.
7. Offered a Gingerbread House Party on December 1st. 50 attended with 7 volunteers.
8. Hosted a Family Film Night on Saturday 12/15, following Pageant Dress Rehearsal.
9. Coordinated the annual Children's Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 16. In an effort to build bridges between FPC families and PDS families, the tradition has become to invite PDS Kindergartners and Pre-Kindergartners to join FPC Sunday School children in telling the story of Jesus' birth. The pageant was held during the Sunday School Time. It was broadcast on Facebook Live.

Youth Ministry

1. Conducted confirmation class for 8 youth – Confirmation Sunday was held on May 13th.
2. monthly Youth activities for JH and SH students.
3. Continued Wednesday night meetings for fun, fellowship, and service.
4. Coordinated the annual Chili Cook-off on Jan 30. Over \$3,500 was raised for the Youth Mission Trip expenses.
5. Participated in Conroe area wide DNow on January 12 - 14. 8 FPC Youth and 3 adults participated.
6. Participated in the Youth Presbytery Conclaves.
7. Five people served on the PYCC (Presbytery Youth Connection Council): Daniel Green, Collin Pattillo, Matthew Green, and Kyle Williams.
8. Coordinated the annual Youth Live and Silent Auction on May 1. Over \$14,000 was raised for the Youth Mission Trip expenses.
9. Recognized a graduating senior during worship on May 20. The graduate received a gift.
10. Conducted a successful SH Mission Trip to Puerto Rico. 11 Youth and 2 adults made the trip.
11. Conducted a successful JH Mission Trip to San Augustine, TX. 8 Youth and 3 adults made the trip.
12. Youth lead worship Services on Youth Sunday, September 30. The sermon was delivered by several youth.
13. 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 Christmas Trees; assisted Children's Ministry with Easter Egg Hunt, Christmas Pageant, Fall Festival & VBS
14. Celebrated Christmas with JH and SH progressive dinners.
15. Helped in countless ways on countless projects.

General Discipleship

1. Continued the concept of an 8-week Wednesday Night Live in the spring. We had another session in the fall beginning with a showing of the Mr. Rogers documentary, "Won't You Be My Neighbor"
2. Conducted background checks on all teachers, VBS Volunteers, and Youth leaders.
3. Recognized Sunday School teachers in appreciation of their faithful dedication.
4. Continued the Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) program that meets bi-monthly during the school year with child care provided. It began in September. Meetings have averaged 9 attendees each month.

2018 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 and holiday film 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 Puerto Rico.
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. Rebuild Children's Ministry/Sunday School Team
3. Continue the development of additional WNL studies and Adult Sunday School classes.
4. Place brochures and maps to Sunday School Classes at the three entrances from the parking lot.

Church Bus Usage

- January -D-NOW, Soup Kitchen
- February - Conclaves I, Conclaves II
- March - Senior High Activity, Soup Kitchen – NEW BUS ACQUIRED
- April – Easter Lock-in, Soup Kitchen
- May - Soup Kitchen
- July – Jr. High Mission Trip
- August – Soup Kitchen
- September – Soup Kitchen
- October - Senior High Event- Soup Kitchen
- November - Senior High Tree Planting at Point Aquarius Senior High Lock-In, Soup Kitchen
- December - Senior High Progressive Dinner, Junior High Progressive Dinner, Youth Christmas Event, Soup Kitchen.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

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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: Shirley Dukes, (Chair), Liz Kessler, Leona Cowie, Susan Das, Barbara Evans, Robbie Ganek, Audrey Christie, Pat Voorhees, Dana Corbit, Neva Hammond, Jo & David Miller, Donna Stewart, Gabby Alvarez, Martha Haines, Barb Barton, and Carolyn Schack.

2018 Activities and Accomplishments:

1. January 29, 2018. Chili Cook-off. (Youth Fund raiser). Fellowship worked in conjunction with Discipleship, Christian Education, and WNL to provide cornbread and beverages.
2. January, February and March. Meals for Ministry members were prepared and served in the FLC gym prior to the committee meetings.
3. March 17 Presbytery of the New Covenant meeting. Organized, provided and served both the continental breakfast and the luncheon for 275 attendees.
4. April 29, 2018. Taco Sunday (5th Sunday) in FLC at 10 AM. 100-125 attended.
5. May 19, 2018: Confirmand Dinner in the FLC Youth Chapel at 5 PM. Two (2) confirmands and their families attended. Chicken Spaghetti and Lemon and Chocolate Bundt cakes with vanilla ice cream were served as well as salad and beverages
6. May 20, 2018: Senior Recognition Sunday for FPC graduating high school seniors. held at 10 AM in the Narthex. Pineapple Sherbet Punch were served. Approximately 100-125 members partook of the refreshments.
7. June 10, 2018: Congregational Picnic Potluck Luncheon at 12:30 in the FLC gym. Catered by Chicken Express for the entrée. Side dishes and desserts provided by church members. 72 members attended. Bible Quizzes were placed on each table for participants to check their Bible knowledge and to promote conversation and fellowship.
8. July 9, 2018. Taco Sunday. (5th Sunday). 100-125 attended.
9. August 12, 2018. Congregational Back-to-School & Rally 'Round Your Team Potluck at 12:30 PM in the FLC Gym. Hot dogs and Sloppy Joe's were prepared by the Fellowship committee. School classroom décor was furnished by Liz Kessler. 80 people attended.
10. October 28, 2018: Fun Fest for Children in FLC Fellowship Hallway at 4: PM. Provided punch and cookies.
11. New Organ Dedication Reception at 10:15 AM in Narthex following organ recital by our organist Nadine Wilkinson. Raspberry Punch and cakes were served.
12. December 16, 2018. Children's Christmas Pageant Cookie Reception at 10:30 in the FLC Fellowship Hallway. Cookies, Candies, Savories, hot cocoa and Cran-Raspberry Punch were served. 100-125 in attendance.
13. December 24, 2018. 7 PM Christmas Eve Service Cocoa/Cookie Reception following the worship service. 140 attended the service and most stayed to have fellowship afterwards.

Most of the events required members of Fellowship to assist with decorating and setting up tables the day before the event. They also prepared and provided food that was needed as well as serving such at the time of the event. And, of course, there was always the inevitable clean-up!

2019 Goals/Objectives & Events

1. Participate in church-wide activities in conjunction with other ministries, e.g. Prayer breakfast(s) with the Prayer and Care Committee, future Mission and/or Membership Committee fund-raising events, etc.
2. Provide light lunches for Ministry Team meetings.
3. Introduce a Sunrise Easter Morning Breakfast.
4. Expand our participation with Youth/Discipleship events.
5. Investigate the possibility of presenting a Murder Mystery Theater Supper or Intergenerational Games Night Potluck.
6. Continue the traditional events.
7. Continue to promote fellowship within the congregation.

Membership Ministry

Mission:

- To initiate new approaches to bring people to First Presbyterian Church, Conroe
- 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.
- To track new member participation in worship, Sunday school, small group activities and volunteer opportunities.
- To collect attendance at worship services, and record information for record keeping.
- To join in fellowship with one another. To respect each person's differences and opinions and to encourage each other through interaction and prayer.
- To review all individuals on the “Active” Members’ Roster to determine each inactive person on the roster. Once Inactive individuals are identified, investigate to determine which of these have moved, died, joined another church, or no longer belong on the “Active” roster. Every attempt is made to contact each person in order to prepare a more accurate “Active Members” Roster.

2018 Membership Committee Members: Muffy Crowl, David Dwyer, Gordon Juhl, Joan Purdom, Judy Weinburger, Susan Young, and Sharon Walker (Chair)

Accomplishments 2018:

- Held “First Steps” Prospective/New Member Orientation class on January 7, 2018. A second “First Steps” event was scheduled for June 9, 2018; however, no prospective or new members were able to attend this class. 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. Numerous “church involvement” opportunities were explained to the participants by the leader of each ministry. Potential new members filled out “Time & Talent” forms and were encouraged to join any or several of these activities.
- Each new member was paired with a mentor (church member) to provide an instant connection to the church.
- Attendance sheets from each worship service were collected for recordkeeping.
- Birthday cards were sent monthly to children at Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services.
- The Welcome Center in the Narthex was maintained for the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service.
- Greeters assisted individual entering the Narthex for worship services.
- Arrangements for a new “Pictorial Directory for Church Members” were developed, company selected, timeline set, and procedures established. All FPC Members were informed by word, mail, and phone calls. Pictures were scheduled and taken. The new pictorial directory will contain photographs of over one-fourth of the membership along with an updated roster of all families as of December 1, 2018.
- Received Vision Initiative Grant Funds from Presbytery of New Covenant to develop ways to bring new people to First Presbyterian Church, Conroe and the Presbytery of New Covenant. Committee worked to identify best ways to focus on our Church for the most people possible. Several items were identified and prioritized to fulfill the stipulations of this grant.
- Submitted Revised Church Policies for Session consideration and approval:
 - 06.03 – Membership Records, Reporting of Deaths and Record Keeping
 - 06.04 – Membership Records, New Members

2018 Member Statistics: New Members – 28 (8 Confirmands); Deaths – 4; Baptisms – 4

Goals for 2018:

- Schedule "First Steps" Prospective/New Member Orientation classes, as needed.
- Schedule New Member Gatherings, quarterly, with pastors, mentors, Membership Committee members and other guests.
- Continue to collect attendance sheets at worship services for record keeping.
- Take pictures of New Members. These pictures are to be placed in the glass display case in the main hallway of the church.
- Provide Visitor Information Cards at the Welcome Desk, as well as in the attendance pads, to gather the contact information of our visitors.
- Continue to send cards to shut-ins, those who are sick or facing traumatic situations.
- Continue to send birthday cards to the children (250) at Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services.
- Continue to maintain and staff the Welcome Center for the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. worship service
- Continue to recruit greeters for both worship services.
- Create a postcard to be sent to visitors, acknowledging their presence at church.
- Create a New Member Information Packet filled with brochures describing our various ministries and activities.
- Establish a method to receive feedback from each New Member on their assimilation into the congregation and events of First Presbyterian Church, Conroe
- Update and create a new pictorial directory of Church members/families
- Update the Church Membership Roster for Church Windows
- Identify various ways to make FPC, Conroe recognized and known in the community in order to bring new members into the church

MISSION MINISTRY ANNUAL REPORT 2018
JANUARY 8, 2019

PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES:

Our Mission Ministry is dedicated to serving God, putting our faith into action, spreading the Gospel with generosity and compassion, and helping those persons with physical, spiritual, emotional, and hunger issues in our local community and throughout the world.

Our objective continues to be developing hearts for Mission at FPC Conroe.

We do recognize that our congregation's dedication to mission work goes well beyond the scope of this Mission Ministry. FPC members dedicate their personal gifts directly to mission work. We also provide gifts and financial support from other sources such as The Mission Sewing Group, Presbyterian Women, Women of the Word, memorial giving, some Small Groups and Sunday School classes, and all the other volunteers who provide their time and financial support to the underserved at the Conroe House of Prayer (homeless), the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen, Family Promise (homeless), and The Human Trafficking Project.

Our prospects for 2019 are positive, but we continue to strive for both funding and volunteers so that we may better share our abundance ...particularly during these challenging times for our church and for the world.

Mission Sewing Annual Report
January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

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
- 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
- Ruffled a quilt, which raised \$2055.00 for the organ fund.
- Made and delivered five prayer shawls
- Made and delivered one receiving blanket

For the Community:

- **Conroe Regional Medical Center**
6 Knitted caps for newborns
- **Conroe Animal Shelter**
49 Doggie Pillows (stuffed with small scraps of batting and fabric)
19 Quilted Pads for dogs
- **“It’s My Very Own Bags of Love/Bags of Love”**
Held a Quilt-a-Thon on Feb 24th in which approximately 100 people participated
Donated 111 children’s quilts
Collected \$180, at the 2018 Sew-a-Thon, for “Bags of Love” to purchase needed items for the bags
Collected several bags full of toys and other items to be used to fill the “Bags of Love”
Donated \$100 to Bags of Love in memory of Charlotte Hamilton
- **Project Linus**
Donated 20 Fleece blankets for children
- **First Baptist Church Conroe**
Collected plastic bags for the women at First Baptist Church, who crochet them into mats for the homeless

Beyond the Community:

- **Texas Children’s Hospital (Butterfly Bereavement Room)**
50 Butterfly Blankets
6 Baby layettes
9 Crocheted baby blankets
3 Crocheted/knitted caps
- **Houston VA Hospital**
26 Heart Monitor bags
4 pads for wheelchairs

World-Wide Missions:

- **Children’s Emergency Relief International (CERI)**
1183 Knitted/crocheted Caps
401 Crocheted Scarves
- **Seamen’s Christmas Boxes**
100 Knitted caps

Submitted by Joan Lowery
Mission Sewing Coordinator

Presbyterian Day School Annual Report 2018-2019

Director: Janet Klem

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:** Kim Heffernan
Parent Representatives: Kris McDonald and Heather McWilliams, **Congregational Representatives:** Glenna Lang, Liz Kessler
Property and Grounds: Tom Lowery, **Director of P.D.S.:** Janet Klem, **Director of Christian Education:** Kim White

Student and Staff Population: Currently Presbyterian Day School has approximately 130 students and 23 staff members. We have openings in our Kindergarten classes at this time, and a couple of spots in our Pre-Kindergarten, but are currently full and have waiting lists in our Toddlers, Twos and Threes. Teachers must complete 24 hours of continuing education yearly, required by state licensing. All staff will be complete by March 1, 2018. Director is required to complete 32 hours of continuing education yearly 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 yearly.

2018-2019 Accomplishments:

Over the summer, we were able to retile and paint the boys and girl's restroom. This gave the restrooms a nice fresh improvement.

Playgrounds were well maintained. Two new playground climbing pieces were added to the toddler playground. Bright red and blue awnings were added to the large playground. One awning covers the swings and the other awning gives the children a space to picnic or gather for classroom activities. These additions to the playground, as well as the bathroom improvements, were funded through money raised by "Fiesta", our annual fundraiser.

PDS continues to offer Spanish, Music and Movement to our Toddlers-Kindergarten. Our Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten classes receive Art and Science on Wednesdays.

We continue to have "Praise and Worship" with FPC Music Director- Brandon Folts on Wednesday mornings. On Sunday, November 11, our Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten children participated in the Veteran's service at 11:00am and sang some of their praise and worship songs to the FPC congregation.

EZ Care is still our computer program we use to keep our information organized and updated.

Facebook is being monitored by staff member Janice Kuhl. This source of media seems to work well with our families.

PDS partnered once again with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department for the second annual "Blue Elf" toy drive. We collected enough toys from our families to fill two large boxes. What a wonderful way to teach our children the gift of giving and helping out children who are less fortunate in their own community.

We continue to sponsor a child through Compassion International - Philanthropy Project

Scholastic Book Fair continues to be a huge success for our day school. This year the money we raised will be used for classroom/teacher needs. Our parents and children love shopping for books.

Lonestar Community Center of Montgomery will once again be our venue for our "Fiesta 2019" Fajitas and the traditional sides will be served, as well as a salsa/chip bar. We will place an announcement in the "The Link" to invite and encourage FPC participation. Save the date- **Friday, March 1st**.

FPC children and PDS Kindergarten delighted the congregation this year with our traditional Christmas Pageant on December 16.

PDS curriculum and special programs continue.

- PDS is still offering Spanish and Music/Movement to all children.
- Science Lab continues on Wednesdays for Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten
- Art is provided to our Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten on Wednesdays.
- Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten teachers received training over the summer on our **“Super Kids”** curriculum, which is a huge PDS Kindergarten tradition.
- **“Happily Ever After”** has been a success in our Pre-Kindergarten reading readiness program. Teachers were trained to use the entire program during this school year and found it to be very successful in the classroom.
- Paul Evans (Master Gardener) volunteered again this year to teach our children about gardening. He has come up this year to plant seasonal vegetables with all classes. Our children love “Farmer Paul”.
- Kindergarten continues to visit P-6 Farms for their annual field trip.
- Kindergarten celebrates 50th day of school with the 4th 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 in the summer prior to the start of the school year. Children, teachers and parents enjoy this time for introductions.
- **Special programs** are still an important part of 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, and a Basketball program led by Coach LaTaunya.

“Stay and Play”, our afterschool program, is still under supervision of Kathy Haines.

“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.

2019 Goals and Objectives

Continue to work 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.

Be willing to offer classes and make changes in our program when the needs in our community is necessary.

Encourage more FPC members to attend “Fiesta”, our annual fundraiser.

Place monthly PDS stories and announcements in FPC **“The Link”**.

Principles of a Christian Day School

Teachers shall be willing to teach the principles of a Christian Day School.

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.

Pre-Kinder and Kindergarten join together on Wednesday mornings to sing Praise and Worship songs with Brandon Folts.

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
2018-2019 Annual Report

Mission: To nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study; support the mission of the church worldwide; work for justice and peace; and build an inclusive caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

Team Officers: Sally DeStefano (Moderator), Pam Walker (Vice Moderator), Karen Clark (Past Moderator), Marty Taylor (Secretary), Joanne Tralmer (Treasurer), Marty Taylor (Honorary Life Membership), Karen Clark (Membership Chair), Marty Taylor (Funeral/Memorial Coordinator).

Circle Leaders:

Lydia Circle - Glenna Lang and Robbie Ganek

Martha Circle – Susan Buckley and Judy Weinburger

Rebecca Circle – Cindy Layne and other members

Ruth Circle – Joanne Tralmer and Marty Taylor

The Presbyterian Women's Team is comprised of the officers and circle leaders. Team meetings are held monthly except December, June and July. Three circles meet September - May in the morning and one in the evening to accommodate working women. The 2018-2019 Presbyterian Team year is from June – May.

Honorary Life Membership was awarded to Ann Kate and Ann Johnson in May 2018.

2018 Activities:

- Circles held monthly meetings for devotion and Bible study September – May.
- Gatherings are held in the fall and spring and are open to women of the church and their guests. The April 7, 2018 Spring gathering featured an informative and light-hearted program by Linda Crum on blue birds. The October 18, 2018 Fall Gathering was a mini day retreat led by Rev. Dr. Nora Fitch, Senior Pastor at St. Thomas Presbyterian Church, followed by a worship service and communion. Dr. Nancy Dawson was the accompanist and Marty Taylor led voices lifted in praise. Several visitors from other congregations attended. Annetta Rose provided lovely table decorations and favors for both events.
- Baptismal boxes for infants and children baptized in the church are provided, led by Martha Haines.
- Monthly birthday celebrations are held at the Conroe Health Center, with each circle providing assistance in serving and singing. Brandon Folts, Music Director, generously provides his time with song and keyboard to make this a memorable time for residents.
- 105 Seamen's boxes were packed and delivered to the Houston International Seafarer's Center in late November. Items for the boxes were provided by the circles and others in the congregation, led by Susan Buckley. The Mission Sewing group provides knitted caps for these boxes.
- Days for Girls is an on-going service project that provides resources, materials and time to make kits of reusable feminine hygiene items for the international non-profit organization. Shirley Dukes leads this effort for our church.
- Monetary and prayerful support is provided to MOPS (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers), led by Kim White. This group equips moms to achieve their potential as mothers, women, and leaders in relationship with Jesus and their church. Circle members help with the nursery during meeting times.
- Benevolence Giving includes the Spring Gathering Birthday Offering (\$379 in 2018), which benefits women and children mission projects. The Fall Gathering Thank Offering, which totaled \$395 this year, is distributed 1/3 to Presbytery and 2/3 to a local charity selected each year. The local gift in 2018 was provided to The Montgomery County Women's Center to help women and their children who have escaped abusive domestic situations.
- Ongoing support to helping victims of sex trafficking is provided through Freedom Place, located in Montgomery County. Sally DeStefano leads this effort, which includes teaching life skills to rescued girls and coordinating

delivery of donations from various individuals from our church. The church donated 50 upholstered chairs to Freedom Place for its school and meeting rooms.

- Fellowship of the Least Coin is collected each month during circle meetings and sent to Presbytery to support education for women through grants.
- Our women participate in many aspects of church life including Family Promise, Salvation Army Soup Kitchen, Meals on Wheels, Wednesday Night Live, Mission Sewing, Vacation Bible School, and other Christian outreach activities.
- Circles have adopted various areas of the church for regular special TLC deep cleaning. They also wash the sanctuary shawls on a monthly basis.
- Funeral/Memorial receptions at the church are offered and provided if desired to families, both members and non-members. Circles provide cookies and punch for receptions.
- Esther Circle retired this year and its remaining members were welcomed into other circles with open arms. Esther Circle has been a vibrant part of our PW fellowship for over 40 years.
- Women new to the church are personally contacted and welcomed.

Wednesday Night Kitchen Crew 2018

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

The Wednesday Night Kitchen Crew cooked dinner for fourteen Wednesday Night Live meetings for a total of 851 individual meals. Several times Family Promise was included. In addition to that, several meals were sent to homebound members every week.

The Wednesday Night Kitchen Crew also helped in the kitchen for the Chili Cook-off and the youth fund raiser dinner. Individual members also manned the kitchen for the Sew-a-thon and various other church and Fellowship committee activities including the Presbytery Meeting. Several days were spent cleaning the kitchen. The Crew also provided many staple items and supplies for the kitchen including a new set of tablecloths.

**Worship Committee's Annual Report
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2018 Accomplishments:

- 1.Coordinated a fund raiser for the purchase of a new organ. Completed.
2. Worked on technology to make both services available on Face Book. Completed.
- 3.Relocated all Worship materials from the storage area to be used for the Columbarium.
- 4.Prepared the sanctuary for both services every Sunday. This included Easter sunrise and Christmas Eve.
5. Arranged to have flowers at Easter, Mother's Day and Christmas.
6. Changed the décor of the sanctuary to fit the season.

Goals 2019

1. Continue to do the "every Sunday" items for worship.
2. Increase the size of the Worship Committee to include younger members to learn and carry on our commitments to the Church.
3. Increase the attendance at the 11AM service.
4. Use technology to reach worshipers outside the church and connect them to the church.

Let's Get Connected

In this *Annual Report*, you have read the vision of many ministries, 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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