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Dear Friends,

“Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.”

I love this church. As I look back over the past 12 months, I see so many ways that our church has been blessed by God. We have so much for which to be thankful.

I love the spirit of mission and outreach that is so much a part of our church's life. In 2009 we sent two more Mission Teams to New Orleans to continue our small part in helping to rebuild that historic city. In the summer of 2009 our youth took their first international mission trip—to Guatemala. Also last summer our youth spent a week in West Virginia on an intra-national mission trip. We continue to be involved each year in the Room in the Inn ministry to the homeless here in Charlotte. Our congregation, and particularly three host families—the Wests, the Morrisises and the Davenports—welcomed three people from Belarus, and gave them a much needed respite from that still toxic environment. And then on Homecoming, 2009 we launched our project to build a house with Habitat for Humanity. It was a huge undertaking, especially in a time of such economic uncertainty. But you accepted the challenge, and to date we have raised over \$45,000 to build a home for Moses Lual and his family. The dedication of their new home will take place in February.

Time and time again you have accepted the challenge to reach out in love to people in need, and you have responded generously. Thank you for your caring hearts.

Another thing we have to be extremely thankful for is that we are now debt-free. Early in 2009 we paid off the debt on our new building and had a wonderful celebration where we burned the mortgage note. Thank you to everyone who helped us to reach that milestone.

2009 saw our first of what we hope will be many churchwide retreats to Montreat. Some 120 members of all ages spent a wonderful weekend in Montreat, enjoying God's beautiful creation, growing closer together as a church family and learning about being God's people together.

One thing that has taken much time and creative energy is the transition to our new Ministry Model for organizing the way we are going about the work that we believe God is calling us to do. The primary goal of this reorganization is to make us more effective in carrying out our various ministries, and to provide greater opportunities for the congregation at large to be involved. This Ministry Model will be a huge flop if we simply continue to turn again and again to the same people to do the work of the church. I believe that EVERY MEMBER has a gift that can be used for the good of the Kingdom of God, and this Ministry Model is built to provide opportunities for you to use those gifts. I urge every one of you to get involved. Give thanks for the gifts that God has given you, ask yourself how God might be calling you, and then get involved. We need you!

The one down note is that we fell about \$13,000 short of what we needed to meet our expenses for 2009. This is the first time in several years that we have failed to fully fund our church program. As we enter 2010, our Finance Ministry Team is working hard to develop a budget that will allow us to continue to do the important things we believe God has called us to do while at the same time being fiscally responsible. I ask for your prayers for the Finance Ministry Team, the Session and our congregation as we rise to this challenge. We have become the church we are because of the generosity of those who have gone before us and because of your generosity. I am confident that again you will meet this challenge so that 2010 will be another great year at Philadelphia Presbyterian Church.

Blessings to all,

Chuck Williamson
Pastor

January 4, 2010

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In the spirit of reflection and anticipation that often accompanies the transition from one year to another, I'd like to offer you a simple question:

What would your life be like without church?

I know that you'd probably have a different routine, a new pattern to your weekend, but I'd like you to reflect on a deeper level. What would be missing from your life if you suddenly were without church? My hunch is that you'd notice a whole lot more than just a new weekly schedule, and that many of the things you're most thankful for or have given you the most joy in the past year have been things associated with your church family.

For me personally, I look back on 2009 and see a great deal of things that *weren't* joyful. Friends and family members have struggled with unemployment. People I care about deeply have either passed away or moved away. The march through 2009 had its share of challenges and difficulties. And yet, in the midst of the low points, there were remarkable highs that I remember with joy and thankfulness.

I think about the fact that my church family decided in the midst of the worst economic climate of our lifetimes to build a Habitat house, send a team of youth and adults on a mission trip to Guatemala, and send another adult team to New Orleans yet again. I think about the incredible generosity expressed by the many people who participated in our second Kingdom Assignment, and as a result were able to give gifts of love to a family in need. I think about the warmth and kindness of everyone helping out with Room in the Inn and Wonderful Wednesdays. I think about the most excellent church staff with whom I work from day to day: Chuck, Judy, Cynthia, Matt, Linda, Gary, Sheila, Leslie, Melinda, Jamie, James, Mike, and Dot (as well as everyone who gives their time and energy to the preschool), all of whom are a blessing not only to me but to countless others who call this church home. And of course, I think about all the people in our church who joyfully and lovingly treat my two sons, A.J. and Alex (who was born in 2009!), as if they were their own, teaching them and guiding them with remarkable care and enthusiasm. Were I to continue listing all the blessings my family and I have enjoyed in the past year, the list would go on for pages. It would also be a pretty good reflection of everything I love about our church.

Without church, it's quite likely that our anticipation of the year to come would be filled with dreadful anxiety or uncertainty. Yet, because we each have a place to call 'home' for our faith and our mutual lives of worship and praise, we can look to 2010 with excitement knowing that the many blessings we have enjoyed together will continue into the new year. So, give thanks to God all that was good in the past year. Look to God's Holy Spirit to guide you and bless you in the next. And above all, let us seek to love, serve, and give back to the One who blesses us with a wonderful church that we simply wouldn't want to live without.

Grace and Peace,

Lee Koontz
Associate Pastor

Approved by Session on April 28, 2003

Philadelphia Presbyterian Church Guidelines for Community (Our)
Life Together

At the Officers Retreat in February 2003, the elders and deacons brainstormed about ways to help our church become more Christ-like. The following are a compilation of those ideas. These guidelines reflect our desire to live, love, grow, serve, and worship together as different members of the one body of Christ under the authority, blessing, forgiveness, and love of God.

We will *work* and *pray* to develop a healthy church as we *speak positively* about our brothers and sisters in Christ and our church. We will *support* and *encourage* our leadership, teachers, spiritual guides, staff and fellow members to build up the body of Christ at PPC.

I Thessalonians 4:18; 5:14; 5:11

We will *observe* the Golden Rule, *forgiving* others as Christ forgives us, realizing that we are God's works in progress and process. We *reflect the love of Christ* toward each other through respect, compassion and consideration.

Ephesians 4:32, Matthew 7:12

We will *look for the presence of Christ* in our relationships, acting and speaking in love, and thereby honoring Christ and glorifying God. We will *strive to speak no ill* in bitterness or wrath to or about any member in the body of Christ, mindful always of our duty to *speak the truth in love*.

Ephesians 4:15, James 4:11, I Corinthians 13

We will each *be responsible* for communicating and receiving communication about the life and work of the church and about present and upcoming events in the church.

Board of Deacons

2009 Diaconate Officers: Marc McClure, Moderator
 Diane Beard and Emily Davis, Vice Moderators
 Sheila Forbis, Secretary

2009 Diaconate Committee Chairpersons:

Stewardship	Brett Owens
Finance	Rocky Hoffner
Building Usage:	Rick Davis
Building & Grounds:	Tom Duke

The office of deacon as prescribed by the Presbyterian Church, USA, is one of sympathy, witness, and service after the example of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Deacons are called to minister to those in need or sick. The Board of Deacons is under the direct supervision of the Session.

The following are highlights from the 2009 Diaconate Committee Reports:

Stewardship/Budget

The Stewardship Committee enjoyed a great combination of assigned members and congregational volunteers in 2009. The Deacon-Elder members assigned to the Stewardship Committee were: Marty McCrimmon, Neal Frye, and Brett Owens. The assigned members were very appreciative of the assistance of a number of volunteers adding to our team. Many thanks to: Jo Ann Frye, Melinda Johnston, Susan Griffin, Rocky Hoffner, Chuck Williamson, Wil Griffin, Clayton Johnston, Erin Owens, Blake Owens, and Austin Owens.

Our "Building a Future" theme combined nicely with the fall 2009 Habitat House efforts and seemed well received. Given the current state of the U.S. economy, we were very pleased to see a similar amount of financial pledges in both number and dollar volume compared to 2008. There were also a large number of "Time and Talent" forms returned. The information on the forms was compiled and has been made available to all church committees. Please contact the church office if you filled out a "Time and Talent" form and have not heard from a committee member. We want to take advantage of the wealth of talent we have in our congregation!

The Stewardship Committee.

Finance

Current Members: Rocky Hoffner (moderator), Jody Briner, Bill Crowder, Dean Ferguson, and Bill Tilley

The 2009 financial year for Philadelphia Presbyterian Church was a tough one for all, but the Congregation of Philadelphia Presbyterian Church stepped up in a way that I am sure has made God proud of us in the way we have responded to his call. It is apparent that there will be approximately a \$13,000 deficit in our current fund for 2009. All committees have managed their areas extremely well in minimizing expenditures throughout 2009.

We are currently still working on the 2010 budget in mid January. Total budget requests exceed expected income by just under \$100,000. Each committee is in the process of helping the Finance Committee reconcile anticipated revenues with expenses in 2010. 2010 Pledge receipts are approximately \$15,000 less than 2009 with other expected income also being reduced due to the pressures brought by a difficult recession.

2010 at Philadelphia will be a year of faith. It will be necessary for the Congregation to step up just as you did in 2009 in order for us to meet the growing needs of our Church and Community in the coming year.

Building Usage

- Reviewed and approved applications for the use of church facilities by members and non-member groups.
- Performed routine maintenance on the church van; also made repairs as needed.
- Reviewed building usage fees and policies for members and non-members.
- Made changes to the usage policies as needed, received approval from Board of Deacons and Session.
- 1994 Ford van could not pass the NC vehicle inspection. Due to the economic situation, the van was parked, and repairs were not made. The committee has recommended we sell and replace the van.

Special thanks to all who have served on the Building Usage Committee during the past year.

Building and Grounds

- Playground fence installed
- Steeple repainted
- New building parking lot restriped
- Kerr sewer line repaired twice
- Chapel roof replaced
- Cleaned up and painted Bigham basement classroom
- Replaced and repaired lighting in several areas
- Fixed gutter issue above Historical Room
- Resolved issue with men's room toilet in Kerr building
- Multiple repairs were made during the year in a variety of places across the campus including: repairs to the fire panel, sanctuary heat, HVAC gate, chapel water fountain, holes made by squirrels in Bigham attic, and leak in the Chapel basement.

There are still many unresolved issues including: improving the lock-up process for lights and HVAC, Hope Class ceiling, post rot on sanctuary breezeway columns, Kerr building dishwasher control board, missing concrete around brick steps on new building and sanctuary, broken slab at the rear of Bigham, parking lot repair, broken window in Senior High Class room, and water leak near the men's room at the bottom of the Chapel steps.

Session

Clerk of Session for 2009
Clerk of Session for 2010

Janet Daniel
Angie Edwards

The Session met twenty-three (23) times for their regular Stated Meetings on the 2nd Sunday and the 3rd Monday evenings of each month for the purpose of conducting the business of the church. The Stated Meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month began with lighting a candle to signify the presence of Christ during the meeting, reading the Philadelphia Presbyterian Church Mission Statement, prayer and devotion, a sing-a-long and praises of the church. The Session meetings were conducted in a worship-based meeting format. The following represents some of the highlights of the business conducted in 2009:

- Approved various committee recommendations.
- Approved new members (including 8 confirmands), transfers, changes to active and inactive rolls, baptisms, and weddings.
- Approved plans for worship services and communions, budgets, fundraisers, establishment of new funds, stewardship campaign, changes within committees, and the calling of congregational meetings.
- Approved benefit plan changes for the Church staff.
- Nominated Frances Leete for Older Outstanding Adult award; she was honored on May 12 at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, NC.
- Held Joint Meeting of Elders and Deacon on June 17, 2009.
- Held the December 13, 2009 Second Sunday meeting in the Kerr Building at Philadelphia Presbyterian Church, Mint Hill, NC; newly elected officers shared their faith statements.
- Sent commissioners to Presbytery meetings in February, May, July, September and December.
- The PPC Study Committee reported to the Planning and Review Committee which shared the information with the Session. A Transition Team was developed to assist in collaborating on the issues of changes to job descriptions for the six new Ministry Teams: Administration, Congregational Care (Deacons), Education, Evangelism/Outreach, Finance, and Worship & Music. Others serving on the Planning and Review Ministry include the Pastor, Associate Pastor, three clerks and one representative from each of the six ministries.
- Hosted Room In The Inn.
- Reviewed and discussed the 2010 budget (awaiting final approval in 2010).

Four Congregational meetings were held in 2009. The purpose of these meetings was to conduct the business of the congregation at the Annual meeting of the congregation (February 1, 2009), elect the at-large members of the Congregational Nominating Committee were elected. Also congregational meetings were held to elect Elders to the Classes of 2011 and Elders and Deacons to the Class of 2012.

The Philadelphia staff, the Pastor, The Reverend Dr. Charles "Chuck" Williamson; Associate Pastor, Lee Koontz; Director of Christian Education, Sonia Lee; and Matt Simone, Youth Director, have led as a team, sharing their love for Christ with enthusiasm and excitement. Their leadership and guidance have helped the officers to develop visions and establish goals for the Church. They have led us as a growing congregation in worship and outside of worship. Under their leadership, we held our first annual church retreat at Montreat, NC with the "Room at the Table" program. Mission activities of our church included PhilaNOLA, Habitat for Humanity and Guatemala and West Virginia Mission Trips.

The reports of the various committees of the Board of Deacons and the Session, which are part of the following Annual Report, attest to the notable achievements of our church as we transition to new Ministry Teams to govern and minister to our congregation. We owe many thanks to the officers and congregational members on these various committees for their dedication and hard work. The Session is thankful to the entire congregation for their prayers and hard work during this past year and their continued support in the year 2010.

Planning and Review Committee

Moderator for 2009: Janet Daniel
Moderator for 2010: Angie Edwards

This committee, which is made up of all the moderators for the various committees within our church, met six times during 2009. The committee has oversight responsibility of the various committees within the church, and the committee structure gives the leaders within our church the opportunity to share ideas and improve upon both our actions and communications. The meetings were used to periodically review the committees' activities on the church calendar and their budget status.

In 2009 all the committees were requested to review their respective committee descriptions and confirm that the descriptions accurately represented their responsibilities and functions. The committee worked with the PPC Study Committee early in 2009 to reorganize some of the responsibilities and tasks of the committees; committees will be referred to as ministries. The Transition Team worked from June through December to plan the conversion to the ministry model. A representative of each of the six ministries (generally the Senior Elder) would serve on the Planning and Review Ministry. Others serving on the Planning and Review Ministry include the Pastor, Associate Pastor, three clerks, and one representative from each of the six ministries. Planning and Review would review information and actions submitted by the six ministries and make recommendations for the Session agenda.

In December a meeting was held to inform the current moderators of the transition structure for the new incoming leaders.

Christian Education Committee

Moderator for 2009 Sam Basden
Director of Christian Education Sonia Lee

Purpose of the Christian Education Program: To enable children, youth, adults, singles, and families to know the living God through exploration of our Christian heritage in the Bible, church history, theology and the Christian life, and to live the Good News in response to God's love.

GOAL of the Christian Education Committee: To provide loving care, fellowship, and Christian Education opportunities for nursery, children, youth, and adult participation in Church School, as well as other church-supported activities.

Some of the activities of the Christian Education Committee were as follows:

Reviewed and approved curriculum used in church school, Wonderful Wednesday classes, Children's Church, Vacation Bible School, youth fellowship, and other sponsored educational opportunities

Maintained, strengthened, & expanded the Church School program by:

- Examining ways to increase attendance
- Continuing to develop the Rotation Model for K-5 taught by various Sunday School Classes throughout the year
- Encouraging teaching & stressing importance of attending Church School regularly
- Recording Church School offerings and attendance each Sunday
- Providing Rally Day Breakfast and Program
- Offering Confirmation Class for 8th grade students
- Hosting the Easter Eggstravaganza
- Offering a Worship Readiness Class for 1st graders
- Promoting use of Children's Library
- Hosting breakfast to honor graduates and their parents
- Providing an Advent Workshop
- Planning and offering "Room at the Table" – our 1st annual church retreat at Montreat, March 20-22. A total of 108 people attended representing 47 families.

Church School Co-Superintendents for 2009: Cindi Hoffner & Ann Hutton

The average Sunday School attendance for 2009: 222.

The average offering per person for 2009: \$.86.

Increased participation in Youth Fellowship group on Sunday evenings to 35+ attendees by:

- Continuing support for the Youth Sub-committee
- Planning activities on a monthly basis
- Offering Youth Mission Trip
- Promoting attendance at Montreat Youth Conference
- Promoting attendance at Montreat Middle School Conference at Presbyterian College
- Encouraging Youth Sundays
- Publicizing monthly events in church bulletin, monthly Philagram, and youth newsletter
- Developing and participating in fund raisers to supplement future mission trips and retreats
- Encouraging participation in Habitat for Humanity in Matthews

Promoted Children's Sunday School Rotation Model:

- Provided a summer series for children on *The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss*
- Continued to engage Adult Sunday School classes as teachers
- Continued to engage Adult volunteers for caregivers for Cribs, 1's & 2's, 3's & 4's

Encouraged participation in Disciple Bible Study and recommended a plan for congregational participation

- Offered long-term (30+ weeks) studies: Disciple II, *Christian Believer*, and *Jesus in the Gospels* were all taught in 2009. Enthusiasm still running high in all classes. Classes include adults ages 20s and up.
- Provided short-term (8 - 12 weeks) Disciple studies: "Invitation to the Old Testament," "Invitation to the New Testament," "Invitation to Psalms," "Invitation to Romans"

Continued the following special programs and events:

- Nursery Program (8:35 am and 10:50 am Worship; 9:45 am Sunday School)
- Vacation Bible School
- Wonderful Wednesdays
- Children's Church

Presented:

- Bibles to 3rd graders
- Oxford Annotated Bibles to High School graduates
- Devotional book to college graduates
- Baptismal boxes & books to parents of children on the day of their baptism
- Children's books in honor of Sunday School teachers

Revised Christian Education Committee Purpose and Goals. Revised job descriptions for the Nursery, Vacation Bible School, Wonderful Wednesdays, and Youth sub-committees. Revised a Behavior Policy to be applied to all CE programs for children K-12.

Maintained Bulletin Boards

Continued quality Weekday Preschool program

Purchased and maintained audiovisual equipment

Continued our hired help for Crib and 1's & 2's

Continued the Spirituality Book Club

2009 Congregational Representative Nominating Committee

Moderator for 2009: Angie Edwards (Assistant Clerk of Session)
Moderator for 2010: Becky Griffin (Assistant Clerk of Session)

Committee Representatives Serving in 2009:

Session: Angie Edwards and Becky Griffin

Deacon: Diane Beard (2010 Moderator for Board of Deacons)

Congregation-At-Large: Tom Moore, Angel McClure, Frances Leete, Rick Santiago

The 2008 Nominating Committee developed a ballot of four candidates for nomination as the Congregational At-large Representatives to the 2009 Nominating Committee. With consideration of the names submitted by the congregation, the committee members contacted Tom Moore, Angel McClure, Frances Leete, and Rick Santiago to have their names placed in nomination and to serve if elected. The slate was presented and the four were elected by acclamation at the Annual Meeting of Philadelphia Presbyterian Church in February 1, 2009.

The congregation was asked to submit suggestions for officers to the committee in August. The committee developed and presented the following slate of nominees to serve as officers of Philadelphia Presbyterian Church:

Slate of Elders for the Class of 2012

David Andrews
Tina Duke
Doug Duncan
Susan Griffin
Cindi Hoffner
Dick Lamb
Marc Roberts

Slate of Deacons for the Class of 2012

Linda Campbell
Mary Muehl
Richard Newton
Donna Simmons
Chuck Schmittiel
Earney Smith
Mary Snyder

Elder to fill a 2 year term in the Class of 2011:

Ann Hutton

Youth Elder for the Class of 2010:

Emily Griffin

The slate of nominees was presented at a called Congregational Meeting on Sunday, September 27, 2009 and the slate was elected by acclamation.

Due to Chuck Schmittiel needing to move out of town, he was unable to accept the office of deacon.

The Nominating Committee presented Gina Tucker to serve as a deacon in the Class of 2012.

This nominee was presented at a called Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 27, 2009.

Endowment Council Report for 2009

Moderator	Marlene Jones (E)
Vice Moderator	Steve Horton (E)
Secretary	Becky Griffin (E)
Treasurer	Bill Tilley (E)
Committee Members:	Judy McWhirter (At-Large) Earnie Smith (At-Large) Brantley Aycock (D) Ellen Street (D) Susan Griffin (Women of the Church) Dick Lamb (D)

The Endowment Council was established to receive, maintain, invest and administer the Endowment Funds and is directed by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Endowment Funds of Philadelphia Presbyterian Church, Inc. and the various fund agreements which are drafted at the establishment of those funds.

Highlights for the year 2009:

One of the main areas we wanted to address was to formulate records and procedures for the Council with the goal being to provide a history/record of the Endowments. Having a permanent record to go by would then better enable future committee members to direct the committee's work. Another goal was to provide more information to the congregation about the different funds and the benefits from those endowments.

To achieve the first goal, records were researched and copies of all the original endowment agreements have been found and booklets were made available for the committee members with these copies. One booklet will also remain in the church office and the committee members will pass those booklets on to their replacements. The second goal was to produce a brochure that listed all the Endowments and their beneficiaries. The brochures were inserted into the church bulletins on the Sunday that Steve Horton presented a "Minute for Mission" during the 11 o'clock service on the Endowment programs. The brochures were intended to enhance congregation use of the Endowments and the future ministry chair leaders. Another achievement was the initiation of vouchers. No monies are to be paid without a voucher being filled out for the request for payment. The Endowment Chair approves and gives the voucher to the Treasurer for payment. This enables the Council to have a paper trail of all expenditures.

Funds invested for the year's returns were deemed "okay" due to the current state of the country's economy. During 2009, \$8,158 was transferred from the Love Thy Neighbor Endowment to the Love Thy Neighbor Expendable Fund to help any church members who are in need and to the Operating Fund. The expendable fund is overseen by the Board of Deacons. The Sloan Committee is appointed by the Session and overseen by the Endowment Council. The current Sloan Committee members are Janet O'Prey, Chair, Linda Jamison, Doc Beard and Clark Davenport. Adhering to the bylaws of the Lloyd P. and Helen Sloan Fund, they investigate and approve monies to any members of the Mint Hill community with financial needs. Some of their work results in 2009 were providing fire and smoke alarms for needy people and helping several families with utility bills and house payments. More than \$5,000.00 has been used by the Sloan Committee in this worthy cause.

Also during 2009, monies were made available from the returns on investments to cover repairs for the pipe organ, provide youth scholarships to camp or mission trips, transfer to the church capital fund, for maintenance in the chapel building, for tree trimming expense in the historical cemetery, and to help cover cost for cemetery mowing. Funds are building in the Dot Bartlett Kindergarten Fund and the Patsy Long Nursery Fund for future use in those areas.

There are currently three Scholarship Funds: Elizabeth Caldwell Junker, Frances McEwen Hunter and James Lee Miller, Jr. These funds are established to help youth of our church and the Mint Hill community follow their higher education dreams. There is a Scholarship Committee that oversees the awarding of the scholarships. This year that committee was chaired by Dan Oke. The Endowment Council oversees the funds from these scholarship investments and advises the Scholarship Committee of the amount available each year to be awarded. A total of \$16,000 was awarded to deserving students

during 2009 from our Scholarship Funds.

The Investment Committee was composed of Becky Griffin, Chair, Bill Tilley, Brantley Aycock, Judy McWhirter, Earnie Smith and Marlene Jones. This sub-committee of the Council assisted the Treasurer in monitoring and evaluating the various Endowment Investments. One of their actions was to combine several of the small funds to greater enhance the returns.

Due to the hard work of the committee, we feel it was a successful year of work and we hope the church will continually become more aware of the opportunities to donate to any of the Endowments in honor or memory of someone. Brochures are available at the church office to help members decide where to participate. Members of the current Endowment Council will also be available. There are also detailed financial reports of each fund listed in this annual report and furnished by Bill Tilley, Treasurer.

It was a pleasure to serve our congregation on this committee this year.

New Member/Evangelism Committee

Moderator for 2009: Ron Pelt
Moderator for 2010: Judy Jones

Committee Members: Joyce Bain (D)
Janice Wilson
Amy Lewis
Marianne Smith
Gary McCrimmon
Clint Lawrence
Brantley Aycock
Mike Barkley

The primary purpose of the Evangelism/New Member Committee is to identify the un-churched and other potential new members, to encourage them toward active membership and to lead them to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

The Evangelism/New Member Committee in 2009 was composed of 2 elders, the 3rd year elder being the moderator, one deacon, and 7 at-large congregational members.

Highlights of 2009:

- A total of 23 new members joined Philadelphia Presbyterian Church, including 8 new members from the 2009 confirmation class.
- The ENM Committee prepared and hosted a breakfast for the confirmation class, covenant partners, their families, peers, and members of the session in March. The confirmands gave their faith statements and were approved at a called session meeting held during the breakfast.
- The ENM Committee prepared and hosted “Coffee in Bigam” and/or “Lemonade in the Courtyard” the second Sunday of each month at 9:45 a.m. throughout the year. This time gave our regular and new members a time to fellowship and to know each other better. The food wasn’t bad either.
- A special “flier project” that began last year was not replicated this year due to economic constraints. However the newspaper ad was continued.
- Last year it was recommended and implemented that weekly sermons be available in an audio format on the PPC web page. That service continued this year.
- New members’ names and photos were published in the church newsletter and distributed the committee members who were encouraged to “shepherd” them into the congregation with phone calls, personal contacts and any needed information. Most new members joined SS classes and became involved in the church through these contacts.
- An “outside greeter” program tested last year was sporadic this year. Ushers took over much of these duties especially during early services. The new ministry model is looking at ways for deacons and others to be involved in greeting along with volunteers next year.

- The new ministry model that is evolving within the church will greatly change the way evangelism and new membership is approached. This is an on-going process but the chief idea behind the new approach is to give church members an opportunity to serve in the process of evangelism and outreach along with deacons and elders. Next year's moderator will continue to work with planning and review to help develop these new approaches to outreach and membership development.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Pelt

Moderator

Fellowship and Recreation 2009 Committee Report

Moderator for 2009: Tim Rosmon

The purpose of the Fellowship and Recreation Committee is to provide regular and frequent opportunities for the whole church family to come together in Christian fellowship. These activities may include Philafeasts, and Homecoming. This committee has the responsibility for sponsoring activities such as youth and adult basketball, and for obtaining equipment for youth activities held in the Kerr Recreation Building.

The Jolly Good Timers, men's softball, and youth and adult basketball teams are partially funded through the budget of this committee.

Key Activities for 2009 included:

- The annual meeting of the Congregation – held Sunday, February 1, 2009 in the Sanctuary following the 10:50 a.m. worship service.
- Choir Appreciation Sunday/Philafeast - organized and hosted a Philafeast in the Kerr Recreation Building on May 3, 2009
- Philafeast – September 6, 2009 – To welcome our sisters and brothers from the Morven and Wadesboro Presbyterian churches who have joined us in worship
- Homecoming/Philafeast – organized and hosted a Philafeast in the Kerr Recreation Building September 20, 2009

Goals and objectives for 2010 will be to continue to provide for regular Christian fellowship and recreational opportunities for our entire church family.

2009 committee members: Tim Rosmon, Bill Johnston, Grace Phillips, Julie Duke, Jennifer Hoffner, Sam and Ashle Basden, and Mike and Beth Barnes

Membership Services Committee

Moderator for 2009 Jill Sharrett

Co-Moderator Frances Middleton

The Membership Services Committee is a group of sub-committees within the church organization whose purpose is to promote the spiritual, physical, and emotional well being of the congregation and provide encouragement toward personal growth in Jesus Christ. The sub-committees include Visitation Teams, Congregational Care, Rolls and Records, Stephen Ministry, CD (Tape) Ministry, Communications, and the Historical Committee.

During 2009, one of the major emphases of The Membership Services Committee has been the reorganization/updating of the visitation team. This effort was spearheaded by Frances Middleton. Other members include Jeanette Driggers, Betty Ford, Millie Mullis, Kathy Duncan, Amelia Ford, Frances Leete, Janet O'Prey, and Jean Rogers. These team members worked in teams to visit those members of the congregation who are shut-in and/or are living in nursing homes. During 2009, over 200 personal visits were made. In addition this committee made 197 phone calls, sent 359 cards and gave 25 gifts. These volunteers deserve many thanks for their contribution to our church family.

Shepherding for the congregation at large is the assigned, by districts, to officers of the church. The officers are responsible for contacting each family in their district on a monthly basis. The officer keeps their families informed of important happenings within the life and the church. If the families have needs, concerns, or praises, that information can be passed through the officer and back to the Session.

The rolls and records of the church are gathered by our church secretary, Cynthia Stokes. These records are maintained in order to reflect the growth and activity within our church numbers. In 2009, 9 deaths of church members were recorded. Philadelphia was also blessed with 23 new members and 9 baptisms. 15 members requested a transfer of membership and a total of 817 members were recorded.

Stephen Ministers are also included as a part of Membership Services. These lay members provide a confidential service to our members who are in need or are hurting. These trained individuals provide prayer, visitation, referrals, support and a listening ear.

In 2009, our church-wide newsletter, The Philagram, went "green". In an effort to reduce paper waste, you can now catch up on all of the church happenings by going online to the church website, philadelphiachurch.org. The Philagram is coordinated by Shirley Simmons and provides important news and information about the life of Philadelphia Presbyterian Church.

Our Tape Ministry has also undergone a change. Copies of our 10:50 a.m. worship service are now available on compact disc. Anyone wishing to receive a weekly bulletin or CD should contact the church office.

The Historical Committee is responsible for the maintenance of the Historical Room, artifacts, historical documents, and historical cemeteries.

The Membership Services Committee wishes to thank everyone past and present who has participated in the life of this committee. As of January 2010, the majority of the responsibilities that normally fall within the guidelines of this committee will be assumed by the Congregational Care Ministry.

Historical Cemeteries Subcommittee

Subcommittee Moderator: Carol L. Timblin

Formation:

The committee was formed in January 2003 as a subcommittee of the Historical Committee. The formation was in response to the Session's 2002 reassignment of the two original cemeteries from the Cemetery Committee of the Historical Committee.

Purpose:

The purpose of the Historical Cemeteries Subcommittee is to care for the cemeteries at the first two sites of Philadelphia Presbyterian Church. These are Rocky Spring Meeting House Burial Ground (first site) at 8851 Brief Road and the Cemetery at the Second Site at 6400 Matthews-Mint Hill Road at Phyllis Lane. The current subcommittee members are Harry B. Hood, William R. Hawkins, John M. Black, Herman Morris, and Carol L. Timblin.

Volunteers:

Five volunteers, who have worked weekly for 6.5 years on the cleanup and restoration of the cemeteries at the first two church sites, provided over 600 total hours of work in 2009. Volunteers are Harry B. Hood, William R. Hawkins, II, Charles L. Burdick, N. Scot Treadwell, and John W. Nix.

The volunteers began the clean-up at Rocky Spring Meeting House Burial Ground (first church site) in January 2005 and continue to alternate clean-up and repair work between the Cemetery at the Second Site and Rocky Spring.

2009 Achievements at Rocky Spring Meeting House burial Ground (First Site):

Ongoing work includes maintenance-clearing of brush, applying Round-up as needed, tree work, and searching for and restoring monuments.

2009 Achievements at the Second Site:

After securing permission from the state archaeologists, Professor Christina Brooks (Archeology) of Winthrop University (SC) and Professor Andy Bobbyarchick (Geology) of UNC-Charlotte, along with their students, completed a GPR and photo-documentation of the servants' section of the Second Site during the summer of 2009, with members of the Historic Cemeteries Committee and photographer Richard Kimbel of the Mint Hill Historical Society present. After this work was completed, the team opened two graves. Objects from the first grave, believed to be that of a woman, included four ornate silver casket handles, two thumbscrews, four buttons, two coins (one bearing the date of 1876), and varied skeletal remains. The second grave yielded several teeth and bone fragments. Since the completion of the dig, all human remains have been repatriated and the graves filled in. Other artifacts are still being analyzed at Winthrop University and will be eventually placed in the church's historical room. A final report on the findings is expected in the summer of 2010, approximately one year after the archaeological dig.

On-going maintenance continues at the Second Site.

Other Notes of Interest:

In the spring of 2009, Bill Hawkins, Harry Hood, Herman Morris, and Carol Timblin met with Becky Griffin at the Mint Hill Historical Society to discuss the Historic Cemeteries Fund -- whether to place the funds in the church general fund or keep them separate as they have been since several donations were received following the death of George A. Timblin, former chair, in the fall of 2006. After much discussion, the committee voted to keep the funds separate in anticipation of future needs at the two sites.

The Historic Cemeteries Committee is requesting a current statement/report on the funds as of January 1, 2010.

Several members of the committee met with Professor Brooks at the Winthrop University labs in the fall to discuss the progress of the archaeological project.

Charlie Burdick and Harry Hood repaired about 15 headstones in the cemetery next to the present church on Bain School Road.

Volunteers raked leaves at the Mint Hill Historical Society in the fall.

Future Projects:

Obtain archaeological artifacts from Christina Brooks following the completion of her study and place them on exhibit in the church's historical room.

Obtain the final report on the archaeological project from Christian Brooks and place copies in the church history and the historical room.

Place pictures of the archaeological project in the historical room and on the church's website.

Participate in Discover Mint Hill Day.

Invite BS troop 65 to assume maintenance and mapping the two historic cemeteries.

Continue to maintain both sites.

Continue documentation of tombstones and their locations and place in a list.

Place a plaque at Rocky Spring or the Second Site in memory of George A. Timblin, a dedicated cemetery volunteer, who died in 2006.

Have a rededication service at the First Site.

Continue work on the family history of the Young and Query family members, who are buried at the Second Site, and the Query family members, who are buried at Rocky Spring.

Continue to share the group's experience with communities where there are abandoned cemeteries and assist them with repairing broken tombstones.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol L. Timblin
Subcommittee Moderator

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers are available for those who have indicated a need for a caregiver. At least twenty-two persons have been served this year. In addition they have made follow-up contacts to **sixty** persons in the congregation who have been hospitalized. Stephen Ministers assist the Pastors with weekly hospital visitation. Grief follow-up contacts have been made to **eighty-eight** persons who have lost a member of their immediate family. In mid-2003 a prayer beeper program was started. The beeper has been used by several families and is available for the comfort of persons facing crisis with a special need for prayers. If interested please contact one of the Pastors, a Stephen Leader or the church office.

Fourteen Stephen Ministers have been active sometime during the year of 2009. As of January 1, 2010 there are thirteen active Stephen Ministers and six active Stephen Leaders serving Philadelphia Presbyterian Church. A training class for new Stephen Ministers began in October 2009. The class members are Joyce Bain, Mike Barkley, Leila Campbell, Linda Campbell, Rocky Hoffner, Ann Hutton, Jeannine Mayberry and Lisa Newton. This class will complete their study and be commissioned on March 28, 2010. Jeanette Winslow attended Leaders Training in Orlando, FL. In January of 2009 and is now an active Leader and assisting with training new Stephen Ministers.

Stephen Ministers meet on a regular basis for small group peer supervision and continuing education. In addition to studying various caregiving topics we have reviewed Care Notes, reviewed tips on Hospital visitation and provided the "Journeying through Grief" series to many grieving persons. Stephen Ministers sponsored and hosted a "breakfast for dinner" for the entire congregation on November 25, just prior to the Thanksgiving Eve worship service. Christmas cards were sent to all congregation members who had lost an immediate family member in the past 14 months. We sponsored and publicized "The Longest Night" on December 16th, a worship service for persons experiencing losses in our congregation and the community. This was a very rewarding day as we also hosted and provided food for "Room in the Inn" on that night. On January 10th the current Stephen Ministers and new class members will gather for fellowship with an Epiphany Celebration.

Stephen Ministers at PPC have unselfishly spent time to be trained, and attend continuing education and supervision. They would like to enter into a ***confidential***, one-on-one caring relationship with those who need someone to help carry a burden caused by illness, bereavement, illness of a loved one, job stress, marital crisis, etc. Every Stephen Minister is willing to give loving care and a listening ear to anyone in need.

Members of PPC are urged to support the Stephen Ministry by calling us when you need someone to pray with you; to listen to you; to encourage you. They are NOT problem solvers and do NOT know the answers, but are willing to walk with you while you search for them. A Stephen Minister may be the Christian Friend you are looking for!

Would you like to be a participant in this loving, ***confidential*** ministry? To have a Stephen Minister assigned or to become a Stephen Minister, contact us by speaking to one of the pastors or a Stephen Leader (Frances Leete 704-545-6958, Lillian McAlister 704-362-0419, Grace Phillips 704-545-5853 or Jeanette Winslow 704-568-1941) or any Stephen Minister. You may also leave a message on the church web site www.philadelphiachurch.org.

Mission and Benevolence Committee

2009 Moderator – Joyce Anderson

2010 Moderator – Toby Vosburgh

The purpose of the Mission and Benevolence Committee is to engage the members of Philadelphia Presbyterian Church in local, national and worldwide mission activities to meet the needs of a diverse population through educational and benevolent programs and services.

Mission funds of Philadelphia Presbyterian Church go to a variety of missions/programs:

- Charlotte Presbytery General Missions
- Missionary Support – Tim and Marta Carriker, Brazil
- Crisis Assistance
- Presbyterian Samaritan Counseling Center
- Theological School 1% Fund

PhilaNOLA Mission Trips

Again this year, as we have in the past three years, we sent mission teams to New Orleans twice to assist in the Katrina disaster recovery. With assistance from the Presbytery of South Louisiana, John Calvin Presbyterian Church and this congregation were able to assist our brothers and sisters in New Orleans to help salvage and repair their homes. We are planning our seventh trip in February 2010. A special request to add \$3000 to the 2010 budget for Adult Missions was made.

Five-Cents-A-Meal Program

Philadelphia Church participates in the program which is overseen by the Hunger Action Committee of the Charlotte Presbytery. This money goes to buy food for several pantries, soup and sandwiches for the homeless shelters, hot lunches for the elderly, and other programs to relieve hunger. The Five-Cents-A-Meal offering is received the second Sunday of each month. This has been a very successful mission project in our church. Offerings this year totaled \$3111.00.

J.O.Y. Ministry

The purpose of the J.O.Y. Ministry is to provide hands-on help for our church family as well as responding to the needs of others in the community. Some of the services provided by the J.O.Y. Ministry during 2009 were transportation to medical facilities, grocery stores, to work, and to church. Volunteers also prepared meals, mailed cards, visited the sick, and did yard work and house repairs. We can always use more volunteers.

Blood Program

Philadelphia participates in six American Red Cross blood drives per year alternating with St. Luke Catholic Church. We are always striving to increase our donors, and we are very grateful to those who donate.

Hot Meals

The county-sponsored Senior Nutrition Program continues to serve about 35-40 adults daily in Bigham Hall. In addition to a good meal, seniors have the opportunity to visit and socialize with others. Informational and entertaining programs are also offered during the year. All continued to go well with the Hot Meals program in 2009.

R.A.I.N. (Regional Aids Interfaith Network)

The Mission and Benevolence Committee continues to support this mission outreach. This program funds a team of volunteers to assist AIDS patients with transportation, food, household supplies, and comfort to those who are hurting. Our care partner is a single mother with a fourteen-year-old child who does not have family help and support. A social outing is provided once a month, provide tutoring for the child, attend PTA meetings, school programs and parent/teacher conferences. R.A.I.N. helped our care receiver's daughter with school uniforms to wear to her new school this year (2009). They also provide help with filling out paperwork, nutritional counseling, childcare, notes, cards and phone contact. They always celebrate special holidays and birthdays. One member of the team provides Christmas dinner and a place to go on Christmas Day.

ABRO (American Belarusian Relief Organization)

We have been participating in this ministry since 1997. Children are sponsored and brought to the United States from Belarus to reside in private homes for six weeks during the summer. While in the U.S., they receive medical and dental services and live in a Christian family environment. In 2009, Clark and Linda Davenport hosted an interpreter, Tatiana, and Jim and Brenda Morris and Mike and Liesl West families hosted the ABRO children, Tatiana's grandchildren. This was a positive experience for the host families and for the children.. An ABRO budget of \$6,000 was approved by the committee for 2010.

Room in the Inn

We began this program in December, 2000, and it has been very successful and rewarding. We host 12 homeless neighbors every Wednesday night from December 1 - March 31. We pick them up at Urban Ministries downtown and take them back early the next morning. While they are our guests, they are provided dinner on Wednesday night, showers and a warm and safe place to sleep, breakfast on Thursday morning, and a bag lunch to take with them. This takes quite a few volunteers and our church officers and Sunday School Classes have been very supportive. The committee has been working hard on this program, and it is going well. In 2008, new sleep mats were purchased, thanks to contributions from many groups and individuals. On Christmas Eve, our twelve guests were given new backpacks stuffed with a variety of gifts, again thanks to everyone who contributed. This program utilizes the Kerr Building, including the lounge. A group of church volunteers painted the lounge in 2008, and the Presbyterian Men furnished a converter box for the TV in the lounge.

Since \$2,065.11 remains in the Room in the Inn budget for 2009, the committee voted to use these funds to pay for the use of the van and meals for the neighbors in 2010. Also, some of the remaining 2009 funds will be used to purchase blinds for the Room in the Inn lounge.

Youth Summer Mission Team

Our youth mission team had another very successful year. Eighteen adults and young people attended a youth work camp in West Virginia repairing and painting homes for the poor and elderly. Several fundraisers to support this mission trip were held this year and were quite successful. We also sent our youth and their adult advisors on their first international mission trip, working with Habitat for Humanity in Guatemala.

Scouting Program

The Philadelphia Presbyterian Church is extremely proud of its association with both the Boy Scout and Girl Scout programs. The church, as well as the town of Mint Hill and neighboring communities are responsive to and wholeheartedly support the local scout program as well as national and council goals.

Pack 65

The Pack and committee are functioning well. The committee meets monthly and plans for future events and a critique is held on past events. This is a hardworking committee, and Cub parents are always involved.

Some 2009 highlights include:

Spring and fall family camp-outs, Blue & Gold Dinner, Rotary Scout Show, Pinewood Derby, Raingutter Regatta, and Summer Day Camp. Also participated in Scouting for Food, Scout Sunday, Crime Prevention Program with CMPD, Race Day at CMS, and several clean-up days at PPC. The Pack's total membership of leaders and boys is approximately 100.

2009 report remains the same as 2008.

Troop 65

The Troop and Troop Committee are doing very well. The Committee meets monthly and provides excellent direction and support for the programs. The troop meetings and outings are well attended. The scouts are learning, advancing, and having fun, thanks to the Scoutmaster and the Patrol Leaders Council. Scout advancement is always top priority.

Some 2009 highlights include:

Weekend camping which includes canoeing, skiing, and fishing, a week at summer camp for the younger boys and a high adventure camp in Florida for the older boys, troop family outings and Scout Sunday. The troop also participated in Scouting for Food in conjunction with the "Charlotte Has Heart" food collection program, several clean-up days at PPC, and other service projects like filling gift bags for Room In The Inn and helping with the Veterans Day Breakfast. This year's bar-b-que troop fundraiser was very successful. At year end there were approximately 50 boys in the Troop.

Girl Scouts

The Girl Scout program at Philadelphia Church offers scouting activities for girls ages 5-18. We have seven troops, Daisy through Cadette, with 90+ girls in the program. Each troop is a self-contained unit, planning its own activities and service projects. Several times a year the troops join together for group events such as the spring bridging ceremony and group camping events. They also assisted with the Veterans Breakfast, the Presbyterian Women's Bazaar, and the Mint Hill Senior Citizens Christmas Party. The girls also donated some new towels and hot pads to the Kerr Building kitchen. These are annual service projects for the Girl Scouts.

Yellow Bag Ministry

This ministry was started toward the end of 2007 and picked up momentum in 2008. It is an on-going ministry to provide food to Second Harvest Food Bank. During 2008, our church gave over 6,000 pounds of food through this program and was named a "Faith Based Partner" by Second Harvest. In the fall, Philadelphia Presbyterian Church was honored along with many other organizations at a luncheon at Myers Park Methodist Church. We were presented a special dinner plate as our award. It is on display in the cabinet outside the office workroom.

As of September 2009, 2,254 pounds of food had been donated. The congregation needs to understand that this program is ongoing throughout the year.

A line item for the Yellow Bag Program, which was inadvertently eliminated from the budget sheet presented at the November 1, 2009 meeting, was again added to the 2010 budget in the amount of \$250.00.

Habitat for Humanity

In the fall of 2009, the Mission and Benevolence committee made a leap of faith and decided to build a Habitat House in Matthews at Sunrise Crossing. We are building a house for the Lual family. The Luals came to the U.S. six years ago as refugees from the Sudan. We are excited and humbled to help Moses and his family. Their story is one of courage and determination. The congregation is meeting this challenge which includes raising \$65,000, provide Saturday work crews and provide lunches for the volunteers. We are scheduled to complete the Lual's house by February 2010.

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In addition to monitoring the above programs, the committee updated its job description. This is awaiting Session approval as of this writing. The committee also adopted a List of Guidelines for Adult Mission Trips, which the Session has approved.

Thank you all for your generosity toward the four special offerings that the church routinely receives throughout the year. The totals for these offerings for 2009 are as follows:

One Great Hour of Sharing	\$1220.00
Pentecost Offering	\$ 501.00
Blanket/Thanksgiving Offering	\$ 967.00
Christmas Joy Offering	\$ 845.00

Personnel and Administration

Moderator for 2009 – Dan Oke

Moderator for the new Administration Ministry in 2010 – Jim Hutton

- During the year 2009 with the general economy in a serious slide we were unable to provide the staff with any salary adjustments. God smiled upon us in that we did not lose a single member of the staff.
- During the middle part of the year with tithing down we were required to discuss with the Session the possibility of a lay-off situation. Fortunately we were not directed to give this any consideration beyond acknowledging it was a worst case possibility.
- We have conducted performance reviews on the complete staff.
- Some job descriptions are in the process of being re-written, most notably Sonia Lee, DCE.
- A plan for staff adjustments has been created based on the evaluations; however, we can not implement this until the Session provides us with a budget. To date the Session has extended the 2009 budget only.

If it is necessary to forgo any staff adjustments again this year we can not expect to be as fortunate as last year in maintaining the staff.

The members on the committee for 2009 were:

Jim Hutton, Catherine Goetchius, Colleen Ellis, Julie Griffin, Mike Barns, Ed Simmons, Amy Cervantes and Dan Oke. Dr. Charles Williamson participated as advisor.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Oke, Moderator.

Presbyterian Women (September 2008 – August 2009)

Presbyterian Women are committed to nurturing their faith through prayer and Bible study and supporting both the congregation and missions of Philadelphia Presbyterian Church and the missions of the community and the church worldwide.

2008-2009 Officers:

Moderator – Ellen Street
Vice Moderator – Jill Linscheid
Nurturer – Caroline McGahey
Secretary – Jean Lamb
Treasurer – Cindi Hoffner
Missions – Millie Mullis
Historian – Amelia Ford
Food Coordinators – Tina Duke, Becky Griffin, and Martha Strohm

Circles and Joint Meetings:

Circles: For Bible study, fellowship and mission work, Presbyterian Women were divided into eight circles which meet each month either on Tuesday morning, Tuesday evening, or Saturday morning.

September Joint Meeting: This meeting on September 7, 2008 was highlighted by the presentation of the Honorary Life Membership Award to Susan Griffin. Then DCE Sonia Lee presented an overview of the Bible study, *Jubilee! Luke's Gospel to the Poor*. PW officers were installed. Money was collected for the Least Coin mission, which supports special projects of evangelism, service and relief throughout the world. Refreshments were served.

May Celebration Joint Meeting: Representatives from the eight mission groups sponsored by Presbyterian Women spoke outlining the work of each respective group and thanking PW for their continued support. Lunch was served. The Birthday Offering was collected for the Presbyterian Women USA worldwide missions.

Philadelphia Presbyterian Church Missions:

Presbyterian Women are devoted to helping circle members and their families in times of difficulty or grief by preparing and serving meals either on the church campus or in homes. In addition, PW assists in financially supporting the Jolly Good Timers and other groups as requested.

Community Missions:

This past year PW have supported through donations, contributions of time and monetary gifts to:

- Alexander Children's Center
- Barium Springs Home for Children
- PSCE Scholarship Fund
- Crisis Assistance
- Birthday Blessings
- Loaves and Fishes
- Plaza Place
- Angel Tree
- Friends of Union Seminary
- Gift Boxes for College Students and Military Personnel
- Battered Women's Shelter

Bazaar 2008 Contributions:

The proceeds, exceeding \$21,000, were distributed as follows

- Capital Needs fund \$2,000
- Youth Mission Trips/Activities 7,000
- Study books for the Circles 1,055
- Table Cloths for Kerr Building 2,000
- Church Playground 2,000
- Moving Dumpster site 800
- Center of Hope 250
- Projector/Screen 1,200
- Kiln repairs at Mint Hill Arts 500
- ABRO 3,000
- "Room at the Table" supplies 300
- Green Team 1,200

Presbyterian Men 2009

Saturday Meetings

Presbyterian Men meet the second Saturday each month at 7:30 AM in the Kerr Building for a hearty breakfast, fellowship, devotion and sometimes a speaker. The main fund-raiser is The Dale Jones Memorial Golf Tournament. Proceeds from this event went to the Habitat House and other church sponsored projects.

Dale Jones Memorial Golf Tournament

This year was our sixth tournament. The tournament is the main fund-raiser for Presbyterian Men. The tournament is held the second Thursday in October. This year we raised a little over \$4,000 after expenses. Even if you don't play golf, Presbyterian Men encourage men and women to participate as volunteers or hole sponsors. It is the highlight of the year. This year we had over 50 people who played or volunteered. It is not too early to start practicing for this year's event. Many thanks to the hole sponsors and golfers. Special thanks to Toby Vosburgh and Ken Cloaninger who have chaired this project annually.

Thanksgiving Eve Dinner

The Presbyterian men for the second year prepared the pancake dinner for the congregation sponsored by the Stephen Ministers prior to the Thanksgiving Eve Service. We had a great turnout and the dinner was delicious. Thanks to Joel Moore for chairing this activity.

Room in the Inn

The Presbyterian Men hosted our Room In The Inn neighbors the Wednesday after Christmas. An anonymous donor provided prime rib and all the fixings for our guests.

Scholarship Committee

Moderator for 2009 Dan Oke
Moderator for 2010 To be elected by the Session when submitted by the Finance Ministry

The primary responsibility of the Scholarship Committee is to administer the funds from the endowments established by the Elizabeth Caldwell Junker Family, the Frances McEwen Hunter Family, and the James Lee Miller, Jr. Family. The committee seeks applications from high school seniors (and graduate students for the Miller Scholarship) who are either members of Philadelphia Presbyterian Church or who reside in the corporate limits of Mint Hill. The committee is tasked with determining, based upon the qualification standards established in each scholarship, the most deserving candidate(s).

In 2009 there were 23 applications for the various scholarships.
In 2009 a total of 13 awards were granted.

During 2009 the following students received undergraduate scholarships from the Elizabeth Caldwell Junker Scholarship endowment:

Mr. Benjamin Randall	UNC Chapel Hill
Ms. Victoria Bree Shepard	UNC Chapel Hill
Ms. Erin Campbell	UNC Chapel Hill
Ms. Brittany McKinney	Gilford College
Katie Smith	UNC Chapel Hill

During 2009 the following students received undergraduate scholarships from the Frances McEwen Hunter Scholarship endowment:

Mr. Cody Rainwater	East Carolina University
Ms. Danielle Elise Spiker	American University Washington DC
Lindsey McSwain	UNCC

The following received 1 year undergraduate scholarships from the James Lee Miller, Jr. Scholarship endowment:

Ms. Kathryn Frye	UNC Greensboro
Ms. Madison Porter	Appalachian State University
Ms. Mallory Johnston	University of South Carolina
Caroline Muehl	ASU
Jamie Porter	ASU

There were no applications for the Miller Graduate Scholarship in 2009

Unfortunately Cody Rainwater left ECU. We have not been able to contact him or his family. His Scholarship has been withdrawn.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dan Oke, Moderator

Weekday Kindergarten

Kindergarten Staff

Dot Bartlett	Director and Teacher of 4 Year Olds
Vicki Crossman	Teacher of 4 Year Olds
Cathy Haney	Teacher of 5 Year Olds
Angel McClure	Teacher of 3 Year Olds

The Weekday Kindergarten is subject to the authority of the Session and under the direct supervision of the Weekday Kindergarten Committee. Kindergarten classes begin after Labor Day and end at the last of May.

There is a total enrollment of seventy (70) children. One class of 5-year-olds attends five days a week. Two classes of 4-year-olds: one class attends Monday, Wednesday and Friday; the other class Monday through Friday. There are also two classes of 3-year-olds, one meeting Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and the other meeting Tuesday and Thursday.

The academic program consists of basic learning skills, a weekly music program, and an emphasis on Christian Education. As a result of the family involvement with the Kindergarten, many families are influenced to become members of Philadelphia Presbyterian Church.

Worship and Music Committee

Moderator for 2009: Bill Tilley

Moderator for 2010: Ellen Street

The duties and activities of this committee consist mainly of oversight of matters pertaining to the worship services, weddings, and funerals along with the upkeep of the music programs and instruments, the sound system, and the nursing home ministries. The budgets for both Worship and Music are administered by this committee.

The committee functioned in the following areas during 2009:

Paraments and banners were properly displayed as needed in accordance with the Liturgical calendar, thanks for Cindi Hoffner. In addition Cindi Hoffner and Elizabeth Griffin had oversight of our acolytes and held training sessions for them.

In providing for Sacraments, Diane Beard planned and prepared for the Sacrament of Communion as follows:

1. Quarterly Communion at the 10:50 A.M. and 8:35 A.M. Worship Services.
2. Monthly Communion at the 8:35 A.M. Worship Service.
3. Communion for special services: Maundy Thursday, Thanksgiving Eve, the 11:00 P.M. Christmas Eve Service and for the Officer's retreat.
4. Thanks to Frances Middleton for preparing the bread for all Communion Services.
5. Thanks to Millie Mullis for coordinating Communion Service to homebound members and to the Officers who served our homebound members.

First year Elder, Jane Long, and committee member Jan Craddock, coordinated greeters and Pall Guild members (whenever the Pall was requested) for the many funerals held during the year at PPC. Thanks for those persons who have served as Hosts and Hostesses and as Pall Handlers at those funerals.

A committee was formed to study the feasibility of continuing two worship services on Sunday morning. The committee's survey and findings were inconclusive, therefore no action was taken. Ways to improve the early service are being pursued by Melinda Johnston, Sheila Forbis and Dr. Williamson.

Our flower coordinator, Tina Ross Duke, deserves a thank-you for her dedication and quiet dependability and dedication in making certain that flowers were placed in the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings. This included:

1. Placing single rosebuds for newborns on the pulpit for the 10:50 A.M. service.
2. Maintaining the silk flower arrangements that we have for use when there were no fresh flowers furnished.
3. Collecting and arranging fresh flowers brought for the flowered cross at Easter.
4. Placing notices in the bulletin and Philagram regarding Easter lilies and poinsettias for Christmas, ordering same and seeing that they were placed in the Sanctuary for Easter and Christmas.

Under Gary Forbis' direction, the adult and bell choirs provided music for our worship services that greatly enhanced the worship experience at PPC. We thank the members of both choirs for their dedication to the music program. In addition, special music was provided as follows:

1. Special music was provided for the Easter and Christmas seasons.
2. Our Children's Choirs provided special programs for us in the spring and at Christmas giving all who heard joyful hearts..
3. Members of our Praise Band provided praise music for us and are thanked for their dedication and contribution to the worship experience.
4. We thank the Inspirations Choir for their contributions to the music of the church.
5. Our bells have been very well maintained and our music library has been expanded. Thanks to Sheila for assisting Gary by keeping our library in order.
6. We recognize that we have a wonderful music staff – Gary Forbis, director of our

Adult and Bell choirs, Melinda Johnston, director of our Children's choirs, Marnie Gallagher, director of the Inspirations choir – along with our very capable accompanists – Leslie Anderson & Alice Pamplin – and we wish to thank all for their hard work and for their leadership. Regretfully, we said goodbye to Ginny Setzer who retired as accompanist to the Children's choirs. We also thank the many volunteers – choir members, choir mothers and all other behind the scenes persons who helped us worship God in such a special way.

7. Thanks to Bill Johnston for coordinating the operators of our sound system, the operators themselves and to Bill for ensuring that the system stays in working order.

Thanks to Becky Griffin for interviewing couples who wish to use our facilities for their wedding and thanks to those who serve as directors for weddings held at our church.

In 2008, Debbe King took as her Kingdom Project the refurbishing of the Children's Worship Bags and continues to maintain these throughout the year. In addition, Debbe has maintained our Registration Pads, replacing those that have shown wear and making certain that new sheets are available.

We thank Amelia Ford for her quiet service in seeing that information in the pew racks is current and replenished. This is a weekly service and has helped keep our Sanctuary neat and orderly.

Other special services included:

1. Ash Wednesday services at the beginning of Lent.
2. Maundy Thursday service.
3. Thanksgiving Eve with Communion being served.
4. Christmas Eve services – a service for families and children at 5:30 P.M. and a candlelight service at 11:00 P.M. with Communion served.

The Worship and Music Committee wishes to thank the Youth of our church for erecting and decorating the Chrismon tree and for the very meaningful and inspirational Advent service they provided for us on the first Sunday in Advent.

In addition to other duties we thank Millie Mullis for coordinating the Advent Candle lighters for our Worship services during the Advent Season and for coordinating the monthly worship services at Lawyers Glen. She has coordinated these activities for a number of years.

Thanks to our Stephen Ministers who sponsored our "Longest Night" service.

Last, but not least, thanks to all of the members of the Worship and Music Committee who served during 2009 for their dedication to the work at hand and their willingness to serve our Lord.

THE SESSION

Class of 2010

Jody Briner
Linda Davenport
Rick Davis
Tom Duke
Angie Edwards
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