



IN GOD'S TIMING

Dundee Presbyterian's 2016 Annual Report

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ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

January 15, 2017

1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer

2. Election of New Elders—Class of 2019

- Marrietta Horning
- Dan Mathers
- Rich Rowland
- Kathy Estes
- Kim Hansen
- Ron Neiderhaus
- Nancy Reiff

3. Election of New Deacons—Class of 2019

- Jacob Bredthauer
- Bruce Moulton
- Jeff Beierman
- Teresa Berg
- Carman DeMare
- Doug Dutiel
- Valerie Kunz
- Susan Mathers
- Rose Musselman
- Doug Stewart

4. Election of New Trustees—Class of 2019

- Carol Fox
- John Harper
- Susan Vosburg
- Bob Cochran
- Kirby Eltiste
- Dennis Goeschel
- Tom Hicks

5. Election of 2017 At-Large Nominating Committee Members

- Dave Balsillie
- Howard Kennedy

6. Clerk's Report

7. Presentation of the 2017 Budget

8. Senior Pastor's Report

9. Comments and Questions and Concerns

10. New Business

11. Motion to Adjourn

12. 2017 Annual Meeting of the Corporation

13. Closing Prayer

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

February 7, 2016

The Annual Congregational Meeting of Dundee Presbyterian Church convened on the above date in the church Dining Room. Interim Senior Pastor Dr. R. Geoffrey Brown called the meeting to order at 11:20 a.m. with Scripture and prayer.

Clerk of Session Chris Olson referenced minutes of the February 15, 2015, Annual Congregational meeting, and requested a motion for approval. A motion was made, followed by a second, to approve the minutes. The motion carried. The minutes were reviewed by Session. The Clerk's Statistical Report for 2015 was referenced and the names of the following members who entered the Church Triumphant in 2015 were read:

Muriel Alexander	Eve Fisher	Dave Stern
Eric Bennett	Raymond Grove Sr.	Charmian Thomson
Jean Curtis	Joanne Scott-Miller	Blaine Ward
		John Wheeler

Clerk Olson offered a prayer of remembrance for the above departed members. The Clerk's Statistical Report for 2015 was approved by consensus. Confirmation was made of the use of Robert's Rules of Order in recording all Session action and business and the monthly authorization of The Lord's Supper at Sunday worship services.

Dr. Brown referred to the work of Dundee Presbyterian Church in 2015, as reported in the printed, "God's Glory in the Midst of Transition," 2015 Annual Report. Dr. Brown recognized and thanked the ordained Elders and Deacons who served in pastoral leadership so well during Dundee's 2015 transitional year. He also thanked Dundee's staff for its outstanding work in 2015.

Dr. Brown introduced Elder Greg Babbe, chairman of the Senior Pastor Nominating Committee, who said the committee appreciated the input from Dundee members in its search for a new permanent senior pastor in 2015. He said he hoped the committee would be ready to nominate a pastoral candidate for the congregation to call in the near future.

Dr. Brown reflected on the five goals Dundee Presbyterian Church has focused on during his ministry in 2015:

1. Help Dundee Presbyterian Church to find its new identity.
2. Help Dundee Presbyterian Church to appreciate its faithful history.
3. Help Dundee Presbyterian Church to embrace its new leadership.
4. Help Dundee Presbyterian Church to stay connected to the Presbytery.
5. Help Dundee Presbyterian Church to be ready for a new pastor and a new tomorrow.

Dr. Brown introduced Elder Bob Meyer, chairman of the Stewardship and Finance Committee, to present Dundee's 2016 budget, as approved by Session on January 26, 2016. Dr. Brown explained that under the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s form of representational government, the congregation elects Elders to Session to govern the church and determine its budget.

Elder Bob Meyer said the goal of Dundee's 2016 faith budget was to continue stability during the church's transition in pastoral leadership by initiating no major cuts in programs or staff. Meyer explained the church's anticipated revenues and expenditures for pastoral ministry, children's ministry, youth ministry, music ministry, office and administration, building and maintenance, and mission work. He said the ap-

proved 2016 budget of \$1,280,482, which is up from the approved budget of \$1,259,310 in 2015, falls short of the \$1,138,765 in expected revenues for 2016. He said fewer pledges of 174 for 2016 created greater revenue than 189 pledges for 2015. A reduced budget of \$1,205,608 also approved for 2016, if necessary, would fall short by a lesser amount from the expected revenues for the year. He said any shortfall would be covered by funds from the general reserves, which maintains about \$500,000 to operate the church from 90 to 120 days. He said the 2016 approved budget did not account for the hiring of a full-time associate pastor or a full-time music director, which a new senior pastor would initiate after assuming duties at the church. The 2016 budget, approved by Session on January 26, 2016, was ratified by consensus of the congregation.

Dundee Presbyterian Church member John Bohrer, who joined Dundee in August 2015, expressed his love and thanks for the church under the leadership of Interim Senior Pastor Dr. R. Geoffrey Brown and his wife, Jan.

As there was no further business to bring before the group, the Congregational Meeting adjourned to the Corporation Meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Clark Landers, chairman of the Board of Trustees, called the Corporation meeting to order at 11:56 a.m. Following the meeting of the Corporation, a motion to adjourn back to the Congregational Meeting was made at 12:01 p.m.

The Annual Meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m. with prayer and singing of the Doxology by the congregation.

Attested by,

Dr. R. Geoffrey Brown
Moderator of Session

-Chris L. Olson
Clerk of the Session

MEETING OF THE CORPORATION

February 7, 2016

The Corporation Meeting was called to order on the above date in the church Dining Room by Chairman of the Board of Trustees Clark Landers at 11:56 a.m., immediately following the adjournment of the Annual Congregational Meeting.

Chairman Landers said the Trustees serve under the direction of the Session of Dundee Presbyterian Church and the Presbytery of the Missouri River Valley. He referred to a report on the work of Trustees in the printed 2015 Annual Report of Dundee Presbyterian Church.

Chairman Landers called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Corporation meeting of February 15, 2015. A motion was made, followed by a second. The motion carried. Minutes were reviewed by Session.

Chairman Landers welcomed new Trustees and thanked Trustees who were stepping down in 2015 from their service on the Board of Trustees with the finances of the church and maintenance of the 90-year-old church building.

Chairman Landers referenced the 2014 Financial Statement and Independent Auditor's Report at the back of Dundee's 2015 Annual Report. Confirmation was made for property and liability insurance.

Chairman Landers elaborated on an unfortunate situation in 2015, in which Dundee's director of operations was dismissed after allegedly embezzling approximately \$38,000 in church funds. He said the matter has been turned over to law enforcement authorities and the former Dundee employee is awaiting trial on embezzlement charges. He said the church's insurance policy will recover all but \$500 of the embezzled funds. He said new financial policy controls will be put into place this year to avoid another such unfortunate situation. He said the director of operations position has not been filled, but existing Dundee employee Debbie Strevey has taken on the responsibility of managing the Finance Office at this time. He commented on Strevey's outstanding management of the church's financial matters since taking on this responsibility.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn back to the Congregational Meeting was made and carried at 12:01 p.m.

Attested by,

Dr. R. Geoffrey Brown, Moderator of Session Chris L. Olson, Clerk of Session

STATED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Dundee Presbyterian Church

January 17, 2016

A stated congregational meeting for the annual election of officers for Dundee Presbyterian Church was held in the Sanctuary on the above date at 12:05 p.m. The Rev. Dr. R. Geoffrey Brown, moderator, opened the meeting with prayer.

Dr. Brown confirmed with the Clerk of Session that a required quorum of Dundee Presbyterian Church members was present for the meeting.

Dr. Brown gave a brief outline of the process followed, and thanked the members of the Nominating Committee for their service. Members were Bob Hamer, chairman, Ann Hosford, Jeannette James, Jim Reiff, Harry Reyburn and Anne Roberts.

Dr. Brown presented the following nominations, all of which were approved unanimously by those present and voting. There were no nominations from the floor. Confirmation was made of the study/preparation and examination of newly elected elders and deacons.

Elders, Class of 2018, elected for a three-year term:

Paula Ashford
Nancy Hicks
Stephanie Jensen

Elders, Class of 2018, re-elected for a three-year term:

Roy Anderson	Jerry Davis
Greg Babbe	Bill Harrington

Elders, Class of 2016, re-elected for a one-year term:

Rich Rowland
Alternates: Bryan Bredthauer

Deacons, Class of 2018, elected for a three-year term:

Denise Curlis	Alice Holmes
Georgie Dudley	John Marburger
Kerry Ecklebe	Alicia McCormick
Lori Ecklebe	Noreen Ward

Deacons, Class of 2018, re-elected for a three-year term:

Roger Holthaus
John Ingraham
Jill Tomson
Alternates: Rose Musselman

Trustees, Class of 2018, elected to a three-year term:

Sam Abboud	Oliver Jenkins
Doug Clark	Jeff Moran

Trustees, Class of 2018, re-elected to a three-year term:

David Karnes
Karla Marburger
Alan Oltman

Alternates:

Brode Deren
Susan Vosburg

2016 Nominating Committee At-Large:

Brian Jensen
Ashley Wegner

Alternates:

Kendra Quinlan

There being no further business, Dr. Brown called for adjournment and closed the meeting with prayer at 12:10 p.m.

Attested by,
Dr. R. Geoffrey Brown
Moderator of Session

Chris L. Olson
Clerk of Session

DUNDEE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

November 13, 2016

A Congregational Meeting of Dundee Presbyterian Church was convened at 11:10 a.m., following a worship service in the Sanctuary, on the above date by Dr. R. Geoffrey Brown, interim senior pastor of Dundee Presbyterian Church, to consider the call of a permanent senior pastor.

Dr. Brown opened the meeting with scripture and prayer. Clerk of Session Chris Olson reported that a quorum of Dundee's membership was present.

Dr. Brown introduced Elder Greg Babbe, chairman of Dundee Presbyterian Church's Senior Pastor Nominating Committee. Elder Babbe provided background on the discernment process taken by the Senior Pastor Nominating Committee in its search for Dundee Presbyterian Church's next senior pastor. He then introduced Rev. J.D. Georlett, with a brief biographical background, for consideration to the congregation to fill that position.

Dr. Georlett, who had given the sermon at the worship service, left the Sanctuary with his family to await the outcome of the congregation's consideration. Elder Babbe offered the following motion:

MOTION: The Senior Pastor Nominating Committee moves that Rev. J.D. Georlett be selected senior pastor of Dundee Presbyterian Church, effective December 1, 2016, per the Terms of Call negotiated by the Personnel Committee with Rev. Georlett and approved by the Session, as reported in Session minutes of October 25, 2016.

As Moderator of the Congregational Meeting, Dr. Brown called for any discussion on the motion. There being no discussion on the motion, ballots were distributed by ushers to Dundee members of the congregation with the instruction to vote "YES" to approve the motion and "NO" to defeat the motion.

The ballots were collected and counted by two Dundee Session members and the Clerk of Session. The Clerk of Session reported to the Moderator that the motion carried.

Rev. Georlett and his family were escorted back into the Sanctuary with applause from the congregation. Rev. Georlett addressed the congregation.

There being no further business, Dr. Brown adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m, with the benediction by Rev. Georlett.

Attested by:

Dr. R. Geoffrey Brown, Moderator of Session Chris L. Olson, Clerk of Session

DUNDEE CHURCH STAFF

Christine Benedix	Nursery & Preschool Director
Rev. Dr. R. Geoffrey Brown	Interim Senior Pastor ending November 30, 2016
Megan Cotton	Marketing & Communications Director
Rev. J.D. Georlett	Senior Pastor & Head of Staff starting Dec. 1, 2016
Keith Holmes	Pastor of Children & Family Ministries
Jann Jarosz	Administrative Assistant to the Pastor
Meredith Moellenbeck	Associate Youth Director start February 2016
Julie Mohlman	Faith Community Nurse
Jonathan Mueller	Interim Director of Music
Amy Rossitto	Financial Assistant & Preschool Secretary
Debbie Strevey	Financial Manager
Regina Wilson	Faith Community Nurse
Rosalee Yeaworth	Faith Community Nurse

Music:

Nancy Edwards	Piano
Oliver Jenkins	Praise Band Leader
Dr. Wayne Kallstrom	Organist
Lisa Lever	Hand Bell Director

Facilities:

Rod Cowels	Facilities Assistant starting August 2016
Dave Kresha	Facilities Manager starting June 2016
Chuck Regan	Facilities Manager left May 2016
Jaime Rosales	Facilities Assistant

Since I began at Dundee Presbyterian on December 1 of 2016, it's impossible for me to present an annual report for the entire year. Because of that, I offer instead some observations and intentions as to our current status and the future.

First, I want to thank everyone for the warm welcome that I have received. The Dundee church family has gone out its way to welcome my family and me and it has been an incredible blessing for all of us.

As you might imagine, I have been confronted by a fairly steep learning curve. Even though I have worked in the ministry for several years in a wide variety of churches, each congregation is truly unique, with its own needs and challenges. I have listened and learned in the time that I have been here and, above everything else, I have heard this congregation declare that it is ready to move forward with a new pastor. This brings me great joy to hear. Everything that I have seen confirms the fact that Dundee Presbyterian truly is ready and able to embrace the future that God has planned.

We have Rev. Geoffrey Brown to thank for that preparation. Not every church is ready for what comes next. It takes the skillful care of an interim minister to get a congregation ready for new pastoral leadership, and I can tell you that Dr. Brown has done an outstanding job in that regard. I'm a great believer in the importance of interim ministry. As you know, while he was here, Geoffrey taught and preached the Word of God to you with great enthusiasm, wisdom and joy. He loved this congregation and this staff with his whole heart and with full and personal commitment. God has worked through him in wonderful ways. I am humbled to inherit his work. I hope and pray that God will choose to work through me at the same level of excellence.

As we look forward to 2017, I want all of you to know that I will seek to improve the clarity and communication of the different groups and committees that provide leadership for the church. My hope is that by the end of next year, there will be a greater understanding of the roles and responsibilities and relationships that our leaders have so that we can be more efficient and more effective in our mission and service.

I will also seek to work with staff and other leaders to examine what we can do to improve ourselves, particularly in the area of disciple making. More than anything else, this is our calling. The primary reason for a church like ours to exist is to raise up disciples for Jesus Christ. How can we do a better job of this in all areas of our ministry? I want to gather leaders and ask this question so that we can set clear goals for the year and then continue to return to those goals so that we can measure our progress.

Along these lines, one of my favorite ministries is to lead my own Adult Bible Study class. My hope is that I will be able to develop and merge a new adult class with our existing ministry on Wednesday night that Pastor Keith and Meredith have so successfully developed. This way, we would have learning and fellowship opportunities for everyone while also building a weekly program that is completely devoted to discipleship. Please look for this to start in the spring and then to continue into the fall and winter months of 2017. It's going to be a lot of fun.

Finally, I want to say how thankful I am for the staff here at Dundee Presbyterian. They are all so very gifted for service, but what stands out is their collective love for the Lord. It's been a joy for me to partner with them in this ministry. Because of them and because of all of you, I look forward with great anticipation to the days and weeks of 2017. God is doing great things at Dundee Presbyterian Church! Let us all make ourselves available to His service and to His glory.

Faithfully, Rev. J.D.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Executive Committee for 2015-2016

Vice Moderators:

Eileen Kegley and Verla Hamilton

Treasurer: Eileen Kegley

Spiritual Life: Pat Berton

Executive Planning Comm. for 2016-2017

Pat Berton

Elinor Brooks

Kay Davis

Dotty Ellenberger

Darlene Frederickson

Verla Hamilton

Ann Hosford

Eileen Kegley

Alma Stofferson

Joan Worrall

Courtesy: Sandy Trandahl

Membership & Hospitality: Alma Stofferson

Intercessor: Janet Mardis

Luncheon Reservation Chairman:

Maxine Munhall

OUR PURPOSE

1. Build relationships among the women of Dundee Presbyterian Church.
2. Help women to grow spiritually.
3. Empower women to be good stewards.
4. Connect women with opportunities to serve Christ in the world.
5. Strengthen overall connectedness throughout Dundee Presbyterian Church.

OUR MINISTRIES

Our intercessor ministry provides women who are unable to attend Presbyterian Women's meetings the chance to have Bible study, along with fellowship, and the feeling that they are still a part of our Church. We ask that they pray for their circle, Presbyterian Women, and Dundee Church.

SUMMARY OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP ACTIVI-

TIES BIBLE STUDY: As Christians, we believe that Jesus is the Messiah promised to God's people from of old. We can look back over time and see Him prefigured in the events and prophecy of the past. This year, the topic is "Who is Jesus"? Study Leaders are Pat Berton, Elyn Grant, Verla Hamilton, Eileen Kegley, Janet Mardis, Pat Swanson, and Barbara Wolpa.

SERVICE: Women served Christ in our church and the world through their stewardship. Donations totaled \$6,825.00.

BENEFICIARIES ARE:

Donation of funds to finance a luncheon for caregivers consultants on aging meeting at Dundee Church on January 17, 2017.

- Dundee Presbyterian Church for Colombia Education Program
- Dundee Presbyterian Church for Youth Mission Trips
- Food Bank of the Heartland
- Iowa Cookie Crumb Project-Postage to mail cookies overseas to servicemen and women
- Heartland Family Service
- Holly Jolly Christmas Project here at DPC
- Heifer International
- Literacy and Evangelism International
- Medical Benevolence Foundation

- Omaha Street School
- Presbytery of Missouri River Valley for Nicaraguan Partnership for backpacks and uniforms for students in Nicaragua
- Youth Emergency Services

LOCAL SERVICE PROJECTS:

Douglas County Health Center

42 years of Millie's Cookie Caper:

This year the men and women of Dundee Church provided 24 abundant trays of Christmas cookies to be used for the Christmas reception for residents and family members. Shirley Blodgett-project chairman

Omaha Street School: In October 2016, money was collected that will be used to buy gift cards from Wal-Mart for the teachers to use to buy items for the students. Barbara Wilson-project chairman

Heartland Family Service: Household items will be collected and then will be delivered to the agency in April 2017. Ann Hosford-chairman

Tip Top Thrift Shop: PW members staff three-hour shifts in pairs on Tuesdays in March and November. The proceeds of the sale of clothing and other goods at The Tip Top Thrift Shop go to Youth Emergency Services (YES). Emily Irvin-project chairman.

Assisted with the **Holly Jolly Crafty Christmas Event** in December 2016.

Provided camp scholarship money for the youth of Dundee Church.

Provided palms on Palm Sunday for the sanctuary and the children.

Dundee Preschool: Saved labels to benefit the preschool and gave funds from memorial contributions for preschool teacher education at Dundee.

Ronald McDonald House: Saved tabs to benefit the house's electric costs. Pat Berton- chairman

Omaha Street School: Saved Hy-Vee receipts to raise funds for operation of the Omaha Street School

MEETINGS:

We meet the third Friday of every month for coffee, rolls, fellowship and Bible Study at the church. Luncheons along with Bible Study are held in the months of December and May. All women and their guests are welcome to attend. Nursery care is provided by reservation. Information about our meetings and programs is available in Connections, the church newsletter, and in the announcements in the Sunday bulletin.

Thanks to Pat Berton, Pat Swanson, Barbara Wolpa, Janet Mardis, and Ellyn Grant, the Bible Study leaders, and Eileen Kegley, Bible Study leader and the PW treasurer, who compiled the data, for the yearbook. Thanks for the participation and the dedication of all the women of PW.

The ladies of Presbyterian Women would like to encourage participation and interest from the congregation at large. Our goals are to be of service to others and to grow spiritually. We are thankful and appreciative of the staff of the church in achieving those goals.

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen Kegley and Verla Hamilton
Vice Moderators of PW

KID'S

AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Pastor of Children & Family Ministry

Keith Holmes

Leaders & Volunteers

Tammy Marcoux

Mollie Ivancic

Ashley Wegner

Shannon Bowers

Brian & Stephanie Jensen

Ann Beebe

Liz Schaben

Neil & Elissa Hamill

Bob & Jill Cochran

Jason & Rachel Bottlinger

Doug Dutiel

Nancy Rieff

Richard Marcoux

Kathy Estes

Stacy Tompkins

Jean Faulconbridge

This year the Children's Ministry continues to be an amazing ministry, and it has been a privilege to work alongside gifted volunteers to continue to shepherd our young ones as they grow in their relationship with Christ. I have found that the team and I really do share the vision of Proverbs 22:6. ***"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it."***

The following document provides an overview of Children & Family Ministries programs.

January 2016

Rehearsals began for our Children's Spring Musical on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. The kids were excited about practicing, and participation was at an all-time high!

March 2016

March was very full this year, as we had the Spring Musical and Easter all in the same month. The musical was a smashing success! The kids had a wonderful time, and the audience enjoyed watching our children praise the Lord! We were very busy after that musical with our annual Easter egg preparations and well as continuing our DPC Faith & Family Nights. We put together a great Easter Egg Hunt event, with the help of many great volunteers. With many visitors in attendance, we had a lot of new faces, and we received a lot of compliments after the event.

April 2016

April saw the last of our Wednesday night programming for the school year, but plans were made for family events throughout the summer. We had good response from the families to our final unit about missionaries for a second year in a row. These kinds of responses are heartening and indicate we should continue our varied programming into the years to come. This was our second year of what will be a four or five year rotation.

May 2016

Our first Summer Faith & Family Night was well attended, and we left the Dundee campus to Family Fun Center XL. Many of our families enjoyed time with their kids and had a great time playing the games and bonding... we even "James Bonded" at the Laser Tag game!

June 2016

Vacation Bible School was our big focus for the first week of June. The children learned how Jesus' love will be with us



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everywhere we go, even underground as we explored "Cave Quest". One lesson learned this year was that we should not hold VBS during the first week of June, our attendance was down, but, with that knowledge we now know to have our fun later in the month!

DPC partnered with multiple churches in creating the decorations for the event, and this collaboration enabled at least three churches to use the scenery. It also helped defray costs for materials and manpower. June also found Keith out at Camp Rivercrest teaching the younger students of 1st through 3rd grade in the mini camps. We were also able to coordinate for our DPC families to attend during the same weeks. This allowed the kids to have some familiar faces and also meet other Christian Kids from Omaha and other towns in the area! Our big family event was a movie night where we all enjoyed Zootopia. A great family oriented, animated movie.

July 2016

July's Family Event was a great success, and a great time. We took the families of DPC to Mahoney State Park, and the water park there. We also secured a picnic site and had a wonderful cookout with lots of lawn games for the families to enjoy. This will definitely become a regular summer event.

August 2016

We had our final Family Event at the home of one of our families here at DPC on Carter Lake. The wonderful Jensen family opened their home and dock to us, and with swimming, paddle boats and great food, a good time was had by all!

September 2016

We began our Children's Ministry activities as the new school year began, including Sunday School, DPC Faith & Family Night. We also continued our Adult Bible Study during the Middle Hour, and many parents and young adults attended. However, finding leaders has become difficult, and we are currently looking for someone to take the reins, and lead our latest study. If you are feeling led by the

Spirit to lead our parents and young adults in a video based Bible Study, please contact me. We also started planning family activities outside the regular Sunday Morning and Wednesday Night times. We participated in the DPC Ice Cream Social and rented a bounce house for the kids to enjoy. It was a wonderful time, and the parents were able to enjoy some fellowship while the kids bounced and bounced and bounced and... well you get the picture.

October 2016

Our very special family event for October was a trip to Scattered Joy Acres Rescue Farm. We had a hayrack ride, a campfire to cook hotdogs, and roast marshmallows, and with all the animals there, we had a great time petting the llamas, cats, puppies, and baby bunnies! With all of the fall colors, and beautiful setting, the day was a great success.

December 2016

The traditions of Advent continued this year as the second graders of DPC lit the Advent Candles during the season, and our church family had a great time shouting to the LORD in our first ever "Melodrama" Christmas story during the Christmas Eve Service. Pastor Keith told the story of the Nativity, and at certain times the kids, and kids-at-heart got to yell out fun sayings for the heroes of the story and boo the villains. It was quite a success, and will not be our last.

This year we saw improvements to the hallways up in the Kingdom Kids area, when an Eagle Scout project was completed to improve the Children's Library. With new decorations that match the theme of the halls, and a "throne" for the kids to sit and read on, we have a great new area in that hallway... please stop up and see the wonderful job our boy scouts did.

What a blessing our children are to others!!!

Respectfully submitted by Keith Holmes
Pastor of Children & Family Ministries

FCN

FAITH COMMUNITY NURSES

Faith Community Nurses:

Julie Mohlman
Regina Wilson
Rosalee Yeaworth

Blood Pressure Screening/Colon

Cancer Screening:

Susana Harrington
Keri Loftus

Grief Share/Surviving the Holidays:

Ron Crampton
Georgie Dudley
Doug Dutiel
Julie Mohlman
Nancy Reiff
Shelley Taylor
Regina Wilson

Blue Christmas Service:

Ron and Meri Crampton
Georgie Dudley
Rev JD Georlett
Wayne Kallstrom
Julie Mohlman
Jonathon Mueller
Regina Wilson

Card Ministry:

Judy Burke

Faith Community Nurses bear witness to Christ's caring, healing, and health ministry by supporting the spiritual, physical, and emotional aspects of health. Our FCNs are all registered nurses. Throughout the past year we have provided full time pastoral care and support to the interim pastor Dr. Geoffrey Brown. We actively participate in a professional network of peers with over 75 statewide churches. We attend monthly meetings to include networking and continuing education.

Some of the 2016 activities include:

- 1) Visitation and spiritual support to staff and their families, members, and non-members in hospitals, rehabilitation centers, long term care facilities, assisted living facilities, and in-home visits.
- 2) Follow up support is provided via phone calls, texts, additional visits, and personal cards.
- 3) Coordination and facilitation of the GriefShare program by Regina and Julie which meets 26 weeks per year.
- 4) Planning, coordination, and facilitation of the Surviving the Holidays program in November and the Blue Christmas service in December for both church members and the community.
- 5) We provide a bereavement packet to each member experiencing the loss of a loved one with information on grief along with resources for group support. We are available for follow up throughout their grief journey if desired.
- 6) Our medical equipment loaner program has been extensively used by both members and the community. We recruit volunteers for pick up and delivery when needed. The cost savings to those who utilize this program was \$8235 throughout the year.
- 7) Monthly blood pressure screenings are held the second Sunday of each month. Being able to utilize a more private space in the church has allowed a more confidential atmosphere and space for deeper conversation and additional concerns persons frequently wish to discuss. We are grateful to both Dr. Geoffrey Brown and Rev JD Georlett for offering the use of their office space.
- 8) Each year we distribute colon cancer home screening kits provided by the American Cancer Society. This is also

an opportunity to educate members on the signs and symptoms and risks of colon cancer. The total cost savings to our members was \$1500 in 2016.

9) We coordinated with CVS pharmacy to administer annual flu vaccinations to our members age 9 and older. The pharmacy also filed insurance claims for our members.

10) We inspect and maintain our AEDs monthly. The FCN bulletin board outside the pastor's office provides education on various topics monthly. The Connections newsletter also contains articles written by FCNs.

11) FCNs recognized the need for automated handicap doors on the restrooms closest to the sanctuary and requested the Trustees consider this for approval. They were installed mid year in 2016. An additional request for 2017 has also been approved for the restrooms near the dining room which has been approved and they will be installed in the first quarter of 2017. This will assure the safety and accessibility to those needing this assistance.

12) FCNs are working closely with the safety committee to recognize areas of safety and medical concern as policies and procedures are being developed.

13) We feel it is important to partner with other ministries within our church to promote a healthy church family. The preschool requires yearly staff exams to meet state regulations. This meant a cost savings of \$750 for the preschool. The Usher teams call on us for medical needs during the church services. We support the hearing loss committee and inform community members of this group. We collaborate closely with the Deacons for visitation, transportation, and meal needs. We also assist members with the MOBY application process for transportation services. After the death of a Youth leader, we provided a support group to middle and high school youth and leaders.

Total community benefit hours in dollars is equivalent to \$25,000 for the year.

Our goals and dreams for 2017:

- Healthy snack options during fellowship hour and church events.
- Tai Chi leader certification & offering of classes
- Foot Care Clinics / The Nurse Is In Full time Health Ministry coordinator position
- Recruitment of volunteers for GriefShare facilitation and transport and delivery of medical equipment.
- CPR/AED training for all staff and ushers
- Collaborate closely with all ministries to provide love and care to our church family.

Respectfully submitted by,
Julie Mohlman
Rosalee Yeaworth
Regina Wilson



DISCIPLESHIP & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Members:

Dan Mathers (chairman)
Andrew Newman
Ellen Scott
Rose Musselman
Julie Garfield
Jerry Hertzler
Dave Balsille
Lois Balsillie
Geoff Brown, pastor/ex officio

Discipleship Committee meetings

are opened with a devotion and prayer meant to focus the group on one of the stated visions of our church – everyone a disciple maker. We delve into what the Scriptures have to say about discipleship and disciple making using what the Holy Spirit is telling us to influence and guide the Christian Adult Education offerings we consider for members of the congregation.

The Discipleship committee continued one of its traditions of sponsoring a special Christian Education opportunity to the congregation during Lent in between the time of Sunday worship services. This year's offering was a study of Tim Keller's book, Jesus the King, about the life and death of Jesus as it is captured in the Gospel of Mark. The objective was to share with one another through an understanding of Mark's gospel how beautifully Jesus' life makes sense of our lives. The study involved the use of a guide to facilitate group discussion and to share the experiences of learning about what Jesus said and did in community. The study was led by Dave Balsillie and was divided into nine sessions continuing until May 8th with an average attendance per session of 10 people.

Concurrently to the Jesus the King class, Ellen Scott led a "townhall" session during the time in between the two Sunday worship services on a myriad of topics that were focused on the questions, How Do I Love My Neighbor?. The class involved inviting a number of leaders of Christian organizations outside of Dundee Presbyterian Church to explain their mission work. Groups included, but not limited to, the Salvation Army, Disciples of Christ Church and Abide. The objective was to help members of Dundee learn more of these community mission organizations to encourage involvement and understand the mission areas Dundee supports. The class continued through Lent and ended May 1st .

The Discipleship committee did not meet during the summer as many members were not available. We picked up our cadence in August where we began to formulate a concept called, A Call to Discipleship. This was an initiative and discussion to determine what support our committee could have supporting Dundee's lay leaders as they are either nominated to fill church officer positions, or have an interest in serving, even before they are nominated. The idea was to recognize that we could have an obligation to equip and prepare lay leaders as a core offering to our congregation, and that it could be an offering organized and planned by the Discipleship/Adult Christian Ed Commit-

tee. Accordingly, the calling of church officers could include an extensive, in depth training program designed to engage lay leaders to strengthen a sense of commitment to a call in service to Dundee.

Elder Dan Mathers took this concept forward to the Sep 27, 2016 Session meeting in the form of a motion to the Session to consider and decide how and/or if they might want to move forward -- providing direction on content and when it might be most advantageous to provide the training.

Dave Balsillie resigned as chair of the Discipleship Committee and turned over those responsibilities to ruling Elder Dan Mathers.

Respectfully submitted,
David Balsillie



PNC

PASTOR NOMINATING

Members:

Greg Babbe, PNC Chair
Julie Garfield, PNC Co-Chairs
Brian Jensen, PNC Co-Chairs
Shelly Dutiell, PNC Correspondence
and Communications
David Balsillie
Pat Berton
Jerry Davis
Kathy Estes
Tom Hicks,
Nancy Reiff
Shannon Walenta

“Wait for the lord; be strong and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!”

-Psalm 27:14

In God’s Place and at God’s Pace

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC), as was stated every week in the bulletin, endeavored to trust the sovereignty and goodness of God to put our next Pastor in place at God’s pace. Psalm 27:14 says, “Wait for the lord; be strong and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!”

This stood as a reminder to the congregation that there was a process that was ongoing. It also served as a reminder to the PNC to wait on God’s own plan.

Waiting is difficult, but the PNC persevered and kept busy. There were 16 months of meetings, dozens of Pastor Information Forms, phone calls, emails, conference calls and visits with potential candidates - until a certain weekend in October when the spirit moved within us. The PNC felt they had found someone who held the qualities we were looking for as Senior Pastor of Dundee Church and extended a call to Rev. JD Georlett. He accepted and arrangements began.

The Sunday of November 13th was designated as our candidating opportunity for Rev. Georlett. With the able assistance of the Session and other church officers, the Dundee Church family was given two opportunities to meet JD, his wife Laura and three children, Pierce, Kayla, and Grant at two open houses. A single worship service, during which Rev. Georlett preached, was held that Sunday. Worship was followed immediately by a congregational vote that successfully approved Rev. JD Georlett as the senior pastor of Dundee Presbyterian Church. The vote was followed by a reception, hosted by Session, in the church dining room.

Rev. JD Georlett started at Dundee December 1. The committee is pleased to have served the church.

Respectfully submitted by Shelly Dutiell

MISSION

Members:

Bob Hamer, Chairman

Georgie Dudley
Sigrid Festersen
Bill & Susana Harrington
Bruce Moulton
Ron Niederhaus
Chris Olson
Susan Vosburg

ABIDE

Jim Reiff
Doug Stewart

It is generally well known by

Dundee Church Members, twenty five percent of Dundee's general income is devoted to Mission/Outreach programs. Such programs are initiated by the Mission Team upon requests from mission individuals and charity organizations and as thereafter approved by the Church Session. These, mostly written, requests are considered by the Mission Team as to purpose and total amount, formally approved in team meetings and then payments are tracked and vouchers created as funds are available and as the payment schedule is approved. There are also frequently special designated gifts for Mission purposes received by Dundee and applied to the special mission purposes directed by the giver of the special funds.

The final report of revenue and expenditures for Mission activities will appear in another document developed by the Finance office. What follows is detailed report of approved mission partners by name, and approved allotments/expenditures.

- 1. Together Omaha:** \$30,000 -approved and paid.
- 2. Abide Outreach:** \$5,000 -approved and paid in part as needed.
- 3. Doug Stewart** (seminary study) \$2,700 -approved and paid.
- 4. Olivia Gahan:** (Thailand mission trip) \$3,500 -approved & paid.
- 5. 2016 Presbytery Per Capita** (\$28,251.86 (\$34.58 per member)) -approved & paid.
- 6. Presbytery Mission Fund:** \$4,000-approved & paid.
- 7. Mission coordinating duties,** Jann Jarosz \$1,294.81 (\$12per hr.) -approved & paid.
- 8. Benevolent payment to Kenny Ross:** \$1,500 -approved & paid from Pastor Discretionary fund.
- 9. Jamestown Choir supper:** \$625 -approved & paid.

10. The Beautiful Gate: \$8,000 –approved and paid.

11. The Hope Center for Kids: \$10,000 –approved & paid.

12. The Salvation Army: \$15,000 –approved & paid.

13. Omaha Street School: 12,000 –approved & paid. **14. Prince of Peace Church (Colombia):** \$5,000 –approved & paid.

15. Dundee member Richard Marcoux mission project: \$450 in matching funds –approved and paid.

16. Abide Operations support: \$36,000 –approved and paid.

17. Cross Roads Connection: \$1,508.64 –approved and paid.

18. Columbia Education Program: \$1,950 –approved and paid.

19. Dundee Church of the Air: expenses-as approved and invoiced – in excess of \$30,000.

20. College/Adult Mission Trip: total expenses \$17,217.36 –approved and paid.

21. Torchbearers International: (Albania church mission): \$18,000 –approved and paid.

22. Disciples of Christ Church: \$12,000 –approved and paid.

23. Open Door Mission: \$6,500 –approved and paid.

24. Habitat for Humanity: \$6,000 –approved and paid.

25. Campus Crusade Mission support, Babbe, \$5,000.-approved and paid.

26. Calvin Crest Camp: Mission support for Camp improvements, \$6000 –approved and voucher submitted.

27. Apartment rent and other support for Omaha Afghan family, A widow and three minor children of man who had U.S. asylum from the Taliban resulting from work for U.S. government. \$2,530 –approved and paid in major part at the time of this report.

Thanks to all for your continued support of the mission projects of Dundee Presbyterian Church.

Respectfully submitted by,
Bob Hamer
2016 Mission Team Chair



Top Photo: The Colombia mission's team gets ready to take off from the Omaha airport. **Left Photo:** A view from Colombia.

YOUTH

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

Associate Director of Youth Ministry
Meredith Moellenbeck

Leaders:
AJ Moellenbeck
Tammy Simkins
Janice Rhine

This year we held:

WEDNESDAY Youth Group
47 times

SUNDAY CRASH
46 times

Middle School Seven11
event 4 times

High School Seven11
event 3 times

Combined Events
3 times

Summer Hang out
3 times

CRASH: We have CRASH every Sunday at 10am. This is a time where the Middle School and High schoolers get to have fellowship together. Most every Sunday we have worship during this time; the students join in by singing, playing drums, guitar and lots of tambourines. Its a great opportunity for the students to take a leadership role in worship. Every week we read the same Scripture passages that are read during the service, and then we discuss how we can apply these truths to our daily lives.

Wednesday Night Youth Group

Middle schoolers (6th-8th grade) meets from 6-7:15 on Wednesday nights. High School meets from 7:30-9:00. Each week we spend time doing a lesson, breaking out into small groups for discussion and a game all together.

This year we held:

Youth Group on Wednesday 47 times.
CRASH on Sunday 46 times.
Middle School Seven11 event 4 times.
High School Seven11 event 3 times.
Combined Events 3 times.
Summer Hang out 3 times.

January- February 2016

Starting on January 6th we began a 10 week study of the book of Proverbs. Each week we looked at major verses from three chapters and we discuss these verses. During the ten weeks we talked about how wisdom comes from the Lord, humility, the dangers of greed, guarding your heart, hard work and how God disapproves and even hates lying. The Middle School and High School students really connected with the book of Proverbs and enjoyed reading it.

Julie Hertzler's Bible study group partnered with the Youth to serve breakfast at the Beautiful Gate together one Saturday in January and one in February. Serving with the ladies Bible study was a great intergenerational opportunity for our youth as well as a great opportunity to serve others.

Confirmation Class began in January. We had three students go through the class and join the church in May 2016! We had a Middle School Seven11 (an event from 7pm-11pm) to the AlleyV. That night we had 30 middle schoolers attend.

March, April, May 2016

Our Middle Schoolers studied unexpected things that have happened in the Bible. This has been a fun opportunity to bring out obscure stories that many of the students have not heard about and then showing them how God is at work in unexpected situations. After that we did a four week study on the character of God. During March and April we studied a variety of different things based on the High School students interests and questions.

June, July, August 2016

This summer at youth group we studied what it means to run the race that God has set before us, we focused on Hebrews 12:1-3. During the summer we held various outreach events. In June the Middle Schoolers went to a trampoline park. We had a Nerf Night with both the Middle School and High School. We had three hang-out opportunities at the church, one each month. In July we went to the water park at Mahoney state park, but it was raining so we had fun at the church instead. This summer we also gave the youth room a make-over. We painted the room and added a pool table that was donated to the youth group!

On August 5th-7th we had 10 middle schoolers participate in Urban Plunge. We stayed in Omaha for the weekend and served at four different ministry locations. Our first stop was Scatter Joy

Acres, a ministry which rescues animals and then uses them for animal therapy with people. This was by far the student's favorite stop. Saturday we went to Heartland Hope Mission, Open Door Mission and the Sienna Francis House. During the Urban Plunge our students were able to bond, and create new friendships, all while serving their community.

September- December 2016

This fall we started at the beginning of the Bible and are working our way through the Old Testament. As we go through each book we are watching a video made by the Bible Project and then the students are reading more Scripture in their small group discussion time. This fall we have gotten all the way through the book of Proverbs! The Middle Schoolers took another trip to the trampoline park in September. November 18th we hosted another Nerf Night with Middle School and High School that brought in 28 students. That night we had 10 students join us that had never been before! This year wrapped up with a Christmas movie night. For our last Wednesday all the parents and students and families were invited to share a meal together and watch The Little Drummer Boy and Charlie Brown Christmas.

Respectfully submitted by Meredith Moellenbeck



FAVORITE PART OF YOUTH GROUP IN 2016

“I look forward to Wednesdays all week. My favorite part of Youth Group in 2016 was Urban Plunge, Seven11’s and overall Youth Group”. Matthieu Marcoux, 7th grade

“I like the food, and the people” -Jamie Reiff, 8th grade

“I like Nerf Night” -Owen Hamill, 8th grade

*“I’m thankful that I get to explore the Bible and Jesus’s words...
and I like seven11s” -Ana Reiff, 10th grade*

*“That we trust the kids to pray. This is a faith setting where we let the kids take some
responsibility for their own faith.” -Tammy Simkins, adult leader*



TRUSTEES

Chairman

Clark Landers

2016 Members:

Charlie Downey
Jean Faulconbridge
Carol Fox
John Harper
Clark Landers, Chairman

2017 Members:

Trudy Bredthauer
Anne Roberts
Ron Crampton
Julie Garfield
Trent Quinlan
Bob Welk

2018 Members:

Sam Abboud
Doug Clark
Oliver Jenkins
David Karnes
Karla Marburger
Jeff Moran
Alan Oltman

The Board of Trustees consists of eighteen members of the church elected by the entire congregation for staggered three-year terms. The church Treasurer is elected by the Session to a one-year term and is a member of the Board of Trustees.

The primary duties of the Trustees are the management of the business and temporal affairs of the church. These duties include maintenance and improvement of the church building and grounds, management and accounting of the church's general fund in accordance with the annual budget as set by the Session, supervision of special funds and all other accounts maintained by or for the church including the Dundee Endowment Fund and to the extent required by Nebraska law, to serve as the church's operational board of directors.

The Dundee Presbyterian Church Corporation By-Laws require that the Trustees report to the congregation on an annual basis include the following:

- Receipts and disbursements of the previous year.
- An estimate of income and expenses for the year ahead.
- A review of the church's real property, trust funds and other resources.
- Any other matters undertaken or necessary to be undertaken for the church's general welfare.

Accordingly, the Trustees are pleased to provide the congregation with the attached reports:

2016 Receipts & Disbursements

A complete but unaudited report of all calendar year 2016 receipts and disbursements is included covering the church's general fund and all other special funds and accounts maintained by or for the benefit of the church.

2016 Budget

The 2016 budget has not been finalized at this time but will be made available to the congregation upon completion and adoption by the Session.

2016 Balance Sheet

A complete but unaudited balance sheet of all the church's accounts as of December 31, 2016, that covers the church's general fund as well as all funds and trust accounts maintained by or for the benefit of the church is included.

2015 Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report

An independent auditor's report of Dundee Presbyterian Church 2015 financial statements as issued by RG and Associates is available by request. RG and Associates was selected to replace current auditor after a bidding process was conducted. RG won the bidding and saved approximately \$4000 on audit expense.

The Trustees met monthly to discuss the business of the church. The meetings were opened and closed with prayer. The Trustees met monthly except for July, to discuss the business of the church. Following is a summary of the various committee work:

Building, Grounds, Security and Safety:

- Installed handicap automatic door openers to main floor bathrooms. Cost \$3,700;
- Moved Fire Alarm monitoring from Hyperion to Fire Protection services due to poor service.
- Continued efforts to stop leak in SE corner of Sanctuary damaging plaster. Additional water proofing added. Plaster repaired in several areas of the sanctuary.
- Addressed many building maintenance issues too numerous to individually list
- Replaced 40 year old A/C System at a cost of \$98,000
- Rebuilt stairwell on east entrance of Narthex
- Window repair project completed phase 1.
- Completed sound system replacement in Sanctuary. Cost \$46,230
- South Sanctuary stairs repaired for \$3500

Legal:

- Provided counsel as needed
- Assisted in termination of fire monitoring agreement

Computer and A/V:

- Provided assistance for procurement of computer equipment as needed

Memorials:

- Memorial gifts received and directed per family wishes

Stewardship and Finance:

- Under leadership of Bob Meyer, this committee set current budgets and led Stewardship Campaign.
- Tasked with implementing proper financial controls in the business office

Endowment:

- Requested the transfer of \$274,650 from the Dundee

Endowment Fund to the Dundee General Fund. This amount is, under the By-laws, the maximum allowable transfer from the fund for this year.

Chairman's Message:

2016 was an active year for this dedicated team of Trustees. We looked for opportunities to save money while still addressing the needs of an 88 year old building. I would like to thank Julie Garfield for her invaluable help serving as Vice Chair. I also would like to thank Charlie Downey and Jean Faulconbridge who ended their terms after years of service as Trustees for Dundee Presbyterian Church. We are appreciative to Dennis Riekenberg continuing his role as Treasurer and welcome Susan Vosberg as Assistant Treasurer. Susan, along with Julie Garfield proved very helpful with the finance office and implementation of financial procedures and controls. A special thanks to Jann Jarosz for her administrative support of the Trustees.

We were successful in recovering \$38,000 from our insurance company following the misappropriation of funds by our former Director of Operations and are thankful to have that chapter behind us. Our efforts around establishing better financial controls has been successful so far and will continue. Debbie Strevey stepped in and took over many of the functions of the finance office with help of Amy Rossitto.

Trustee Bob Welk has done an excellent job in leading the charge as it relates to operational issues and repair/restoration work as needed. Sam Abboud and John Harper provided great support in this area. Essentially this team along with Debbie allowed us to function without replacing the Director of Operations, saving the Church considerable money in salary and benefits by not backfilling Jeff Bomberger.

This is my last year as Chair. After serving in this role for nearly 2 years, I am pleased with the progress we have made with the help of this fine group of Trustees. We will be nominating a new Chair in January. Thank you for the opportunity to serve and support the ministry of Dundee Presbyterian Church.

Respectfully submitted by,
Clark Landers

MARINERS

Mariners Officers

Skippers:

John and Karla Marburger

First Mates (programs):

Bob and Judy Welk

First Mates (hosts) -- Betty Crawford

and Charlie Ferguson

Lookout:

Darlene Frederickson

Communication:

Buff and Dick Walch

Pursers:

Judy Early and Carol Fox

Chaplain:

Judy Campbell

Gardeners:

Ron Crampton & Charlie Ferguson

Nominating Committee:

Harry Rayburn

Mariners started in 1961 at Dundee Presbyterian Church. You will see Mariners actively involved in all aspects of Dundee Presbyterian's church life. As an organized group, we focus on service to the church through hospitality. Once a month, Mariners hosts the coffee hour after the second service. We also assist and serve at various church events and receptions through the year. We extend that hospitality to our neighborhood by providing some financial support for the landscape and garden expenses.

Adults of all ages are welcome to attend our meetings. We meet in the church dining room on the second Saturday in the months of September through May. Our typical meeting consists of social time followed by a potluck meal. After dinner, we will have a time of devotions and a speaker. The meetings conclude on a sweet note with dessert. Consider joining us at our next meeting. Details and RSVP information can be found in the Newscaster announcements at the beginning of each month.

2016-2017 Mariners

September 2016

Les Valentine, University Archivist, UNO on
"UNO's Presbyterian Roots"

October 2016

Arva Herman on "Service Dogs and Hearing Loss"

November 2016

Program: Scott Wilson, Omaha Central High School History Teacher on "From Omaha to London, to Paris, Bastogne and Berlin -- A History Lesson Like No Other"

December 2016

Program: "Christmas Sing-A-Long with Jean Falconbridge"

January 2017

Anna Brewer, retired FBI Special Agent on
"Human Trafficking in Nebraska"

February 2017

Pete Festersen, Omaha City Councilman,

March 2017

Program provided by Durham Museum, Education Department

April 2017

The Art of Lisa Worrall

May 2017

Sultan Burgess, "From Turkey to Omaha:
Recollections from Sultan"

WONDER PLACE PRESCHOOL

Preschool & Nursery Director:
M. Christine Benedix

Preschool Secretary:
Amy Rossitto

The Wonder Place Preschool

continues to operate at full capacity. We attract children from many different Christian congregations around the city. This year we have a large number of “Daddy Pastors” who have chosen our preschool for their son or daughter. It is gratifying to be the preschool of choice for parents in ministry who consider the faith education of their child to be their highest priority.

Presbyterian Women here at Dundee established a continuing education fund for the Wonder Place preschool teachers. This generous donation has enabled all of the teachers to take classes in Social and Emotional Development of Preschoolers this fall. Next semester the entire staff will take a class in the Physical Growth of Preschoolers. Mrs. Meng-Frecker, who has been the science teacher at the Wonder Place for nine years, has returned to UNO to update her skills. Mrs. DiPietro, who began as a junior nursery caregiver in 2001, graduated with her Master’s degree this December. This generous donation from the Presbyterian Women enabled our teachers to achieve their educational goals.

Our preschool children spent three weeks learning about the birth of Christ. We reinforced the theme of Christmas as a celebration of the birth of Jesus by learning “Away in the manger” in sign language and by singing “Happy Birthday Jesus” in Spanish. This week we celebrated Christmas with a beautiful program in the sanctuary which allowed the students to share the songs they learned with the Dundee community. Parents, grandparents and neighbors brought our attendance to over 200 people. The teachers and parents were delighted to see Santa and Rudolph take a back seat to the Son of God. Our new pastor J.D. used the opportunity to pray with the parents and children. He also issued an invitation to join Dundee for Christmas as he described each of our wonderful Christmas Eve and Christmas morning services. It is such a blessing to have such caring and involved staff at Dundee to share their faith with our pre-

school families in such a warm and welcoming way.

The nursery staff welcomed

two new teenagers as junior caregivers this year. Kennedy Stormberg and Anna Festersen are gentle, loving and patient with all of the children in their care. They love to rock and cuddle our littlest members. The enthusiasm and energy of teenagers is contagious to those around them. A game of toss, peek-a-boo, or duck, duck, goose is always fun with a teen. Miss Sue remains the anchor of the nursery with her 3 decades of service. The nursery continues to serve all little ones under three on Sundays and children under six during the week. We offer childcare for all parents participating in Worship Services, Bible Study and special events.

Respectfully Submitted,
M.Christine Benedix
Preschool/Nursery Director



ENDOWMENT

Chair

Robert Cochran

Team:

Ann Lieben, *Vice Chair*

Betsy Moran, *Secretary*

Charlie Downey

Jim Humphry

Don Hosford

Doug Steward

Steve Smith

Jean Faulconbridge

Dennis Riekenberg

Clarke Landers

The Endowment Committee is charged with directing the investment of the Endowment Fund and encouraging donations to the Fund. This year the fund began with a balance of \$5,333,110. \$274,650 was withdrawn from the Fund to support the church budget and to support missions. As of December 22 2016 the Fund had a balance of \$5,326,229.

The committee met as a group quarterly to review the portfolio and investment policy. This year we also completed with the help of First National Bank advisers a set of performance review benchmarks to better gauge our progress. A designated gift policy was also established by the committee to monitor specific requests that may accompany gifts to the Endowment Fund. An audit of the Endowment was successfully performed by RG and Associates as part of the Church audit.

The committee thanks Jim Humphry who is leaving after many years of service. We will miss his optimism and wise advise. We welcome J.D. Georlett as our new senior pastor and look forward to growing the Dundee Endowment Fund and to initiating a planned giving campaign. God blesses Dundee Church in many ways including the generosity of our members and the continued growth of the Endowment Fund.

Respectfully submitted by Robert Cochran

WORSHIP

Mariners Officers

Leader/Chair:

Deborah Brower, Elder

Members of Team:

Geoffrey Brown, Senior Interim Pastor
Jonathan Mueller, Interim Music Director
Wayne Kallstrom, Organ
Megan Cotton, Director of Marketing
Nancy Hicks, Elder/Praise Team
Shelly Dutiel, Deacon & Ushers
Marietta Horning, Elder/Lay Liturgist
Scott Crawford, Deacon/Communion
Becky Means, At Large/Choir
Verla Hamilton, At Large/Church Committees
Bill Schoenfeld, At Large/Fmr. Music
Director, & Liturgy
Jackie McClellan At Large/Congregation
Stephanie Jensen, Elder/hurch committees

Overview of the Worship Committee:

The Worship Committee is involved in activities that are affected by the two main Sunday services and the usage of the Sanctuary and Chapel. This includes Worship Order, the Music Program, including voices, instruments, pianos and organs, the Audio and Sound systems, and the usage of the main Sanctuary on significant religious holidays, and also weddings, funerals.

Measurable Goals for past year:

Deacons assumed all duties related to Flowers; Deacons assumed all duties related to Communion; Increased Children's participation in Music Program; Music program revitalized with original compositions; Praise Team Leadership strengthened; P.R. increased; the Dundee Web Page navigation and usability; Internal Organization Information and Access, Improvement of the Sound Board and the Sound System in the Sanctuary

Progress Achieved on Goals:

Deacons: Deacons took entire management of the two areas of the Flowers which includes ordering and distributing of the fresh cut Altar Flowers. Megan Cotton developed a monthly list to distribute to the Worship Committee of available Sundays and Holiday events. Artificial flowers and pots were also purchased so there is an arrangement on the Altar every Sunday. Responsibility for Communion transferred to Deacons rather than under the domain of the Worship Committee. Teams remained the same and adjustments in the numbers of servers needed were made for the number of congregants at the 9:00 Contemporary Service, and the 11:00 Traditional Service.

Children's Ministry: The Music program increased participation of children in the Music ministry at Dundee. Director Jonathan Mueller and Pastor Keith Holmes brought in children's voices at both Easter and Advent.

Music Program: The sixteen year run of the Crescendo concert series ended in June of 2016 with a concert by composer and lyricist Joseph Martin, his wife Sue, and the Chancel Choir. The past and current committee members of Crescendo were recognized. Veterans were honored with a July 4th service dedicated to them with patriotic music. Jonathan Mueller was designated fulltime Music director in August. Children's participation increased in the music program to include singing with the Chancel Choir at Easter, and once in the Fall. Bill Schoenfeld, former Director of Music, wrote 3 piec-

es to be performed by the Dundee Chancel Choir and instrumentalists. They include a featured flute with 2 voices and piano, 'God's Earth, God's Beauty with Alleluia'; a 2-part vocal and 2 flutes piece, 'Shepherd Me, Lord'; and an untitled Installation piece for the new Minister, Rev. J. D. Georlett. The Jamestown College Choir of North Dakota came in March to perform in the Sanctuary and stay overnight.

P.R./Mission: Community outreach continues to increase with seasonal neighborhood and congregant mailings regarding special services, and 'what is happening' at Dundee. Dr. Brown participated in a rotating schedule of abbreviated sermons for the Omaha World Herald for a Saturday morning series called, 'From the Pulpit'. Outreach also increased using the music program by singing at the Durham Union Station during December featuring the Praise Band and the Chancel Choir,

Web Page: The Dundee Web site was updated regularly to help seekers learn more about Worship at Dundee. Some added features this year were 'sliders' and clarifying the 'buttons' so people searching information about Dundee could see what is available and navigate the site easier. Dundee continues to seek 'Names in the News' of congregants featured in news media.

Internal Organization: There have been four Notebooks finalized for protocols to follow for Funerals (Verla Hamilton), and Weddings, (Jackie McLellan), for the Worship Committee, (Deb Brower), and for Communion (Scott Crawford, Jacob Bredthauer, and Deb Brower) .

Sound Board and Sound System: Bids for a new sound system were researched and presented to the Worship Committee, Trustees, and Session by Jonathan Mueller and Oliver Jenkins. After a bid was accepted, they were able to update and improve the speakers in the Sanctuary for better music and voice mixing, and better speaking clarity and projection.

Budget (Include expenses and donations): There is no budget for Worship Committee as a separate entity. The Music Department and The Deacons have separate budgets.

An example/story of God working in or through your team:

-Jonathan Mueller is changed to fulltime Music Director which strengthens support for the Rejoice! Praise Band, which provides more continuity for the music program overall.

-Children's participation in music performance increased to two times this year.

-Six former Chancel Choir members returned to sing the Messiah.

-Bill Schoenfeld wrote three pieces of music this year from inspirations prompted by Dr. Brown.

Making the Worship Committee's Ministry more meaningful:

During Worship- The Sanctuary is a place of worship and preparing oneself for Reflection with God. Reverence for this room as a place of worship is stated by pastor at the beginning of the service and by the Minister modeling being on time and properly robed. The Order of Worship is reinforced and recognized to support Presbyterian liturgy and worship practices.

Behind the Scenes- A continuing adherence to transparency of purpose, more communication to everyone affected by a decision, recognition of people's efforts and feedback are key elements to people understanding what is going on by both volunteer committee members and paid staff.

Recommendations for next year:

Continue to increase communication between the committee members and other members of Church committees that are affected by Worship Committee actions. Continue to reach out to include congregants in Worship Committee issues. Continue to make timely announcements in the Bulletin when the Worship Committee makes a decision.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Brower

PERSONNEL

Members:

Charlie Downey

Karen Cote

Dr. Trent Quinlan

Clark Landers

Kathy Olson

Rich Rowland, Chairman

The Committee wishes to thank Dr. Geoffrey Brown for his leadership and guidance during 2016. His preparation, leadership and follow through made our meetings productive and created a much improved work environment at DPC.

The Personnel Committee provided advice and support to our Interim Pastor, Dr. Brown as outlined in the Book of Order. Personnel made several motions to the Session for review and approval. The Personnel Committee held monthly meetings with Dr. Brown beginning in January 2016.

A summary of the Committee's actions:

- 1) The Committee reviewed the DPC Handbook and made several recommendations to the Session, which were approved with the intent of keeping DPC in compliance and improving the work environment.
- 2) At Dr. Brown's request the Committee reviewed and made minor changes to the hours of our Community Nurse job description in 2016. Regina continues to do an outstanding job ministering to the Congregation.
- 3) The Committee worked with Dr. Brown and Session to adjust and update Dr. Brown's contract extension allowing him to remain as the Interim through the end of 2016. His contract expires with DPC January 15, 2017.
- 4) The Committee followed through with the dismissal, financial recovery and court representation of the Bomb-erger case. The Committee wishes to thank Clark Landers for the many hours he spent on recovery of DPC funds.
- 5) The Committee worked with Dr. Brown discussing staff performance reviews conducted by Dr. Brown.
- 6) The Committee worked with the PNC to develop the compensation package for Reverend JD Georlett along with a temporary living expense package.
- 7) The committee worked with Dr. Brown and the Operations team on the 2017 Health Care package. Several adjustments were made to provide coverage for the staff and to ensure the Church could continue to supplement the cost of coverage within the budget guidelines.

Respectfully submitted by Rich Rowland

MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION

Director of Marketing & Comm.
Megan Cotton

History Book Committee
Megan Cotton
Jann Jarosz
Wayne Kallstrom
Ellen Scott
Vicki Hallet



2016 has been a busy year for the Marketing & Communications department.

It included celebrating the church's 115 year anniversary, hosting a History Tea, Movie Nights in the summer and the Holly Jolly Crafty Christmas Event in December. Here are few more highlights and details from each month this past year.

January - February

I worked with the History Book Committee to finalize and publish the DPC: A History Through Photographs. I designed and created the 2015 annual report for the February annual meeting. I met with Lisa Worrall to help her brainstorm to create the 115 year Anniversary art for the church to be used for advertising and celebrating this historical mark. I spoke at Mariners in February about my life in China and shared my collection of photographs on the people and life in modern China.

March - April

In March, I spend several afternoons shadowing and photographing Faith Community Nurse, Regina Wilson on her hospital and home visits. If you didn't see the article in the Summer Connections issue, please pick up an old copy and check out all the great work our nurses do.

We were also busy with Lent & Holy Week. We sent out a neighborhood postcard inviting people to attend Holy Week and Easter events. I also advertised in the Omaha World Herald newspaper and in the Dundee newsletter.

I worked again with the History Book Committee to host a History Tea to celebrate the publication of the DPC: A History Through Photographs book and to celebrate the church's 115 year Anniversary. We hosted the tea on April 16th in the Parlor. We had a great turn out of over 55 guests. Ellen Scott spoke on the history of traditional high tea, Wayne Kallstrom spoke on the history book and Lisa Worrall presented her framed art. The event was a great success!

May - June

In May, I worked on a graduation brochure to celebrate all of the high school and university graduates. It highlighted them, their studies and where they hope to go in the future. I also created and sent out invitations for the 50 year Members Celebration. I worked with deacons, Shannon Wallenta & Katie Quick on the 50 Year Member's Sunday celebration. On Father's Day, we handed out Dad's Soda for all the fathers in the congregation. We also had a busy week of VBS in June and I photographed the fun that happend that week.

July-August

In July, I worked with Jonathan Mueller, our Intermin Director of Music and Dr. Brown to help advertise the Patriotic Worship Service. We sent out a postcard to 3,000 homes in the area inviting them to attend.

Over the summer, I also hosted 3 movie nights in the underground. The previous two years, I hosted them outside on the church lawn. However, this year I wanted to accomodate younger families and hosted the movies earlier in the evening and inside to beat the heat.

Over the summer, I had 8 canvas prints hung up in the church hallway. They are all images that I have taken while at Dundee & I feel portray the spirit of Dundee and the people here.

August 28 was Dundee Day. I created a flyer and attached cookies to invite people to Sunday services and children and youth events. Noreen Ward, Lois Holmberg and Meredith Moellenbeck helped me stuff over 300 bags to hand out at the Dundee Day parade.

September - October

In September, I worked with the Deacons on the Harvest Picnic & Old Fashion Ice Cream Social. I had the Ecreamery in Dundee create a “special Dundee flavor” for the picnic. The flavor included shortbread cookie bits, butterscott and vanilla ice cream as the base. With encouragement from Kent Swain, we also included an ice cream making competition at the Harvest Picinic. We had 8 people make homemade ice cream. The picnic and ice cream was a huge success. In October, I worked with the Stewardship Committee and Bob Meyer on the Stewardship Campaign.

November - December

In November, I created a brochure to highlight pastoral candidate Rev. J.D. Georlett. I also worked with Chris Olson and the Deacons on Dr. Brown’s farwell Sunday. In December, we welcomed Rev. Georlett and honored him after the Christmas Cantata. The reception included Christmas cookies, fruit and quiche. I advertised our Chrismtas events in the Dundee newsletter and also two different times in the Omaha World Herald newspaper.

I hosted the Holly Jolly Crafty Christmas event for the third year in a row. We had over 35 people attend. It was a morning of fun, crafting and even an indoor “snowball fight.” Special thanks to PW for paying for the cinnamon rolls and juice that morning. Also a big thank you to all the volunteers who helped.

Respectfully submitted by Megan Cotton



50 Year Members Celebration



Lisa Worall, left, with her 115 Year Dundee Celebration art and Alma Stofferson.



Top photo: Ellen Scott speaking on the history of high tea at the History Tea in April.



Bottom Photo: Wayne Kallstrom displaying the DPC: History Book Through Photographs at the History Tea.

CHOIR

Director: Jonathan Mueller

Organist: Wayne Kallstrom

Pianist: Nancy Edwards

Members of Team: Kim Hansen, Kent Swain, Jacob Bredthauer, Sigrid Festersen, Judy Gaeddert, Lois Holmberg, Joyce Huenholt, Becky Means, Doug Bottger, Erica Bottger, Deb Brower, Don Hosford, John Ingraham, Teresa Ingraham, Friz Miller, Ron Niederhaus, Glenn Smith, Charlie Downey, Sarah Costello, Sheryl Smith, Kristina Mueller, Katie Hartwig, Olivia Albers

Overview/Summary of Team Activities:

The chancel choir meets every Thursday evening to prepare music for regular Sunday services along with several special services including Fourth of July, Maundy Thursday, Easter, and Christmas Eve.

Goals for this ministry team

include learning new anthems/music for presentation at services, presenting works with extra instrumentalist, and providing opportunities for soloists and small ensembles to use musical gifts. Several vocalists presented music throughout the year especially during the summer months. The choir has been concentrating on the text of specific anthems with the corresponding scripture they are based upon. The Choir has also been learning new ideas of vowel modification and different ideas of shaping and balancing the music. I have also set a goal for myself to grow the choir for the coming year, it is extremely important not to just go the same course but enrich the group by bringing in new singers. The choir is an integral part of the worship service and it is important for it to stay lively in the church.

This has been our really exciting year for the choir.

We have gained a new member and had a wonderful time performing *The Messiah* for our Cantata this year. One of the greatest parts of doing a large work is inviting people from the congregation who do not normally sing with the choir, but do enjoy singing for special occasions. This is also a great way to help recruit and grow the choir and music program as a whole. The choir was also given the opportunity to sing with the wonderful composer Joseph Martin for the last concert of the Crescendo Series. This was a wonderful experience for the choir and we loved having some previous choir members come back to join us for this special occasion. In December of this year, we also sang for The Durham Western Heritage Museum along with the praise band. This was a huge successes, along with the help of Megan Cotton's and the Deacons, we made 75

cookies to hand out along with invitations to come to our church for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. I am truly blessed to work with such a fine group of musicians that come together for God and sing for His praise. My new goal is to figure out new ways our music department and choir can reach more people. I am excited for the coming year.

The music budget includes expenditures for tuning pianos and the organ, instrument maintenance, new music purchases, new equipment purchases, cleaning choir robes, and special music expenses. You may refer to the budget section included in the annual report.

The members of the choir are drawn together by a love of music, fellowship, and a desire to use their gifts for the glory of God. This group is very faithful in attendance for rehearsals and services averaging approximately 25-30 present for each. I have witnessed spiritual bonds and friendships with their extraordinary caring for one another.

Thank you Dundee Members for giving money to the Church and our Music Program.

Respectfully Submitted by Jonathan Mueller



BELL CHOIR

AND AUDIO VISUAL TEAM

Dundee Ringers Leader: Lisa Lever

Members:

Sarah Costello, Nancy Edwards, Marietta Horning, Judy Gaeddert, Millie Miller, Friz Miller, Alan Oltman, Midge Vickery, Teresa Ingraham, John Ingraham, Tony Lever, Jonathan Mueller, Deb Brower

Audio Visual Leader:

Jonathan Mueller

Overview/Summary of Team Worship and Activities:

The Dundee Ringers meet every Thursday evening from September - May for practice and present music approximately once every six weeks for the 11am Sunday service. Almost all the members of this team also are highly involved in other activities and ministries in the church including choir, deacons, session, and worship committee. The joy of ringing bells allows the opportunity to express a different form of musical worship to enhance our Dundee services. We look forward every year to our Christmas party hosted by Nancy Edwards. Excellent Mexican food and warm fellowship are present at these gatherings.

The general music budget along with private donations provides funding for new music and upkeep for the bells.

Audio Visual Team

This has been a very exciting year for us at Dundee for the Audio Visual Team. This year we put in a new sound system in the sanctuary, including new speakers and a new sound board. The new speakers really add a lot to the services. As always we are trying to better ourselves so that the spoken word can reach our congregants. The new sound system is a great blessing and we are excited for what our new system can do to help facilitate bringing out the word. Along with the new sound system we are in talks about upgrading our visual elements to the church. This would include adding streaming capabilities to the service so that people can watch our service all over the world. We are also continuing transmitting our service to KFAB on the Church of the Air. Thank you to Dundee for giving our team the resources we need for our ministry.

Respectfully Submitted by Jonathan Mueller

PRAISE BAND

9 AM SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM

Praise Band Leader:

Oliver Jenkins

Members of the Team:

Nancy Hicks

Ian Jenkins

Meredith Moellenbeck

Jonathon Mueller

Stephen Roberts

*“Make a joyful noise to the
Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous
song and sing praises!
Sing praises to the Lord with
the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound
of melody!
With trumpets and the sound
of the horn
make a joyful noise before
the King, the Lord!”
-Psalm 98:4-6*

Overview/Summary of Team Activities:

The Praise Band meets every Tuesday evening and Saturday afternoon to prepare for the contemporary Sunday services. The Praise Band also participates in several special services, including Ash Wednesday and combined services.

Goals for Praise Band:

The Praise Band will continue to learn new contemporary worship songs to lead the congregation. The Praise Band during the year expanded the number of songs in its repertoire and added new arrangements to older songs of worship in order to breathe fresh life into them. The Praise Band over the year blossomed in their creativity and ideas for the songs we perform. The Praise Band is excited at the addition of more songs to the contemporary service at the direction of Pastor Georlett. In light of the additional songs, the Praise Band is working on transitions between songs and allowing for more “jam” sessions to take place in order that the congregation may worship more freely.

Additionally, the Praise Band will be actively seeking to add to its team. Increasing the size of the Praise Band will allow for more diverse creativity in song and arrangements. The additional members of the Praise Band will also allow for individuals who have long served in the Praise Band a needed break from time to time.

I have set a goal for myself, to continue to increase my knowledge of music theory and continue to improve in the playing of the instruments, in particular my voice.

The Year in Review:

This year has brought many challenges to the Praise Band. The departure of a beloved former Praise Band leader, and several unplanned changes in the line-up of our team, created uncertainty and a crisis of identity. However, the challenges we faced during the year did not break us; rather it forged a tighter bond between each team member and provided inspiration. With the church’s approval of new leadership in Pastor Georlett, the Praise Band feels secure in its future and potential growth.

A positive this year occurred with the approval and installation of a new sound system. The sound system includes two brand new speaker towers and a new sound board. The new sound system allows for better quality sound, easier manipulation of the sound, and provides the opportunity for more user friendly settings for weddings, funerals, and other special events the church may host. Many of the sound issues the Praise Band and other individuals using the system experienced in the past have been cleared with the new system.

Jonathon Mueller and I also were blessed to participate, this year, in the National Worship Leaders Conference in Kansas City, Missouri. Put on by the National Worship Leader Magazine, the conference offered a host of meetings on growing and maintaining one's praise band, production, and suggestions on practice and getting the congregation to participate more. We look forward to attending the conference again this year.

Finally, at the end of this year the Praise Band, under the direction of Jonathon Mueller, Music Director, par-

ticipated in the Christmas festivities at the Durham Museum. We were excited to participate and even composed a wonderful new arrangement for several traditional Christmas carols. The Praise Band looks forward to searching out other similar opportunities this coming year to play outside Dundee Presbyterian Church and promote the great characteristics of this church and community.

The music budget includes expenditures for instrument maintenance, new equipment purchases, special music expenses and the purchase of new music. You may refer to the budget section included in the annual report.

Thank you Dundee Presbyterian Church for your generous and patient support of the Praise Band. Let's continue to raise our hands in worship and make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

Respectfully Submitted by Oliver Jenkins



STEWARDSHIP

Chair: Bob Meyer

Members:

Ted Bridges
Carol Fox
Julie Garfield
Oliver Jenkins
Dan Mathers
Karla Marburger
Rich Rowland
Susan Vosburg

Ex Officio:

Dr. Geoffrey Brown
Dennis Riekenberg
Debbie Strevey

The Stewardship and Finance Committee is responsible for recommending and establishing a full year budget for Dundee Presbyterian Church; conduct the yearly Pledge Campaign to meet the proposed budget; monitor and, when appropriate, approve other fundraising activity within the Church; and, encourage stewardship by all members of the Church.

This year's areas of focus were:

1.) Provide a budget that meets Ministry needs, while maintaining a strong financial footing.

a. The committee met with Ministry leaders to clarify their expectations for the 2016 year and understand where the dollars would be allocated for each. The proposed budget held expenses constant from the prior year. To close the revenue shortfall, the committee proposed to reduce a portion of our cash reserves, which at the time exceeded \$600,000. As of the end of November 2016, Pledged Revenue was trending 10% below budget and is projected to remain at that level through December. This shortfall was more than covered through a larger than expected receipt of Unpledged Offerings. These gifts were a repeat of our experience in the prior year, but are not expected in 2017. Expenses through November 2016 have continued to run favorable to budget and are expected to remain so for the remainder of 2016.

b. At this time, the 2017 Budget is under construction. Pledge revenue is up slightly, but increases in insurance and expected salary adjustments will make 2017 a challenging year.

2.) Provide greater transparency through easier access to financial information and other pertinent data.

a. In 2016, monthly information provided via the Bulletin, showing attendance, weekly revenue and other pertinent data was discontinued. This practice has been discussed by the committee and will be reinstated in 2017.

b. The Committee continues to work through accounting control issues. Susan Vosburg and Julie Garfield worked with our auditors and the Financial Office to review several areas, particularly cash controls. Their review suggested some changes in signing authorities and other procedures involving the financial controls of the Church. These proposals are currently being implemented.

c. The Committee also received and reviewed the Management Letter and Internal Control Letter from our new external auditor, RG & Associates. These letters provide a roadmap for the Church to make changes to our current accounting system and practices, which should provide improved financial reporting and management. We continue to work on implementing the suggestions contained in these letters.

3.) Conduct the 2016 Stewardship Pledge Campaign

a. The Campaign was again conducted during the 4th Quarter. Through 12/22/2016 there are 175 pledges received, totaling \$781,500. This contrasts with the prior year totals of 174 pledges totaling \$737,465.

b. A special thanks to those who shared their stories with us during the Campaign. They were all inspiring and gave special insight into the "Gift of Giving".

The 2015 Annual Financial Statements were audited by RG & Associates. The results of their examination led to the issuance of an Unqualified Opinion of the statements. RG & Associates was chosen to conduct our audit through a process which had us consider 3 firms. All the firms came recommended by other churches and/or non-profit organizations. The work conducted by RG & Associates' lead auditor, Kathy Herrera, was first rate, giving us good insight into the corrective actions needed at Dundee. They have continued to provide us counsel and we look forward to working with them again in 2017.

Finally, thanks to Debbie Strevey and Amy Rossito. They have worked diligently to keep our financial operations humming. We are grateful to them for their many hours of work. We are also thankful to our many volunteers who provided assistance in the past year. We are grateful to you all.

Respectfully Submitted by Bob Meyer



PRAYER TEAM

The Senior Pastor is the staff guide and encourager.

Prayer Ministry Leadership

Pat Berton

Georgie Dudley

Julie Garfield

Kim Hansen

Julie Hertzler

Susan Mathers

Jeanne Niederhaus

Fred Vogt

Prayer Chain

Members of the prayer chain are notified weekly or as needed, via e-mail or phone, as to personal prayer requests of individuals that have been received. The prayer chain partners are responsible for praying individually for these requests on a daily basis. Updates are given weekly or as need dictates. Pat Berton and Julie Garfield receive the requests from the church and see that they are communicated to the Prayer Chain. Pat makes personal phone calls and Julie communicates via email.

Hand written notes are mailed to people who are receiving prayer from the Prayer Chain. This personal touch is administered by Georgie Dudley and her team of Sheryl Thomas and Wanda Harris. Prayer needs are presently emailed to 55+ people and called to about 25 people.

Prayer requests are submitted to the prayer chain in the following ways:

- Email: dpcprayerchain@gmail.com
- On the church website and click "prayer."
- The prayer request cards in the sanctuary pews.
- Speak with a pastor, community nurse, Pat Berton, or Jann Jarosz.

Sunday Worship Team

Two fold purpose:

1. Working in pairs, team members pray on their scheduled Sundays during worship for the Holy Spirit to be at work in all aspects of the worship time.
2. The same pair also prays after worship with worshipers who come to them with prayer needs. If no one comes forward for prayer, the team prays together for the church, its ministries, and the needs from the prayer request cards received during worship.

The guide verse for this team is James 5:13-16. "Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working."

There are presently nine people on the 9:00 worship team and nine people on the 11:00 worship team.

Prayer in the Parlor:

Prayer in the parlor takes place starting at 8:40AM. The focus is the pastors, worship leadership, and the activities of the church that Sunday. Everyone is welcome.

Community Prayer:

The Prayer Ministry holds an open prayer time in the chapel, 5:30-6:30 PM each Tuesday. The focus for prayer is to seek God's direction for the Church, its ministries, staff, and leadership. The prayer chain requests are prayed over as well. And if you desire personal prayer for yourself, this is your opportunity to receive it. This is a time of unstructured conversational prayer. Everyone is welcome to come as your schedule allows. Come often or just once in awhile. Come once just to try it. Stay for the whole hour, arrive late, or leave early. No matter. If you feel a desire to engage in community prayer, this is your opportunity.

National Day of Prayer - May 5, 2016

This day was observed by having a specified eight hours of prayer in the chapel focused on our nation, state, city and church. Material was available to help guide those praying. This material was made available to the congregation the Sunday prior. Pastor Brown promoted the day of prayer to the congregation by

having his sermon focus on prayer the Sunday prior to the 5th. The Prayer Ministry distributed posters throughout the church the two weeks prior and an insert was included in the worship bulletin the Sunday prior.

Closing Thoughts:

Prayer is the power source for every ministry within the church. Prayer activates the Holy Spirit's work in us and around us. Unless the church has the power of prayer behind it, it is working only by the power of man, which brings no eternal value. It is the conviction of the Prayer Ministry that each ministry of the church must spend as much time in prayer as in planning, with the prayer coming first. "Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain." Psalms 127:1.

I am thankful for the many prayer warriors who make this ministry happen.

"I thank my God in all my remembrances of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." Phillipines 1:3-5

To God Be the Glory!!!

Submitted by Julie Hertzler





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