

Dundee Presbyterian's 2017 Annual Report

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#### ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

January 14, 2018

- 1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer
- 2. Election of New Elders—Class of 2020

**Bill Beavers** 

Karen Cote

Scott Crawford

Kim Hansen

Ellen Scott

Wayne Wiley

3. Election of New Deacons-Class of 2020

**Doug Dutiel** 

Leanne Goeschel

Alice Holmes

Jim Humphry

Julie Mohlman

**Betsy Moran** 

Kent Swain

Veronica Wiley

4. Election of New Trustees-Class of 2020

Bryan Bredthauer

Trudy Bredthauer

Shelly Dutiel

Julie Garfield

Connie Osborne

**Anne Roberts** 

5. Election of 2018 At-Large Nominating Committee Members

Dave Balsillie Deb Brower Howard Kennedy Jo Martig

- 6. Clerk's Report
- 7. Presentation of the 2018 Budget
- 8. Senior Pastor's Report
- 9. Comments and Questions and Concerns
- 10. New Business
- 11. Motion to Adjourn
- 12. 2018 Annual Meeting of the Corporation
- 13. Closing Prayer





## MEETING OF THE CORPORATION January 15, 2017

Moderator Senior Pastor Rev. J.D. Georlett of Dundee Presbyterian Church asked Chairman of the Board of Trustees Clark Landers to call to order the annual meeting of the Dundee Presbyterian Church Corporation, established in 1901, on the above date in the church Sanctuary at 11:26 a.m., immediately following the adjournment of the Annual Congregational Meeting.

Rev. Georlett asked if a quorum of the Dundee Presbyterian Church membership was present. A quorum was present.

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 2016 Annual Report of Dundee Presbyterian Church.

Chairman Landers welcomed new Trustees and thanked Trustees who were stepping down in 2016 from 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 2015 Financial Statement and Independent Auditor's Report at the back of Dundee's 2016 Annual Report. Confirmation was made for property and liability insurance.

Senior Pastor Rev. J.D. Georlett asked if anyone in the congregation had any questions of Landers. Dennis Riekenberg, church treasurer, said he had one matter of business, regarding Landers, who has completed his term as chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Riekenberg thanked Landers on behalf of the membership of Dundee Presbyterian Church for his faithful and conscientious work on the Board of Trustees during a difficult time of fraudulent activity that has been thoroughly addressed and resolved in the church's Finance Office. He presented Landers with a card of appreciation from Dundee Presbyterian Church.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made and carried at 11:30 a.m., with closing prayer by the Dundee membership present.

Attested by:	Attested by:
Rev. J.D. Georlett	Elder Chris L. Olson
Moderator of Session	Clerk of Session

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING January 15, 2017

The Annual Congregational Meeting of Dundee Presbyterian Church convened on the above date in the church Sanctuary. Senior Pastor Rev. J.D. Georlett asked the Session Clerk if there was a quorum of Dundee's membership. A quorum was present. Rev. Georlett called the meeting to order at 11 a.m. with Scripture and prayer.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Rev. Georlett called for approval of the Annual Congregational Meeting agenda printed in Dundee's 2016 Annual Report. The agenda was approved.

**ELECTION OF CHURCH OFFICERS:** Rev. Georlett gave a brief outline of the nominating process followed and thanked the members of the 2016 Nominating Committee for their service.

Rev. Georlett 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 the newly elected elders and deacons:

#### Elders: 3-year term, Class of 2019

Kathy Estes Ron Niederhaus Kim Hansen Nancy Reiff

#### Elders: Re-elected for 3-year term, Class of 2019

Marietta Horning Dan Mathers Rich Rowland

#### Deacons: 3-year term, Class of 2019

Jeff BeiermanDoug DutielRose MusselmanTeresa BergValerie KunzDoug StewartCarman DeMareSusan Mathers

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#### Deacons: 3-year term, Class of 2019

Jacob Bredthauer Bruce Moulton

#### Trustees, 3-year term, Class of 2019

Bob Cochran Dennis Goeschel

Kirby Eltiste Tom Hicks

#### Trustees: Re-elected for 3-year term, Class of 2019

Carol Fox John Harper Susan Vosburg

#### Nominating Committee At Large Class of 2017:

Dave Balsillie Howard Kennedy

Rev. Georlett explained that the seven-member Nominating Committee for 2017 is comprised of two members from Session, one member from Deacons and four members At Large. He said the remaining two members At Large would be decided in church committees.

**CLERK'S REPORT:** Clerk of Session, Elder Chris Olson, referenced minutes of the February 7, 2016, Annual Congregational Meeting, February 7, 2016, Meeting of the Corporation, January 17, 2016, Stated Congregational Meeting for election of church officers and the November 13, 2016, Congregational Meeting to call the Rev. J.D. Georlett as Dundee Presbyterian Church's senior pastor. As moderator, Rev. Georlett called for a motion to approve all four documents. The motion carried.

Clerk Olson noted in the Clerk's Statistical Report for 2016 that Dundee's membership had grown in 2016. He read the names of the following Dundee members who entered the Church Triumphant in 2016:

Roy Lilledahl Delia Lindquist William F. Ginn Vernon Nebergall
Dee Jay Reiff Emily (Ami) Douglas James Smith Hugh Mactier
Elicia Ross Jean Curtis Lorenz Monte Mead

Clerk Olson offered a prayer of remembrance for the above departed members. The Clerk's Statistical Report for 2016 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. Rev. Georlett asked if the congregation had any questions for the clerk. There were no questions.

**PRESENTATION OF 2017 BUDGET:** Rev. Georlett introduced Elder Bob Meyer, chairman of the Stewardship and Finance Committee, to present Dundee's 2017 budget, as approved by Session on December 31, 2016. Rev. Georlett 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 Meyer presented an approved Dundee Presbyterian Church faith budget for 2017 that anticipates \$1,283,887 in expenses and \$1,172,150 in revenue, creating a shortfall of \$111,737. Meyer reported that pledges were up to \$785,000 for 2017 from \$646,162.20 paid in 2016.

Meyer said the 2017 budget's endowment transfer for operations is expected to be the same as in 2016, including 25 percent of all received undesignated pledged income to the church's mission budget. He said the budget's property and casualty insurance costs were up due to fraud that was detected in the Finance Department in 2015 and reflected in the 2016 budget. He said the 2017 budget will continue to maintain reserves to handle more than 120 days of church operation. Rev. Georlett asked if the congregation had any questions of Meyer. There were no questions.

**SENIOR PASTOR'S REPORT:** After six weeks as Dundee Presbyterian Church's senior pastor, Rev. Georlett said he wanted to emphasize the importance of being open to all questions through the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s representational democracy. He focused his report scripturally on a time when Israel was in exile in Nehemiah 4:4-6:

4 Hear, O our God, for we are despised. Turn back their taunt on their own heads and give them up to be plundered in a land where they are captives. 5 Do not cover their guilt, and let not their sin be blotted out from your sight, for they have provoked you to anger in the presence of the builders.

6 So we built the wall. And all the wall was joined together to half its height, for the people had a mind to work.

Rev. Georlett said the focus of his report is that the church's work is never done. He said God's people run into problems when they think their work is done. Rev. Georlett said he sees a need for Dundee to continue working, and that is a blessing. He said one cannot do the work of the church alone. Dundee members must work together, facing whatever resistance, challenges and complaints they encounter along the way. Rev. Georlett said he is honored to be at Dundee to continue the work of God's church.

**COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS:** Rev. Georlett asked if any member of the congregation had a specific comment, question or concern to bring before the members. There were none.

NEW BUSINESS: Rev. Georlett asked if any member of the congregation had any new business to bring before the members. There were none.

There being no further business for the Annual Meeting, Rev. Georlett called for a motion to adjourn at 11:25 a.m. with prayer.

Attested by: Attested by:

Rev. J.D. Georlett

Elder Chris L. Olson

Moderator of Session

Clerk of Session

#### **DUNDEE CHURCH STAFF**

Christine Benedix Nursery & Preschool Director

Megan Cotton Marketing & Communications Director

Rev. J.D. Georlett Senior Pastor & Head of Staff

Keith Holmes Pastor of Children & Family Ministries

Jann Jarosz Manager of Operations starting September 2017

Meredith Moellenbeck Associate Youth Director
Julie Mohlman Faith Community Nurse

Jonathan Mueller Full time Director of Music starting October 2017

Amy Rossitto Preschool Secretary

Robin Spencer Comptroller starting December 2017

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

Cody York Audio Visual Tech starting August 2017

**Facilities:** 

Rod Cowels Facilities Assistant
Edward Hornig Facilities Assistant
Dave Kresha Facilities Manager
Jaime Rosales Facilities Assistant

What's interesting to me about the auto industry is that many of the most successful models have been manufactured for many years. The Mustang and the Corvette and the F-150 pick-up truck are all classics. Today, models like the Toyota Camry and the Honda Accord can always be counted on to lead the world in sales.

Yet even though the names have not changed, if we look back, all of those cars have changed, while somehow still staying the same. Each car has taken many different forms from year to year while occupying the exact same place in our hearts and minds.

Every couple of years, the car companies have changed the template of all of these models. Sometimes they do it in order to accommodate new and ever changing technology. Sometimes they make changes in order to improve flaws in a previous design. Sometimes they will change the form of a very successful car model simply for the sake of keeping the brand fresh. They know that, in order to be successful, they must always examine the brand with an honest eye. They know that they must never grow complacent. So, they seek to improve the form while still maintaining the essential essence of what makes the product successful.

All of that, of course, is an analogy of what is currently happening at Dundee Presbyterian Church. Within the pages of this annual report, you will read all about the specifics of the wonderful things that God has done over the last year here at Dundee. I'll trust that others will do far better than I can at elaborating on those important details.

What I can report is that I have now been here for exactly one year and in that time, I have watched and I have listened and I have learned a great deal about this wonderful church. As much as anything else, what I have discovered is that Dundee's greatest current need is to examine and improve its template. This need is consistent across many areas of ministry. We don't need to throw away or dismantle or destroy what Dundee is, but we do need to improve and refresh and rejuvenate how we do what we do. As it is with cars, so it is with us: the goal is to keep the essential essence of the brand while improving its overall performance.

Over the last year, and continuing into the next several years, I am looking to get people together to consider how we can improve things like accessibility to our building for those are challenged with mobility issues. I've also been engaged in discussions about how to improve our outreach through multiple forms of technology. I'm also excited about how our staff is rallying to the idea of creating new ways to appeal to children and young families and how to make it easier for new people to become a part and integrate into this wonderful church family.

Over the past year, we have made great progress in improving our leadership template by clarifying roles and responsibilities. This is a process that will continue into the next year and beyond, toward the goal of helping everyone to have a clearer understanding of who and how things get done. All of this will hopefully result in improved communication throughout the leadership and with the congregation.

These are just a few examples of what I am trying to facilitate. We have completed a long stretch of time in which we did not closely examine "the how" of Dundee Presbyterian. Now we are doing that. It will be a long and continuing conversation that will extend over several years.

"The how" is changing. It is improving, but "the what" of Dundee is remaining. Our template will improve in wonderful ways, so that the essence of who we are and what have always been will continue to shine in even greater ways for all to see.

Respectfully, Rev. J.D. Georlett



**Executive Committee for 2016-2017** 

Vice Moderators:

Eileen Kegley and Verla Hamilton

Treasurer: Eileen Kegley Spiritual Life: Pat Berton

**Executive Planning Comm. for 2017** 

Pat Berton Elinor Brooks Kay Davis Darlene Rostetter

Verla Hamilton

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Ann Hosford

Eileen Kegley Alma Stofferson

Joan Worrall



- 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 ACTIVITIES BIBLE STUDY:

The Community of Christ in Hebrews Study leaders are Pat Berton, Ellyn Grant, Janet Mardis and Pat Swanson Service: Women served Christ in our church and the world through their stewardship.

Donations were made to the Nicaraguan Partnership through Presbytery of Missouri Valley; King Elementary and Miller Park Elementary Schools in Omaha Public Schools for library books; and gift cards for the church staff here at Dundee Presbyterian Church.

### **LOCAL SERVICE PROJECTS:**

#### 43 years of Millie's Cookie Caper:

This year men and women provided 24 abundant trays of Christmas cookies to be used for a Christmas reception for residents and family members.

#### **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).

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

**Ronald McDonald House:** Saved tabs from soda and canned goods to benefit the house's electric costs.

**Dundee Presbyterian Preschool:** Saved labels to benefit the preschool.

Meetings: We meet the third Friday of each 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.

Respectfully submitted, Eileen Kegley and Verla Hamilton







This year the Children's Ministry had an amazing year of 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.

#### January & February 2017

The weather didn't cooperate for Ice Skating or Sledding as the families of DPC however, we did enjoy each other's company through the winter months at our regular Wednesday Night and Sunday morning gatherings.

#### March 2017

March began for us with our annual spring musical. The musical was a smashing success. The kids had a wonderful time, and the congregation enjoyed watching our children praise the Lord! After the musical we began our preparations for the annual Easter egg preparations and well as continuing our DPC Faith & Family Nights.

#### April 2017

In April we put together a great Easter Egg Hunt event, with the help of many great volunteers. We had a lot of new faces, and we received a lot of compliments after the event.

We also ended our Wednesday night programming for the school year and planned summer family events. We had good response from the families to our final unit about missionaries for a third 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 2017

Our first Summer Faith & Family Night was a learning experience, as we didn't have anyone attend our putt-putt event. This upcoming summer we will work on another venue. Sunday School ended and we celebrated the end of the school year learning about Jesus' miracles as he began his ministry. Preparations also began for our Vacation Bible School.

#### June 2017

Vacation Bible School was our big focus for the month and we gathered the last week of June. The children learned about God's Love for us, and about the people of Peru, and how God is working in that country as we experienced "Passport to Peru". We moved the week-long adventure back to the last week of the month based on our findings from last year. Our attendance remained the same. We are looking at different options for the coming year, as atten-









"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." -Proverbs 22:6





dance at VBS's around the city and country are dwindling. Once again 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. Our big family June event was a trip to "Bounce U" and was much better attended, and a lot of fun was had by all as we bounced on the large inflatables, and enjoyed food and fellowship!

#### July 2017

Keith was a part of Rivercrest this year, and enjoyed teaching during the first week of July. The children of DPC had a wonderful time and got to meet other Christian children from around the area. Many new friendships were made. July's Family Event was a great success, and a great time. The wonderful Jensen family opened their home and dock to us, and with swimming, paddle boats and great food. We had a great time!

#### August 2017

We took the families of DPC to Mahoney State Park for our final summer event. 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. As the families began to prepare for school, the ministries of DPC began to prepare for our new Wednesday night program, Koinonia.

#### September 2017

We began our Children's Ministry activities as the new school year began, including Sunday School, and the all new Kids' Koinonia. Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights were well attended and new faces began showing up. The addition of the Adult Bible Study on Wednesday nights was well received and attended. The children's programming changed slightly, and because of the change a new curriculum was discovered, and the kids really like it!

The Branch Groups Ministry Team was also created and convened for the first time during September. The idea behind these groups is

to allow a small group culture to begin growing here at Dundee. We tried a board game group "test group" during the summer and it was a success. It was well attended and many non-attenders joined DPC congregates. They enjoyed a shared love for board games. The ministry team began looking for ideas for groups to start creating the small group experience.

#### October 2017

Our special October family event was at trip to Scattered Joy Acres Rescue Farm. We had a hay-rack ride, a campfire to cook hot dogs, and roast marshmallows. 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. We had 20 new faces join us at Scatter Joy because of Facebook advertising. Many have had the intention of attending services here at DPC.

Branch Groups were formed around the theme of the Reformation and two book study groups were created. We have also had crafting groups, as well as tea parties begin in the Branch Group ministry!

#### December 2017

The traditions of Advent continued this year as the second graders of DPC lit the Advent Candles during the season. Our church family had a great time learning about the Milestones of the Nativity story and DPC during the Christmas Eve Service.

The new programming introduced by J.D. has been a great addition to DPC, and the families are being blessed by the additions. We plan on seeing continued growth in the ministry areas in 2018, especially with the Branch Group ministries reaching out into the community to introduce the wonderful people of DPC to our friends and neighbors.

What a blessing our children are to others!!!

Pastor Keith Holmes



#### Faith Community Nurses:

Julie Mohlman Regina Wilson Rosalee Yeaworth

# Blood Pressure Screening/Colon Cancer Screening:

Susana Harrington

#### GriefShare / Surviving the Holidays

Ron Crampton
Georgie Dudley
Doug Dutiel
Julie Mohlman
Jonathan Mueller
Tammy & Richard Marcoux
Nancy Reiff
Kent Swain
Regina Wilson

#### **Blue Christmas Service:**

Ron Crampton
Sarah Costello
Georgie Dudley
Doug Dutiel
Rev JD Georlett
Nancy Edwards
Julie Mohlman
Jonathan Mueller
Regina Wilson

Card Ministry:
Judy Burke

Medical Equipment:
Gretchen Ward

**Lunch n' Learn Program** Presbyterian Women In the Spring of 2009 the idea of health ministry began at Dundee with the desire of providing care to our church family, incorporating spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of each person. This ministry has grown immensely as our congregation has aged and grown.

Three nurses, Rosalee, Regina, and Julie, have completed the coursework to become Faith Community Nurses through the CHI Health Network. There are more than 100 FCNs and Health Ministers within 68 congregations across Nebraska and western lowa. We meet monthly as a regional network of nurses to share resources and expertise from the network coordinators. FCNs promote health, healing, and wholeness for individuals and groups within our congregations through spiritual care, education, screening, support, and advocacy.

The individual efforts of the FCHN members added up in the Fiscal Year 2017 to more than 110,000 contacts with individuals and groups and more than 17,000 volunteer hours equating to \$433,500 of in-kind services to communities. This has saved approximately \$300,000 in costs to individuals, families, and health systems as a results of services provided.

In looking back at the past year, we want to share some of the activities we feel blessed to be involved with in sharing Christ's love.

We facilitated spring and fall GriefShare 13 week support groups as well as Surviving the Holidays and Blue Christmas to offer support to grieving individuals within the church and the community. We are exploring new possibilities for recruiting and training more leaders and expanding the scope of grief support, collaborating with Clearview Counseling Center and the Lydia House. We are grateful for the new outdoor banner frame built and funded by Kent Swain. Regina Wilson was asked to present the Grief Module for the FCN Foundations course, training and mentoring new FCNs within the city. Julie Mohlman and Regina Wilson attended the annual Grief Awareness Conference in November at Creighton University.

Several screenings were offered throughout the year, including monthly blood pressure checks. We are grateful for the use of Pastor J.D.'s office as this provides a quiet, confidential setting needed for this event to discuss personal health issues. Regina was involved in a blood pressure project focus group through the health network.

We distributed 36 Colon Cancer screening kits in March which were provided at no cost by the American Cancer Society.

We strive to educate our congregation with monthly bulletin board topics as well as special visual displays; such as amounts of sugar and salt in foods to increase the awareness of the effects of consumption. In the fall, we offered a Heart and Sole activity program to motivate individuals in our congregation to become more physically active.

Safety is a concern and we are acutely aware of the special needs to prevent accidents or injury. We maintain our AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) monthly as well as first aid kits on each level of the church. We submitted a request to the Trustees for handicap accessible restroom doors on both lower level and first floor. This was approved and the doors have been installed. Wheelchairs and walkers are available at all entrances for those needing assistance to safely enter the church. We arranged for an instructor to certify staff, Deacons, and ushers on CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation). Regina serves on the Accessibility Team which is exploring a safer, more accessible way for all to enter the church. The medical equipment loaner program has been extensively utilized by church members and our community. We are grateful to Gretchen Ward for organizing the storage area and donating new shelving for this purpose.

Two educational events were offered this year sponsored by the FCNs. In March, Care Consultants For the Aging presented a Lunch & Learn to educate our congregation about resources available in the community. Presbyterian Women graciously provided the lunch. Clayton Freeman from the Alzheimer's Association presented a program with information about dementia which was well attended this summer.

Annually, prior to the new school year beginning, we perform physicals required by DHHS to all Preschool staff. This has not only been a cost savings for the Preschool, but has given us an opportunity to become better acquainted with the staff and build trust between us. The staff has had several crises with their personal families and felt comfortable confiding in us for advice, referrals, and support.

This fall we collaborated with CVS pharmacy to provide a flu vaccine clinic. Many of our congregants took advantage of this convenience for flu prevention,

Pastor J.D. brought forth an idea to offer a Foot Care Clinic at Dundee, which he felt was a great need both in our congregation and our community. We began researching the needed resources and spent time shadowing a local podiatrist. Our first clinic began in September. This clinic is currently held twice a month and has grown tremendously. We have received several inquiries from community agencies requesting this service be made available to the community. We are exploring possibilities to enable growth and outreach.

As part of the church's stewardship campaign, heath ministry was highlighted on October 8th, focusing on the Joy of Spiritual Gifts. This ministry is not only the three of us as Faith Community Nurses, but the many who step forward wanting to serve others alongside us. The partnership we have with Pastor J.D. and the Deacons in providing Pastoral Care visits to homes, hospitals, and many other facilities is a huge blessing to us. The blessings we receive praying with all of you during some very tender moments in your lives are a privilege we feel honored to provide.

#### Goals and Dreams for 2018:

- •Healthy snack options for fellowship hour and church events.
- •Expand Foot Care Clinic to serve those beyond our church walls.
- •Initiate Dementia Support groups for caregivers and those affected by dementia.
- •Recruit and train leaders to offer Tai Chi or exercise group.
- •Re-certify staff, Deacons, and ushers in CPR.
- •Obtain professional foot care certification from American Foot Care Nurses Association.
- •Collaborate with Deacons
- •Coordinate with VBS staff in incorporate health education component to program.

- •Recruit additional volunteers to serve others.
- •Educate church family on role of the Faith Community Nurses.
- •Plan a service of healing with Pastor J.D.
- •Advocate for needed full time FCN position to coordinate Health Ministry activities focusing on the care of our church family and the community.

Respectfully submitted by, Rosalee Yeaworth Regina Wilson Julie Mohlman



# MISSION Members: Bill Harrington, Chairman Doug Stewart, Missions Director Georgie Dudley J.D. Georlett, Sr. Pastor Susana Harrington Bruce Moulton Ron Niederhaus Jim Reiff Chris Olson Susan Vosburg **ABIDE** Jim Reiff Doug Stewart

### Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. -1 Peter 4:10

The joy of living out God's grace is to share it with others and participating in the area of missions is a natural way to do so. Here at Dundee we have been blessed with an abundance of financial resources, gifted leaders, dedicated staff and a truly caring congregation that allows us to share the love of Christ through service to others in the local community and around the world. Your support through prayer, volunteer hours, in kind services, tithes and additional financial gifts are pivotal to realizing successful relationships with our partners and all those we collectively serve. Lives are being transformed through the power of the Holy Spirit working through the members of Dundee Presbyterian Church.

2017 was a vibrant year for missions at Dundee. A highlight reel of activities would include "getting our hands dirty" by working with our local missions partners, a youth mission trip to New Orleans, a Missions Fair event that was well attended and an international mission trip to Albania. As we move into 2018, prayers and insights are welcome as we use our collective gifts all for the glory of God.

# Financial gifts distributed in 2017 (as of December 1, 2017) included the following:

Abide Operations	\$38,000
Together, Inc.	\$30,000
Disciples of Christ Church	\$12,000
Torchbearers Albania	\$5,000
Prince of Peace Columbia	\$10,000
Habitat for Humanity	\$6,000
Hope Center for Kids	\$10,800
Omaha Street School	\$12,000
Open Door Mission	\$5,000
Missouri River Presbytery	\$28,476 (Per Capita)
Albania Mission Trip	\$10,335
Dundee Church of the Air	\$24,767
High School Mission Trip	\$5,285
Other approved outreach	\$34,372

For any questions, comments, or to learn more about participating in missions, please contact Doug Stewart, Bill Harrington or any committee members. Thank you!







**Associate Director of Youth Ministry**Meredith Moellenbeck

#### Leaders:

AJ Moellenbeck
Tammy Simkins
Elaine Anderson
Noreen Ward
Steve Roberts
Anne Roberts
Neil Hamill
Richard Marcoux
Tom Cote

This year we held:

WEDNESDAY Youth Group
46 times

SUNDAY CRASH 50 times

Middle School Seven11
4 times

High School Seven11
4 times

Retreats 2 times

Mission Trips
2 times

In the fall of 2016 we started going through the Old Testament on Wednesdays. In fall of 2017 we started going through the New Testament. At the end of December we were in 2 Corinthians and we will end in May of 2018 in Revelation. Going through the Bible in these two years has been a great experience and my prayer is that it helped give the students a foundation for their faith.

Events this year

46 Youth Group's

50 CRASH's

8 Seven11s

2 retreats

2 Mission trips

#### Wednesday Night Youth Group

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

#### CRASH (Come Rejoice And Sing Hallelujah)

We have CRASH every Sunday at 10 am. This is a time where the middle school and high schoolers get to have fellowship together. Each week we eat food and we read the same scripture passages that are read during the service. Then we discuss how we can apply these truths to our daily lives. We end our time at CRASH in prayer and a game.

#### Seven11s

These are fun events that start at 7 pm and end at 11 pm, Seven11s. Events like these are a great opportunity for students to bring their friends and have a great time together.

#### Retreats

January of 2017 the Middle Schoolers went to Camp Rivercrest and participated in Winter Camp. The theme of camp was Illuminate Christ. The students had a great time of fellowship and discussion. The experience provided a great opportunity for students to grow in their faith. In February of 2017 we took a few high schoolers on a day trip to Kansas City. We went to the World War I museum.

#### Mission Trips

This summer with the Middle School Youth Group we stayed in Omaha and participated in Urban Plunge. Ur-

ban Plunge invites groups to experience ministry in the inner-city. We served at a variety of different faith-based social service agencies. Urban Plunge is designed to help the students discover their strengths, passions, and where God might be calling them to step out and make a difference. During our Plunge we went to six different organizations: Cross-training Center, Sienna Francis House, Santa's Camp and Wonderland, Beautiful Gate, Scatter Joy Acres and Compassion in Action.

The High Schoolers went to New Orleans in July. Eleven High Schoolers and three adults went to New Orleans and helped paint a home with Rebuilding New Orleans.

One of the most valuable things that the Dundee Youth Program has to offer our students is the relationships that they develop with the volunteers. Our leaders share their lives and love with these students.

AJ Moellenbeck and Tammy Simkins have dedicated their Wednesdays each week to volunteer

with our students at DPC. Tammy leads the middle school girls small group Wednesdays and AJ leads the middle school and high school boys small groups. Elaine Anderson and AJ Moellenbeck volunteered to spend a week in New Orleans with high school students. Steve Roberts, Anne Roberts, Neil Hamill and Richard Marcoux have helped with Wednesdays and special events. Noreen Ward led two high school girls small groups at her home. Tom Cote cooked dinner for the students and helped the students cook with him. None of these events could have happened without our amazing volunteers. Thank you to everyone helped make 2017 an amazing year!

What is important is faith expressing itself in love. Galatians 5:6

Submitted by, Meredith Moellenbeck













# TRUSTEES

**Chairman**Clark Landers

#### 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

#### 2019 Members:

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

#### **Board of Trustees**

The Board of Trustees consists of eighteen members of the church elected by the entire congregation to 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:

### 2017 Receipts & Disbursements

A complete but unaudited report of all cal-

endar year 2017 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.

#### 2018 Budget

The 2018 budget has not been finalized at this time but will be made available to the congregation upon completion and adoption by the Session.

#### 2017 Balance Sheet

A complete but unaudited balance sheet of all the church's accounts as of December 31, 2017, 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.

# 2016 Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report

An independent auditor's report of Dundee Presbyterian Church 2016 financial statements as issued by RG and Associates is available by request.

### 2017 Board of Trustees

Jeff Moran Chair
Julie Garfield Vice-Chair
Kirby Eltiste Secretary
Dennis Riekenberg Treasurer

Sam Abboud
John Harper
Alan Oltman
Trudy Bredthauer
Tom Hicks
Trent Quinlan
Bob Cochran
Oliver Jenkins

Anne Roberts
Ron Crampton
David Karnes
Susan Vosburg
Carol Fox
Karla Marburger
Bob Welk
Dennis Goeschel

#### **Annual Activity Summary**

The Trustees met monthly except for July and December, to discuss the business of the church. Following is a summary of the various committee work:

#### Building, Grounds, Security and Safety:

•Updated the sound system in the basement \$8,500

•Completed major chimney, chimney stack restoration project \$76,519

•The SE corner of the church continues to be a challenge with leaks and plaster peeling. The Accessibility Committee has been meeting with Bahr Vermeer & Haecker Architects and have requested pricing to repair the leaks and reroute water flow away from the building. As part of the project we are investigating the addition of another handicap entrance in the rear of the church. Initial estimates of this project exceeds \$200,000

•The church sustained significant hail damage this summer to the tune of \$360,000. A contract has been signed with Weather-Guard, tiles for the roof have been ordered and are being made. The repair project will commence in the spring.

•Addressed many building maintenance

issues too numerous to individually list

Legal and Insurance:

- Provided counsel as needed
- Assisted in drafting agreements for endowment housing loan for Senior Pastor
- Renegotiated the Property and Casualty Insurance for Dundee Presbyterian Church saving \$41,067.50

#### Computer and A/V

Provided assistance for new technology

### **Support Contract**

- Assisted in renegotiating copier lease
- Upgraded wireless network for church providing a separate private and public access

#### Memorials:

 Memorial gifts received and directed per family wishes

### Stewardship and Finance:

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

#### **Endowment:**

• Requested the transfer of \$271,305 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:

2017 was another active year for this dedicated team of Trustees. We looked for opportunities to save money while still addressing the needs of an 89 year-old building. We are appreciative to Dennis Riekenberg con-

tinuing his role as Treasurer.

As happens every year we say good bye to those trustees that have served faithfully and their terms have ended. We have been blessed by the tireless efforts and wisdom of Ron Crampton, Trent Quinlan, and Bob Welk. Thank you for your dedicated service. We will be welcoming three new trustees after the first of the year. Trudy Bredthauer, Anne Roberts, and Julie Garfield have agreed to serve an additional term.

A special thanks to Jann Jarosz for her administrative support of the Trustees and are excited for her new role of Building Manager. Also thanks to Debbie Strevey for pulling together the monthly financials.

Respectfully submitted, Jeff Moran



### The Wonder Place Preschool

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise" (Psalm 98:4).

The 2017-2018 school year is underway with the joyful sounds of our largest class ever! The preschool welcomed 70 students and their families from 25 congregations to our preschool this fall. The children have been learning and exploring many topics this year. They continue to visit tables for writing, math, science, art and kindergarten skills. This year we have added an additional table for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) created by our newest teacher, Mrs. Freilich. Mrs. Freilich earned her Master's degree in Architectural Engineering from UNO and is passionate about introducing the students to early STEM concepts. Circuit boards, miniature robots, and simple construction sets are all available for the preschoolers to examine and explore. The children are excited about the new materials and their new teacher!

Our preschoolers are beginning to sing joyful Christmas songs in preparation for the Christmas program on December 20th. Singing "Happy Birthday" to baby Jesus is the clear favorite this year. Our teachers love to share their beloved Christmas songs such as "Away In A Manger" with the children. Although our preschool friends are young, they can still understand that Christ's birth is the most important part of Christmas. We look forward to sharing our joyful songs with the Dundee Community during the Christmas program!

Our preschool has continued to look for ways to connect to the community here at Dundee and in our city as well. We have formed a new school board to help us realize this goal. The school board is made up of individuals from Dundee who have been exceptionally generous with their time and talents. They have suggested the greater involvement in service and mission projects. Our first project this year allowed us to donate several pounds of candy

to the Ronald McDonald house. During Thanksgiving, The Wonder Place donated almost 200 servings of dessert to the Open Door Mission. The children decorated cards for children in the hospital and the homebound. We are very grateful for the wonderful people on our school board as they support our growth as a joyful Christian school!

The nursery at Dundee continues to be a place of joyful exploration. The babies and young children love to hear our simple stories from the Bible. We have Jesus puppets, a simple ark and many Christian picture books to share with the youngest members at Dundee. The Nursery caregivers continue to be led by our wonderful Miss Sue. She loves to hold and play with the precious children in our nursery. The other caregivers follow her kind and gentle example when interacting with the children. We are grateful that you continue to entrust your wonderful children to our care during the services.





### ENDOWMENT

**Chair:**Robert Cochran

Team:

Ann Lieben (Vice Chair)
Betsy Moran (Secretary)
Charlie Downey
Don Hosford
Doug Steward
Steve Smith
Jean Falconbridge
Dennis Riekenberg
(Church Treasurer)
Jeff Moran (Chair of Trustees)
J.D. Georlett (Senior Pastor)

The Endowment Committee is charged with directing the investment of the Endowment Fund and donations to the fund. This year the fund began with a balance of \$5,309,730. \$271,305 was withdrawn to support the Church budget and missions. An interest free loan of \$140,000 was also approved for the mortgage of a home by the senior pastor. As of November 28 the fund is valued at \$5,613,874.

The committee met quarterly to review the portfolio and investment policy with our First National Bank advisers.

Ann Lieben and Betsy Moran have finished their three year terms. Ann served as our Vice Chair. Betsy has been our faithful secretary for the past twelve years. We thank them for their service. Steve Smith has resigned because of his work schedule. Vicki Hallet and Erik Wagner are new members of the team for 2018.

God continues to bless Dundee Church in many ways including the generosity of it is members and the continued growth of the Endowment Fund.

Submitted by, Bob Cochran

# WORSHIP

**Leader/Chair:**Nancy Hicks

**Members of Team:** 

Rev. JD Georlett, Senior Pastor

Wayne Kallstrom, Organist

Jonathan Mueller, Music Director

Megan Cotton, Director of Marketing

and Communication

Shelly Dutiel, Deacon, Ushers

Marietta Horning, Elder, Lay Liturgy

Scott Crawford, Deacon, Communion

Becky Means, At Large, Choir. Commu-

nication

Verla Hamilton, At Large, Funerals

Jackie McLellan, At Large, Weddings

Stephanie Jensen, Elder, General

Kim Hansen, Elder, Choir

**The committee** is involved in the various activities that support the Sunday morning services, Lent, Christmas Eve, and Special services, as well as Funerals and Weddings. All aspects are considered in an effort to glorify God through Worship, wherever that Worship might occur. Each monthly meeting began with prayer, scripture, and comments by a member of the Team about Worship.

#### 2017 in Summary

This year included some adjustments as the congregation and our new Senior Pastor, Rev. J.D. Georlett endeavored to glorify God through Worship. The team worked together to solve issues and some adjustments were made by J.D. in the flow of the services and personnel. One positive change was the hire of Audio Professional, Cody York, who has worked to make many improvements. Dundee continues to provide two services every Sunday, with a goal to nearly always have two services, both Traditional and Contemporary. Besides our standard services, there were several unique services provided this year which included:

- •Installation of Rev. JD Georlett, with music written by Bill Schoenfeld, celebrated with a meal
- •Maundy Thursday Service, in the Dining Room, combined with a meal.
- •Crossroads Connection, Prison Ministry, with a meal Rally Sunday, First Sunday of the Church year.
- •Mission Sunday, with guest Mark Stoscher preaching
- •Kirkin' of the Tartan, 500th Celebration of the Reformation, and Stewardship Sunday combined.
- •Coffee House Advent Worship, in the Dining Room.

This committee continues to work through concerns and issues as needed and strives to keep the congregation aware of any adjustments. A Wedding Booklet was produced for engaged couples to aid decision making and planning. The Communion Silver was repaired after some damage last year. Music was provided at the Durham Western Heritage Museum by the Chancel and Bell choirs as an outreach. The Organ required some repairs and new Candles were purchased for use for Weddings and Christmas. Communion was provided monthly, besides special services. There were many Memorial Services and several Weddings. The Music program provided many beautiful pieces. A search was started for a new worship leader which is still in the process as the right person is discerned. Also, some members of Worship Team attended a Worship Leaders conference together. Ushers and lay liturgists assisted consistently and multiple media productions were produced and used.

Although the Worship Committee had no formal budget in 2017, there was more participation in the budgeting process for next year.

All in all, a busy year, but one that focused on the Worship of God. Each decision made considered what was appropriate for Worship of God, for Dundee, for the Presbyterian Church and our Congregation. We pray that we might continue to encourage you to Worship at every opportunity and setting.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Hicks

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord. all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations."

Psalms 100:1-5 ESV

# PERSONNEL

#### Members:

Karen Cote
Charlie Downey
Kirby Eltiste
Kathy Estes
Clark Landers
Kathy Olson
Dr. Trent Quinlan
Rich Rowland, Chairman

**The Committee** welcomed two new members in 2017, Kirby Eltiste and Katherine Estes. Continuing members are Karen Cote, Charlie Downey, Clark Landers, Kathy Olson, Trent Quinlan, and Rich Rowland.

The Personnel Committee provided advice and support to our Senior Pastor J.D. Georlett as outlined in the Book of Order. Personnel made several motions to the Session for review and approval. The Committee held monthly meetings with Reverend Georlett beginning in January 2017.

#### A Summary of the Committee's actions for 2017:

The Committee conducted the annual review of the Dundee Employee Handbook making minor changes including a new welcoming letter from Reverend Georlett. Suggested changes were presented to the Session.

The Committee reviewed and approved new Job Descriptions for Manager of Operations and Manager of Finance. Jann Jarosz was promoted to Manager of Operations. Clark Landers chaired a search committee for the Manager of Finance. Robin Spencer was hired with a start date of December 1, 2017.

The Committee interviewed Interim Music Minster Jonathan Mueller. With the recommendation of Reverend Georlett and the Committee after Session approval, Jonathan became Director of Music Ministries in October.

The Committee continues to work with Stewardship/Finance on 2018 budgeting of compensation for staff.

The Committee is conducting a review of all the Job Descriptions.

Respectfully submitted by Rich Rowland





2017 Stewardship Campaign Logo

### 2017 has been a busy year for the **Marketing & Communications**

department. It included working with the Stewardship Committee on the Share Joys campaign, shooting lots of videos, working on a church app and new website plus having a baby last April.

#### January - April

The early part of 2017 was focused on social media strategy. I attended a workshop on how to use social media for marketing. I spent time to develop a social media strategy and calendar for the church & have seen great results getting people to be more interactive with the church Facebook page. I have also seen good results from boosting Facebook events. I hope to see it keep growing in 2018. During these months, I was also busy preparing and creating ads for the Lenten Season and Easter. Since Baby Cotton was due the end of April, the staff and I did a good job working ahead and planning for the spring and summer. Three days after Easter and two days after tax day, Baby Cotton arrived!

#### May - June

All of May and most of June was spent on maternity leave. I am very grateful to my coworkers who stepped up to the plate to help with the bulletins, announcements and so much more while I was gone. I'm also especially grateful to Shelly Dutiel who designed the bulletins and inserts while I was on maternity leave. I also want to say thank you to all the people that sent cards, gifts and e-mails welcoming Baby Campbell to our family. I felt so loved and encouraged from it all. I couldn't have asked for a better place to be. Thank you! Thank you!

The last week of June was full of kids running around learning about God and Jesus at VBS. I took lots of photos and videos highlighting all the fun of the week. Please check our Facebook page to see photos and the video from that week.

#### July-August

July and August were focused on preparing for Rally Day, fall events and working on the year's calendar. I spent time with Rev. Georlett and other staff members making short videos to promote fall events and Rally Day. I worked with Doug Stewart to create a missions brochure for the Mission Fair. I also worked on branding for Koinonia, our Wednesday night program.

On Dundee Day, I hosted a tye-dye outreach event. I

made t-shirts that promoted Koinonia and Sunday services and had them available for people to tyedye on the church grounds. We had around 40-50 people participate that morning. When the Dundee Day parade started I took photo and video.

#### September - October

These months might of been the busiest of the year for me. I worked with Rev. Georlett and the Stewardship committee to help promote October's Stewardship month. I created the branding and logo for the Share Joys campaigns. I spent lots of time taking video and doing interviews for the Share Joy videos. I created four videos that highlighted missions, health ministries, youth and kids programs and the music programs at Dundee. I really enjoyed being able to capture and share the spirit of Dundee. We received lots of positive and encouraging comments about the videos. If you haven't seen the videos please check them out on our Facebook page or our Vimeo page.

In September, I started to work with EChurch, an app company to help develop an app for the church. We also worked with them to set up online giving. We can now give online easily. I also started to work with a web guy to create a new church website that is more user friendly and highlights our church through graphics and video better. We hope to launch both of these projects January 2018.

#### November - December

November was busy preparing for Christmas and all the events leading up to Christmas. I sent out a postcard to the neighborhoods around the church. We also did advertising in Valpak, Dundee newsletter and the Omaha World Herald. This year I did a big push with ads on Facebook.

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 a photo booth. A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped.

2017 was a great year and I look forward for what 2018 has in store for us.

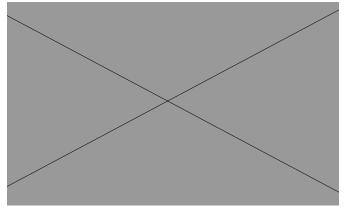
Respectfully submitted by, Megan Cotton



Dundee Day Parade



Baby Cotton at 6 days old Birth day: April 20, 2017



Screen shot of the Share Joy videos. All the videos can be found on the church's Vimeo page.

# 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 instrumentalists, 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 focusing on the text of specific anthems and the corresponding scripture of the sermons. The choir has also been learning vowel modification, and ways to shape and balance music. I have also set a goal for myself to grow the choir for the coming year. It is extremely important to 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 performed the work "Small, Dancing Light" with great success. 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 has sung with children two times this year, once on Mothers Day and once in December. I am working on helping us be a multi-generational music program, and this is a great way to start that goal. In December of this year we also sang for the Durham Western Heritage Museum, along with the praise band. Along with Megan Cotton and the Deacons, we made 75 cookies to hand out with invitations to the Christmas services. I am blessed to work with 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 members. 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









## Overview/Summary of Team Worship and Activities:

The Bell Choir would like to thank the church for allowing us to refurbish our bells. Our bells are thirty years old and have never been sent for repair, and it was needed. We look forward to thirty more great years with our bells.

The Dundee Ringers meet every Thursday evening from September to May for practice and present music approximately once every six weeks for the 11 am Sunday service. Almost all the members of this team 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. We have a new sound and video technician. The addition of Cody York has been a blessing. He has elevated what we can do with our audio in this church. This past year we replaced our aging system in the dining room. We have new speakers and changed the location of the projector. We also added speakers in the dining room annex. This will help us host larger events downstairs.

We would also like to update the visuals for the church in the sanctuary. This would include adding streaming capabilities to the service so that people can watch our service all over the world. This new streaming service will work with our new app and website. We are also continuing to transmit our service to KFAB on Church of the Air. Church of the Air is a great way to spread the gospel to Omaha. In order bring us into the 21st century, we have gone digital. We no longer record on cassette tapes. This will keep Church of the Air going for years to come.

Thank you, 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:**Jonathan Mueller

## Members of the Team:

Nancy Hicks
Ian Jenkins
Oliver Jenkins
Meredith Mollenbeck
Steve Roberts
Shannon Walenta

**Sound Technician**Cody York

"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:

This has been an exciting year of growth for the Dundee Praise team. We have been focusing on adding more new music to our repertoire, and have been enjoying this process. We have also upgraded the technology in the praise band. We added a full range midi-keyboard with many different sounds to help fill out the band. We have also started to mic the kick drum. In the coming year, we will be adding in-ear monitors for all of the musicians, which will help clean up our sound.

During this past year, Nancy Hicks, Oliver Jenkins, and Jonathan Mueller all went to Kansas City for a worship leaders conference. This was an amazing experience for all of us. This conference gave us great techniques and tools to help keep our praise band fresh. The worship leaders conference a gave us a unique way to worship together and become closer to God. This coming year we will make a similar pilgrimage, except the conference will be in Nashville, Tennessee. This conference will draw people from all over the nation.

I am so proud of the growth this year with our praise band, and I am extremely happy we gained a new member. All of the members are extremely dedicated to their musical craft and spreading the word of God through music and prayer. One of our goals this coming year is to add more people to this wonderful group while retaining the strong core of members we already have.

Thank you, Dundee members for giving money to the church and our music program.

Respectfully submitted by Jonathan Mueller



## **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. Committee leadership met with Ministry leaders to clarify their expectations for the 2017 year. The proposed budget raised expenses slightly from the prior year. To close the revenue shortfall, the committee again proposed to reduce a portion of our cash reserves, which at the time exceeded \$500,000. Should actual results mirror the proposed 2018 budget, cash reserves would provide a 90 day operating reserve, beginning in 2019. As of the end of November 2017, Pledged Revenue was trending 2.8% below budget and is projected to remain at that level through December. This collection shortfall is in line with expectations for uncollectible accounts and more than covered through a larger than expected receipt of Unpledged Offerings. These gifts were a repeat of our experience in the prior year. Expenses through November 2017 have continued to run favorable to budget and are expected to remain so for the remainder of the year.
  - **b. At this time,** the 2018 Budget has been presented and approved by Session. Pledge revenue is up slightly, but salary increases and correct application of Endowment monies (Peck) will again make our 2018 budget year challenging.

## 2.) Respond to 2016 Management Letter

In 2016, Dundee Presbyterian Church was presented with a Management Letter which disclosed several significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in our accounting processes and controls. Through the work of the Committee, hiring of additional accounting support and the diligence of Debbie Strevey, the 2017 Management Letter showed considerable improvement. There

were no material weaknesses noted and the significant deficiencies have been addressed through the hiring of additional staff. Robin Spencer, who joined our staff at the end of 2017, comes with a wealth of experience in church accounting and a working knowledge of our Shelby accounting system. We welcome her to Dundee!

## 3. Conduct the 2017 Stewardship Pledge Campaign

a. The Campaign was again conducted during the 4th Quarter. Through 12/12/2017 there are 161 pledges received, totaling \$792,000. Pledge dollars are slightly ahead of the prior year.

b. A special thanks to Megan Cotton who organized the videos shared during the Campaign and to our participants who did such an outstanding job in sharing their stories. They were all inspiring and gave special insight into our Share Joy campaign.

The 2016 Annual Financial Statements were audited by RG & Associates. The results of their

examination led to the issuance of an Unqualified Opinion of the statements. The work conducted by RG & Associates' lead auditor, Mike Chapman, provided us a continuing roadmap into the corrective actions needed at Dundee. They have continued to provide us counsel and we look forward to working with them again in 2018.

Finally, thanks to Debbie Strevey and Amy Rossito. They worked many hours to keep our financial operations humming and showing the necessary improvements. Debbie, in particular, has been tireless in working through the many issues we've faced the past 3 years. Her hard work and cheery nature have been a blessing. We are also thankful to our many volunteers who provided assistance to our office staff. We couldn't have done it all without you.

In Christ, Bob Meyer

Signature:



"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us all go to the House of the Lord!"" -Psalm 122:1

## 2018 PLEDGE CARD

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Names:
My 2018 Pledge: \$
I plan to give:
$\square$ Weekly $\square$ Monthly $\square$ Quarterly $\square$ Yearly
I would like pledge envelopes Y N
I'm interested in ACH Debit? (See back of card)  ACH Debit Authorization form must be renewed yearly.

## PRAYER TEAM The Senior Pastor is the staff guide and encourager. **Prayer Ministry Leadership** Pat Berton Georgie Dudley Julie Garfield Kim Hansen Susan Mathers Jeanne Niederhaus Fred Voqt.

## **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 8:40 am. 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, 4:30-5:30 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 4, 2017

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. 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.

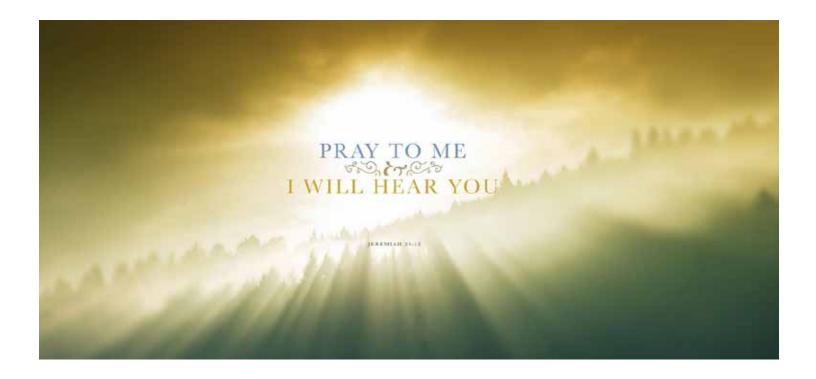
"Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain." Psalms 127:1.

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." Philippines 1:3-5

To God Be the Glory!!!

Submitted by Julie Hertzler





## With my new position that started

August 1st comes the added responsibility of writing an annual report.

This is a time of learning and understanding new things. There is much to learn and I'm trying to deal with each new thing one at a time as they come up instead of trying to understand all at once.

There are a couple of things that I can highlight from this time so far. First, we had a very successful Work Day on November 18th. We had 39 people here to do some "holiday cleaning" of the Sanctuary, Parlor, Chapel, windows and hallways. We were even able to get a few outside projects done because the weather was beautiful. We started the morning at 9:00 with coffee, donuts and juice. The church smelled fresh and clean with the scent of Murphy's wood soap by the time we finished up at 12:00. We worked hard but I think we all had fun doing it. Thank you to all who participated!

We are in the midst of switching IT companies right now. This is a project I inherited when I started my new position. The onsight technicians have been here for two days and everything should be complete by December 1st.

There is so much going on at Dundee. 2018 will be a year of continued transitions and challenges. It will also be a year of continued growth.

Jann Jarosz Manager of Operations

## DEACONS

2017
Scott Crawford, Chairman
Shelly Dutiel
Darlene Rostetter
Lois Holmberg
Jim Humphrey
Anne Lieben
Betsy Moran
Liz Newman
Kent Swain

2018
Georgie Dudley
Kerry Ecklebe
Lori Ecklebe
Alice Holmes
Roger Holthaus
John Ingraham
Karen Kennedy
John Marburger
Jill Tomson
Noreen Ward

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

## Deacon's Congregational Outreach Committee

Overview of Team's Activities: The Congregational Outreach Committee experienced a very blessed year in 2017. Our responsibilities included coordination of church events, seasonal set up and other tasks throughout the year. Due to all the Deacons' participation and efforts, we were able to plan, prepare and execute several wonderful church events for both members and neighbors.

Highlights included one single Good Friday brunch prior to the noon hour service, an Easter Brunch offered between morning services, a Rally Day Fall Picnic following the 11:00 service to kick off the new church year and Christmas decorating of the church for advent. While the committee organizes these events, we are grateful and blessed by the efforts of all Deacons to ensure success.

The January, February and March meetings planned two of our major events: the Good Friday (Friday, April 14, 2017) and Easter (Sunday, April 16, 2017) brunches. Deviating from last year by only offering one brunch time instead of two, the Good Friday brunch was well attended by an estimated 75 people. Due to high attendance, accommodations for more tables and chairs in the parlor should be made. The 10:00 Easter Brunch was continental style serving pastries, donuts, muffins, bagels, fruit, coffee, and juice. This seemed to be more efficient than offering items that required pre-heating. Estimates of approximately 75-100 attended the brunch.

In late summer, the August meeting allowed planning for the Congregational Rally Day Picnic on Sunday, August 27, 2017. The picnic was a new festivity that "coupled" with Rally Day kickoff activities for better participation.

The church purchased BBQ chicken and buns for approximately \$500 and Deacons brought side dishes, salads and desserts. We should only order 40# instead of 50# of BBQ for 2018. (The leftovers were used for Koinonia Bible study and dinner the following Wednesday). Estimated attendance: 250. The timing of the picnic (12:15, immediately following 11:00 service) ensured high attendance.

We sensed God's Providential hand in all our events to provide enough food to feed everyone. Concerns about having enough to eat were alleviated through everyone bring-

ing dishes of bountiful food and having more than we could eat! This, undoubtedly, is due to the gracious and generous blessings from God!

Recommendations for next year: We would love to see more congregational participation in events.

Overall, we feel we reached our goals to make seasonal events at church be inclusive and festive so everyone feels welcome and feels the love of Jesus through our efforts.

Respectfully submitted, Kerry Ecklebe

The Samaritans are now serving the congregation through Visitation Parters. We have 16 Deacons who visit with our homebound members and also participate in taking communion to them. We also have set up an online meal train where members of the Deacons and other church members can sign up to take meals to church members who need extra help during difficult times. I continue to work with Regina Wilson in making sure the needs of our members are cared for.

Respectfully submitted, Betsy Moran

## **Servants**

Measurable Goals for past year: Ushers - set up a new coordinator for Ushers as Shelly's term is ending; set up a working schedule for Communion servers and that the monthly set up is achieved efficiently Progress achieved: Carmen DeMare will be taking over as usher coordinator, Session / Worship Committee member Stephanie Jensen with co-coordinate. Scott and Jacob set up a schedule and online notification for Communion Servers, Alice Holmes was trained to set up/prepare Communion.

### **Activities:**

Over the last year, there have been typical transitions in usher personnel – between the efforts of the coordinator and the eight usher captains, spots are filled as needed. All ushers are commended for their willingness to help out when other teams need assistance. Ushers are called upon to serve once a month.

There are two teams per Sunday and four sets of teams. There is a yearly schedule that is developed to cover extra Sundays and special worship services like Ash Wednesday and Christmas Eve.

Communion activities are also monthly and depend on sets of rotating teams, one per each service the first Sunday of each month as well as special services such as Ash Wednesday. Scott and Jacob coordinate volunteers and Communion setup. Lois Holmberg has been a most excellent carver of bread into little cubes for 11 a.m. worship. Alice Holmes and Carmen DeMare have been assisting with set up for Communion Sundays.

Budget: Ushers have no budget that I am aware of, supplies are ordered through the church office. Some of the supplies, like pens, have been purchased by the coordinator or by the volunteers who replace supplies in the pews. It is my understanding that Communion supplies are obtained similarly.

An example/story of God working in or through your team: As an usher, we are a vital part of Dundee Church. For many visitors to our church, we are Dundee Church. Ushers prepare the way for a positive and meaningful worship experience for everyone who comes to church, guest and member alike. Ushers aim to greet all worshipers warmly and sincerely, provide them with a bulletin and answer any questions they may have — help ensure a smooth running and positive worship experience. We strive to let your eyes and your smile be the mirror of your love for the Lord.

A lesson or two learned about ministry: Never underestimate the willingness of team members to help each other out.

Respectfully submitted, Shelly Dutiel Team: Deacons - Community Outreach Committee Date: 1128-17

Chair: Kent Swain

Members of Team: Jeff Biermann, Georgie Dudley, Roger Holthaus, John Marburger, Noreen Ward

### Timeline of Activities:

JAN Establish a dialog with **GreenSlate Development** throughout the year, regarding their plans to redevelop The Sunken Gardens East of Dundee Church.

- MAR Red Cross Blood Drive 3/3 Assisted with local promotion and check-in of donors, 15 units donated.
- MAY Garage Sale 5/20 Assisted Mission Committee with organizing the event and merchandise.
- JUN **Memorial Park Concert** 6/30 Over 200 Dundee-labeled water-bottles were given to concert-goers.
- AUG **GriefShare** 8/23 Built and installed a new outdoor frame for a banner promoting the GriefShare counseling program at Dundee.

## **DUNDEE DAY** 8/26:

**Bicycle Rodeo** – Assisted with children's bicycle safety training. Led by OmahaBikes.org and LiveWellOmaha on a closed section of 50<sup>th</sup> Street near Underwood Avenue. Originally planned to take place during the Garage Sale in May, but re-scheduled due to rain.

**Dundee Day Parade** – Organized a Dundee Church parade group led by The Strathdon Caledonia Pipers, Dundee banner-carrier Pastor Keith, flag-carriers Kevin Bushnell and Kent Swain. Parade group included vintage autos driven by Dr. Bryan Bredthauer and Dave Balsillie. Dundee treats distributed to parade-goers by Alice Holmes, with Georgie Dudley and family.

OCT Crop-Walk 10/8 – Organize staff for a water-station at church for walkers with pledges for donations to address hunger in Omaha and world-wide via www.crophungerwalk.org

**Red Cross Blood Drive** 10/21 – Assisted local promotion and registration of donors, 10 units donated.

## Progress achieved:

- The Community Outeach committee has established direct contacts with the developers seeking to update The Sunken Gardens directly adjacent to church grounds.
- Red Cross Blood drives provided unique opportunities to meet-and-greet Dundee business people and the community at-large. Dundee's two drives collected 25 units of blood in 2017. Several blood donors expressed interest in visiting Dundee Church for a Sunday service.

- The Dundee Church Garage Sale raised over \$2,000 for the Albania Mission. As the first Garage Sale at church in over a decade, this year's experience should help greatly, if the event is repeated in 2018.
- Free water-bottles were very much appreciated by Memorial Park concert-goers. Displaying a church banner outside at 53<sup>rd</sup> & Underwood during the give-away served as a temporary church billboard.
- The Dundee Day Parade group was well received and the bagpipers provided a festive, fun atmosphere that drew attention to our marchers and vintage cars.

Budget (Include expenses and donations):

## Garage Sale:

Live music was provided by church member David Bredthauer's "Us & Them" band free-of-charge. I understand the band was "paid" with free pizza and soft-drinks, from the Dundee Music Department budget.

### Memorial Park Concert Bottled Water Distribution

Water: 288 bottles @ \$50

Waterproof Labels: 1500 @ \$70 (labels used over multiple years and events)

Ice: 4 bags @ \$20

Total: \$140 (water & ice @ ~ \$70 provided by Kent Swain)

### GriefShare Banner Frame

PVC Pipe: @ \$30

Wooden Spools/Dowels: @ \$7

Metal Conduit: @ \$3 Gray Spray Paint: @ \$8 Tee-Nuts & Bolts: @ \$4 Steel In-Ground Spikes: @ \$5

Zip Ties: \$3

Total: \$60 (provided by Kent Swain)

## Dundee Day Bicycle Safety Rodeo

Bike Helmets (for kids completing safety course) – provided by a grant via LiveWellOmaha.

### **Dundee Day Parade**

Strathdon Caledonia Pipers @ \$150 (Deacon covered expense)

Treats handed-out to Parade-goers were provided by Dundee Church members.

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

A few blood donors expressed interest in visiting for a church service.

## A lesson or two learned about ministry:

Handing-out free water-bottles, (or other free items) at community events is a non-threatening way to build awareness and begin a dialog with those unfamiliar with Dundee Church.

## Recommendations for next year:

- Continue dialog with GreenSlate Development. Their Sunken Gardens restoration project has both supporters and detractors, so it will be important to stay in-the-loop on this issue.
- Continue distributing free water-bottles (with Dundee Church branding) to Memorial Park concert-goers the Friday before Independence Day.
- Discontinue participation in the Bicycle Safety Rodeo. The grant underwriting free bike helmets obtained by LiveWell Omaha appears to have run-out. Also, Deacons would need training prior to the event in order to provide more meaningful assistance in bicycle safety education.
- Continue the Dundee Church Garage Sale. Holding the church's sale the same week as the Dundee Memorial Park Neighborhood Association (DMPA) event allows the church to leverage the DMPA promotions. Now that we have recent experience with a garage sale, repeating it should be easier to manage and more profitable.
- Continue participation in the Dundee Day Parade with bagpipers, banner/flag carriers, antique
  cars and free treats. The pipers add to the festive atmosphere and reinforce the neighborhood's
  namesake and Scottish roots of the Presbyterian Church. Include members of Dundee's youth
  group in the parade next year.
- Consider having the Chancel Choir participate in the civic/military ceremony held at Memorial Park honoring veterans and officially lighting the holiday decorations on the memorial columns.
- Strive to have a church representative attend "town hall" meetings that impact the church neighborhood. For example, public meetings have been held for GreenSlate Development's Sunken Garden project and Streetcar Advocates efforts supporting a public rail transportation system across Omaha.

### General Comments:

If we are not already doing so, include a church staff member or officer in the Dundee Memorial Park Association monthly meetings held at church.

## **CLERK'S REPORT** 2017 Statistical Report

Members on Active Roll, December 31, 2016				
Additions:	Profession or Reaffirmation of Faith Transfer from other Churches Confirmation Restoration			
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Members on Active Roll, December 31, 2017				
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The following members of Dundee Church entered the Church Triumphant in 2017:

Lawrence James
Phyllis Noble
Kirk Lewis
Robert Beck
Paul Filipi
Bill Gartner
Dick Walch
Terry Glenn

Lorraine (Lori) Barton Betty McCollister

Fred Heck Meri Crampton

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Olson, Clerk



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