

# **Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church**

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2017**



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## Mission Statement

**A**pproved 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:

- Providing a haven of warmth, joy and welcome for all;
- Proclaiming, in word and deed, God's truth as contained in Holy Scripture;
- Making God's love real by reaching out to those in need;
- Nurturing lifelong growth in the faith through educational programming;
- Demonstrating and encouraging the joy of Christian stewardship;
- Coming together to pray and sing praise to the Lord and to share the good news throughout the community;
- 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, 2017*

Total Active Members,  
December 31, 2016. .... 468

### Additions:

Profession and Reaffirmation of Faith... 13  
Transfers. .... 4  
Restore to Rolls. .... 3  
Total Additions. ....  
Sub-Total. .... 20

### Losses:

Certificates of Transfer. .... 4  
Deaths. .... 7  
Other Removals. .... 146  
Total Losses. .... 157

**Total Active Members,  
December 31, 2017..... 331**

### Baptisms:

Infant/Child. .... 5  
Adult. .... 0  
Total..... 5

## In Memoriam of Church Members

**2017**

Margaret B. Havanki. .... March 21, 2017  
Clifford Brendler. .... June 8, 2017  
Loren Donley. .... August 5, 2017  
Ched Church. .... September 11, 2017  
Marian Fittin. .... October 20, 2017  
Elizabeth Schoeder.. .... October 24, 2017  
Stanley Thornton. .... November 1, 2017

## Pastor's Report

I'm very aware that this is the last annual report I'm going to be writing as Pastor of the Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church. At the end of the month, Claire and I will make the transition to Bedminster, New Jersey, where I will begin duties as Pastor of the Lamington Presbyterian Church. She will commute back to Wall Township, continuing her ministry as Coordinator of Bereavement Support for the Hackensack Meridian at Home Hospice program.

We came to Point Pleasant in October of 1990 — more than 27 years ago. Benjamin was in the first grade. Ania was a toddler. Ben has only vague memories of the house on the campus of the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary where we once lived. For Ania, the Manse at 704 Forman Avenue was the only home she ever knew, until she went off to college. Others of our extended family have lived in the Manse at various times: Claire's sister Eva, her son Cory and daughter Elizabeth and Claire's nieces Chelsea and Terrica.

Claire was ordained in this church in November of 1991, as she began in hospice ministry, working for the Visiting Nurse Association of Central New Jersey. A few years later, she became Parish Associate here at PPPC. What was meant to be a brief interim between associate pastors grew to nearly five years, after which Claire began her present ministry with Meridian.

I have been pleased to work with several talented associate pastors over the years. The first was Lynn Wendell as interim associate. After that, Linda Lane, a new graduate of Princeton Seminary, was our first installed associate. Claire's tenure as

parish associate bridged the gap between Linda Lane's service and that of Robin Lostetter, who served more than ten years and is still well-remembered. With Robin's departure in

2010, Linda Chase stepped in. While officially retired, Linda brings long experience and dedication to her part-time work on the staff. She has already begun to play a special role in our pastoral transition, bridging the gap between my service and that of the yet-to-be-named interim pastor.

Our principal musicians, organist Sara Hoey and Chancel Choir Director Bill Shoppell, were here when I came and continue to bring this congregation wonderful music even now. It has been an incredible privilege to work with artists of such consummate talent. I have truly valued our partnership.

My work has been made easier by a number of office staff members over the years, but our present team of Kim Gaydos as church secretary and Donna Ferry as financial secretary can't be beat.

Twenty-seven years is a long time, and telling the story of those years would take far more space than I have here. A few high points include four capital-funds campaigns, a top-to-bottom renovation of the Manse, the mid-week Kids Club program, good times as both dad and pastor with Boy Scout Troop 6, establishing the Memorial Garden, opening the Point Beach Prep preschool and this church's incredible, faithful response to Superstorm Sandy by operating the Volunteer Village.

Beyond the congregation, I've served on the Community Advisory Committee of Ocean Medical Center for 20 years, as President of the Point Pleasant/Bay Head Ministerium for two stints totaling 10 years, as a Coastal Caregivers board member, as Moderator of Monmouth Presbytery and — for the past 10 years — as its Stated Clerk. As an adjunct professor, I've taught Presbyterian studies (particularly polity) at New Brunswick and Princeton Theological Seminaries.

For the past several years, I've had a growing inner sense that it's time for something new — both for me and for the congregation.

## Associate Pastor's Report

Discerning God's call in our lives is a complex process, including prayer and much intuition. I believe that God had a purpose in putting me, a son of the Jersey Shore, in just this place and this time to lead the congregation in our response to Sandy: but, as that mission has drawn to a close, I've had a hard time discerning what I can do to help the church move on to what's next. Sometimes the Lord speaks in such a way: as much by the absence of clear direction as by specific guidance. In recent months, the enthusiastic response of the pastor nominating committee at Lamington has provided for me the clarity of purpose that seemed to be missing.

Believe me, it would not be hard for me to continue at Point Pleasant until retirement, as my two most recent predecessors have done. But I have the sense that, were I to do so, I would only diminish in ministry (and possibly the congregation would, too — worn down by the same-old, same-old of familiar patterns). This church needs new leadership. It needs a renewed sense of mission. It is my hope and prayer that, first, the New Beginnings process; second, the interim pastor; and third, the new installed pastor will be ways the Lord brings about that renewal.

I prepare, now, to leave you with gratitude and affection. This congregation will always have a special place in my heart. While I will no longer be able to respond professionally as your pastor to needs that may arise, know that I will continue to pray for you, and will follow with interest the news of future developments.

Grace and peace to you, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton, Pastor

In many ways, my ministry at PPPC continued to be the "same old, same old." Going to deacons' meetings, making hospital and home visits, leading adult classes, preaching and working with the Sunday school and all the other "stuff" that makes up my ministry. On the other hand, between working with people and the flowing of the Holy Spirit, ministry is never just same old, same old.

I continue to be appreciative of all the church members who stepped up this past year to take a turn at leading worship services for the residents of Claremont Care Center. This is such an important ministry that takes place outside our church building. It is one way of our saying that those living out their final years are not forgotten, at least not by us.

In a like manner, more of our members have become involved in ministry to homeless families through IHN, Interfaith Hospitality Network. It used to be hard to get volunteers to sleep overnight in the annex when we hosted IHN. Now those are often the first slots filled for as one member said, "All you have to do is bring your pillow and sleep at the church. How easy is that!" Again, thanks to all of you for ministering to the "least of these."

We had another successful women's retreat under the leadership of Amy Clarkson. Her specialty is inviting people into the Biblical story by exploring what happens in the spaces between the printed words of scripture. Amy was so well received the PW invited her to lead the 2018 retreat as well. It is to be a retreat on prayer to be held in March.

Thank you all for your continued and ongoing support of my ministry at PPPC. It is a joy to serve with you as we seek to be faithful to Jesus Christ.

Peace and Blessings,  
Linda D. Chase

## Benevolence Fund

### 2017 Benevolence Giving

	Budgeted	Actual
Budgeted	\$10,000.00	\$1,666.64
Non-budgeted Disbursements		<u>\$10,697.85</u>
<b>Total Benevolence Disbursements</b>		<b>\$12,364.49</b>

### Budgeted Benevolence Disbursements

PCUSA GENERAL MISSION		
General Assembly	\$860.00	\$143.34
Missionaries:		
Denis & Maribel Smith	\$250.00	\$41.66
Tyler & Rochelle Holm	\$250.00	\$41.66
Synod 5%	\$340.00	\$56.66
<u>Monmouth Presbytery 75%</u>	<u>\$5,100.00</u>	<u>\$850.00</u>
Total General Mission	\$6,800.00	\$1,133.32
Presbyterian Camp/Conference Center	\$600.00	\$100.00
Theological Education Fund	600.00	\$100.00
Princeton Theological Seminary	\$700.00	\$116.66
Medical Benevolence Foundation	\$600.00	\$100.00
<u>Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey</u>	<u>\$700.00</u>	<u>\$166.66</u>
Total Non-General Mission	\$3,200.00	\$533.32
<b>Disbursements for Budgeted Items</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,666.64</b>

### Non Budgeted Special Offerings

Blanket Sunday/Tools of Hope	\$1,330.00
Centsability	\$1,143.26
Peacemaking/World Communion	\$584.25
Providence House	\$194.75
OGHS	\$1,601.61
St. Gregory's Pantry	\$1,010.00
World Vision	\$325.40
A Future With Hope	\$1,104.29
St. Bernard Project	\$1,104.29
Hurricane Harvey	\$800.00
<u>Atlantic Regional Hurricanes</u>	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
<b>Disbursements for Non-budgeted Items</b>	<b>\$10,697.85</b>
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$12,364.49</b>

## Board of Deacons

As always, the Board of Deacons would like to thank the congregation for their monetary support of its efforts. We appreciate each and every dollar given to us. We provide financial assistance to members of our congregation and community through a confidential review process. This year, as in the past, we continue to be busy as tough economic times continue to affect so many.

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. This year Deacons were able to support the community by donating gas cards for the trucks delivering supplies to the hurricane victims of the south. During times when we could not be of assistance, we continued to give referrals to other agencies that might possibly help.

The Deacons also provide spiritual support by visiting those who cannot attend services and by serving Sunday Home Communion. Through their 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 vestibule and the Caring & Sharing Board in the North Hall.

The Deacon of the Month delivers flowers after Sunday services. We welcome anyone in the congregation who can help with the flower delivery - just let us know.

The Deacons also supported missions by

- Providing bereavement outreach to those suffering a loss of a loved one and/or economic and medical hardships.
- Supporting IHN, including filling a table at the IHN Gift Auction
- Supporting the Valentine House by coordinating the "Giving Tree" for their Epiphany Party as well as a Valentine's

Party

- Leading Worship Services at Claremont Care Center
- Hosting the annual Blood Drive
- Supporting the hosting of the volunteers in the Volunteer Village
- Financial Support of PC(USA) missionaries Denis & Maribel Smith

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

Deposits. ....	\$7742.81
Expenses. ....	\$4442.19
Fire Assistance.....	\$405.95
Church Assistance.....	\$200.00
Gas Cards.....	\$525.00
Mission Trip.....	\$200.00
Hand Up Grants.....	\$5.00
Out of Community Assist .....	\$100.00
Rental Expense.....	\$1750.00
Church Books.....	\$107.90
Valentine House.....	\$280.71
Walmart Cards.....	\$100.00
Christmas Gifts Valentine House....	\$83.60
Misc. Assistance. ....	\$652.03
Misc Fee .....	\$32.00

### Hands Up Grant

Purchases. ....	\$41,803.84
Assigned Balance.....	\$2,000.00
Unassigned Balance.....	\$1,696.16
Hurricane Assistance.....	\$1,500.00
Total.....	\$47,000.00

Respectfully Submitted,  
Deirdre D'Amore,  
Moderator, 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. For 2015, 100% 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.

***2017 Fund Memorials and Honorariums:  
Given in Loving Memory  
Elizabeth "Bette" Bell***

***Given in Loving Memory of  
John and Elizabeth Van Horn***

*Emergency and Endowment*  
Ensuring the Future

***Financial Statement for the following Funds***

***Endowment and Emergency Fund*** (Principal as of December 31, 2016)..... \$272,664.55  
     Memorials and Honorariums 2017. .... 197,638.40  
     Retained Interest (25% of earnings) (Suspended for 2017)..... 0.00  
**Endowment and Emergency Fund** (Principal as of December 31, 2017). .... \$470, 302.95

*Presbyterian Women* (Principal as of December 31, 2017)..... \$5,000.00  
*Marion A. Ludgate Memorial Fund* (Principal as of December 31, 2017)..... \$70,000.00  
*Organ Maintenance Endowment* (Principal as of December 31, 2017). .... \$7,885.44

**EARNINGS**

Ocean First Bank. .... \$1,994.05  
   Annuities. .... 1,509.86  
   Subtotal. .... \$3,503.91  
   Presbyterian Women. .... 112.74  
   Marion A. Ludgate Memorial Fund..... 364.00  
   Organ Maintenance Endowment. .... 65.48

**GRAND TOTAL. .... \$ 4,046.13**

**DISTRIBUTION OF EARNINGS**

	<u>Previous</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>Total</u>
Church Support	\$322,473.64	3,503.91	\$325,977.55
Transferred to Principal (25% of earnings - Suspended for 2017)	52,710.65	0.00	\$52,710.65
Presbyterian Women (In accordance with the will of F.D. Gallagher)	12,761.84	112.74	12,874.58
Marion A. Ludgate Memorial Funds	70,508.91	364.00	70,872.91
Organ Maintenance Endowment	<u>557.18</u>	<u>65.48</u>	<u>622.66</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$459,012.22</b>	<b>\$4,046.13</b>	<b>\$463,058.35</b>

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

## **Caring Committee**

The Caring Committee continues to reach a broad amount of our members needs. The Caring Committee includes responsibilities of the equipping and fellowship.

### ***Bread/Hospitality***

The 2017 Bread Team is composed of five full time 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 a "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 five (5) breads and sent one (1) note card and a brochure to an interested visitor. One of those five deliveries was to a person that did join our church! Last year we had four (4) bread deliveries and sent one (1) note card. In 2015 we delivered eight (8) breads and sent three (3) note cards. 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

## **Church Picnic**

This year's Church Picnic was held on August 6 at Riverfront Park in Point Pleasant. Once again Frank and Kerry Jones did a wonderful job in all the details that make our picnic a success time after time.

The informal worship service with Communion, took on the theme "I am the vine you are the branches" based on John 15.

Immediately following the service, there were burgers and hot dogs, and fellowship.

Moving worship to a new offsite location, as well as having a picnic afterwards, is no easy task. Thank you to all who gave of their time and energy, as well as those who donated food items. With worship outside along the river, great weather, loving family and friends all around, followed by a buffet of food with a multitude of desserts, it was a perfect day!

### ***Fall Gala***

On October 22, we held a church auction at The White Sands, to benefit the general fund. Many people on the committee worked hard to secure the venue and decorate. The food was great and the room was terrific. Many people also spent countless hours visiting local stores and restaurants to solicit donations for the auction. Thank you those who coordinated and wrapped all the baskets and readied the live auction items.

We appreciate the support of the 135 people who came to the event and bid on the over 70 baskets and 26 live auction items. The lottery tree and the 50/50 also added to the day's total. We raised \$13,227.48. Thank you to all on the committee and to Kim and Donna for all their help. It was quite an effort!

For the Auction Committee,  
Jim McGuire

### ***Communion Brunch***

The Communion Brunch continued to follow the 10:00 a.m. service. Entering its tenth 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.

Our food events continued to be successful outreaches to possible new members. The Inquirer's Group is scheduled around Communion Brunch as to provide a meal for the attendees. This has become a natural way to fellowship with attendees as they take their first step in exploring Church membership.

Because of your generosity, we are able to just about cover our expenses. We would like to be able to cover 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.

### ***Kitchen Committee***

*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*

For 2017, the Kitchen Committee was comprised of the following wonderful people:

Rich Bavier	Carol Bonebrake
Deb Brendler	Tom D'Amore
Dee D'Amore	Susan Reilly
Terri Satterlee	Diane Sikora
Linda Lee Smith	Jacque Thornton
Les Thornton	Arlene Wacha

Monthly, they faithfully volunteer their time and finances (through food donations) in order to feed our Church at the monthly Communion Brunch.

Everyone on this committee has a servant's heart and each of them is greatly appreciated.

In Jesus' love,  
Jacque Miscavage Thornton  
Kitchen Committee chair

## *Presbyterian Women*

Presbyterian Women's (PW) five Circles continue their commitment to supporting the needs within our Church community and the Church worldwide. Our Circles continue to operate in a caring and loving manner by:

- Welcoming new members with open arms.
- Providing the foundation for fostering lifetime relationships.
- Providing Bible studies, retreats, and Sunday Services at Claremont 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 specific fund-raisers and other generous donations, money to support the Sunday morning nursery, Presbytery, Synod and church worldwide projects.

A special committee was formed in early 2017 to design a retreat entitled "Playing with Fire" that was lead by Amy Clarkson, who got such outstanding reviews that we are planning on inviting her to lead another retreat. The retreat was held at the Brick Presbyterian Church on March 25, 2017 and was attended not only by our own church members but also by ladies from Brick Presbyterian.

Our annual clothing drive on April 22nd was successful in helping to raise the funds needed to support the two nursery staff positions and meet our pledge of \$1000 to support the Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Monmouth, the Synod, and Church worldwide services. In addition, we specifically supported the following projects:

- Mary's Table at St. Mary's Church
- Busy Hands
- New floor in the Chittick Lounge
- Pads for the new table in the Chittick Lounge
- Donation to the Deacons Fund to help with requests for aid at Christmas.

Instead of the annual Mission Fair, additional funds were raised December 17th through the cookie sales.

In April, nineteen health kits, seventy-five school kits, twelve of which from the Presbyterian Church on the Hill of Ocean NJ, and nine school kits from Point Beach Prep were sent to Church World Services.

We also provide the opportunity of the five Circles to come together twice a year. The May 23rd gathering focused on "Sowing Seeds of Kindness." The December 6th gathering celebrated Christmas Season with a presentation entitled "God's Gift to us." Both gatherings were well attended, and they are definitely events that the congregation and the Circles look forward to every year. Also, at the PW Coffee Hour after church services on May 23rd, PW Team Leaders, as well as Circle Leaders, were installed.

The PW circles always generously support Operation Christmas Child by donating 75 shoe boxes filled with toys and hygiene necessities, as well as 130 school bags filled with note books, pencils, rulers, crayons, and other learning materials for disadvantaged children in third world countries.

PW continues to show God's love in this ever-changing world and welcomes all women in the congregation to help us with our service for peace and justice.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan L. Robbins, Moderator

### ***Busy Hands for Mission Group***

**J**ean Campbell, Virginia Claeys, Andrea Crate, Connie Curtis, Marion Dellane, Sue Hankins, Evelyn Hazard, Claire Meany, Sue Perkowski, Susan Robbins, Shirley Snyder, Marjorie Watson and our graphic designer Karen Norby continue to help.

Our group currently meets on the first, fourth and fifth Tuesday of the month in the Fellowship Hall from 10:00 a.m. until noon. We bring lunch to enjoy after we clean-up.

The people contributing to Busy Hands for Mission (a subcommittee of Presbyterian Women) have worked and contributed to both Ocean Medical Center and Jersey Shore Medical Center's nurseries, Claremont Care Center, Personal Care Center of Wall, IHN with pillowcases and teddy bears, Visiting Nurses Association, (VNA) with hospital gowns, bibs, lap blankets and walker caddies. We also make school bags and sundresses for Church World Service, items for the Point Beach Prep Preschool like hats for the celebrations and curtains for the cupboards, as well as banners for our own sanctuary.

Thanks for all your donations over the past year in support of our work. Skeins of yarn, towels, material and sheets are just some of the items we use to make our donations possible. A big thank you for supporting our mini Christmas Shoppe in 2017. We are now the proud owners of two new sewing machines that enable us to continue our work. We have also supported the fund for our new roof on the building, through your support.

Please come and join us; you may have some new projects for 2018. We hope you will continue to help us in our mission projects here and around the world.

Marilyn Rice  
Coordinator

***PW Treasurer's Report***

**Receipts**

Circle Offerings	\$1196.35
Least Coin	64.02
Thank Offering	119.00
World Food Day	230.05
World Mission	111.00
Mite Box	103.55
Birthday Offering	57.00
Gallagher Fund Interest	113.02
Presb. Foundation Interest	321.70
Clothing Drive	778.60
PW General Gathering	242.00
Staff Gifts	327.00
Health, School, Baby Gifts	222.00
Postage	445.00
Cookie Walk	1,140.60
Miscellaneous	1,050.00
Cookbooks	1, 147.00
Busy Hands Fundraiser	

**Disbursements**

PW of Monmouth Presbytery	\$850.00
Least Coin	64.88
Thank Offering	165.00
Birthday Offering	56.01
Busy Hands for Mission	558.65
Church Nursery	1,278.63
Staff Gifts	310.00
Membership	25.00
PW Gathering	62.11
CWS Postage	222.00
Mary's Table	230.05
Donations	2,438.57
Miscellaneous	630.28

**PW Savings Account**

Beginning Balance	\$2,332.91
Interest Earned	<u>.65</u>
Ending Balance	\$2,333.56

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



We are a new committee that is focusing on Christian Education for both children and adults. This past year, Linda had a Bible study that focused on the book "Do Not Live Afraid". We gathered together for discussion, thoughts, and insight of how to deal with life's challenges. We enjoyed fellowship with each other and joined together for lunch before venturing off to our other tasks for the day.

This summer we had "Johnsonburg on the Road" as our Vacation Bible School. It was an exciting adventure for the children and adults as we learned new songs, prayed, and studied together. We are looking forward to another successful week of VBS in August 2018.

The current curriculum that Sunday school children are using is called "Grace and Gratitude". There are 3-4 week themes discussing different areas of the Bible and how it relates to their lives today. We are looking into a new program called Orange that stresses application of Biblical themes to the students' lives. Its interactive teaching ideas are designed to foster enthusiasm and joy in learning. We are working to reorganize the upper grades, extending their study in a separate group that caters to the needs of the older children in grades 4, 5 and 6. Our goal is to build enthusiasm and attendance of all grades and to gradually have a church school that includes teens in junior high and high school. Presently there are not any of this age group attending church school.

Point Beach Prep continues its record of excellence in pre-school education. Enrollment in pre-K and nursery levels are full. Kudos to the director and teachers who constantly strive to provide education based on Christian values and solid principles of child growth and development. They welcome visitors from the congregation to view their special programs and daily classes. We are looking forward to a great year.

Marjorie Meklin and Barbara Reusch

Our goals this year are 1) to continue to increase and sustain the attendance numbers for our program, 2) to continue to help the children grow in their spirituality, and 3) to increase their vocabulary and knowledge of the Bible. I hope that all children of the Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church will not only attend Sunday School each week, but will look forward to it!

Currently, our Sunday School functions as three units- the Pre School program and the 1st-3rd grade program, and the 4th-6th grade program.. Each week, the three units are run separately, but cover the same Bible story. The activities to engage the students include stories, crafts, kitchen projects, dramatic play, movies, as well as other methods of learning.

The Pre-School is given an age appropriate version of what the older kids are covering. In the Pre-School unit, the lessons are introduced and interspersed with play time.

Some accomplishments/highlights from the past year have included a mission project the kids actively participated in, a wonderful Christmas Service with strong parent support and one of the highest attendance numbers we have seen, and a wonderful team of teachers that care about helping the children learn about God and love Sunday School. We have built relationships with the children and helped them learn about the Bible, and how these lessons apply to their everyday lives. I look forward to continuing to help them build and strengthen their relationship with God.

We currently have 25 children registered and 7 teachers that are there weekly. Thank you so much to all who have donated their time and resources, it is greatly appreciated! I am very fortunate to be at a church with a congregation that is so caring and committed to their children's Christian growth.

Tricia Stoffers,  
Sunday School Coordinator

### ***Point Beach Prep***

The Point Beach Prep Pre School 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 - 5 years in a nurturing Christian environment. Now in its ninth year, the program offers both a nursery class and pre-k class with classes at capacity for the 2017-18 school year and wait list availability. We offer advance pre-registration and discounted tuition for all of our church families! The part time program runs from 8:30am -12:00 with optional extended lunch until 1:00 pm. 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 four teachers, pre school class lead teachers Kerry Jones and Mandy Rauffer, nursery class lead teacher Jessica Kaiafas and group teacher Abigail Davis. Point Beach Prep employs a cleaning service person and an on call handyman to maintain the classrooms in compliance with the State Board of Regulations for pre schools. 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 of 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 past year we have continued to improve the infrastructure of the Christian Education building with the addition of a permanent sign for the building, as well as repairs and maintenance as needed. We also continue to maintain the engineered wood mulch for the outdoor play area. To better manage our growing traffic flow, we utilize two dedicated parking drop off spots during peak times for our PBP families.

Our dedicated board of directors provide guidance and support as a liaison between the preschool and Church through regular monthly meetings. We are blessed by the full support of our pastors and congregation, 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!

Keep in touch with weekly Good News in the PPPC online newsletter ; check out our website [www.pointbeachprep.com](http://www.pointbeachprep.com) or call (732) 701-9900 to speak directly with Devlin House, Director.

#### **2017-18 Board Members:**

Ginny Claeys, Nancy Cook, Lynn Hahm, Jane Millar, Karen Norby, Sue Perkowski, Barbara Reusch

***Point Beach Prep Income/Expenses  
Year End Summary 2017***

**Income**

Tuition	122,487
Lunch Bunch	8,655
Snack Fee	4,500
Registration	3,181
Drop in Fee	35
Late Fee	150
Misc income	1,662
<u>Returned Ck Fee</u>	<u>45</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>140,715</b>

**Expenses**

Cleaning	5,138
Staff Appreciation	1,110
Capital Improvements	1,460
Class Supplies	4,723
Continuing Ed/Licenses	596
Church Contributions	10,500
Insurance	2,215
Maintenance	2,152
Marketing	555
Office Expense	7,401
Payroll	79,089
Payroll Processing Fee	1,082
Payroll Tax	6,834
Petty Cash	150
Phone	1,878
<u>Snack</u>	<u>2,378</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>127,261</b>

**NET INCOME 13,454**

- January Capital Improvement balance on outdoor sign
- May additional contribution to church \$8,000.00
- December office printer

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

***Scouts***

Pack and Troop 6 had another great year of scouting. We serve over one seventy-five 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 usual joint Thanksgiving feast at Allaire State Park with a full Thanksgiving meal cooked there in the site, 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. 2017 saw a National Jamboree held in West Virginia. Troop 6 had 14 scouts and 4 leaders attend. All enjoyed the many high adventure activities as well as fellowship with 40,000 scouts from all over the country. 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 Allaire State Park with over 400 leaders attending.

Troop 6 had several Eagle Scouts in 2016. These all required leadership and substantial projects to support nonprofit organizations. More Eagles are planned for next year. This past year Scouts also refurbished the church basement for its use. There is an Eagle project in the works to convert the North Hallway into an art gallery. Will look great.

We thank the church for its continued support of our Scouting ministry, originally chartered here in 1929. We are planning a 90 anniversary of our chartering next year. Look for the party on September 21, 2019 to come and celebrate with us.

Jim McGuire,  
Scoutmaster Troop 6, Committee Chair Pack 6

## Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee includes responsibilities in the areas of Mission, Stewardship and some functions related to hospitality extended to guests and prospective members.

### *Mission Interpretation*

The Mission Team continues to work diligently throughout the year to make a difference for those who need it most. This year we continued with a list of accomplishments.

- As always, the Epiphany Party was held at the Joan Valentine House in January. About 50 residents were treated to refreshments and beautiful gifts. They are a most appreciative group of people.
- The Cents-Ability "Noisy Offering" continued to be collected in support of ministries to relieve hunger locally, regionally, and globally.
- Special offerings were held for Blanket Sunday and Peacemaking.
- The One Great Hour of Sharing offering was collected at Easter time.
- Hosted a Community Christmas Dinner in the Annex

There are many projects always before us.

### *Claremont Care Center*

On the fourth Sunday of the month our church takes on the responsibility for a service at the Claremont Care Center.

This short service is held at their facility from 2:30 to 3:00 pm. As a mission of our congregation, volunteers have been leading a simple worship service. Generally there are two people leading the service which includes a scripture reading, a short message (five minutes) and a couple of hymns. Several members of our Church, including the Elders, Deacons and members from the Presbyterian Women Circles, have volunteered their time. In addition we are thankful to Peggy Bierach, Karen Norby and Keith Reilly for providing music throughout the year. We continue to welcome your ideas and suggestions for this ministry.

## Interfaith Hospitality Network

Our church hosted sixteen families this year. We had forty-one guests, twenty-one children and twenty adults. As usual the members of our church were welcoming. They gifted our IHN guest with their time and good food. Thank you to the many people who provided food, shelter, companionship, clean linens and donations for lunch and breakfast needs. If you are not a volunteer all ready -please join us!

Dorothy Tolley

### *Stewardship*

This year we enjoyed sharing our Fun Fact and photos with one another via newsletter and wall display. A sampling of our members' rich multifaceted lives confirmed the message of Psalm 139:14: we are indeed *"fearfully and wonderfully made."*

We prayed this experience would inspire and embolden us to support one another even more strongly, as we serve Christ through the ministry and mission of Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church.

Together we challenged one another to, in the words of 1 Timothy 6:19, *"take hold of the life that really is life."* We are grateful for your giving and willingness to serve God. The strength of our ministry at PPPC depends on the contribution from each member. As of January 9, 2018, ninety (90) households have submitted estimate of giving cards totaling \$193,183. (Of that, \$6,075 was prepaid in 2017.)

If you have not yet had an opportunity to make your 2018 giving decision, we invite you to join your fellow church members in responding to God's love and grace. Please submit your estimate of giving card to the church office. We look to the future with anticipation and hope.

With joy and thanksgiving,  
Frank E. Perkowski  
For the Generosity Team

## *Volunteer Village*

In 2017, the PDA Volunteer Village at Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church (PPPC) was blessed with another successful year that reflected the general reduction in volunteer based Sandy Recovery efforts in New Jersey. During 4 weeks, approximately 60 volunteers from 4 groups, visiting from New York and Pennsylvania, stayed at the Village. The volunteers worked over 1,800 hours on 7 homes. Between the efforts of the cooking and shopping teams, the volunteer welcoming committee, the volunteer village hosting committee, and others, the Volunteer Village continued to be a welcoming place for mission volunteers.

We continued this year as being a volunteer-only hosting site. Volunteers worked on projects that were coordinated by partners whose focus is on managing recovery cases that have been vetted to confirm need. These partners included A Future with Hope, the St. Bernard Project, and Coastal Habitat for Humanity.

During 2017, the church granted money to several partner organizations in support of their efforts. The money was donated previously to the church to assist those affected by Sandy who have validated unmet needs. \$1,100 was donated each to the non-profit Sandy Recovery builders A Future with Hope (AFWH) and SBP (formerly known as Saint Bernard Project). Additionally, \$200 was donated to Lend-A-Hand in the form of Flood Relief Clean-Up Buckets to be delivered for Harvey and Irma relief efforts.

Per diem contributions from volunteers that stayed at the village continued to cover food and utility expenses and allowed the church to set aside money for future repair and decommissioning expenses when hosting efforts are complete. The Volunteer Village utilized some of the per diem contributions to do various repairs and make improvements in the Annex. These included freezer repair, air conditioner maintenance, battery replacement

for the defibrillator, new blinds for the kitchen, and the purchase of various kitchen supplies.

We wish to thank all of the people from the church who continued to contribute their passion and time to running the Volunteer Village. These include the members of the cooking and shopping teams, the members of the volunteer hosting committee, our church office staff, and the church at large who support this valuable outreach.

Though not official closed, the Volunteer Village does not have any volunteer teams booked for 2018.

As volunteer teams more and more reach out to other parts of the country that have been affected by disasters, we are again given a wonderful opportunity to highlight the miracle of Jesus that is reflected in the efforts of the PPPC Volunteer Village outreach mission. Since we started hosting volunteers in December 2012, over 110 volunteer groups have come to Point Pleasant bringing 1,600 volunteers. Those volunteers have worked approximately 50,500 hours on 250 homes. Think of all the families whose lives have been transformed by the efforts of these volunteers, families who have gotten home and whose lives have been made more whole. And then think of the gifts our congregation has provided by creating a home-away-from-home for these volunteers while they were sharing their gifts and talents. This truly is a reflection of God's love working through Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church!

Respectfully submitted,  
Peter Farwell , PPPC Hurricane Sandy  
Recovery Coordinator

## **Resources Committee**

**T**he Resource Committee includes responsibilities in the areas of Finance, Buildings & Grounds and Personnel.

### ***Buildings and Grounds***

**W**e were able to make some progress in the area of building maintenance in 2017.

In the annex, the Volunteer Village paid for having blinds installed in the kitchen so now all the second floor windows have matching window treatments. The sextons closet and boiler room have been cleaned out.

The manse only required routine maintenance and the installation of a new kitchen light fixture.

In the sanctuary building a lot of clutter was removed from the narthex. Preparations are being made in the North Hall for the much anticipated art gallery. A new pull down attic stair was donated and installed in the fellowship room. Anyone who needs to store or retrieve something from the attic feels much more secure thanks to this generous gift. The wobbly table and chairs in the Chittick lounge were replaced thanks to a gift from PW.

We hired a new contractor to handle our yard maintenance as well as the snow removal from the three properties. The recent snowstorms have kept them busy.

We've received gifts to provide for our updates. For that we are very thankful. Personally, I'm extremely thankful for a member who has contributed untold hours towards the routine maintenance of our facilities. More of us need to realize that there are numerous ways we can contribute our time and talents to help make the facilities of Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church more appealing in fulfilling its mission.

There is a lot left to be done. The first project is perhaps the largest since the manse was renovated. Recently, we learned that the whole sanctuary building is in need of a new roof. By the end of spring, this major project will be complete and we can move on to a long list of more minor updates. It's going to be an exciting time with lots of opportunities.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Stout

### ***Finance***

**T**he year 2017 was a fairly normal year and our deficit budget was reduced when compared to 2016. In 2017 our expenses exceeded our income by (\$17,123.25). The re-institution of a church fund raiser was very helpful contributing \$13,377 and a lot of good fellowship. Thanks again to a great committee. Point Beach Prep also contributed \$10,600 in 2017 which was a great help.

The most important contribution is from the generosity of the congregation. In 2017 we were almost at our anticipated pledge number. So far for 2018 our pledge response is slightly behind last year at \$195,183 and we are anticipating some additional responses.

We continue to struggle with the per capita expense which we are required to pay to the Presbytery for their support. We are billed by Presbytery every year at the rate of \$37 per individual member not per family which for us is \$17,316. This year we paid \$3271, which was the amount of per capita payments we collected. Please consider your per capita payment using the envelope in the front of your box or simply write per capita on the check or specify it on your electronic giving.

Controlling expenses is another important part of the budge and last year was a mild winter compared to where we have started in January.

We recently conducted a thorough insurance review, conducted by Kent Lorentzen, which verified our coverage and cost.

There is also some positive uncertainty as we move forward in finding our new Pastor. The only realistic way to budget Pastoral expenses was to do it as if Carl was here for the year. There will be a period of several months where we will have minimal expenses before we secure our Interim Pastor.

We also felt it was time that we budget a 2% increase in pay to the staff. This has not been done for a number of years and they are vitally important to us moving forward.

The manse may be empty for a while, we do not know how long. We also anticipate some expense to bring the manse to move in, welcoming standards.

We have included a small fundraiser as we felt it was needed. It was budgeted at \$4,000 and we were looking for ideas where we can sell chances on a nice trip or gift. Ideas are welcome.

The most important financial situation is The Big Cover Up. This is the most serious repair we have been faced with in quite some time. The roof on the church is in desperate need of complete replacement. We have budgeted \$75,000 which will include bringing the interior ceilings that have been damaged back to new condition. Please dig deep and consider how much this church has done for our families and the community.

It is vitally important that we work together through these new opportunities we have been presented with in 2018.

Thank you for all you do!

Craig Lambie  
Chairman , Finance Committee

***Treasurer's Reports as of December 2017 (Budget Income)***

Account #	Account Name	December Activity	YTD Balance	Budget YTD	Annual Budget
<b><i>Income</i></b>					
4.101.100	Pledges	25,752.00	218,425.00	224,362.00	224,362.00
4.101.110	Non-Pledge Envelopes	4,741.00	39,689.75	50,000.00	50,000.00
4.101.120	Plate Offering--Cash	312.00	2,688.40	3,500.00	3,500.00
4.101.130	Initial Offering	0.00	619.00	600.00	600.00
4.101.140	Per Capita Inc.	72.00	3,243.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
4.101.150	Donations - Individuals	1,000.00	4,184.95	3,500.00	3,500.00
4.101.152	Donations - Organizations	25.00	700.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
4.101.153	Donations - Weddings	0.00	250.00	600.00	600.00
4.101.155	Church School	84.00	581.12	400.00	400.00
4.101.160	Christmas	6,999.16	7,504.16	8,000.00	8,000.00
4.101.162	Easter	0.00	3,943.75	7,000.00	7,000.00
4.101.164	Ash Wednesday	0.00	478.00	400.00	400.00
4.101.165	Maundy Thursday	0.00	306.57	600.00	600.00
4.101.166	Good Friday	0.00	477.00	500.00	500.00
4.101.300	Endowment Fund Interest	0.00	5,069.72	5,128.00	5,128.00
4.101.320	Ludgate Fund Interest	0.00	1,231.59	1,228.00	1,228.00
4.101.325	Church Fundraisers	377.48	13,377.48	20,000.00	20,000.00
4.101.327	Bequest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4.101.332	Point Beach Prep	400.00	10,600.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
4.101.334	Memorial Gifts	0.00	2,105.00		
<b>Total Budget Income</b>		<b>\$39,762.64</b>	<b>\$315,474.49</b>	<b>\$333,218.00</b>	<b>\$333,218.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$39,762.64</b>	<b>\$315,474.49</b>	<b>\$333,218.00</b>	<b>\$333,218.00</b>

2017 Financial Activity	YTD Actuals	
<b>Receipts</b>		315,474.49
Staff Expense	223,685.18	
Program Expense	3,927.99	
Buildings & Grounds Expense	76,296.52	
Office Expense	8,769.37	
Land Purchase Loan Payment	14,981.04	
Benevolence	1,666.64	
Per Capita	3,271.00	
<b>Total Disbursements</b>		332,597.74

**Receipts less Disbursements** **-17,123.25**



**2018 Preliminary Budget**

Account Name	2018 Preliminary	2017 Actual	2016 Actual	2015 Actual
<b><i>Income</i></b>				
Pledges	\$195,183.00	\$218,425.00	\$210,378.86	\$209,866.86
Non-Pledge Envelope	\$42,500.00	\$39,689.75	\$42,611.20	\$54,230.00
Plate Offering--Cash	\$3,000.00	\$2,688.40	\$3,212.63	\$3,029.65
Initial Offering	\$600.00	\$619.00	\$442.00	\$795.00
Per Capita Inc.	\$4,000.00	\$3,243.00	\$3,836.00	\$4,035.00
Donations - Individuals	\$3,500.00	\$4,184.95	\$2,423.00	\$22,740.77
Donations - Organizations	\$1,000.00	\$700.00	\$925.00	\$3,000.00
Donations - Weddings	\$600.00	\$250.00	\$450.00	\$950.00
Church School	\$400.00	\$581.12	\$341.20	\$544.57
Christmas	\$8,000.00	\$7,504.16	\$13,085.01	\$6,539.02
Easter	\$5,000.00	\$3,943.75	\$8,693.00	\$4,400.00
Ash Wednesday	\$400.00	\$478.00	\$424.00	\$230.00
Maundy Thursday	\$600.00	\$306.57	\$387.00	\$598.00
Good Friday	\$500.00	\$477.00	\$464.00	\$464.00
Endowment Fund Interest	\$10,000.00	\$4,069.72	\$5,128.23	\$6,233.16
Ludgate Fund Interest	\$2,000.00	\$1,231.59	\$1,228.12	\$1,228.70
Church Fundraisers	\$4,000.00	\$13,377.48	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bequest	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Income/Reimbursement			\$4,616.30	
Point Beach Prep	\$10,000.00	\$10,600.00	\$30,500.00	\$1,200.00
Memorial Gifts	\$2,000.00	\$2,105.00		
<b>Total Budget Income</b>	<b>\$293,283.00</b>	<b>\$314,474.49</b>	<b>329,145.55</b>	<b>\$320,084.73</b>
<b><i>Expenses</i></b>				
Pastor Salary	\$52,531.00	\$51,403.04	\$51,403.04	\$51,372.93
Pastor Social Security Supp.	\$5,990.00	\$5,877.82	\$5,877.82	\$5,924.87
Pastor Supp.	\$1,200.00	\$1,199.90	\$1,199.90	\$1,191.40
Pastor Pension	\$8,613.00	\$8,451.72	\$8,451.72	\$8,451.72
Pastor Medical	\$19,575.00	\$18,824.28	\$18,824.28	\$18,824.29
Pastor D/DIS	\$783.00	\$768.36	\$768.36	\$768.36
Pastor Dental	\$905.28	\$905.28	\$905.28	\$1,111.28
Pastor Prof. Expenses	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Pastor Home Equity Allowance	\$1,500.00	\$1,499.94	\$1,499.94	\$1,509.05
Pastor Furnishing Allowance	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.06	\$5,000.06	\$5,030.42
	<b>\$99,597.28</b>	<b>\$97,430.40</b>	<b>\$97,430.40</b>	<b>\$97,684.32</b>
Int. Assoc. Pastor Salary/Hse.	\$22,584.00	\$22,140.82	\$22,140.82	\$22,140.82
Int. Assoc. Pastor Bonus	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Int. Assoc. Pastor Prof. Exp.	\$1,000.00	\$673.82	\$464.91	\$349.24
<b>Total Int. Assoc.</b>				
<b>Pastor Prof. Exp.</b>	<b>\$23,584.00</b>	<b>\$22,814.64</b>	<b>\$22,605.73</b>	<b>\$22,490.06</b>

Account Name	2018 Preliminary	2017 Actual	2016 Actual	2015 Actual
Staff #105	\$22,950.00	\$22,499.88	\$22,499.88	\$22,499.88
Staff #106	\$11,475.00	\$11,576.25	\$11,906.25	\$12,033.75
Staff #127	\$0.00	\$8,100.00	\$9,900.00	\$7,425.00
Staff #150	\$13,908.00	\$13,634.66	\$13,634.66	\$13,634.66
Staff #155	\$12,897.00	\$12,643.80	\$12,643.80	\$12,643.80
Staff #173	\$8,775.00	\$11,700.00	\$11,700.00	\$11,700.00
Staff #180	\$0.00	\$240.00	\$480.00	\$240.00
Childcare Substitute	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$0.00
<b>Staff Compensation</b>	<b>\$72,123.00</b>	<b>\$82,411.59</b>	<b>\$84,810.59</b>	<b>\$82,192.09</b>
Staff Pensions	\$2,525.00	\$2,475.00	\$2,475.00	\$2,475.00
Staff Medical	\$13,856.00	\$12,856.08	\$10,779.96	\$10,779.96
Staff - D/DIS	\$230.00	\$225.00	\$225.00	\$225.00
Staff Continuing Education	\$800.00	-\$20.00	\$126.00	\$0.00
Membership/Prof. Fee	\$250.00	\$80.00	\$120.00	\$120.00
Employer's FICA Expense	\$6,000.00	\$6,239.70	\$6,482.50	\$6,461.95
<b>Other Staff Compensation</b>	<b>\$23,661.00</b>	<b>\$21,855.78</b>	<b>\$20,208.46</b>	<b>\$13,599.96</b>
Organist Substitute	\$1,000.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,175.00	\$1,150.00
Pulpit Supply	\$1,750.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00
Supply Mileage	\$500.00			
Moderator Substitute	\$300.00			
<b>Pulpit/Organ Supply</b>	<b>\$3,550.00</b>	<b>\$1,300.00</b>	<b>\$1,575.00</b>	<b>\$1,150.00</b>
<b>Total Personnel Expense</b>	<b>\$222,515.28</b>	<b>\$225,812.41</b>	<b>\$226,630.18</b>	<b>\$217,116.43</b>
Worship	\$350.00	\$438.83	\$856.13	\$440.91
Worship--Chancel Choir	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
Worship--Dove Choir	\$100.00	\$3.99	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bell Choir	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$50.00
Church School Exp.	\$2,000.00	\$520.94	\$1,452.18	\$1,293.19
Johnsonburg On The Road	\$1,800.00	-\$108.82		
Youth Connection	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
Evangelism	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$141.11	\$26.00
Fellowship	\$500.00	\$754.48	\$977.61	\$598.91
Picnic	\$500.00	\$421.48	\$387.50	\$500.00
Mission	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$77.68	\$57.00
Stewardship	\$1,200.00	\$1,071.12	\$2,321.78	\$1,338.10
Confirmation Class	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$48.00	\$361.88
Contingency	\$350.00	\$225.97	\$949.40	\$387.50
<b>Total Program Expense</b>	<b>\$8,050.00</b>	<b>\$3,927.99</b>	<b>\$7,811.39</b>	<b>\$5,553.49</b>
Custodial Supplies	\$1,700.00	\$1,448.45	\$1,872.85	\$1,772.65
Sunday Custodian	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00
Custodial Services	\$19,000.00	\$18,558.75	\$18,926.25	\$18,375.00
Maintenance - Ground	\$6,000.00	\$7,373.25	\$8,506.00	\$8,612.00

Account Name	2018 Preliminary	2017 Actual	2016 Actual	2015 Actual
Maintenance - Church	\$3,500.00	\$1,568.56	\$3,437.79	\$2,158.53
Maintenance - CE Annex	\$5,000.00	\$2,965.87	\$6,365.87	\$4,525.98
Maintenance - Manse	\$1,500.00	\$1,222.50	\$772.96	\$3,238.82
Maintenance - Organ	\$700.00	\$625.00	\$600.00	\$742.50
Maintenance - Pianos	\$250.00	\$224.15	\$336.45	\$412.15
Maintenance - Handbells	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Buildings &amp; Grounds</b>	<b>\$39,250.00</b>	<b>\$35,286.53</b>	<b>\$42,118.17</b>	<b>\$41,137.63</b>
Electric - Church	\$5,000.00	\$3,899.14	\$ 5,181.65	\$4,643.62
Electric - CE	\$3,500.00	\$3,926.21	\$3,506.26	\$3,108.30
Electric - Manse	\$2,200.00	\$2,406.33	\$2,105.20	\$2,158.48
<b>Total Electric Expense</b>	<b>\$10,700.00</b>	<b>\$10,231.68</b>	<b>\$10,793.11</b>	<b>\$9,910.40</b>
Gas - Church	\$5,000.00	\$5,006.97	\$3,195.00	\$5,137.00
Gas - CE	\$4,500.00	\$5,256.76	\$4,101.44	\$6,160.73
Gas - Manse	\$1,400.00	\$1,358.22	\$937.00	\$1,555.00
<b>Total Gas Expense</b>	<b>\$10,900.00</b>	<b>\$11,621.95</b>	<b>\$8,233.44</b>	<b>\$12,852.73</b>
Water/Sewer - Church	\$2,000.00	\$755.70	\$3,737.08	\$867.34
Water/Sewer - CE	\$1,200.00	\$884.38	\$1,347.57	\$1,130.63
Water/Sewer - Manse	\$1,000.00	\$1,139.74	\$1,015.11	\$1,055.24
<b>Total Water/Sewer Expense</b>	<b>\$4,200.00</b>	<b>\$2,779.82</b>	<b>\$6,099.76</b>	<b>\$3,053.21</b>
Phone - Church	\$2,600.00	\$2,702.48	\$3,153.69	\$3,100.48
Insurance	\$13,000.00	\$13,674.06	\$13,576.25	\$12,859.50
<b>Total Phone &amp; Insurance</b>	<b>\$15,600.00</b>	<b>\$16,376.54</b>	<b>\$16,729.94</b>	<b>\$15,959.98</b>
<b>Total Utilities</b>	<b>\$41,400.00</b>	<b>\$41,009.99</b>	<b>41,856.25</b>	<b>\$41,776.32</b>
Office Supplies	\$3,500.00	\$3,310.73	\$3,672.23	\$3,825.48
Printing	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Postage	\$1,000.00	\$1,151.46	\$1,078.20	\$1,331.76
Office Equipment Maintenance	\$300.00	\$368.21	\$0.00	168.40
Copy Machine Lease	\$1,800.00	\$1,668.00	\$1,668.00	\$1,654.00
Payroll Service	\$1,550.00	\$1,502.00	\$1,551.85	\$1,467.30
Vanco Fees	\$700.00	\$660.98	\$631.83	\$421.47
Session Expenses	\$300.00	\$107.99		
<b>Total Office Expense</b>	<b>\$9,300.00</b>	<b>\$8,769.37</b>	<b>\$8,602.11</b>	<b>\$8,868.41</b>
Land Purchase Loan	\$14,981.00	\$14,981.00	\$14,981.04	\$14,981.04
<b>Land Purchase Loan Payment</b>	<b>\$14,981.00</b>	<b>\$14,981.00</b>	<b>\$14,981.04</b>	<b>\$14,981.04</b>
Benevolence Exp.	\$10,000.00	\$1,666.64	\$4,991.04	\$1,666.63
Per Capita Exp.	\$17,316.00	\$3,271.00	\$8,730.00	\$18,320.70
<b>Total Benevolence &amp; Per Capita</b>	<b>\$27,316.00</b>	<b>\$4,937.64</b>	<b>\$13,721.04</b>	<b>\$19,987.33</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$362,812.28</b>	<b>\$334,724.93</b>	<b>\$355,720.18</b>	<b>\$349,420.65</b>

## **Worship Committee**

**T**he Worship Committee continues to function and enhance different areas of Worship.

### ***Chancel Choir***

**T**he Chancel Choir of Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church continues to lead the music worship for the congregation weekly from September through June. In addition to the anthems we sing most Sundays, we take pleasure in preparing special music for Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Christmas Eve and, of course, Choir Recognition. During Advent the choir presented the Christmas portion of Handel's "Messiah". The soloists for this work included Guest soprano, Melissa Chambers, Sandy Grebel, Jon Yount and guest bass, Ken Wasser. "Messiah" was accompanied by a string quartet and, of course, Sara Hoey on the organ. Special thanks to all the donors who provided the funding for the quartet in loving memory of Loren Donley. I am grateful to all: Choir, soloists, quartet and Sara for a glorious and spiritual moment.

In August, it was with great sadness that the choir learned of the death of former director and bass soloist, Loren Donley. Chancel Choir members along with guest singers and members of the New Jersey Chamber Singers participated in a poignant and meaningful memorial service for Loren that was held in The Loren D. Donley Performing Arts Center at Point Pleasant High School.

I am most grateful for Sara Hoey and the members of the Chancel Choir who "held down the fort" in January and February while I was recovering from major back surgery. 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 Jon Yount, Arlene Wacha, Donna Wittmann, Sarah Sarbello and Morgan Sarbello on flute.

As always I am most grateful to my "church wife" of thirty-six years, Sara Hoey, who performs flawlessly on the organ each and every week throughout the year.

***Please Consider Joining the Chancel Choir. Choir Members Do Not Have to Belong to PPPC or Be Presbyterian. Singers of All Faiths Are Welcome! Tell Your Friends!***

We need new members in the choir. We can only continue to provide the quality of music the congregation has come to expect if the choir loft is full of singers. No one will be asked to sing a solo or audition. Come to rehearsal on Thursday night at 7:30 in the sanctuary and "sit in". We need all voice parts and all ages are welcome.

### ***Choral Bells***

**T**he Choral Bells is a unique musical addition to worship on 4 Sundays from September to June. The group rehearses from 6:15 to 7:15 on Monday evenings.

I am most grateful for the dedication of the ringers who give so tirelessly of their musical talents and often adjust their personal schedules in order to be a part of the Choral Bells.

We are seeking new members. As personal lives change, members must resign. Come over on a Monday evening and don a pair of gloves, hold a bell and discover if you too would like to be a ringer. You do not have to be a member of PPPC to play. One of our long time members belongs to another church!

As always, I extend my thanks to the congregation for your on-going support, both financially and spiritually for the Chancel Choir and the Choral Bells.

Respectfully submitted,  
William R. Shoppell, Jr.,  
Director of Chancel Choir & Choral Bells

## *Dove Choir*

**R**ebecca Muraglia, Teacher of Dramatic Arts at Point Pleasant Borough High School has been serving as interim Dover Choir Director since January 2012. All children from 3 ½ to 12 years of age are welcome to come out and learn to sing, read music and perform in a traditional sacred children's choir. The Dove Choir rehearses every Wednesday from 5:00-5:45PM. Please feel free to email [rmuraglia@comcast.net](mailto:rmuraglia@comcast.net) with any choir inquiries.

So...why participate with the DOVE CHOIR??? Music is a magical gift we must nourish and cultivate in our children, especially now as scientific evidence proves that an education in the arts makes better math and science students, enhances spatial intelligence in newborns. In addition, being a part of the church Dove choir provides a wonderful youth ministry to God.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca Muraglia,  
Interim Dove Choir Director

### *Worship*

**A**side from the special yearly duties needed to prepare the church sanctuary in making it inviting and conducive to a meaningful time of worship, many members of our congregation work faithfully to keep our worship services running smoothly.

We are thankful for the guidance of Carl and Linda, and for the musical talents and dedication of Bill Shoppell, Sara Hoey, Rebecca Muraglia and the many choir members who are part of our outstanding choral program.

We are thankful for the dedicated teams and helpers of our Ushers, Communion, Worship leaders, and office staff who contribute to making church service prideful.

Special thanks to Jim McGuire, Sue Hankins, Glen Gauer, Marilyn Rice, Randy Crate, Frank and Kyle Jones, Parrott Family, Maria O'Connor and many others not mentioned who decorated and undecorated the sanctuary and to our Elders who provide their help and support in all matters.

### **Worship Leader Coordinator:**

Nancy Jalowski

### **Usher Coordinator:**

D. Scott Smith

### **Communion:**

Diane Manzo

### **Special Flower Arranging:**

Sue Hankins, Randy and Andrea Crate, Marilyn Rice, (3 times a year: Christmas, Easter, & Pentecost) and others.

**Paraments:** Marilyn Rice (changed according to the Liturgical Calendar)

### **Special Communion Table Arrangements:**

Celishia Scarpone (November)

### **Sanctuary Preparation:**

Joan and Ronald Panuska

### **Children's Worship Kits:**

Donna Wittman

### **Flower Coordinators:**

The Deacons

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Jalowski, Chairman