

Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church

ANNUAL REPORT 2019



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Mission Statement

Approved by the Session, October 15, 1991

It is the mission of the Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church to proclaim the love of God and the salvation of Jesus Christ, by:

1. Providing a haven of warmth, joy and welcome for all;
2. Proclaiming, in word and deed, God's truth as contained in Holy Scripture;
3. Making God's love real by reaching out to those in need;
4. Nurturing lifelong growth in the faith through educational programming;
5. Demonstrating and encouraging the joy of Christian stewardship;
6. Coming together to pray and sing praise to the Lord and to share the good news throughout the community;
7. Upholding the integrity of creation and dignity of persons by doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with our God.



Membership Statistical Report For the Year Ending December 31, 2019

Total Active Members, December 31, 2018.	293
Additions:	
Profession and Reaffirmation of Faith.	5
Transfers.	4
Restore to Rolls.	4
Total Additions.	13
Losses:	
Certificates of Transfer.	4
Deaths.	6
Other Removals.	0
Total Losses.	10
Total Active Members, December 31, 2019.	296
Baptisms:	
Infant/Child.	4
Warren Carver.	May 19, 2019
Miles Balsamo.	June 24, 2019
Abigail River Grimes.	August 18, 2019
Finn Forsberg Willson	October 13, 2019
Adult.	0
Total.	4

New Members

We give thanks to God for new members welcomed into membership in 2019

Karen Baron	January 13, 2019
Carol Ketchersid.	January 13, 2019
Kim Carver.	January 13, 2019
Ryan Carver.	January 13, 2019
Kristen Lombardo.	April 20, 2019
Connor Durante*	June 9, 2019
Justin Hurley*	June 9, 2019
Sydney Hurley*	June 9, 2019
Samantha Forsberg Willson.	October 7, 2019

* Denotes Confirmads

In Memoriam of Church Members

We grieve the loss of those who died in 2019

Elder Deborah Brendler..	February 18, 2019
Elder William Hoey.	February 19, 2019
Lois Lang.	May 31, 2019
Elder Charlene Mendelsohn.	July 11, 2019
Elder Douglas Petersen.	September 9, 2019
Elder Connie Wandras.	September 23, 2019

Interim Pastor's Report

What an amazing year 2019 turned out to be for our congregation! The size of this Annual Report confirms the faithfulness of an active, dedicated and loving congregation. I am grateful for the opportunity to accompany you during these last 12 months of your exciting journey. I appreciated the willingness to entertain several new experiences. Who will forget the fire in the Christian Education Annex where we made fresh ashes for imposition at the Ash Wednesday service? Or the outdoor fire at the Great Vigil of Easter that took several tries to take? Or the bright candles on Christmas Eve as we followed *Silent Night, Holy Night* with the rousing harmonies of *Joy to the World, the Lord is come!*? Speaking of harmonies, I enjoyed being allowed to join the Chancel Choir and the Choral Bells Choir as these two talented groups added to our meaningful services. A personal joy was to introduce the congregation to some of the guest musicians I have been associated with through the years: the brass ensemble members that played on the second week of Easter and returned for Caroling at the Manse in December; NJSO trombonist, Vernon Post, in August; Jazz trombone legend, Conrad Herwig, and piano virtuoso, Lachlan Glen, in December.

I appreciated the excellent collegiality among the dedicated staff members, whose expertise coupled with their willing spirits, manage to make everything run so smoothly. We were all well served by the ministries of your Session and Board of Deacons, providing for the spiritual and practical needs of this congregation with deep and genuine care and compassion.

It's a good thing to have a comprehensive record of what transpired in 2019 because we can't be expected to remember every detail. However, some lasting memories will remain including the professionally displayed exhibits in the North Hall Gallery, the joy of the youth group from Basking Ridge PC we hosted in August, the congregation's readiness to assist with housing the homeless through HIN, the enthusiasm of our scouting groups, the painstaking work of the Mission Study Team as they sifted through options to produce a practical Action Plan, the satisfaction of finally electing a Pastor Nominating Committee, the way Presbyterian Women mobilized people for their many activities, and all the opportunities to meet with people around the table: Sunday Coffee Hours, Monthly Communion Brunches, Potlucks on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Combined Elders/Deacons meeting, small groups that met for breakfast or lunch during the week, and those who supported our Restaurant Fund-raisers.

We are grateful for the new energy that we experienced through the teaching ministry of Rev. Dr. Eileen Lindner, the addition of a Social Justice Group, Repast Committee and a Fund-Raising Committee, the too-short leadership of Alissa PaziENZA, and all the meek, quiet, but inspired work of too many folks to mention here, who look after a myriad of details that go into the exhibition of the kingdom of heaven to the world.

May this report inspire us to greater service and deeper engagement in the things of God!

Peace!
Pastor Osy

Officers of the Church

Members of Session

Clerk of Session: Barbara Reusch

Assistant Clerk of Session: Marjorie Meklin

Class of 2019

Deborah Brendler
Diane Legriede
Marjorie Meklin
Linda Lee Smith
Donna Wittmann

Class of 2020

Bette Hughes
Frank Jones
Craig Lambie
Kent Lorentzen
James McGuire
Barbara Reusch

Class of 2021

Lynn Hahm
Diane Manzo
Brian Potter
Amanda Rauffer
Diane Sikora
Jacque Thornton

Class of 2022

Lynn O'Hara
Marjorie Meklin
Donna Wittmann

Board of Deacons

2018-2019 Moderator: Deirdre D'Amore

2019-2020 Moderator: Jonathan Yount

Class of 2019

Deirdre D'Amore
Maria O'Connor
Suzanne Perkowski
Marilyn Rice
Jonathan Yount
Kyle Jones

Class of 2020

Marian Blackford
Susan Lorentzen
Susan Robbins
Karyn Smykowski
Arlene Wacha

Class of 2021

G. Randall Crate
Karen Luicci
Joseph Paradise
Celishia Scarpone
Ryan Wittmann

Class of 2022

Kerry Jones
Carol Ketchersid
Maria O'Connor
Joan Reitmeyer
Jonathan Yount

Pastoral and Program Staff

The Rev. Osvaldo Nüesch, Intentional Interim Minister

Patricia Shoppell, Treasurer

Sara B. Hoey, Organist

Frank Perkowski, Church School Coordinator

Alissa Pazienza, Director of Youth Ministries*

Melanie Chambers, Chancel Choir Director

Morgan Sarbello, Choral Bells Choir Director

William R. Shoppell, Jr., Music Director, Emeritus

Kim Gaydos, Church Secretary

Donna Ferry, Financial Secretary

Cindy Coppolla, Nursery Staff

Melissa Philipps, Nursery Staff

**Partial Year*

Session Committee Report

Christian Education Committee

Session Committee Chair - Marjorie Meklin

The Christian Education committee focuses on both youth and adult. The following sub-committees describe what has been accomplished the past year. We're always open to new ideas, suggestions, and helping hands

Adult Education

The Rev. Eileen Lindner was made Parish Associate at a Session Meeting on September 24, 2019. Pastor Eileen Lindner led two very successful and well attended Soup and Scripture Bible Studies this year. During Lent, the study was about Introduction to the Gospels. In the fall, we studied Old Testament Prophets. An average of 20 people attended each Bible study. Eileen made some fabulous homemade soups which we all enjoyed for lunch and had a time of fellowship. The Bible study classes are held Wednesday morning at 11:00 a.m.

Christmas Pageant

Our Sunday school youth under the Direction of Rebecca Muraglia, led the 4:00 Christmas Eve service. The youth presentation was about the Nativity. There were also some poems read and solos sung. It is a pleasure to work with everyone to make this a great event.

Confirmation Class

Marjorie Meklin, Ryan Wittmann, and Pastor Osy lead a 12 week course called *Big God, Big Questions*. The curriculum is from PCUSA. We had 3 youth attend the class. The youth lead the church service on Confirmation Sunday. We will be having a meeting in February, 2020 to initiate the next confirmation class.

Point Beach Prep

The Point Beach Prep Preschool is an integral part of the ministry and witness of the Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church. It continues to solidly build its reputation as an excellent academic program for preschool children aged 2 ½ - 6 years in a nurturing Christian environment. Now in its eleventh year, the program offers both nursery and pre-k classes with morning and afternoon sessions which includes a full day pre-k class. The part time program runs from 8:30am -12:00 with optional extended lunch until 1:00 pm. The afternoon session offers two and one-half hours for three days per week. We offer advance pre-registration and discounted tuition for all of our church families and our Open House for new families is on Saturday, January 25th. We also offer a summer camp program in July and scholarships are available as part of our community outreach.

Point Beach Prep thrives under the steady leadership of Devlin House as director. The school employs five teachers: pre school class lead teachers Kerry Jones and Mandy Rauffer and assistant teacher Dawn Connolly; nursery class co-head teachers Jessica Kaiafas and Abigail Davis. Weekly updates of what's happening can be viewed on the online PPPC newsletter, Facebook and PPPC weekly bulletin. Point Beach Prep employs a cleaning service person to maintain the classrooms in compliance with the State Board of Regulations for pre schools. We are specifically indebted to Randy Crate and Frank Jones for their many hours of work in keeping our facility up to the set standards required during frequent unannounced licensing inspections! All staff members receive twice yearly performance reviews

conducted by Director Devlin House as well as a yearly review of the director by two board members. The staff continue to improve their skills through attendance at continuing education workshop courses that are specific to the curriculum. PBP is also part of a coordinated effort with Pt. Pleasant Beach High School 's child development program in which high school students are integrated into the program. This year PBP students' art work will be featured in the North Hall Gallery on display from January 13-29th coordinated by art curator and board member Karen Norby! Please be sure to check out their work!

Each year we continue to improve the infrastructure of the Christian Education building as well as contributing monthly to the church at large. We also maintain the outdoor play and surrounding areas. As Chair, I am most grateful for our dedicated board of directors who provide guidance and support as a liaison between PBP and the Church through regular monthly meetings on the last Thursday of each month at 10:00 am. If anyone has a calling to be part of this wonderful ministry please contact any board member for more information. We are blessed by the full support of our pastor and congregation, the building and grounds committee and particularly, our PW circles who continually seek unique and meaningful ways to link our church and support our PBP families. We are most grateful for their involvement and as always, Point Beach Prep gladly welcomes volunteers and visitors to our classrooms! Join us morning or afternoon!

Please like and follow us on Facebook and keep in touch online with weekly news from PPPC; check out our website www.pointbeachprep.com or call (732) 701-9900 to speak directly with Devlin House, Director.

In Christian Service,
Elizabeth Ploskonka, Chair, PBP Board of Directors

2018-19 Board Members: Ginny Claeys, Nancy Cook, Lynn Hahm, Kent Lorentzen, Karen Norby, Sue Perkowski, Treasurer, Barbara Reusch, Reverend Osy Nüesch

Point Beach Prep Income/Expenses Year End Summary

Income		Expenses	
Tuition	153,508	Capital Improvements	0
Lunch Bunch	7,256	Class Supplies	5,600
Snack Fee	4,725	Cleaning Products	795
Registration	4,360	Cleaning Services	4,797
Drop in Fee	1,743	Continuing Ed/Licensing	783
Late Fee	145	Church Contributions	6,635
Misc Income	783	Gifts	2,110
Returned Ck Fee	30	Insurance	2,303
Total Income	\$172,550	Maintenance	1,331
		Marketing	2,263
		Office Expense	5,680
		Payroll	119,845
		Payroll Processing Fee	1,398
		Payroll Tax	9,746
		Petty Cash	0
		Phone	2,901
		Snack	2,496
		Substitutes	3,333
		Total Expenses	\$171,966
Total Income			\$172,550
Total Expenses			\$171,966
Net Income			\$584

January 2019 - PBP contributed additional \$1,435 to the furnace fund.

April 2019 - PBP purchased new tables and chairs for the movie room in the Christian Ed Annex.

May 2019 - PBP increased the monthly contribution from \$300 to \$500 per month.

August 2019 - PBP prepaid monthly contribution through December to help with summer funds.

Provided additional funding for church expenses in advance of insurance premium due in 2020.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Perkowski

Scouts

Pack and Troop 6 had another great year of scouting. We serve over 175 youth between both programs. Suzanne Hanf is our Cub Master. We celebrated over 70 years of service to youth.

The Pack did all the usual fun events, such as Pinewood Derby, Blue and Gold Dinner, but also got out to many outdoor camping and historical places. We had our traditional joint Thanksgiving feast at Allaire State Park with a full Thanksgiving meal cooked there in the site by the Troop as well as forest made New England and Manhattan Clam Chowders.

The Troop continues to camp at least once a month. We participate in council and district events such as the Klondike held at Citta Scout Reservation. We ran the Klondike for the Council with sleds and snow everywhere as the scouts traveled about Camp Citta with nothing but a compass to guide them. They participated in many shooting events as well. Troop 6 also ran the Webelos Woods for the District at Citta with over 416 people attending.

Troop 6 had several Eagle Scouts in 2019. These all required leadership and substantial projects to support nonprofit organizations. More Eagles are planned for next year with two projects planned at the church. In 2019, we started a female Troop - 600 and Ship 6 with an emphasis on sailing.

We thank the church for its continued support of our Scouting ministry, originally chartered here in 1929. We had a 90th Anniversary party on September 21, 2019. Thank you to the North Hall Gallery for allowing us to display scouting and Troop 6 memorabilia as part of our anniversary.

Jim McGuire,
Scoutmaster Troop 6
Committee Chair Pack 6

Sunday School

(Preschool age 3 through grade 5)

We all want our children to love God, follow Jesus, and grow up to be individuals of faith. With support from the congregation, parents/guardians join with our minister and Sunday School teachers in this great mission.

Children begin their Sunday in church and, after the "Time for Children," are led by their teachers to the Christian Education Annex. First, we meet together in a large group in Wilton Hall and, occasionally, in the main Sunday School room downstairs. The children experience a motivational opening activity with instruction, a Bible Story video presentation, music, and prayer. Next, we break into three smaller groups in classrooms for discussion and creative follow-up activities that challenge children to move, play, connect, imagine, or reflect. These experiences combine to reinforce one clear and simple "bottom line" idea each week, so the children will retain what matters most.

Drawing from people and scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, our monthly themes or "life apps" this school year have included: *Trust-Putting your confidence in someone you can depend on, Courage-Being brave enough to do what you should do, even when you're afraid, Honor-Letting someone know you see how valuable they really are, Joy-Finding a way to be happy even when things don't go your way, and Knowledge-Learning something new so you can be better at whatever you do.*

We are thankful for our 22 registered children representing 14 families. Weekly attendance mirrors family attendance at church. We are also grateful for the dedicated, sustained commitment of our teachers: Marian Blackford, Corey MacGregor, Karen McDermitt, Joanne McGuire, Sue Perkowski, Cathy Walker, and Ryan Wittmann. We appreciate, also, the willingness of individuals who cheerfully lend their service, when needed, as substitutes.

With joy and thanksgiving,
Frank Perkowski
Sunday School Coordinator

Vacation Bible School

(August 5-9, 2019—Preschool through Grade 5)

We were happy to welcome 43 children this summer, a 54% increase over last year! We are grateful for the 14 adult and 3 student volunteers who made the experience possible. Thank you, also, to the members of the congregation who donated funds and snacks to support the summer faith growth of our children.

The title of our Vacation Bible School experience was “POWER UP—*Raise Your Game!*” We based our activities around the scripture verse “**God’s power has given us everything we need to lead a godly life.**” 2 Peter 1:3a, (NIRV) Activities took place within a motivating video game backdrop.

We concentrated on one “bottom line” idea each day:

- God wants you to know Him.
- You can know God through His Word.
- God sent Jesus to save us.
- God sent His Spirit to help you.
- You can help others know God.

Each morning we worshipped, experienced a new Bible story video presentation, participated in small group follow-up activities, created crafts, enjoyed snacks, learned new songs with exciting dance moves, and played games. Our week included a culminating Family Night, as well.

As a Mission Project, our families supplied special items for backpacks (i.e. pajamas, pillow pet, pillow buddy, stuffed animal, blanket, child’s book) to be given to temporarily homeless children who participate with their families in our Interfaith Hospitality Network throughout the year.

Joyfully,
Sue Perkowski
VBS Coordinator

Youth Group

We started off the year with Super Bowl of Caring on February 3. The soup that was collected was taken to St Gregory's Pantry. Alissa Pazienza led our youth group starting March 3. We had anywhere from 2 to 11 youth attend activities held during the year: Game night - April 4, Making of Palm Crosses - April 11, Cinco de Mayo - May 5, Volunteered at the Sunday School Geranium Sale - May 5, Beach Day - May 21 and the youth group finale - June 2. On December 15, we had 2 youth assist with setting up for the St. Gregory's Toy Distribution. We're currently looking for a Director of Youth Ministries.

Session Committee Report

Outreach Committee

Session Committee Chair - Bette Hughes

The Outreach Committee oversees Mission and functions related to hospitality and fellowship for members, prospective members and guests.

Mission work continues to be a priority for our church and numerous members tirelessly and unselfishly offer their time and resources to support our mission programs to make a difference for those who need it most. Set forth below are some of the highlights of our mission and fellowship efforts.

Bread/Hospitality

The 2019 Bread Team is composed of four regular members. We are an enthusiastic band of volunteers who only wish to be busier. We deliver bread to visitors who sign the pew pad. The delicious bread is baked by the member or store bought and packaged appealingly in a small cloth bag (thank you Donna Wittmann). Besides the yummy bread, the bag is filled with "PPPC", "Busy-Hands for Missions" and "PW" brochures. We are alerted via e-mail, by the church office, thank you Kim for all you do. Out of town visitors are sent a postcard or note welcoming them to our church; brochures are often included in the envelope. This year we delivered a total of nine (9) breads and sent two (2) note cards including the brochures. Alas, we are only as responsive as the visitors who are adventurous enough to sign the pew pad.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Norby
Bread Team Coordinator

Cents-Ability Noisy Offering

We continued our monthly noising offering to collect loud and noisy coins to donate to Saint Mary's Table, which offers hot meals once a week to area residents. We were recently told that Saint Mary's Table feeds almost a hundred people a week, including some young children, so please remember your spare change adds up and **MAKES A DIFFERENCE!**

Christmas Community Dinner

Each year PPPC hosts the Ocean County Christmas Community Dinner. As Donna Wittmann has said on numerous occasions, it takes a tremendous amount of work to hold a two hour dinner. This year, preparations were started by Nancy Stout, the 2019 chairperson, in October with supply shopping. A professional crew was retained to clean the kitchen two weeks before Christmas, which required a pre-cleaning cleanup and then two weekends after to get everything back in place. The Boy Scouts and some congregants set up the tables and chairs the Sunday before Christmas. Then, on Christmas Eve day, the real work started. The room was decorated, serving stations set up, and most importantly, the food was picked up from the three local businesses that donate every year: Joe Leone's, Martells and Muellers. All of this work took twelve hours. On Christmas Day, volunteers started arriving early (7 a.m.).

Two cooks and a “food runner” delivered hot food like clockwork. Cleanup was finished about 3PM. There was only a small amount of food remaining after the dinner and it was donated to the Valentine House. All in all, it took over forty volunteers from around the county to feed approximately 125 guests a hot meal, but anyone who witnessed the noisy conversation and smiling faces that occurred during this highly anticipated two hour holiday gathering knows the effort was well worth it! This is a HUGE undertaking at a very busy time of the year and we thank everyone, especially Nancy, for their commitment and dedication.

Church Picnic

This year’s Church Picnic was held on August 4 at Riverfront Park in Point Pleasant. A whole team of people continues to do a wonderful job in planning all the details that make our picnic a success time after time. Moving worship to a new offsite location, as well as having a picnic afterwards, is no easy task. Thank you to all who helped. Pastor Osy lead the informal worship service with Communion. This year’s theme was “The Gift of Creation.” After the service, there was a great time of food and fellowship. Each guest or family, brought either a side dish, salad, or dessert to share and the Manzos graciously donated a variety of Jersey Mike’s subs. Thank you to Frank and Kerry Jones and Randy Crate who continuously make sure every need is met for everyone to enjoy themselves.

Communion Brunch

There is nothing better for mortals than to eat, drink, and find enjoyment in their toil. This also I saw is from the hand of God. Ecclesiastes 2:24

The Communion Brunch continued to follow the 10:00 a.m. service the first Sunday of the month. What began in June 2008 is now in its 12th year. I am still in awe watching our kitchen crew create, cook, and serve delicious breakfasts for Communion Brunch. The brunch is served from September through June. Because of your generosity, we are able to just about cover our expenses. We would like to be able to cover all our expenses and be able to donate more to mission-worthy Church projects. The Communion Brunch is a wonderful way to share our Christian love.

Crest Pointe Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center

Faithful and dedicated members continued our support of Claremont Care Center, now known as Crest Pointe, by preparing and leading simple Sunday services for the residents, who always enjoy the faith and fellowship that these services provide. Our church is responsible for the fourth Sunday of each month and the service typically runs from 2:30 to 3:00 pm. Singing and sharing stories of faith are often the highlight for those that participate and our leaders find that this is a very rewarding and well received outreach. We offer our heartfelt thanks to our volunteers from this past year, including Susan Beltran, Donna Wittmann, Jacque Thornton (multiple times), Kent and Susan Lorentzen, Lydia Day Circle, Robin DeRosa, Tabitha Circle, Eileen Lindner and musicians Peggy Bierach, Karen Norby and Karen Baron.

Interfaith Hospitality Network

This year our church hosted twelve families through the IHN program. We fed and housed forty-one people, sixteen adults, and twenty-two children. We also provided Christmas gifts for three boys and their new sister. The gifts of sweaters, hoodies, sweatpants and underwear were very practical. We added a few chapter books and footballs just for fun! Thank you to the many volunteers who provided their time and donations to the IHN program. We are always in need of more help. The goal is to have six volunteers for each day that our guests are with us. That is a lot of people! Please think about becoming an IHN volunteer, it is fun and rewarding.

Dorothy and Jack Tolley

Kitchen Committee

The Kitchen Committee is more than a committee that makes food routinely. This spiritual group supports and encourages one another through the many different challenges of life. Through creating, cooking, serving and Christian camaraderie, life time bonds have been established.

The Kitchen Committee was comprised of the following wonderful people:

Jacque Thornton, Rich Bavier, Carol Bonebrake, Linda Lee Smith, Barbara Reusch, Terri Satterlee, Susan Reilly, Diane Sikora, Blake Birdsong, Tom and Dee D'Amore, Arlene Wacha. New to the Kitchen Team in 2019 were Carol Ketchersid, David Satterlee, Maggie Giase, Keith Reilly and Linda Chase. Monthly, they faithfully volunteer their time and finances (through food donations) in order to feed our Church at the monthly Communion Brunch as well as any Church event that has a need. Everyone on this committee has a servant's heart and each of them is greatly appreciated. New members are always welcome.

In Jesus' love,
Jacque Miscavage Thornton
Kitchen Committee Chair

Repast Committee

New in 2019, the Repast Committee's main purpose is to provide compassionate assistance at a very difficult time in a family's life. We assist the family in the planning of a reception following the funeral. We provide selected beverages, set-up, meal service and the clean-up. Every effort is made to be of service and to ease the family's burden with planning and completion of the repast. If you would like to be a part of our Repast Committee, please contact us. We welcome all. Members include Carol Bonebrake, Barbara Reusch, Marilyn Rice, Diane Sikora and Linda Lee Smith.

Social Justice Group

The Social Justice Group was first discussed in Session in October of 2019. Several members of the church had indicated their awareness of many social issues present in our country and voiced a desire to become more involved in a prophetic manner. A chair was chosen, Lynn O'Hara, and a call was put out for members.

The first meeting of the group occurred on December 10, 2019. Questions put to the members included choosing a focus to begin with and the manner with which to act. Education of the congregation and surrounding community was deemed of high importance. The decision was made to aim for 4 presentations a year on a variety of topics. The committee decided to start with the concept of "Acceptance". Members were then to research ways to impart the idea of acceptance of those different from us. Additionally, a book club on relevant social justice topics is being offered. The first book club meeting will be in February. The second meeting of the group is scheduled for Jan 21, 2020.

Lynn O'Hara
Chair of the Social Justice Group

Special Offerings

This past year our mission work included appeals and collections for Blanket Sunday, Peace and Global Witness and One Great Hour of Sharing. These collections give us the opportunity to broaden our reach and support mission efforts around the world.

St. Gregory's Pantry

The Church continues to collect food and support the Pantry's efforts, including holiday food distributions. The Church also refers those in need to the Pantry for support and assistance.

St. Gregory's Toyland

Once again, our annex was put to great use as a Christmas Toyland Shop loaded with donated toys, clothing and gift cards for area families in need of assistance, so that all children may share in the joy of presents on Christmas morning. The joy of the season is also felt by all those involved and we thank everyone that assisted and/or donated gifts. This is a community wide project and we are grateful that we can use and share our annex for this wonderful event.

Summer Guests

This past summer Pastor Osy and the church welcomed summer guests with water bottles beautifully packaged by the Busy Hands group and presented by Marilyn Rice and others during service. This simple gesture was well received and highlighted the warm and welcoming nature of our church.

Valentine House Epiphany Party

The New Year kicked off with the annual Epiphany Party at the Joan Valentine House. Approximately 50 residents were treated to a joyful celebration that included refreshments and gifts donated by members through our annual Giving Tree, which is a simple, yet inspiring and important component of our Advent and Christmas season.

Session Committee Report

Resource Committee

Session Committee Chair - Craig Lambie

The Resource Committee includes responsibilities in the areas Buildings and Grounds, Finance, the North Hall Gallery, Personnel, and Stewardship.

Buildings and Grounds

Presented below is the Annual Building and Grounds Report for 2019. The report includes the 2019 budget/actual figures. The report also includes a summary of accomplishments/happenings during the year.

The following are some highlights of the report:

2019 Budget (B&G and Utilities) was \$80,510 with actuals of \$75,194 ending the year 6.6% under budget.

Church Building

- Changed sanctuary lighting to LED bulbs to save energy
- Replacement of Primary A/C air handler and compressor
- Fellowship Office refurbished
- Memorial Garden refurbished
- Cover added for Sanctuary Fan

Annex Building

- Replaced Front/Rear Door Security System
- Deep Cleaning of the Kitchen

Potential Major Projects for 2020 - Budget and Funding dependent

- New Sound/Video system for Annex
- WiFi for the Annex
- Additional Manse improvements (hardwood floors/kitchen cabinets)
- Campus Signage project - possible Eagle Scout project
- Playground Safety and functional improvements - possible Eagle Scout project

In summary, the Sanctuary/Annex ended 2019 with some needed upgrades/repairs. I want to pass along my grateful appreciation and thanks to many helpers throughout the year: Tony Coppolino, Randy Crate, Joe Decker, Craig Lambie, Jim McGuire, Brian Potter, Howard Gilbert, Kim Gaydos, Kyle Jones, Jane Millar, Jacque Thornton, Troop 6 Scouts and others who were so instrumental in these efforts.

Respectfully Submitted:

Frank Jones

Buildings and Grounds Chair

Finance

As we enter this new decade I am sure it can be said that this is a very important and historic year for Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church and you. The year 2020 will bring us both opportunities and challenges. There are decisions that need to be made to keep us growing and reaching out to our community.

We have put together a budget that has the potential to be neutral or better with the support we are counting on. We have had a good response to our pledge drive with an increase of the average amount committed. In the budget we have included less than the full per capita support we are billed by Presbytery. In your envelopes you will find one for Per Capita, our contribution to Presbytery Synod and General Assembly is \$40 per member. Please give this consideration. We will be asking for help as we have included a \$10,000 Fund Raising effort led by our new Fundraising Committee.

In terms of salaries we have included one Pastoral salary to cover our current Interim Pastor Osy and our new permanent Pastor when we make that call. There will not be any overlapping of Pastors salaries during this process. Personnel has recommended that our other employees be given a 2% cost of living adjustment. There is also a salary included for a Director of Youth Ministeries which we plan to fill this year.

We know we will be incurring some new one time expenses to complete our Pastoral search and bring in a new leader. The budget includes \$3,000 to cover any travel expenses which could be part of this process. We do not know where this new person is coming from but we will have to provide some moving expenses. Osy and Juli have done a great job fixing up and decorating the manse but there are still a few projects that will need to be done before it is fully ready to be occupied by the new pastor.

We have done a good job trying to control our expenses and we thank everyone for that effort. Closing doors, turning off lights, keeping thermostats down and the overall volunteer effort has been great. If you see opportunities for cost savings please let us know, it all helps.

We are not a church but a church family and with your support in terms of finances , time and talents we will keep growing for a long time. God bless our church, families and friends.

Thanks you for your support!

Craig Lambie
Finance Committee Chair

Treasurer's Report as of December 2019 Budget Income

Account #	Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Budget YTD	Annual Budget
Income					
4.101.100	Pledges	28,626.00	216,069.90	198,000.00	198,000.00
4.101.110	Non-Pledge Envelopes	7,190.00	27,246.00	36,000.00	36,000.00
4.101.120	Plate Offering--Cash	967.29	3,313.42	3,000.00	3,000.00
4.101.130	Initial Offering	0.00	320.00	600.00	600.00
4.101.140	Per Capita Inc.	240.00	3,300.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
4.101.150	Donations - Individuals	250.00	2,975.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
4.101.152	Donations - Organizations	25.00	1,305.05	1,000.00	1,000.00
4.101.153	Donations - Weddings	500.00	600.00	500.00	500.00
4.101.155	Church School	82.00	638.30	1,000.00	1,000.00
4.101.160	Christmas	9,852.00	10,062.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
4.101.162	Easter	0.00	5,762.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
4.101.164	Ash Wednesday	0.00	399.00	400.00	400.00
4.101.165	Maundy Thursday	0.00	499.19	400.00	400.00
4.101.166	Good Friday	0.00	628.00	700.00	700.00
4.101.300	Endowment Fund Interest	0.00	10,104.79	15,000.00	15,000.00
4.101.320	Ludgate Fund Interest	0.00	2,227.09	3,000.00	3,000.00
4.101.325	Church Fundraisers	120.00	2,631.39	4,000.00	4,000.00
4.101.327	Bequest	0.00	1,000.00		
4.101.332	Point Beach Prep	0.00	4,900.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
4.101.334	Memorial Gifts	0.00	2,040.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total Income			\$47,852.29	\$296,021.13	\$288,200.00
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2019 Financial Activity	YTD Actuals	
Receipts		296,021.13
Staff Expense	174,983.95	
Program Expense	5,410.48	
Buildings & Grounds Expense	75,194.73	
Office Expense	8,396.78	
Land Purchase Loan Payment	14,981.04	
Benevolence	5,000.00	
Per Capita	6,620.00	
Total Disbursements		290,586.98
Receipts less Disbursements		5,434.15

2020 Budget

Account Name	2020 Budget	2019 Actual	2018 Actual	2017 Actual
<i>Income</i>				
Pledges	\$215,000.00	\$216,069.90	\$175,381.00	\$218,425.00
Non-Pledge Envelopes	\$25,000.00	\$27,246.00	\$33,760.00	\$39,689.75
Plate Offering--Cash	\$3,200.00	\$3,313.42	\$2,779.91	\$2,688.40
Initial Offering	\$400.00	\$320.00	\$350.00	\$619.00
Per Capita Inc.	\$4,000.00	\$3,300.00	\$3,006.00	\$3,243.00
Donations - Individuals	\$3,000.00	\$2,975.00	\$140.00	\$4,184.95
Donations - Organizations	\$1,000.00	\$1,305.05	\$858.25	\$700.00
Donations - Weddings	\$250.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Church School	\$700.00	\$638.30	\$954.06	\$581.12
Christmas	\$8,000.00	\$10,062.00	\$5,967.05	\$7,504.16
Easter	\$6,000.00	\$5,762.00	\$3,644.00	\$3,943.75
Ash Wednesday	\$400.00	\$399.00	\$358.00	\$478.00
Maundy Thursday	\$400.00	\$499.19	\$69.00	\$306.57
Good Friday	\$600.00	\$628.00	\$560.00	\$477.00
Endowment Fund Interest	\$12,000.00	\$10,104.79	\$14,249.56	\$4,069.72
Ludgate Fund Interest	\$2,750.00	\$2,227.09	\$2,775.50	\$1,231.59
Church Fundraisers	\$10,000.00	\$2,631.39	\$350.00	\$13,377.48
Bequest	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Point Beach Prep	\$6,000.00	\$4,900.00	\$2,950.00	\$10,600.00
Memorial Gifts	\$2,000.00	\$2,040.00	\$755.00	\$2,105.00
Total Budget Income	\$300,700.00	\$296,021.13	\$248,907.33	\$314,474.49
<i>Expenses</i>				
Pastor Salary			\$11,400.59	\$51,403.04
Pastor Social Security Supp.			\$682.52	\$5,877.82
Pastor Supp.			\$138.45	\$1,199.90
Pastor Pension			\$704.31	\$8,451.72
Pastor Medical			\$1,600.71	\$18,824.28
Pastor D/DIS			\$64.03	\$768.36
Pastor Dental			\$75.44	\$905.28
Pastor Prof. Expenses			\$292.00	\$3,500.00
Pastor Home Equity Allowance			\$173.07	\$1,499.94
Pastor Furnishing Allowance			\$576.93	\$5,000.06
Total Pastor Compensation			\$15,708.05	\$97,430.40
Int. Pastor Salary	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.08	\$14,423.10	
Int. Pastor Social Security Supp.	\$5,355.00	\$5,354.96	\$1,544.70	
Int. Pastor Pension	\$7,700.00	\$7,700.04	\$2,566.68	
Int. Pastor Medical	\$17,500.00	\$17,499.96	\$5,833.32	
Int. Pastor D/DIS	\$700.00	\$699.96	\$233.32	
Int. Pastor Dental	\$905.00	\$905.28	\$301.76	
Int. Pastor Prof. Expenses	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$433.17	
Int. Pastor Continuing Education	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	
Int. Pastor Furnishing Allowance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	
Total Int. Pastor Compensation	\$85,160.00	\$84,660.28	\$30,336.05	\$0.00

Account Name	2020 Budget	2019 Actual	2018 Actual	2017 Actual
Staff #105-Church Secretary	\$23,994.00	\$23,501.95	\$22,932.88	\$22,499.88
Staff #106-Financial Secretary	\$12,480.00	\$12,409.47	\$11,600.44	\$11,576.25
Staff #160-Chancel Choir Director	\$10,710.00	\$11,100.00	\$7,518.92	\$13,634.66
Staff #155-Organist	\$13,484.00	\$13,207.04	\$12,887.30	\$12,643.80
Staff #161-Director of Youth Ministries	\$5,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$8,100.00
Staff Pensions	\$2,524.39	\$2,745.48	\$2,475.00	\$2,475.00
Staff Medical	\$14,336.00	\$13,850.88	\$13,856.40	\$12,856.08
Staff Dental	\$1,168.44	\$1,168.44	\$389.48	
Staff - D/DIS	\$250.40	\$249.64	\$225.00	\$225.00
Staff Continuing Education	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$20.00
Membership/Prof. Fee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$80.00
Employer's FICA Expense	\$5,024.00	\$7,958.23	\$6,027.42	\$6,239.70
Total Staff Compensation	\$88,971.23	\$88,191.13	\$77,912.84	\$90,310.37
Organist Substitute	\$1,500.00	\$1,650.00	\$1,525.00	\$1,300.00
Pulpit Supply	\$500.00	\$525.00	\$3,325.00	\$0.00
Supply Mileage	\$300.00	\$55.11	\$523.82	
Moderator Mileage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$375.00	
Travel Expenses	\$3,000.00	\$0.00		
Pastor Moving Expenses	\$5,000.00	\$0.00		
Pulpit/Organ/Supply	\$10,300.00	\$2,230.11	\$5,748.82	\$1,300.00
Total Personnel Expense	\$184,431.23	\$175,081.52	\$129,705.76	\$189,040.77
Worship	\$600.00	\$901.88	\$1,043.95	\$438.83
Worship--Chancel Choir	\$500.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
Worship--Dove Choir	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3.99
Bell Choir	\$100.00	\$38.49	\$0.00	\$100.00
Church School Exp.	\$2,000.00	\$1,779.64	\$2,000.00	\$520.94
Vacation Bible School	\$800.00	\$636.78	\$501.21	-\$108.82
Youth Ministries	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Evangelism	\$100.00	\$67.73	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fellowship	\$500.00	\$503.83	\$676.79	\$754.48
Picnic	\$200.00	\$63.44	\$84.87	\$421.48
Mission	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Stewardship	\$1,000.00	\$983.90	\$919.07	\$1,071.12
Confirmation Class	\$200.00	\$173.88	\$192.10	\$0.00
Contingency	\$400.00	\$10.91	\$344.95	\$225.97
IHN	\$500.00			
Social Justice	\$500.00			
Total Program Expense	\$7,800.00	\$5,410.48	\$6,012.94	\$3,927.99
Custodial Supplies	\$1,500.00	\$1,649.58	\$1,658.29	\$1,448.45
Sunday Custodian	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00
Custodial Services	\$18,000.00	\$16,955.00	\$17,238.75	\$18,558.75
Maintenance - Ground	\$6,000.00	\$4,140.91	\$4,255.00	\$7,373.25
Maintenance - Church	\$2,500.00	\$2,733.37	\$2,528.26	\$1,568.56
A/C Compressors	\$0.00	\$7,942.00		
Maintenance - CE Annex	\$3,000.00	\$2,533.36	\$3,637.45	\$2,965.87
Maintenance - Manse	\$1,500.00	\$1,060.37	\$1,201.12	\$1,222.50

Account Name	2020 Budget	2019 Actual	2018 Actual	2017 Actual
Maintenance - Organ	\$600.00	\$350.00	\$525.00	\$625.00
Maintenance - Pianos	\$250.00	\$306.30	\$131.30	\$224.15
Maintenance - Handbells	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Maintenance	\$34,650.00	\$38,970.89	\$32,475.17	\$35,286.53
Electric - Church	\$3,500.00	\$3,156.87	\$3,882.31	\$3,899.14
Electric - CE	\$4,000.00	\$3,854.52	\$3,586.49	\$3,926.21
Electric - Manse	\$1,500.00	\$1,334.31	\$1,235.44	\$2,406.33
Total Electric Expense	\$9,000.00	\$8,345.70	\$8,704.24	\$10,231.68
Gas - Church	\$4,000.00	\$3,433.44	\$3,747.44	\$5,006.97
Gas - CE	\$5,000.00	\$6,123.00	\$6,422.20	\$5,256.76
Gas - Manse	\$1,400.00	\$1,401.00	\$1,047.30	\$1,358.22
Total Gas Expense	\$10,400.00	\$10,957.44	\$11,216.94	\$11,621.95
Water/Sewer - Church	\$800.00	\$537.52	\$902.24	\$755.70
Water/Sewer - CE	\$1,000.00	\$657.65	\$1,108.64	\$884.38
Water/Sewer - Manse	\$700.00	\$509.90	\$693.72	\$1,139.74
Total Water/Sewer Expense	\$2,500.00	\$1,705.07	\$2,704.60	\$2,779.82
Phone - Church	\$3,145.00	\$3,031.23	\$2,485.14	\$2,702.48
Phone/TV/Internet-Manse	\$1,532.00	\$1,530.20	\$555.57	
Insurance	\$11,000.00	\$10,654.20	\$12,874.75	\$13,674.06
Total Phone & Insurance	\$15,677.00	\$15,215.63	\$15,915.46	\$16,376.54
Total Buildings/Ground Expense	\$72,227.00	\$75,194.73	\$71,016.41	\$76,296.52
Office Supplies	\$3,500.00	\$3,324.01	\$3,349.92	\$3,310.73
Postage	\$700.00	\$803.50	\$537.75	\$1,151.46
Office Equipment Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$137.83	\$368.21
Copy Machine Lease	\$1,668.00	\$1,668.00	\$1,668.00	\$1,668.00
Payroll Service	\$1,500.00	\$1,924.42	\$1,476.44	\$1,502.00
Vanco Fees	\$400.00	\$270.10	\$438.31	\$660.98
Session Expenses	\$500.00	\$408.75	\$1,541.47	\$107.99
Total Office Expense	\$8,268.00	\$8,398.78	\$9,149.72	\$8,769.37
Land Purchase Loan	\$14,981.04	\$14,981.04	\$14,981.04	\$14,981.00
Land Purchase Loan Payment	\$14,981.04	\$14,981.04	\$14,981.04	\$14,981.00
Benevolence Exp.	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,666.64
Per Capita Exp.	\$6,600.00	\$6,620.00	\$3,006.00	\$3,271.00
Total Benevolence & Per Capita	\$11,600.00	\$11,620.00	\$3,006.00	\$4,937.64
Total Budget Expenses	\$299,307.27	\$290,686.55	\$233,871.87	\$297,953.29
YTD Deficit-Income Less Expenses	\$1,392.73	\$5,434.15	-\$11,652.34	-\$17,123.25

North Hall Gallery

From the humble beginnings of repurposing our library, the "North Hall Gallery" has become a viable space for exhibits. It has become a space for members of our congregation, friends and community to exhibit and interact with the works of art and interests throughout the year.

This did not happen overnight. Books needed to be moved, some donated, others given back to their owners. Some were transformed to "Altered Books". A creative exhibit of these books was on display in our sanctuary during the month of April. Walls were repaired and painted, a gallery hanging system was purchased with funds donated specifically for the North Hall Gallery, and the system was installed. Thanks to the many people in our congregation who gave of their time and talents to make the gallery a reality.

THE GALLERY TEAM has three members. These team members help hang work if needed and contribute with their support and ideas. We are grateful to Kim for her support, guidance and creativity. She creates the rack cards, blurbs for publicity and shares her technology skills.

PUBLICITY about current exhibits is published on the Point Pleasant Beach Chamber of Commerce, Point Pleasant Chamber of Commerce and Ocean County Tourism websites and our own Facebook page. The Ocean Star is notified of exhibits at the North Hall Gallery. Rack cards are created and displayed in both Chambers of Commerce and Point Beach and Point Boro Libraries.

EXHIBITS 2019 included: "Glimpses Around the World" Jeff Childers, Photography, Point Pleasant Beach High School Art Department, "Retrospect", Karen Norby, Mixed Media, "Celebrating Our Heritage" a photo exhibit tracing the history of the congregation from its establishment in 1882, and "A Stitch For All Time", Sue Hankins, Counted Cross Stitch.

In 2020 we will continue to look for quality exhibitors, suggestions are welcome! We are also looking forward to outside signage; an inviting way to introduce members of the community to come inside and view our historic and unique exhibit space, "North Hall Gallery".

Respectively Submitted,
Karen Norby, Team Leader
Team Members, Robin Cook, Adrienne Fanizzo, Celishia Scarpone

Personnel

2019 was a quieter year for the Personnel Committee, The main priority for the Personnel Committee continues to be to find a Director of Youth Ministries. In the meantime, the committee will be holding family nights at the church. The first is a Carnival on January 31. It will feature fun games, music and food. Please plan on attending and be sure to bring the kids and grandkids.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim McGuire

Stewardship

In 2019 the congregation responded generously to the campaign "Challenged and Sustained by Faith" by estimating \$198,000 in support of the church's life and ministry. By the end of the year, the actual contributions received came to \$216,069. Great faith was demonstrated and God blessed and sustained us in wonderful ways.

In the fall, the committee comprised of Min Curtis, Bette Hughes, Craig Lambie, Diane Manzo, and Jim McGuire was increased by welcoming deacon Carol Ketchersid. It took us several tries combined by some creativity and imagination to come up with a theme that expressed our convictions as well as our expectations. Eventually it all came into focus with "Anchored in Christ to Achieve Great Things." We want to give glory to God for all that God has given us in Jesus Christ and through our pledges of financial support, we are confident that God, the Holy Spirit, will surprise us with what will get accomplished in 2020.

We kicked off the appeal on October 20 and concluded it on November 12, our Stewardship Sunday, with the presentation and dedication of our pledges. Along the way we heard personal, memorable and moving reflections from Brian Potter, Liz Ploskonka, Karen Baron, Lynn Hahm, Kerry Jones, Craig Lambie, and Howard Gilbert. In the end, 82 pledges have been received for a total of \$220,494, of which \$6,900 was already received before the closing of the year.

We realize that faithful stewardship comprises more than money. We are grateful for a congregation that also offers to God time, talents, worship, vulnerability, compassion, prayer and love. God will accomplish much with willing and generous hearts in 2020!

Pastor Osy
Convener

Session Committee Report

Worship Committee

Session Committee Chair - Diane Manzo

The Worship Committee oversees all areas of worship that make our services inviting and conducive to a meaningful time of worship. Music ministries, Communion, sanctuary preparation and decorating are all part of the Worship Committee.

Throughout the year we are thankful for the many members of our congregation that work faithfully to keep our worship services running smoothly. We are thankful for the guidance of Pastor Osy and for the musical talents and dedication of Sara Hoey, Melanie Chambers, Morgan Sarbello, and the many Chancel and Choral Bell choir members who are part of our outstanding choral program. Throughout the year we also were blessed by many special soloists and music guests that included Jonathan Yount, Melanie Chambers, Bob Lerley on the cello, and Karen Baron on the violin. Thanks to Pastor Osy, who brought to us other musically guests: Bernice and Kristine Kephart, Vernon Post on the trombone. and famed musician Conrad Herwig also on the trombone.

We are thankful for the dedicated teams and helpers of Ushers, Communion Servers, Liturgists, Acolytes and office staff who contribute to making church service pridelful. Thank you to Head Usher Scott Smith, who since 2013 coordinated the ushers each week. We thank him for his service and we look to fulfill the Head Usher position in 2020. A big thank you to Joan and Ronald Panuska who faithfully prepare and cleanup the Sanctuary for Sunday Service. Thank you also to Donna Wittmann who keeps the Children's Worship Kits ready to go for any child sitting in worship. Marilyn Rice continues to change the Paraments according to the Liturgical Calendar. Thank you to Busy Hands for sewing and replacing the well-worn Ordinary Time green paraments. We like to thank Nancy Jalowski, Maria O'Connor, Karen Lucci and all who have serviced and helped throughout the year. Session approved Communion to at both services on Easter and on Christmas Eve at both the 7 and 11 o'clock services, for the first time. Both the Deacons and Elders continued to bring Communion to anyone who requested Communion. We like to thank Marylin Rice for overseeing this in 2019. Kerry Jones has taken over for 2020 and we thank her.

For Easter and Christmas, we continue to decorated the Sanctuary with Spring Flowers and Poinsettias. In the Spring the flowers were planted around the church. Throughout the year we continuously had fresh flowers that were then delivered by the Deacons to various people ill or home bound. Thank you to Celishia Scarpone who continues her beautiful Fall Harvest Decorations on the Communion Table every November. Special thanks to Frank Jones, Craig Lambie, Sue Hankins, Marilyn Rice, Randy Crate, Maria O'Connor and many others not mentioned who decorated and undecorated the sanctuary for the Christmas season.

Finally, I'd like to thank Kim Gaydos and Donna Ferry, our church office staff. Their commitment and hard work benefit the whole church. And we are grateful for all they do. We pray that 2020 finds all with good health and that we will all be touched by God to love, respect and serve others.

Diane Manzo,
Worship Committee Chair

Acolytes

Each week the Acolytes bring the light of Christ as we begin our worship service. The acolyte ministry provides our children and youth the opportunity to serve the Lord on a more personal basis through active participation in our service. This ministry is open to those of elementary school and middle school age. As an acolyte you have nothing to say and no meetings to attend! Instruction is given and robes are provided. Families have the opportunity to request particular dates they would like to serve. If you would like your child to be a part of this ministry please speak with Marjorie Meklin 908-433-3957.

Chancel Choir

I am pleased to report on my first full year as director of the Chancel Choir. We were sad to say goodbye to some beloved musicians, but were thrilled to welcome some new members. 2019 has been a year of discovery, worship, togetherness, and of course, wonderful music!

In addition to the anthems the choir sings most Sundays, we took pleasure in preparing special music for Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, and Christmas Eve. On Palm Sunday, we performed pieces from John Stainer's work "Crucifixion" to accompany the Easter readings. In June, we honored our current and former members with a Chancel Choir Recognition Day.

After a summer break, we returned in the fall with a bang! We were glad to welcome back some new members, and old members who were returning. During Advent, the choir presented a series of selections based on well-known composers' settings of classic Christmas melodies. We were joined by the Highland Park String Quartet and, of course, our incredible accompanist Sara Hoey on the organ. Special thanks to all the donors, including the Board of Deacons, who provided much of the funding for the quartet and soloists.

Additional thanks go to choir members who provided special music during the year, particularly in July and August. Those who shared their musical talents include Kevin Jasaitis, Ryan Jasaitis, Jon Yount, Arlene Wacha, Donna Wittmann, Morgan Sarbello on flute and Keith Reilly on piano.

The choir is always accepting new members! Singers do not have to be members of PPPC or from a Presbyterian background. We are an accepting and open community of musicians of all ages and abilities who enjoy coming together every week to sing. Rehearsals are Thursdays 7:30-9pm. We welcome "drop ins" at any time and I am happy to answer any questions you have at melaniedrewchambers@gmail.com

Respectfully submitted,
Melanie Chambers
Chancel Choir Director

Choral Bells Choir

The Choral Bells adds a unique musical experience to worship. The Choral Bells ring on various Sundays from September to June. The group rehearses from 6:00 to 7:00 on Monday evenings. This past year the Choral Bells had 15 participants who rang regularly or as a substitute. New members or substitute ringers are always welcome. Middle school and high school students are also encouraged to giving ringing a try. Ringing handbells can be picked up just as readily by beginners as by seasoned musicians.

Morgan Sarbello
Choral Bells Director

Other Board Reports

Benevolence Fund

Total Benevolence Disbursements	\$10,401.38
PCUSA General Mission	
General Assembly	\$430.00
Missionaries: Dennis & Maribel Smith	\$125.00
Tyler & Rochelle Holm	\$125.00
Synod 5%	\$170.00
Monmouth Presbytery 75%	\$2,550.00
Total General Mission	\$3,400.00
Presbyterian Camp/Conference Center	\$300.00
Theological Education Fund	\$300.00
Princeton Theological Seminary	\$350.00
Medical Benevolence Foundation	\$300.00
Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey	\$350.00
Total Non-general Mission	\$1,600.00
Special Disbursements	
Blanket Sunday/Tools of Hope	\$821.00
Peace & Global Witness (\$237.25 went to Providence House)	\$949.00
Centsability (\$265.69 went to St. Mary's Table)	\$1,060.11
OGHS	1,695.79
St. Gregory's Pantry	\$875.48
Total Special	\$5,401.38

Board of Deacons

The Board of Deacons wishes to thank the members for their generosity through monetary donations and support in 2019. We provide financial assistance to members of our congregation and community through a confidential review process. This year our church has been able to offer help at the right moment for many members of our community.

Assistance included but was not limited to utility bills and rent as well as providing gift and gas cards for those in need. The Deacons this year were able to provide gas cards to IHN families, which tend to travel a lot as they are moved to different churches each week. For Advent the Deacons provided each student at Point Beach Prep and the Sunday School with an Advent Calendar. PPC through the Board of Deacons also donated to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in multiple locations dealing with floods, hurricanes and wild fires. Deacons also gave to our local fire and police department for their years of service. During times when we could not be of assistance, we continued to give referrals to other agencies that might possibly help.

Our Deacons also provide spiritual support by visiting those who cannot attend services and by serving Home Communion. Through its ministry, the Board sends cards to those who need support both at home and in the hospital, maintains the Abbey Press Care Notes display in the Narthex.

Each Sunday, when available, a Deacon delivers the flowers from the service to bring joy to someone in need. We welcome anyone in the congregation who can help with the flower delivery - just let us know.

If you know of someone in need of our assistance, kindly talk to a Deacon or the Pastor. The work of the Deacon board is always confidential.

The Deacons also supported missions by

- Providing bereavement outreach to those suffering a loss of a loved one and/or medical or economic hardships.
- Supporting IHN, including filling 2 tables at the IHN Gift Auction and providing gas cards to IHN families.
- Supporting the Valentine House by coordinating the "Giving Tree" for their Epiphany party.
- Leading Worship Services at Crest Point Care Center.
- Sending care packages and letters/cards to our college students and active military.
- Supporting Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jonathan Yount
Moderator, Board of Deacons

Deacon's Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance 2019.	\$5383.32
Ending Balance 2019.	\$4648.24
Total Deposits 2019	\$5642.52
Total Expenses 2019.	\$6377.42

Breakdown Expense 2019

Gas Cards	\$275.00
Claremonts Assist	\$55.00
Police-Fire Assist	\$600.00
Coast Guard Assist	\$500.00
Rental Assistance	\$2679.54

Utility Assistance.	\$380.78
Hands Up Disbursement	\$500.00
Office Staff	\$200.00
Weather Assistance (Hurricane)	\$1000.00
Memorial Service.	\$61.89
Holiday Gifts (Home Contacts)	\$83.00
Advent Calendars	\$42.61

Randall Crate
Treasurer, Board of Deacons

Endowment and Emergency Fund

"As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be..."

1945

A committee of Church members proposed at the annual congregation meeting, a plan of creating a Perpetual Endowment Fund for the Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church of Point Pleasant, New Jersey.

The Church Endowment Fund would be created for a two-fold purpose; the first and main reason is as an emergency reserve fund to be drawn upon in only the most extreme cases. (Note that the recent depression, resulting in extreme Church difficulties fostered this type of thinking). The second is that when the Fund reaches a desired goal, the earnings could then be used for Church support without lowering the principal of the Fund. Historically, the income earned has been divided 75% for Church support and 25% for Fund principal. One hundred percent of the earned income will be given to Church support.

The proposal was adopted at that annual congregational meeting and the Fund was to be called the Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church Endowment and Emergency Fund hereafter referred to as the Fund.

Raising funds would be accomplished by inviting members to make certain contributions in memory or in honor of loved ones or by making bequests through wills. The monies raised would be given proper publicity in the Church work and publications at all times.

Donations (currently a minimum of \$1000) in memory or in honor of loved ones would provide for suitably engraved plates which would be mounted on the plaques in the rear of the sanctuary.

The administration of the Fund would be handled by a committee of three persons called Trustees who would be elected by the congregation at their annual meeting. These individuals could be re-elected to succeed themselves...note that in succeeding amendments the committee size was increased to five persons.

The Fund Trustees would be given full authority for the handling of the Fund but would have no authority to withdraw monies from the Fund for the Church or other purposes without a proper vote from the congregation.

Monies in the Fund would be placed only with investments of the highest safety and guarantee. Safety of principal would be the first consideration at all times. No investment would be made without the recorded approval of each Trustee.

No monies from the Fund would be used for any purpose of the Church except in most serious emergencies affecting the very life of the Church, i.e., destruction of the Church building, area wide catastrophes, extreme financial depression.

The rules and regulations of the Fund went on to provide a rigid procedure for the approval and release of monies for bona fide Church emergencies. The procedure requires that a written request by the Church Trustees (today the Session) be presented to the Fund Trustees and later presented to a special meeting of the congregation. This meeting would be suitably publicized from the pulpit for four Sundays prior to the meeting. If the majority attending the meeting agreed, the monies would then be taken from the Fund and transferred to the general Church account as

an interest free loan. Definite plans for immediate repayment of the loan by means of special drives with a designated 5% of the yearly budget would be put into action. The same would continue until the amount borrowed from the Fund was replaced.

The Fund Trustees would maintain minutes of all meetings and keep accurate records of all contributions, investments, and income. All records would be available for inspection by any member of the congregation. The Fund President would give an audited report at the Annual Congregational Meeting and be available to answer questions.

Additionally, the Fund Trustees oversee funds held for the Presbyterian Women as per the Florence D. Gallagher Will and funds bequeathed to the Church through the Marion A. Ludgate Will appropriately called the Marion A. Ludgate Memorial Fund and monies anonymously donated for the preservation of the Church organ appropriately called the Organ Maintenance Endowment.

Today, we continue to follow our forefathers' every step with full confidence and pride and to uphold the same philosophies and prudence they used in those early years. Our goal is to preserve the Fund's integrity and to safely grow the Fund for generations yet to come to lovingly use in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. With the continued support of our Church membership, the Fund will realize this goal and continue to serve as it does today as (1) an additional safeguard against emergencies and (2) an additional source of income for the Church to use as it deems appropriate.

2019 Fund Memorials and Honorariums: Given in Loving Memory of William P. Hoey, Jr.

Financial Statement for the following Funds

<i>Endowment and Emergency Fund (Principal as of December 31, 2018)</i>	\$485, 623.85
Memorials and Honorariums 2019.	\$1,000.00
Retained Interest (25% of earnings) (Suspended for 2019).	\$0.00
<i>Endowment and Emergency Fund (Principal as of December 31, 2019)</i>	\$486,623.85

<i>Presbyterian Women (Principal as of December 31, 2019)</i>	\$5,000.00
<i>Marion A. Ludgate Memorial Fund (Principal as of December 31, 2019)</i>	\$70,000.00
<i>Organ Maintenance Endowment (Principal as of December 31, 2019)</i>	\$8,206.97

EARNINGS

Ocean First Bank.	\$1,808.39
Annuities..	<u>\$8,135.33</u>
Subtotal.	\$9,943.72
Presbyterian Women.	\$107.73
Marion A. Ludgate Memorial Fund..	\$2,227.09
Organ Maintenance Endowment.	\$162.36
 GRAND TOTAL.	 \$12,440.90

DISTRIBUTION OF EARNINGS

	<u>Previous</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>Total</u>
Church Support	\$340,202.52	\$9,943.72	\$350,146.24
Transferred to Principal (25% of earnings - Suspended for 2019)	\$52,710.65	0.00	\$52,710.65
Presbyterian Women (In accordance with the will of F.D. Gallagher)	\$12,987.25	\$107.73	\$13,094.98
Marion A. Ludgate Memorial Funds	\$73,284.41	\$2,227.09	\$75,511.50
Organ Maintenance Endowment	<u>\$781.83</u>	<u>\$162.36</u>	<u>\$944.19</u>
TOTAL	\$479,966.66	\$12,440.90	\$492,407.56

Respectfully submitted by Trustees,
 Frank Scarpone, Jr., President
 John Curtis, Corresponding Secretary
 Brian Potter, Treasurer
 Katherine Durante, Recording Secretary

Mission Study Team/New Beginnings

The Church's New Beginnings journey and assessment culminated with the preparation of The New Beginnings Action Report, which was finalized and presented to the session at the November 2019 meeting. The New Beginnings process began at the end of 2017 and this past year under the leadership of committee chair, Kent Lorentzen, the New Beginnings committee comprised of members Dee D'Amore, Marjorie Meklin, Mandy Rauffer, MaryBeth Schroeder, Jim McGuire and secretary, Peter Farwell conducted extensive and faithful discernment of all of the ideas that were shared during the grassroots, small group discussions and developed a report and a matrix identifying the vision and priorities of PPPC. This project, which was promoted to the Church and the Session by Jim McGuire, was a HUGE undertaking with many participants and countless hours faithfully given, especially by the committee. The efforts of all those involved have provided the foundation for the Pastor Nominating Committee and the Action Report will serve as a critical tool for the church as we look ahead and move forward in faith, fellowship and mission.

Pastor Nominating Committee

At the October 27, 2019 Called Congregational Meeting the Congregation elected a Pastor Nominating Committee. The members are Bette Hughes, Mary Beth Schroder, Frank Scarpone, Peter Farwell, Elizabeth Ploskonka, Kerry Jones, Kimberly Scott, Morgan Sarbello, Randy Crate, and Jim McGuire. On November 12th a first committee meeting was convened by Reverend Doug Hughes, Chair of the Monmouth Presbytery Committee on Ministry. Reverend Hughes explained the steps necessary to call a new pastor. The committee has been meeting weekly to complete the Ministry Information Form which needs Session and Presbytery approval. Following those approvals, the MIF will be submitted to the Church Leadership Connection and we will begin receiving Minister Information Forms from those applying for the position.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim McGuire
Chair PNC

Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women Circles had another busy year supporting the needs of our church community and the Church worldwide. Tabitha Dorcas Circle began meeting again in 2019. Our six Circles devote their focus to loving care by:

- Welcoming new members with open arms.
- Providing the foundation for fostering lifetime relationships.
- Conducting Bible studies, retreats, and Sunday Services at Crest Pointe that explore our relationship to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.
- Delivering meals, cards, and other expressions of faith, hope, and love to those recovering from surgery and other illness.
- Collecting at circle meetings, through various fund-raisers, and other generous donations, money to support the Sunday morning nursery, Presbytery, Synod, and Church Worldwide projects.

Our annual Clothing Drive on April 13th successfully raised \$1000.70 to support the two nursery staff positions and meet our pledge of \$900 to support the Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Monmouth, Synod, and Church Worldwide services. The PW Cookie Sale on December 15th successfully raised additional funds to support Busy Hands and other activities serving the church and surrounding communities and organizations.

PPPC hosted the Monmouth Presbytery Spring Gathering in April with the help of Peter Farwell, Carol Bonebrake, Randy Crate, and Pastor Osy.

The ladies of Busy Hands were quite busy making 35 water bottle bags used as gifts presented to visitors to our church during the summer months, re-upholstered the chairs in the Chittick Lounge, made 57 School Kits, and 20 Hygiene Kits for disadvantaged children donated to the Church World Service. They created wonderful homemade items, for various holidays for the Christmas Shoppe. The shop was open for two Sundays, raising over \$1000.

PW Sunday was celebrated May 12 presenting "Mothers in the Bible": Connecting women of Biblical time through today. The Rev. Eileen Lindner led the installation of PW Officers.

PW supported various programs:

- Operation Christmas Child collecting 58 boxes
- Donated basket and basket items for the IHN auction/fundraiser
- "I Support the Girls", providing women in need with personal care supplies
- Collected \$255.99 for World Food Day to donate to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.
- Several Church Restaurant Fundraisers (PW Dine Around)

The December Gathering was December 4th with a presentation of "Gifts of Christmas" directed by Pat Shoppell and Nancy Jalowski

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne McGuire, Moderator

Busy Hands for Mission Group

Virginia Claeys, Andrea Crate, Connie Curtis, Robin DeRosa, Marion Dillane, Sue Hankins, Evelyn Hazard, Claire Meany, Margie Meklin, Sue Perkowski, Susan Robbins, Marjorie Watson and our graphic designer Karen Norby continue to help. Our group currently meets on the First, Fourth and Fifth Tuesdays of the month in Fellowship Hall from 9 a.m. until noon. We bring lunch to enjoy after we clean-up.

We continue to support the Nurseries at Hackensack Medical Centers in Brick and Neptune with knit baby hats, Crest Pointe in Point Pleasant, IHN, Church World Service, Personal Care in Wall, our own Point Beach Prep Preschool and our own Church projects. Thanks for all your donations over the past year in support of our work. Skeins of yarn, towels, material and sheets or gift cards are just some of the items we use to make our donations possible.

A BIG Thank You for supporting our mini Christmas Shoppe again in 2019. Busy Hands funds, from the 2018 Christmas Shoppe, was used to purchase a new air conditioner for the Fellowship Room in 2019. Again thanks so much for your support.

Please come and join us; we have some new ideas for 2020 and hope you will help us in our mission projects here and around the world.

Marilyn Rice
Coordinator

PW Treasurer's Report

Receipts.....	\$6,103.76
Disbursements.....	\$4,724.29
PW in the Presbytery of Monmouth	
Air Conditioner for Fellowship Room	
Retreat	
Presbyterian Church (USA) PDA World Mission	
Busy Hands	
CWS Postage	
Nursery Care	
Staff Gifts	
Presbyterian Church (USA) PDA World Food Day	
PW Plaque Updated	
 PW Savings Account	
Beginning Balance	\$2,334.38
Interest Earned	.66
Ending Balance	\$2,335.04

Respectfully Submitted
Marjorie M. Watson, Treasurer Pt. Pleasant Presbyterian Women