

## **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Task Force**

### *Background*

The 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Task Force was approved by Session (Resolution Session Packet 06-25-14) and charged with planning in the years 2015 and 2016 and carrying out the various Anniversary Celebrations to be held in the year of 2017. The Task Force was budgeted \$1,500 for 2015.

The kickoff meeting, facilitated by Pastor Harry, was held on January 25, 2015. Marjorie Lunderville, Bill Range, and Penney Poole volunteered to act as co-chairs. A recurring monthly Task Force meeting was set for the second Wednesdays at noon. As of this report Marjorie Lunderville remains as Chair and meetings rescheduled to the third Tuesdays of each month at noon.

### *Mission Statement*

First Presbyterian Church of Santa Fe was organized on January 6, 1867 at the Palace of the Governors, being the oldest established existing protestant church in the territory of New Mexico. The mission of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Task Force is to plan, coordinate and facilitate the various anniversary celebrations to be held in the years 2016 and 2017.

### Core Responsibilities:

To achieve its mission the Task Force will:

- Invite the congregation to submit suggestions for the celebration to the Task Force.
- Engage representatives from each of the Session Committees, Groups, and Deacons to participate with the Task Force.
- Inform the Communications Committee of all proposed plans, events, and celebrations to ensure proper general communication and advertising.
- Communicate regularly with the congregation about proposed plans.
- Appoint a chair for the agreed upon events and activities.
- Develop 2016 and 2017 budgets for Task Force planned activities and events, and submit to Session by August of each preceding year for approval.
- Plan, coordinate, and facilitate the anniversary celebrations.

### *2015 Progress Report*

- ✓ Task Force Mission Statement—approved at the May 13, 2015 Task Force meeting (above).
- ✓ Creation of “Idea” form, “Idea” box, and online “Idea Bank” to receive and track celebration ideas from congregation and other interested parties. The Task Force currently maintains a spreadsheet having 51 ideas; of which eleven were submitted through the Idea Bank. Forty ideas came from Task Force members. The idea Bank submissions can be viewed on FPCSF website by clicking the 150<sup>th</sup> tab.
- ✓ Celebration Dinner and Celebration week—The Task Force agreed to a Celebration Week starting with Friday, January 6, 2017, Special TGIF Concert and ending with the Dinner on Saturday, January 14. Celebratory worship services on Sunday, January 8 and January 15. The Task Force is researching the process to schedule a visit by the G.A. Moderator as honored guest and speaker at the Celebration Dinner and worship service on January 15. Additional invitees to include other Presbyterian representatives, past members and pastors, government officials, other churches, and the public. Repeat announcements to current membership will be in bulletins and FPC website as well as publicity and paid advertisements in the fall 2016.

- ✓ Historical Plaque – FPCSF qualifies for both a historical plaque from State of New Mexico and for National Register of Historical Places according to Department of Cultural Affairs, State and National Register Coordinator Steven Moffson.  
At this time the Task Force has suspended pursuit of registering our church building as a historic site as additional restrictions may jeopardize future building modifications. Additional information and discussion is needed prior to going forward with this plan.
- ✓ July 17 Fuego Game – The Task Force allocated \$600 to fund promotion of the 150th anniversary during the baseball event. This included broadcast announcements, purchase of food for the players, souvenirs, printed materials, and candy for the donated bags. Of the \$600 allocated \$320.51 was spent, the remainder returned.
- ✓ August 30, 2015 – 150<sup>th</sup> celebration handout materials for Mission & Social Justice Mission Rally.
- ✓ Memorabilia – The Task Force allocated its remaining 2015 budget toward ordering and purchasing memorabilia printed with our new church logo. The merchandise will be sold to raise funds.

### *Event Planning*

The following list identifies suggestions the Task Force has received to date. Although it may not be feasible or desirable to carry out all the suggestions, each has been numbered and generally scheduled in an appropriate time period. Some suggestions appear suitable to begin in summer of 2016. In that way we honor the determination of Jennie St. John Mitchell to bring education and protestant faith to Santa Fe.

#### **2016 Events – Summer**

- 2.05 Dramatic readings at worship (or coffee) of letters written in 1866.
- 10.01 Special TGIF to celebrate 50+ years relationship with Opera.
- 6.04 Advertisements and publicity of upcoming events
- 5.01 Memorabilia (keepsakes, souvenirs, tee shirts, etc.).
- 5.04 Create and sell blank Note Cards with picture of our church in 1880
- 3.07 Musical Play - Commission a musical play by Dolores Pong, include reenactment of McFarland's arrival.
- 8.03 Historical displays in 2016.

#### **2016 Events – Fall & Winter**

- 3.06 Reception in November at the Palace of the Governors.
- 5.06 Home gatherings for birthday parties, teas, and dinner events.
- 5.04- Create and sell Christmas Cards with winter pictures taken and donated by our church members
- 3.01-2.02-2.04 Adult and children education and lecture series (begin),
- 4.01-4.07 Collect stories of FPC times, visit homebound, create digital scrapbook, create time capsule, children's stories, collect faith stories, and publish collection of stories.
- 3.08, 8.02 Special Back Pew Gallery Exhibits including pot sherds.
- 10.06 Create new banners and paraments for the sanctuary to celebrate 150th anniversary.
- 6.02 Government recognition by City and State proclamation.
- 6.04-6.05 Advertisement, invitations, and publicity of upcoming celebration and worship services.

## 2017 Events – January

- 1.01-1.09 Celebration week begins Jan 6 - Jan 14. Special worship services Jan 8 and 15.
- 1.01 Special longer TGIF musical event with music of 1867 or era.
- 6.04 Publish great newspaper articles with historical information over the past 150 years.
- 10.02 Worship and music based on Psalms.
- 2.01-2.02, 2.04, 3.01 Celebrate multiple eras of church history. Adult and children education series (cont.).
- 8.03 Historical displays in 2017.
- 6.03 Exhibit of church collage at the roundhouse.

## 2017 Events – Spring through Fall

- 2.03, 2.05-2.06 Worship service for each era with era music and sermons. Era foods at coffee fellowship. Read/dramatize/place in the bulletin a historical event each Sunday in 2017 as a “History Moment”.
- 10.07 Palm Sunday procession with new 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary banner and bagpipe music.
- 10.03-10.04 Music to include FPC Anthem commissioned in 2008. Commission FPC hymn.
- 9.04 Springtime CDC special event with open house and reunion.
- 8.01 Our Beginnings at FPC, a display where each person can put a sticker indicating their start at FPC.
- 9.03 Picnic, games, children’s events, music in June.
- 3.04-3.05, 3.09, 9.01-9.03 Potluck/breakfast using old cookbook recipes. Family reunion potluck to invite current and past members, bell choir, scouts, nursery school, art gallery exhibitors, mission partners. Sponsor Ladies Luncheon.
- 10.05 Special All Saints Day Worship Service to remember all members who have passed away in our 150 years.
- 10.08 Special worship and Coffee Fellowship on Nov 12 to honor all our veterans for Veteran’s Day.
- 5.03,7.01-7.06 Publication ideas: Publish new cookbook; “Not Ordered by Men” continued 1967-2017; digital cookbooks; digital History Exhibits; New History Book; Monthly articles into a pamphlet; history children’s programs.
- 3.02-03 Speakers Forum similar to Santa Fe Trail program and Fairview cemetery tour/program
- 11.01 Memorial Wall Sculpture. (Columbarium committee)

## *Ideas Best Served By Other Committees:*

There are suggested ideas where the subject of an idea more readily fits within the scope of a Session Committee or group. Successful completion of the Idea is best carried out and budgeted by the existing committee or group. The 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Task Force will of course collaborate, assist, and schedule the Idea within the overall 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration Events Schedule. The following is a short list of ideas that could begin in 2016.

Ideas listed below are not included in 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Task Force budget request:

### **IDEA SUGGESTION**

2.03-2.06, 10.02-10.08 Special worship services  
10.01 Special TGIF to celebrate with Opera  
6.03,8.01-8.03 Historical displays in 2016/17  
5.05, 9.01-9.03 Home gatherings, picnics, potlucks (etc.)  
3.01,2.02-04-Adult and children education  
4.01-4.07 Collect stories of FPC times (etc.)  
3.08, 8.02 Special Back Pew Gallery Exhibits.....  
10.06 New Banners and paraments for sanctuary

### **SUGGESTED COMMITTEE/GROUP**

Worship and History  
Music  
History  
Deacons  
Adult Education and Children & Youth  
History/Outreach  
Back Pew Gallery  
Worship and Liturgical Arts

## **Administration Committee**

Following the passing of President and Committee Chairman David Grayson earlier in 2015, the Administration Committee was reformed and its charter revised by the Session.

The purpose of the Committee is to assist the Pastor and the Session in the management of the business and corporate operations of the Church as a New Mexico nonprofit corporation.

All of its members are *ex officio*. Members for the latter half of 2015 were:

- Pastor Harry Eberts
- The four officers of the church corporation:
  - President – Bill Eklund
  - Vice President – Margaret Lyerly
  - Secretary – Margaret Dean
  - Treasurer – Fred Miller
- The Chairs of the Finance, Facilities and Personnel Committees:
  - Charlie Stringfellow – Facilities
  - John Pasch – Personnel
  - Fred Miller – Finance

The Committee meets as needed to address emerging issues and to prepare explanations and recommendations to the Session on agenda items coming before it that cross committee jurisdictions or otherwise require advance preparation for discussion.

Bill Eklund, Chair

## **Adult Education Committee**

The following classes were held on Sundays during the education hour (9:45-10:45) in 2015:

(3/15, 3/22, 3/29, 4/5) History of Conflict in the Middle East. Mary Lou Williams.

(4/12-5/10) The Confessions. Jim Brown.

(4/19-5/3) Seminar on Proposed Redesign of the Church's Mission and Structure  
Harry Eberts and other members of the redesign team.

(5/24, 5/31, 6/7). Gun Safety Forum. Miranda Viscoli, Marion Jackson, Elise Packard, Harry Eberts.

(5/24, 5/31, 6/7, 6/14) Opera Class. David Ingalls and Ray Lutz.

(6/7, 6/14, 6/21, 7/5) Spiritual Practice: Meditation (Simple, Easy, Everyday). Adrienne Pieroth

(6/28) Earth Stewards: Local Food and Food Security, Vickie Pozzebon (guest speaker).

(7/5) Earth Stewards: Recycling in Santa Fe.

(7/12) Visit from Ofelia in our sister church in Cuba to talk about her work.

(7/19, 7/25) Report from Madagascar. Dick and Ann Rowe.

(9/6) Study of Luke. Kate Dryer. (ongoing through the fall)

(10/4) Earth Stewards: Water, David Douglas and Judy Crawford.

(10/11, 10/18, 10/25) Origins of Presbyterianism. Dick Rowe. Collaboration with Bruce Black on final class.

(11/8, 11/15, 11/22) Spiritual Practice of Art. Carol Fallis.

(11/8, 11/15, 11/22, 11/29) Book study of Robin Meyers's, *Spiritual Defiance*. Barbara and Tom Boyd.

(12/20) Christmas Literature Reading. Linda Loving. An opportunity to read and listen to meaningful pieces of literature (poems, short essays, excerpts from short stories) aimed at capturing some of the complexity of the Advent season.

In addition, the Adult Education committee undertook the following:

- leadership role, along with Children and Youth, in the initiation of the Wisdom Circle Dinners and Meetings on Wednesday nights. The first three Wisdom Circle Evenings were held 9/9, 10/14 and 11/11 and were a great success.
- booth at Social Justice Event at Federal Park (August 30)
- discussion of AV equipment needs; upgrading of some equipment. David Mason volunteered to be trained to help Bill Adrian on Sundays. This is an ongoing area of need.
- Church Retreats to Ghost Ranch (April and October)
- planning of Robin Meyers visit for February 12-14, 2016 (Alvin Baca helping with this)
- scheduling of the following classes for January 2016:
  - Film Series and Discussion on Global Climate Change. Arvid Lundy.
  - Book Study: *So Far From Home*, by Margaret Wheatley. Elise Packard. Social trends that are influencing every dimension of our lives—insights on family and community.
- discussion of Forum on Criminal Justice System for February 2016 (Alvin Baca taking the lead on this)

## **Back Pew Gallery Committee**

The Back Pew Gallery has enjoyed a number of exhibits in 2015 and looks forward to several more in 2016. Some of the 2015 exhibits were:

- Landscapes: Real and Imagined
- Spirit of the Season
- Junktique
- Artful Birds—community participation

Along with individual and group shows in the summer

## **Child Development Center Advisory Committee**

### *Philosophy and Mission Statement of the Child Development Center*

The Child Development Center is a community outreach program that embraces:

- A child-centered philosophy of education while striving to accommodate the needs of the surrounding community,
- A natural, joyful learning experience that enhances development of the child; therefore, we are sensitive to each individual child's social, emotional, intellectual and physical needs,
- Programs open to those of all faiths, as we embrace and teach global principles of kindness, compassion, tolerance and inclusivity,
- A learning environment that fosters each child's chance of gaining self-confidence and interpersonal skills in all settings and
- Physical safety as of the utmost importance and strictly enforced security measures.

### *2015 Activities*

- Enrollment remained at capacity of 80 children ages 12 months to 5 years for the entire year and included scholarship students and student placements by the Children, Youth and Families Department. A lengthy waiting list was maintained.
- Flexible scheduling accommodated family needs and circumstances.
- The CDC staff included the director, 12 full time teachers and 2 part time teachers.
- The director and many of the teachers voluntarily attended monthly meetings of the Collaborative Teachers Institute, the focus of which is working with young children.
- Collaboration continued with the Santa Fe Opera and the O'Keeffe Museum on the Opera Makes Sense program. The Children's Museum will be a part of this collaboration in 2016.
- Children participated in the Early Literacy through the Arts program partnering with the O'Keeffe Museum and the Children's Museum.
- The CDC Director and each classroom received iPads along with Creative Curriculum Gold by Teaching Strategies, LLC software. The iPads and software are used to provide individualized educational activities for students, enhance documentation of student progress and allow better communication with parents.
- The University of New Mexico's Four Star Evaluation of the CDC was most successful with no findings or recommendations.
- The Department of Labor's audit of the CDC found that everything was in compliance.
- The CDC began the accreditation process with the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), a national Five Star rating program and has until 2017 to complete the accreditation process.
- The classroom serving the oldest CDC students was enlarged by removing a wall between two neighboring classrooms thus being able to serve more students in that space and freeing up another classroom to serve one year olds, the group with the largest enrollment. The cost of the remodeling was contributed by a church member, and a CDC parent contributed the labor.
- Fundraisers for the year included the annual Spaghetti Dinner and the Pasta and Salad sale.
- Bill Adrian, aka Mr. Bill, hosted his annual Pancake Breakfast and donated all proceeds to the CDC.

The CDC Advisory Committee, staff and families wish to thank the members and friends of First Presbyterian Church for their support through participation in CDC fundraisers, contributions to the CDC Scholarship Fund and the CDC Unrestricted Fund, funding and labor for the classroom construction project and the donation of iPads. The importance and value of the Child Development Center to families in the Santa Fe community is beyond measure.



## Children and Youth Ministry

Annual summary of activities:

- The C and Y Ministry sponsors an Easter egg hunt on the Federal Building grounds the Saturday prior to Easter. This year's activity was well attended with plenty of goodies available for the youth of our congregation as well as youth from CDC.
- Recommendations from this ministry concerning Morning Song Worship Service were implemented by the Worship Committee. These included more hands-on activities for the youth during the service, more participation by the youth as liturgists and opportunities for the youth to have other speaking roles in the service.
- Music instruction on Sunday mornings continues to be a very popular offering for interested youth in our congregation.
- Introduction of a new concept whereby members of FPC "adopt" a member of our youth program and send birthday greeting cards, special notes of appreciation for achievements made in school or other activities or by just showing up at a school function that they are in. If you are interested in being an "Adopter", please contact a member of our ministry.
- Other activities included pumpkin carving prior to Halloween and lighting the farolitos at FPC prior to the Christmas Eve services.

## Communications Committee

### *Mission Statement*

A mission statement for the committee was established at the end of 2015. It reads:

The mission of the Communications Committee of First Presbyterian Church of Santa Fe is to facilitate communications internally within the church and externally to the wider community about the church's activities and spirit and to insure these communications are welcoming and effective. Its responsibilities include:

- Disseminating information about church policies, activities, and events on a regular basis to the congregation through print and e-mail pieces, on the Web site, and in other venues.
- Overseeing the design, content, and maintenance of the church's Web site.
- Assisting in the review of major communications sent by other committees and the staff, as needed and requested.

### *Projects*

The committee focused its attention on three major projects during the year: a directory listing members of the congregation, a branding project including adoption of a logo/tagline and a redesign of the church's Web site, and effective communications to the congregation.

#### **Directory:**

A new directory was distributed to members of the church in April 2015. The directory contains contact information and photographs of members, as well as photographs of church activities.

**Branding:**

One of the goals of the branding effort was to establish a visual image with words, referred to as a logo with tagline, to capture the essence of the church. A logo with tagline was approved by the session in March 2015. Stationery and business cards were designed with the logo/tagline, and other forms of church communications were adapted to use the image.

A contract was signed with BadDog Design in the fall of 2015 for phase 2 of the branding project, the redesign of the church's Web site. From a site map created by the branding group, BadDog Design presented its initial design for the site. The design will be finalized and content determined in early 2016.

**Communications to the Congregation:**

During 2015, the newsletter, published bimonthly, featured articles about church activities, members of the congregation, and organizations with which the church is involved. An emphasis was placed on the use of photographs to make the publication as effective as possible. The newsletter team included Rie Clark, Amy Gross, Margaret Lyerly, Krista Peterson and Gale Wright.

Weekly e-mail communications adopted a new format in December. To keep the congregation informed and involved, content featured listings and short articles on upcoming activities and services at the church. The church subscribed to a new e-mail service, MyEmma.

The church's Facebook page was updated by Amy Gross.

The lobby wall featured various displays throughout the year, including those associated with the stewardship campaign, the logo/tagline, and mission work.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary G. Neff  
Chair, Communications Committee



## **Creation Care**

### *Purpose*

The program was created in 2007 as a ministry of the First Presbyterian Church to create God-centered response to the environmental crisis by inspiring a transformation of consciousness and way of being and living responsibly for the healing and care of the creation.

### *Goal*

To become a Creation Care Congregation of the Presbyterian Church(USA). This status was reached in 2014

### *Work accomplished in 2015*

Earth Hour was observed at FPC with cities and countries around the world on March 28. Solar lamps were sold to benefit those in developing countries without electricity. A four session course was held in the Spring, "The Hebrew Prophets Now" led by Rabbi Nahum Ward-Lev, to explore the Biblical view of Creation. The Rooftop Garden was facilitated by organizing a committee to plant and maintain the garden. The community Farm was supported by volunteers and finances. Earth Care reminders have been published in the bulletin each Sunday. The use of glass cups at the Sunday morning Coffee Hour was encouraged by providing holders and a mobile rack. A Spring Educational Series was held on Sunday mornings under the theme, "How can we be more responsible stewards of the Earth?" with guest leaders on Food and Farm Security, Local Markets and Nourishing food, Climate Change, Solar Energy in the Home, and Water Saving. Earth Day was celebrated with the city of Santa Fe; a section of the Church Library was set aside for Creation Care materials.

Mary Ann Lundy, chair

## **Board of Deacons**

The year of 2015 saw the Deacons busy with programs already in place as well as starting several new initiatives. We give thanks to the Deacons for their valuable service.

Deacons continue to:

- offer monthly Sunday blood pressure checks in the church office staffed by members with medical training
- distribute, collect and deliver monthly food bags for Bienvenidos
- deliver donated flowers from church services to ill and those who are homebound including Christmas poinsettias and Easter lilies
- prepare soups and other foods for sale and Deacons' Kitchen
- deliver Deacons' Kitchen food to ill, grieving or homebound folks
- prepare and serve receptions after memorial services
- visit, phone, e-mail or write caring notes to folks needing to be remembered
- provide truck and moving help to congregants
- host the lobby on Sunday mornings to care for folks arriving by van from care facilities and anyone else needing help into the sanctuary.
- serve monthly communion and help with home communions.

Deacon on Call continues with a phone listing in the bulletin for pastoral care contact outside business hours. This is now under the care of selected deacons who are very familiar with systems for short notice help. While not called upon often it is very valuable when there is a need. This year it has been a death on a holiday, unaffiliated families caring for long time Presbyterian relatives seeking connection for them in time of need, congregants needing to line up transportation for medical appointments or therapy.

The Care Team of “first responders” and long term service and care, under the direction of Mary Jo Lundy, has been active visiting the hospital, giving rides to therapy and appointments, etc. They implement the mailing of Grief Booklets. The Care Team is made up of actively serving Deacons and retired Deacons and Clergy.

New programs this year were:

- Ice Cream Social for members aged 90 or above.
- Valentine remembrances to ill, shut in and elderly.
- Series of booklets posted in the lobby covering various topics of spiritual guidance.
- Series of booklets on grieving to be mailed quarterly for the first year following a death.
- Adoption of Third Sunday Lunch which offers sociability for singles, elderly and others.

As one of the two elected Boards of the church Deacons take the role of church officer seriously to fulfill their unique mission and also provide leadership to all the programs of the church. The Deacons’ Fund is used to support of their missions and ministries. Deacons participate in and support other groups in various missions and ministries of the church. A record of these gifts is available. The Deacons have been self supporting for several years.

## **Facilities Committee**

1. The Facilities Committee has met monthly throughout the year coordinating maintenance activities with Bill Adrian and Building Use with Krista Peterson. The coordination of parking has continued to be a major activity as the Santa Fe County plans for the development of a new 2-story parking facility north of the church and a replacement of the old Judicial Complex on the property. We have been fortunate to arrange for some of our staff to park at the Ghost Ranch facility and have arranged for a few parking spaces in the Convention Center.

2. Bill Adrian has continued to do an excellent job as the church’s Facility Manager. His work schedule of Tuesday thru Saturday has continued to provide the best coverage on site. Bill has done a good job overseeing all maintenance activities to ensure the building is well maintained. Bill has monitored vendors supporting the HVAC system, S&S cleaning of the building, supervised major repairs and maintenance projects and set up classrooms for church education and committee meetings. The quarterly neighborhood meetings that Bill initiated have proven to be very successful and well attended by our neighbors.

3. The church planned and participated in a FPC Day at the Fuego baseball game on July 17 that proved very successful. A picnic of sandwiches, salads and desserts was set up at the Marcy Baseball Stadium that was well received by all the players and FPC members who attended the game. We had a lot of the CDC parents attend with their children. Michael Roybal sang the Star Bangled Banner, Harry threw out the first pitch, the FPC choir sang during the seventh inning stretch and the church received a lot of publicity by the announcer who promoted the FPC throughout the game.

4. A major undertaking this year was managing the selection and contracting for a new insurance contract. An Insurance Working Group was formed that included three regular committee members and Judi Haines to obtain bids from the two major church insurance companies, Church Mutual and Brotherhood Mutual, to review the proposal and to recommend a selection to Admin and Session. This proved to be a substantial effort to ensure we had the insurance we needed at the most cost effective price.
5. The committee scheduled two of its meetings on Saturdays so that some of our members could attend, have the time to check out a particular maintenance issue and link to attendance at the Men's Breakfast.
6. With respect to space utilization, we rented two of our offices on the 3rd floor, one to Mrs. Coequyt for clinical counseling and to Fred King for storing Native American antiquities that he works with. We arranged the relocation of the Liturgical Arts Committee to the 3rd floor and rented their old space to the Zozobra Program to store some of their equipment and material. Finally, we were able to relocate the pastor's office to the former Business Office on the first floor to the delight of Pastor Eberts. This results in most of our church offices being on the first floor which provides better access to the members of the congregation and visitors and promotes better interaction of staff members.
7. For security reasons, we had to change from our open door policy and revert to a closed entrance door policy during working hours.
8. The Columbarium Committee had two major meetings during the year. The committee members are Bill Adrian, Ann Barker, Jim Hallquist, Barbara Hutchinson and Charlie Stringfellow. A total of thirteen of the 40 available niches have been purchased to date. The Columbarium had a balance of \$7,200 in June, 2015 and decided to transfer \$5,000 to the general fund.
9. The main spring in the garage door broke and had to be replaced at a cost of about \$5,200.
10. The Building and Grounds budget for 2015 was underfunded, which resulted in an overrun of about \$30,000 as of the end of the year. In a meeting of the Admin Committee in December it was decided to recommend to Session this overage be covered by funds from the Building Maintenance Fund. There was a general conclusion that an effort should be made to increase the Building and Grounds Budget in 2016 to avoid deferring essential building maintenance to the future.
11. We wish to thank the members of the Facilities Committee for their excellent work and participation in the activities and responsibilities of the Facilities Committee throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charlie Stringfellow,  
Chairman

## Financial Policies and Procedures Task Force

Goal: To update the church's financial policies and procedures using past proposed and approved internal documents, state and federal laws, and the Book of Order. Included will be topics such as gift acceptance policy, endowments, cash management, investment policy, and restricted and unrestricted fund management, budget preparation and financial oversight.

This group met periodically for the last 5 months of the year. Upon completion of this task in 2016, a draft will be presented to the Congregation and the Session for review, and then to the Session for approval.

## History Committee

The responsibility of the History Committee is to receive, organize, and archive the official records and other historically significant documents of this church and to educate the membership (and at times the community) in the history of the church. This is a constant ongoing process.

In addition to our routine work, in 2015 the committee accomplished the following:

- replaced the Mathilda Allison display in the lobby with a display of Judge William Pope. These displays have focused on the lives and accomplishments of the persons for whom the rooms in the church are named.
- arranged for a Power Point historical presentation and tour of the newly remodeled La Fonda Hotel.
- visited the home of Jay Mulberry who is an authority on, and lives in, the home of artist Roy Baldrige, and arranged for a presentation by Jay Mulberry at the Men's Breakfast.
- participated in an architectural walking tour of the Plaza area conducted by the Historical Review Board.
- hosted Tours by Clarice who brought 48 visitors to learn about the history of our church.
- arranged for the digitizing of the book "Not Ordered By Men", which is a history of our church, and are preparing to convert it into an e-mail format.
- participated in the church-wide consolidated inventory.
- attended meetings of the 150th Anniversary Committee.
- responded to requests for information (dates of births, deaths, marriages, baptisms) and photos.
- continued to transcribing Ladies' Aid Society minutes which date from 1879
- continued research on the bell, which is the oldest item in the church

The History Committee meets at noon on the first Thursday of the month. Every Thursday some of the members work in the Archives.

This year we welcomed two new members—Judi Haines and Nancy Armbruster. Any one interested in serving on the Committee and/or working in the Archives is most welcome.

## **Mission and Social Justice Report**

2015 was an active year as the committee continued doing many traditional activities of First Church and added new activities.

21 domestic organizations that directly impact lives in Santa Fe, New Mexico and the country were recipients of our funding. Approximately 83% of our distributed budget went to these domestic efforts.

Approximately 25% of our budget went to homeless efforts in Santa Fe.

We also supported local immigrant issues via support of Somos and Adelante. Feeding Santa Fe, an organization started in this church, was also a key agency supported.

Social Justice was addressed via participation and support of Rev James Forbes' talk on peace last January, participation in New Mexicans against Gun Violence Rallies, Prayer Vigil in support of Mother Emanuel AME victims in South Carolina, and the Islamic Center of Santa Fe. Chainbreaker, a local group that advocates for housing and transportation for working people in Santa Fe was also a partner. Lutheran Advocacy serves as the State lobbyist for church issues at the New Mexican Legislature and is a continued partner of First Presbyterian.

First Church has a long tradition of involvement with border issues through partnerships with agencies such as Borderlinks, Fronteras and HEPAC. Involvement with these agencies has kept us involved and informed with border struggles/issues.

A new effort was the sponsorship of a Picnic and Rally. Mission Partners were invited to fellowship with parishioners at Federal Park. Approximately 10 of our Partner agencies attended as well as 50–60 parishioners.

We are very proud to have established a relationship the Youth Soccer League which is a part of the Prison Ministry. This group also received a portion of our Pentecost Offering.

Manual School as well as the Interfaith Coalition on Public Education were representatives of our involvement in educational endeavors.

We are pleased to have become Mission Partners with Rev Sara Armstrong and Rusty Edmondson, formerly associated with Westminster Church Santa Fe, now PCUSA Mission co-workers in Peru. We are also supporting a school in South Sudan that is a part of the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan.

The Committee thanks the congregation for support (financial and personal participation) and welcomes continued involvement in 2016.

A list of funded agencies is on the next page.

Karen S. Finney, Chair

## 2015 Agencies Funded

### *Domestic*

Adelante (Santa Fe Public Schools)  
Food for Santa Fe  
Interfaith Community Shelter  
Solace  
Esperanza  
Somos  
Manual School  
Pastoral Counseling  
New Mexico Interfaith Power and Light  
Envision Santa Fe  
Lutheran Advocacy  
Adelante Defense a Fund  
Alice King Center  
Chainbreaker  
New Mexicans to Prevent Gun Violence  
Ghost Ranch  
Juntos  
Interfaith Coalition on Public Education  
Prison Ministry Project  
Mother Emanuel AME Hope Fund  
Islamic Center of Santa Fe

### *International*

Fronteras  
HEPAC  
Mission Co-workers (Rev. Sara Armstrong and Rusty Edmondson)  
No More Deaths  
Borderlinks  
Vision in Action  
Presbyterian Church of Southern Sudan (PCOSS)



## **Nominating Committee**

**Recommended a slate of church officers to be elected by the First Presbyterian Church.**

### **Elders**

Steve Kinnett	Class of 2016
Richard Lindahl *	Class of 2016
Gale Wright*	Class of 2016
Rebecca Hodges	Class of 2017
Dennis Sanderson	Class of 2018
Rie Clark	Class of 2018
Judi Haines	Class of 2018

### **Deacons**

Barb Hutchison	Class of 2016
Sharon Eklund*	Class of 2016
Dawn Wink*	Class of 2016
Patti Poitras*	Class of 2016
Darryl Bowman	Class of 2017
Donna Krulitz	Class of 2018
Madeleine Wright	Class of 2018
Paul Kincaid	Class of 2018
Kathy Hansen	Class of 2018
Art Hansen	Class of 2018

\*To be recommended for election at the Church Meeting, January 24, 2016

**Recommended to Session a slate of Officers for the Corporation. They were elected by the Session on December 16, 2015.**

### **2016 Corporation Officers**

President: Bill Eklund  
Vice President: Margaret Lyerly  
Treasurer: Gale Wright  
Secretary/Clerk: Judi Haines

## **Personnel Committee**

Membership as of January 1, 2016: Sharon Eklund, Chair, Anne Liley, Tom Paalman, and Owen Van Essen

Meetings: The committee meets at 9:00 am on the first Friday of every other month with special meetings called as necessary.

Activities: As a committee of the Session, the Personnel Committee provides guidance, support and assistance to the Head of Staff and the Session on all matters pertaining to personnel guidelines, policies and practices.

## **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Our church community expresses care and concern through the Prayer Shawl Ministry. We have been able to reach out to our church community and those beyond with 53 shawls this year. The shawls are blessed by the Prayer Shawl Group as well as blessed once a month during worship. We have been meeting since 2008 and have shared over 400 shawls

There are 14 church members who regularly participate in the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Most of the participants meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month for a time of sharing concerns, responding to prayer requests, meditating and knitting or crocheting.

The Deacons have been very supportive financially. The yarn for the shawls costs from \$16 to \$24 each. The Deacons have made it possible to keep the yarn in supply. Individuals in the group quite often furnish the yarn they use.

We appreciate the time we spend together making shawls for others and sharing our lives together.

## **Presbyterian Men's Breakfast**

The Presbyterian Men's Breakfast programs for 2015 were varied, interesting, revealing, spirited, and informative. They gave members a chance to meet and listen to and observe passionate endeavors by a dozen of our members or leaders and three guest speakers/presentations from outside FPC. The programs on the 2nd Saturday of the month in 2015 were:

January 10	David Douglas Presbyterian churches in the coalmining mountains of West Virginia
February 14	Bill Adrian Building the Future: Dreams Realized and Yet to Come
March 14	Church members Bill Eklund, Malissa Haslam, John Pasch, and Ethel Trimmer How I Keep Fit
April 11	Charlie and Jane Stringfellow Impressions of Saudi Arabia
May 9	Sharon Eklund and Jim Brown A Just Peace in the Holy Land
September 12	Rev. Richard Rowe and Ann Rowe A Madagascar Adventure
October 10	Jenny Harland Images of Cuba
November 14	Bill Adrian Emergency Planning for FPC
December 12	Jay Mulberry Artistic and Spiritual Legacy of Cyrus Baldrige

These amazing programs originated from suggestions by members and leaders and if you have ideas for programs you will be heard. This growing breakfast crew is from the men of the church but serving all members, who are invited to share in their culinary delights.

Jim Elliott

## **Presbyterian Women**

Presbyterian Women at First Presbyterian Church continue to meet in small Circles on the third Friday of each month for fellowship and Bible study. This year's Bible study, published by Horizon's Magazine, is entitled "Come to the Waters".

On December 6, Presbyterian Women once again coordinated the Alternative Christmas Market in which thirteen groups or individuals in the church and community participated. Over \$6000 was raised in just four hours! This money all goes to various mission projects locally, nationally, or worldwide.

Through the proceeds of the Alternative Christmas Market combined with individual contributions, Presbyterian Women was able in 2015 to make the following donations:

\$1400 to PC(USA) Worldwide Mission

342 to the Women's Birthday Offering

4075 to the Women's Thank Offering

250 to the Hunger Fund

50 to the Cuba Fund

200 to the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Santa Fe

100 to the Presbyterian Women of the Synod of the Southwest

Recipients of the 2015 Alternative Christmas Market have yet to be determined.

Presbyterian Women always welcomes new members. Anyone interested in joining a Circle, contact Helen Sutton or Jean Ball for more information.

Jean Ball

Contact Person for PW

## **Stewardship Committee**

The 2016 campaign goal comprised of two parts, \$464,000 to balance the budget and a challenge goal of an additional 5% for a total of \$489,000 approved by the Session.

The committee is pleased to report that the budget goal of \$464,000 was achieved before the end of December and an additional amount of \$9,420 toward the challenge goal of \$489,000 as of this writing. These pledges represent a 7% increase over last year and are due to the generosity of the congregation. The committee expresses its deepest gratitude to the membership for their support in meeting the goal.

Whereas the budget goal allows for a break-even operation, the challenge goal is meant to cover some additional critical needs the Session has identified. They are: additional monies for mission work for our local community, where we still see needs clearly going unmet; for pay increases for our hard-working and excellent staff, so we can move closer to competitive pay in the community; funds to allow us to be proper stewards of our historic and beautiful building, which has ongoing maintenance needs that are presently not being adequately met; monies to help fund the expenses of the 150th anniversary celebration of the church showcasing to the community our historic ongoing contributions to those in need; and monies for improvements to our website, print and e-mail newsletters.

### *Summary*

<b>Budget Goal:</b>	<b>\$464,000 (total pledge commitments)</b>
<b>Challenge Goal:</b>	<b>\$489,000 (additional 5% over budget goal)</b>
<b>Total Pledged:</b>	<b>\$473,420 to date</b>
<b>Number of Pledges</b>	<b>143</b>
<b>New Pledges</b>	<b>There were a total of 23 new pledges totaling \$61,894</b>
<b>N.B.</b>	<b>(Each pledge represents a unit of an individual or family).</b>

### **Special thanks to those who hosted Stewardship Gatherings in their homes:**

Mary and Bruce Black, Diane Buchanan and Rick Andrews, Bill and Sharon Eklund, Chris Haynes, Kay and David Ingalls, Anne and Dick Rowe, Mary Lou and Mike Williams, Jean and John Ed Withers.

### **Worship & Music Committee**

Once again I will start my report with the adage “change is the only constant.” The W&M Committee has seen quite a few changes over the past year—and all of them I am happy to report, good! Besides Jane Stringfellow and Malissa Haslam taking on communion responsibilities we actually filled a long standing need—someone to head up and coordinate our ushers. And all it took was to ask! Jim Smock graciously and enthusiastically accepted. His careful preparation of the sanctuary and Pope Hall every Sunday along with coordinating ushers for the second service is gratefully appreciated.

Liturgical Arts has beautified the church and the sanctuary not only through the year but especially on high holy days. Jane Alexander and Leah Paalman have done a wonderfully creative job and I hope everyone will take the time to express their thanks to them. Expect more exciting changes in 2016!

The Back Pew Gallery continues to be a huge addition not only to our creative members and friends of the congregation, but a bright stopping spot in the main hallway. Many thanks again to Carol Fallis, Andy Ritch and the rest of the volunteers who keep this venue attractive and sometimes surprising!

Sarah Miller faithfully continues to coordinate liturgists for worship for which we are grateful. As I mentioned in my report last year, please speak to Sarah if you would like to do the service of serving as a liturgist from time to time.

Which brings us to the music part of the responsibilities of the committee. There simply isn't enough that can be said of our music director, Linda Raney. Her endless energy and creative talents seem to have no end! Linda's TGIF continues to be a huge community outreach, regularly attracting 80–90 attendees, mostly from the larger community. And then there's David Solem. What a blessing to have him sharing the organ console with Linda. Finally, the Chancel Choir continues to grow in numbers and talent. And while this is a shared joy to participate in worship Sunday after Sunday I think it is worth mentioning that this is a commitment that includes on average 4 rehearsals each week!

Finally, and most importantly, Jeannie Bowman is now the new chair of the committee. Jeannie actually asked if she could join the committee last year—I note this in closing to spur other members of the congregation to follow her example and step forward to volunteer where your talents lie!

Blessings!! Chris Haynes