

# First Presbyterian Annual Congregational Report For 2011



February 5, 2012



# PASTOR'S REPORT

## Ministry Highlights of 2011

Many ministries continue. Those highlights are wonderful, but not contained here. I am highlighting what is new in my seven brief months at First:

- We confirmed nine young people into the life of Christ here.
- We gave over 3,000 dollars in additional crisis support and collected two truckloads of food in response to Maywood Mission's emergency request late fall.
- We began Care First, a care leadership team that meets weekly to look after members in need.
- We began the Pray First Monday morning prayer gathering. A dozen or so gather first thing Monday morning to pray for the church, the world and their friends.
- We collected over 900 gift boxes for Operation Christmas Child, which were sent to children all around the world.
- One week in early December found this congregation serving in many places the world over:
  - a) A team helping Operation Christmas Child in North Carolina, b) A team providing dental support and other assistance in Honduras c) A mission team member preaching the gospel in Pakistan, d) A team serving food at Foundation Dinners and e) A team at Southeast Correctional Institution throwing a Christmas party for inmate families through the WINGS program
- Giving increased by more than 6% over 2010.
- Our monthly serving at Foundation Dinners continued with expanded participation
- Christmas Festival Sunday with Orchestra and all choirs drew over 350 worshippers in praise of God.
- A community wide Christian youth concert drew over 200 youth to the sanctuary.

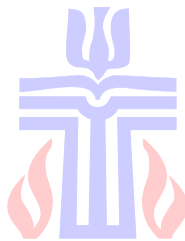
Did I get it all? Of course not! And I hope not. My desire is that this congregation has more ministry happening and more lives touched than a pastor could ever recite or recall! On a personal note, I want to thank you for welcoming and loving my family into this community. Of particular memory are the prayers you sent up for William when he broke his arm, and Thomas when he battled pneumonia. Your solicitations and petitions were truly heartfelt and touching.

***Commit your way to the LORD; trust in Him, and He will act. (Psalm 37)***

Keep praying for my spiritual growth, your own spiritual growth and an ever growing love for Jesus Christ among this congregation.

Grace and peace,

*Rev. Matthew Richardson*



# ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR 2011

Membership December 31, 2010	<u>502</u>
Gains for 2011 ~ Profession and Reaffirmation of Faith, Restoration to Roll	14
Loss for 2011 ~ Deaths, and Transfers from Roll	10
Moved to Inactive Status	3
Removed from Inactive Status	1
Membership December 31, 2011	<u>504</u>

## First Presbyterian Corporation Officers of 2011

David Brennan, President	Kathryn Kittredge, Treasurer
Mary Beth Young, Vice President	Lee Jewett, Secretary/Clerk of Session

## Members of Session

### **Class of 2012**

David Brennan  
Glenn Burns  
Ryan Johnson  
Gigi Elliott

### **Class 2013**

James Callahan  
Robert Heath  
Penny Hubbard  
Betty Massey

### **Class 2014**

Alan MacLaughlin  
Thomas Tobin  
Catherine Tolbert  
Mary Beth Young

## Board of Deacons

### **Class of 2012**

Philip Blower  
Karen Hardie  
Susan Tobin

### **Class of 2013**

Renee Avon  
Katherine Brennan  
Alice Parks

### **Class of 2014**

Jamie Cook  
Robert Falvo  
Jean Walker

## 2011 Statistical Report

### In Memoriam

Helen Kull ~ January 16, 2011  
Marge Rudolph ~ March 30, 2011  
Jane Ety ~ April 2, 2011  
Jude Thomas Widener ~ May 12, 2011  
Ruth Hecox ~ July 23, 2011  
Marty Bell ~ August 7, 2011  
Robert Seeley ~ November 23, 2011  
Alice Mott ~ November 24, 2011  
Barbara Van Fossen ~ December 4, 2011  
Alice Lewis ~ December 10, 2011

## Members Received by Session in 2011

Melissa Trembley	Jessica Bell	Landen Lama
Jeanette Ford	Maxim Boone	Hallie Litt
Barbara Grunkemeyer	Courteney Avon	Katie Maloney
Bea Rarick	James Fox	Spencer Gilmore
Emerson Rarick	Clark Hubbard	

**Affiliate Member**

N/A

**Members Removed From Inactive Status**

Jack Supman

**Congregational Marriages**

Julie Smith & Anthony Boch on April 23, 2011

**Congregational Baptisms**

Erin Nicole Fletcher	March 27, 2011
Casen James Sabo	April 10, 2011
Erika Marie McGehee	April 17, 2011
Zachery Hunter Cox	April 17, 2011
Jude Thomas Widener	May 8, 2011
Courteney Brianne Avon	May 15, 2011
Sullivan Michael Ford	June 19, 2011
Jeffrey Caleb DeLong	June 23, 2011
John Fredric Furniss IV	July 17, 2011
Margaret Jane Havlicek	November 20, 2011

**Adult Baptism**

N/A

**Our Longest Resident Members**

Jane Ann Purcell Young 12-21-1942

Paul Robert Wenger 12-21-1942

*Submitted by Mark Loy*

## ADULT EDUCATION & NURTURE TEAM MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

### **Team Members:**

Barb Callahan, Betty Davis, Marilyn Hough, Tom Tobin, Dave Norby, Becky Stebelton, Martha Pool, Suzanne Culver, Dave Brennan, Elder

The Adult Education and Nurture Team bases its mission on these premises:

- In order to experience spiritual growth, a person needs to study the Bible and other Christian disciplines.
- A positive way to find fellowship and nurture Christian ideals at First Presbyterian is to become active in a study/fellowship group.
- Create as many study/fellowship opportunities as possible for members and friends of the congregation.

Church School classes meet at 9:30 AM, and include:

- The Class for Singers and Others, led by Martha Pool
- Coffee, Conversation and Christ, coordinated by Tom Tobin and led by various group members
- Bible Encounters led by Betty Davis
- Breakfast Club led by Barb Callahan

### **Small Group Ministry:**

Various small groups comprised of a wide range of ages

Dinner of Eight – An adult fellowship activity where groups of eight or nine individuals join together to meet in homes or restaurants.

### **Other areas of Adult Education and Nurture:**

**TGIW** - An educational dinner program starting in October of each year and running until Holy Week.

**Discipleship House Bookstore**- A visible part of the church, offering a variety of Bibles, other Christian publications, and greeting cards. The bookstore is a resource to the First Presbyterian congregation and to other congregations in the Lancaster area. The store is staffed by a volunteer team led by Lee Jewett and Sandy Boylan.

**Art Walk Team** – The First Presbyterian Church opens its doors to the community and displays a diverse offering of artwork created by members of the congregation. The Art Walk team was led by Peggy Mahler.

**Church Library** - A resource for Christian and family publications and a convenient location for small group meetings. The publications and videos offered in the library were updated and re-organized by Barb Callahan, Suzanne Culver, and Becky Stebelton.

*Submitted by Dave Brennan*

## ARTWALK

For 2011, the committee determined that the Artwalk would be a member show once again. There were over 20 participants with over 140 pieces submitted for display. Once again, our members showed how much talent there is in our church. The variety was amazing.

We are always fine tuning the technical side of tracking and storing the art. Next year, we plan to keep all information on the computer including the check in lists and descriptions. This will speed up the intake process, labeling each piece, and putting together the program for the show.

We determined that the traffic flow can only be set once we know the evening's content. This year with the great success of the special entertainment, there were times when our space was overwhelmed by over 600 "walkers". The Lancaster Handbell Ensemble's debut was not only a draw to our show but another venue for our talented membership at 1<sup>st</sup> Pres. Many of the "ringers" are members of our church. Many thanks also to Jackie Winegardner who played for us during the first hour of the "walk".

This event would not be the success that it is without all the volunteer hosts and hostesses for Artwalk night and the rest of the days the show is open, Janet Friend and assistants for setting up the show, the group in charge of the snacks and drinks (back to cookies next year), and the staff at the church who really go out of their way to help the committee.

Committee members: Peggy Mahler, chair, Gigi Elliot, Judy Custer, Cathy Schmidt, Marilyn Sweyer, Ann Kitzmiller, Ed Pool, Lou Travis, Mark Loy, Linda McDonald, Betty Davis, Joann Sater, and Jackie Winegardner

We now have a budget for the Artwalk of \$500.00 which will allow us to upgrade our displays and other items.

### BUDGET:

2011 opening balance-Donation	\$500.00
Participation fee	\$75.00
Drinks and supplies	\$34.05
Handbell stipend	\$150.00
Winegardner stipend	\$50.00
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$309.05</b>
2011 ending balance	\$190.95
2012 budget pay in	\$500.00
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$690.95</b>

*Submitted by Peggy Mahler*

## DISCIPLESHIP HOUSE BOOKSTORE

Discipleship House Bookstore has been open since 1994. Most books are sold at a 25% discount; Bibles at 30%; and all greeting cards for \$1.00. The goal is not to make money so much as it is to get quality Christian reading materials into the hands of members of the congregation and the community in order that individuals may grow in Christian life and witness. This is providing a service and convenience within our church.

We are a Christian bookstore but we carry and can order all types of books, not just Christian publications. Much of our business is in the form of special orders, and most books are received within a few days.

At the end of 2008, the bookstore took on a new look. We sold our older inventory of books at greatly reduced prices and then were able to update our bookstore with new popular titles. We greatly expanded the Children's books and greeting card areas.

In 2011, the bookstore sold 456 books and 501 cards totaling gross sales of \$4,787.12. There has been a 20% increase in Sunday sales. That's great! Let's make that even higher in 2012!

We are open EVERY SUNDAY morning after each worship service. During the week you can find Spec Reed taking care of the bookstore on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 am – 2:00 p.m. and on Fridays from 10:00 – noon. The Sunday volunteers are Marilynn Ford, Dave Norby, Kathy Rea, and Jerry Wysong.

*Submitted by Lee Jewett*

## MEN'S & SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

The men's ministry program continues to grow, meeting the second Saturday of each month, with speakers and a fine breakfast being served, accompanied by wonderful fellowship. We held a men's retreat at Geneva Hills on Saturday, August 27. This event was led by our own Rev. Matthew Richardson. We plan to continue our spiritual growth by making this an annual event and seeking other ways to walk closer with the Lord with guidance from the Holy Spirit. We look forward to continued expansion of Men's ministry in 2012.

*Submitted by Glenn R. Burns*

## THE BUILDING & GROUNDS TEAM

Elder—Bob Heath  
Staff Resource—Ed Pool

This team's mission is to oversee the care and maintenance of the building and grounds of our Church and the Wright Place.

### Major Church activities:

- Pastor's Study updated with heater/air conditioning, additional electrical outlets
- Third floor Men's Restroom with exhaust fan and lighting
- New air conditioning servicing Chapel and other education wing areas
- Baptismal Fount posing safety risk was donated to another Presbyterian Church
- Back entry door repaired to latch properly with electronic entry
- Upgrades to the media ministry including new cabinetry
- Inspections and assessments completed including examination of main boiler, sanctuary walls in main building and Wright Place
- Parking lot resealed and striped
- Constructed wall and steps between The Wright Place and church parking lot
- Completed additional landscaping for parking lot wall project
- Replaced Wright Place roof including removal of unused chimneys and TV aerial
- Replaced hot water heater in Wright House
- Replaced multiple downspouts and gutters following thefts
- Maintained church van
- Had parking lot cleared and salted during inclement weather
- Added five safety/assist railings at parking spaces in front of church
- Purchased and planted four urns and placed in front of each pillar at church front

Several Church members have spent many hours repairing and maintaining our facilities. We thank them all for their time and energy. A special thanks to the team that worked at the landscaping of the parking lot wall area.

### 2012 Potential Major Projects:

- Refurbish dining room
- Security including door entry and monitoring system upgrade, burglar alarm
- Insulation added above the Sanctuary ceiling
- Colonial Room air conditioning
- Maintenance and painting of all outside iron railings
- Floodlights for front porch

*Submitted by Bob Heath and Ed Pool*

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

### Class of 2012

Tiffany Culver  
Belinda Nebbergall  
Stephen Walters

### Class of 2013

Melissa Davis  
Sommer Barham  
Bridgid Mahler  
Stacy Sater

### Class of 2014

Beth Craft  
Jamie DeLong  
Kim Johnson  
Susan Johnson

Vickie Widener, Staff Resource

Mary Beth Young, Elder

This has been another exciting year, providing many opportunities to help our children learn and grow in Christ. We “kicked off” 2011 with a Huddle Up Family Event in January. This football themed Sunday afternoon event was well attended by children and youth and their families and included opportunities for fellowship, small group and family reflections, and informal worship.

The LOGOS program provided Wednesday evening programming for eight weeks in February and March and eight weeks in September through November. LOGOS includes Activity Time, Worship and Music, Bible Study, and a meal. The program benefits from the participation of volunteers throughout the church, modeling the community of Christ for our children.

Our children's Sunday school programs have enjoyed a successful year. Faith Village, our program for the elementary grades, continues to employ a “rotational” model, using several different methods to teach one Biblical lesson for several consecutive weeks. In one recent month, for example, the children explored the story of creation through lessons involving games, dance, science, and nature. This multi-week, multi-method approach seems to both engage the children's attention and, by allowing a sustained focus on a lesson, ensure they grasp and retain the presented material.

It was a particularly successful year for preschool and Kindergarten Sunday school, as several children “graduated” from the nursery into the preschool room. The preschool room is now well populated with energetic preschoolers beginning to learn the foundations of faith. A new addition this year has been the use of the chapel for music activities for the preschoolers. They enjoy the change of scenery and the chance to make a joyful noise! Our little ones are also nurtured through the Play N Learn program, providing a “Parent's Morning Out” opportunity for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers on Wednesdays.

June was a very busy and successful month, with over 100 participants attending Kids Club Camp at Geneva Hills and over 125 children attending Vacation Bible School at the church. A variety of other programs were presented throughout the year – from Spring's Easter Egg Hunts to Summer's Wild and Wacky Wednesdays to Fall Fun Day to Shoebox Packing to Advent Family Sunday School. While working with our children takes many hands, it holds many benefits. It is our hope that through our programming, our children have fun while growing their faith identities and experiencing the love and care of the First Presbyterian community.

*Submitted by Mary Beth Young*

## BOARD OF DEACONS

### Class of 2012

Philip Blower, Mod.  
Susan Tobin  
Karen Hardie, Secretary

### Class of 2013

Renee Avon  
Katherine Brennan V. Mod  
Alice Parks

### Class of 2014

Rob Falvo  
Jamie Cook  
Jean Walker

The Board of Deacons began meeting monthly in 2011 . Session representative Gigi Elliott was present at the meetings. With the help of Gigi, the deacons are sending cards monthly to the shut in members of the congregation.

The Deacons continued their oversight of delivering the chancel flowers weekly to shut-ins and hospitalized members. When possible, a short visit was also held with these individuals.

Transportation needs were provided for one member, and were supplemented by other members of the church.

The Care Card Ministry continued with most weeks finding two or more cards available for the congregation to sign.

Renee Avon has taken the lead on the 2011-2012 directory. Photos have been taken, the membership roles verified and we are putting the final touches on the layout.

Stated meetings for 2011 the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month beginning at 6:30pm.

*Submitted by Philip Blower*

## FRIEND TO FRIEND MINISTRY

The Friend to Friend Ministry is a ministry focused on our older adult members and acknowledges their special gifts. It is a ministry for as well as with older adults.

Our church has many activities that are multi-generational. LOGOS, Vacation Bible School, Sunday School, TGIW, Couples Clubs, Choir, Artwalk, Dinner 8 are just a sampling of activities that encompass all age groups.

The Friend to Friend visitation program is still the focus and the heart of the ministry. This is a group of dedicated volunteers who visit our shut-in members every month offering friendship and sharing God's love.

Bob Heath has again organized the "Yard Masters". These hard workers give physical help to members who need extra muscle on their yards as the seasons change.

We celebrated Legacy Sunday in May. It was a special Sunday to recognize and honor our older adult and long time members, complete with beloved hymns, flowers and a reception.

In October I attended a meeting focused on Older Adult Ministry held in Columbus and sponsored by The Presbytery of Scioto Valley. We meet once a year to share ideas and programs with other churches in the Presbytery.

The card ministry is moving to the Deacons this year. It is a way to spread God's grace and let our shut-in members know that we care about them.

Friend to Friend "Pearls of Wisdom" are published in our monthly newsletter---little bits to think about.

The Friend to Friend ministry offers ways for all of us to participate in sharing our individual gifts and spreading God's love.

*Submitted by Gigi Elliott*

## LOYALTY CIRCLE

Loyalty Circle is a fellowship of caring women who meet regularly for prayer, Bible study and mission work. Our Bible study in 2010-2011 was a study on the book of Revelation and in September 2012 we began a new study on the Beatitudes written by Rev. Margaret Aymer. Our leaders remained the same for 2012: Martha Pool as Moderator, Muriel Ballou as Secretary and Kate Brennan as Treasurer. Meetings are held September through June on the third Wednesday of each month at 9:30am in the parlor of the church. New members are always welcome.

Recent mission involvement:

- Ongoing mission pledge to Presbytery, Synod & Global Missions – \$707.00
- Birthday and Thank Offerings going to special mission projects – \$321.00
- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance - \$250.00
- Fellowship of the Least Coin - \$22.88
- Support for Buckhorn Children's Center of Ohio - \$75.00
- Maywood Mission Food Pantry - \$75.00
- Healthy Women, Healthy Families - \$30.00
- Postage Stamp Ministry

Several members attended some of the quarterly PW Presbytery Gatherings held in various places throughout the year.

*Submitted by Martha Pool*

## KNIT TOGETHER

Knit Together is a gathering of women who like to knit. We meet for prayer and fellowship as we knit projects. We meet from September through May on the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:00pm in the church library. Projects we have made include prayer shawls for friends and church members, hats and washcloths for the Shoebox Ministry and other items as well. All interested in knitting or crocheting are welcome to join us. Martha Pool facilitates this group.

*Submitted by Martha Pool*

## MISSION TEAM

Team Members by class:

<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Jayne Brook	Jim Callahan (Elder & chair)	Bob Heath
Sandy Boylan	Marjory Trishman	Maris Mahler
Philip Griffith	Denise Sawatzky	
Rob Libbee	Lyndel Taylor	

### Mission Statement:

The First Presbyterian Mission Team facilitates working relationships between selected missions and our congregation. The missions must demonstrate a commitment to support one or more of the core values of evangelism, compassion, and education, while spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Team welcomes input and feels that our fiscal responsibility is not only imperative but a sacred trust from the congregation.

We attempt to accomplish this by:

- Identifying mission needs through requests from various groups and suggestions from our committee members and the rest of our church family.
- Providing recommendations to Session on how our mission funds should be utilized.
- Allocating the approved budget for missions to those that have been identified as possible recipients of our support and overseeing the distribution of the mission funds.
- Providing opportunities for the congregation to be informed about and involved with mission activities.

Please see the attached 2011 Mission Budget and Actual spending for detailed information on how the funds were allocated and spent in 2011.

### 2011 Highlights:

For 2011 we allocated over \$74,000 for mission activities that were funded through our church family's giving. These funds supported education, compassion and evangelism mission activities at the local, regional, national, and international levels.

We continued support of the sewing ministry at the Quebrada Grande Presbyterian Church in Honduras. Members of our church completed a trip in early December to provide additional sewing training for these women.

We again provided special funds for Buckhorn Children's Center for Christmas gifts for the Boys at the Ohio Campus.

The Mission Team, along with Reverend Matthew, began the process to investigate ways that more members of the congregation could become involved with local mission efforts. This will be ongoing with specific opportunities being identified in 2012.

Trips by our members this past year included:

Several trips to Honduras to continue support of Montana de Luz and the Presbyterian Church at Quebrada Grande.

Philip Griffith's trips overseas for evangelism outreach.

Trip to North Carolina to support the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox program. We thank you for continued support and always looking for new members and welcome your input to the

mission activities of our church. We generally meet as a committee on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm. For more information please contact Jim Callahan.

*Submitted by James Callahan*

## MISSION BUDGET FOR 2011

	2011 BUDGET	2011 ACTUAL
<b><u>Community Mission</u></b>		
Big Brothers & Sisters	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Christmas Basket Mission Project	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Community Benevolence through Maywood Mission	\$9,600.00	\$9,600.00
Cub Scout Pack #5	\$500.00	\$500.00
Foundation Dinners/Shelters Prison	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Ministries	\$1,000.00	\$939.00
Maywood Mission	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Multi-County Youth Conference	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
South American Student Relief	\$300.00	\$300.00
WFCO (Local Radio)	<u>\$3,000.00</u>	<u>\$3,000.00</u>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$25,900.00</b>	<b>\$25,839.00</b>
<b><u>National Mission</u></b>		
Buckhorn Children's Center of Ohio	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Christian Appalachian Project	\$600.00	\$600.00
Navigators - Charly Sommers	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Presbytery of Scioto Valley	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
WSFJ (Channel 51)	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$11,600.00</b>	<b>\$11,600.00</b>
<b><u>World Mission</u></b>		
Compassion, Colorado Springs, Colorado	\$982.00	\$982.00
Crown Financial - Ukraine	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Ghana - Church Planning Missions	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Holt International Children's Services Honduras	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Trips	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Hope International	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
OMS International	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00
Philip Griffith Mission Trips	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Samaritan's Purse- Operation Christmas Child	<u>\$1,200.00</u>	<u>\$1,200.00</u>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$30,282.00</b>	<b>\$30,282.00</b>
<b><u>Uncommitted Balances</u></b>		
Buckhorn - Christmas Gifts	\$1,618.00	\$1,600.00
Maywood Mission Food Pantry	<u>\$3,500.00</u>	<u>\$3,500.00</u>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$5,118.00</b>	<b>\$5,100.00</b>
<b>Total Mission Budget</b>	<b><u>\$72,900.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$72,821.00</u></b>

## TGIW

Thank God Its Wednesday (TGIW) continues to bring members and friends of the congregation together in a mid-week time of good food, fellowship, learning, and entertainment. Several teams of volunteers prepare and serve meals, and clean up afterwards. Following the meal is a brief time of prayer and announcements. Approximately every other week at 6:15, a special program from different organizations, members or missions is presented.

COOKS during this program year have been:

Jim Hubbard, Sandy Foster, Debbie Frazier, Cheri Johnson, Peggy Mahler, Children's Ministry Team, Samaritan's Purse Team

Marsha Russell coordinated volunteers.

Mark Loy scheduled the programs from October to Ash Wednesday. Reverend Matthew led a study each Wednesday during Lent.

This 2011 year's programming included:

### Winter Session 2011

January 5, 2011	Undecking the church
January 12, 2011	Lancaster Public Education Foundation with Ken Culver & Jim Russell
January 26, 2011	Lancaster Parks with Mitch Overton
February 2, 2011	Mid-Winter Potluck
February 23, 2011	Rotary Exchange Students
March 9, 2011	Ash Wednesday
March 16, 2011	Thinking About Your Legacy with Matt Johnson
March 23, 2011	Birds of Ohio with Roger Grossenbacher

### Fall Session 2011

September 28, 2011	WFCO Radio with Steve Rauch
October 5, 2011	Blue Shoe Arts with Cheryl Fey
October 12, 2011	Fairfield Heritage Association with Joyce Harvey
October 19, 2011	Medicare Update with John Sweyer
October 26, 2011	Fairfield County Historical Parks
November 2, 2011	Lifeline of Ohio – Organ Donation with Ron Packard, Jr.
November 9, 2011	Community Watch – County Status with Sheriff Dave Phalen
November 16, 2011	Samaritans Purse – Christmas Shoe Box with Cathy Schmidt
November 30, 2011	Deck the Halls

*Submitted by Dave Brennan*

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY TEAM

1. A Spring Luncheon was given on April 3rd. after the 10:45am service with 60 women in attendance. We decided on this time in hopes that our younger women and moms could attend. The luncheon was chaired by SallyAnn Haase. Her committee did an outstanding job. Our guest speaker was Tammy Baker from Fairfield Medical Center who spoke on "How to unclutter your life". Her talk was very informative. Many of us could relate to the life situations she explored with us.
2. The Quarterly Cup has been in publication now for three years. The responses have been very favorable by women of all ages. Its purpose is to encourage you to, "Take time for yourself" by taking a few minutes to enjoy a beverage while reading about the experiences of other women, inspirational messages and having a few good laughs. Please note this publication is not intended to be a newsletter. Again, we thank Tina Wittich for all her time and research on this publication. Enjoy!
3. The Women's Ministry provided a lovely reception for the Three Kings Concert this year. Many thanks to all the women who were so gracious in providing an array of good things to eat and drink.
4. In January, our final count for 2010 Smile Train collections was \$1,120.10. That meant that at least eleven children received a new smile and a new outlook for a brighter future. Smile Train sent us a beautiful book about their mission. It is really fascinating to read and see the places they serve and the children whose lives are change. This book will be in the Heritage Room then moved to the library. For 2011 we received \$598.26. We were able to help six children this year. I hope next year we will be able to put a big smile on many more children.
5. Our Fall Retreat took place on November 5<sup>th</sup> at Blacklick Metro Park. Approximately 28 women were in attendance for a time of fellowship, good food and lots of laughs. The guest speaker this year was Kathy Brand.
6. The Women's ministry sponsored a memorial gift for Jude Thomas Widener in November. With the generosity of our women, we were able to buy a lovely rocking chair for the nursery at Fairfield Medical Center. The rocker has a gold plaque with his name, birth and death date. To our surprise the collection was much more than we expected (\$1,125.00). It was decided after purchasing the rocker to create a memorial fund in the name of Jude Thomas Widener. This fund will be used for emergency support for any child in our congregation who is suffering from a life threatening illness. Guidelines for this fund are still being written with the help of Jamie Culver. Contributions to this fund can be made at any time.
7. Women's Ministry offers many small group activities such as Bible studies, Loyalty Circle, Book Club, Knitting Together, etc. These activities offer opportunities to expand your knowledge of God and how you may come to know Him through study, fellowship and service. Also, for those who may be new to the church, this is a great way to meet and make new friends. We look forward to meeting our new women of the church.

*Submitted by Cathy Tolbert*

## WORSHIP AND MUSIC TEAM

Muriel Ballou, Penny Gallup, Paul Jablonka, Cheri Johnson, Ann Kitzmiller, Jim Russell, Bill Schroer, Jackie Winegardner. Staff: Leta Cook, Cathy Schmidt, Rev. Richard Ellsworth/Rev. Matthew Richardson. Session Elder: Betty A. Massey

### *January*

- \*Martin Luther King, Jr. service held at First Presbyterian January 17<sup>th</sup> with Police Chief, David Bailey, guest speaker
- \*Ann Kitzmiller appointed as liaison between ushers and W&M Team

### *February*

- \*February 6<sup>th</sup> Pastoral Candidate Sermon by Rev. Matthew Richardson
- \*Jerry Wysong appointed as Coordinator for Holy Communion Sundays.
- \*Lancaster Hand Bell Ensemble auditions hosted by First Presbyterian Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>

### *March*

- \*Ash Wednesday service on March 9<sup>th</sup>
- \*Bill Schroer to be in charge of getting liturgists for every Sunday at both services, to report to W&M Team of this ongoing assignment.
- \*In keeping with the Lenten theme of “Walking With Jesus” Jackie Winegardner, Liturgical Arts Coordinator placed “footsteps” around the cross in the sanctuary, adding additional ones for each Sunday leading up to Easter.
- \*A Children’s Drama Troupe was formed by Barb Callahan and Cheri Johnson. “acTs” (Acting Children Telling the Story) looks forward to offering dramatic sketches during worship services and TGIW. They have been adopted by Worship & Music and have their own line item in the W&M budget. Barb and Cheri will organize the costume closet.
- \*Celebration Ringers attended the Hand Bell Festival in Covington, KY March 11-12
- \*The Lancaster Hand Bell Ensemble was officially launched with weekly rehearsals following Celebration Ringers’ rehearsals on Thursdays.

### *April*

- \*A committee, headed by Suzanne Culver, was formed with the purpose of raising funds for the 2011 Messiah Sing Along. It was determined that there would be no ticket sales, but instead, a freewill offering would be taken.
- \*April 17<sup>th</sup>- Palm Sunday Service, April 21<sup>st</sup>- Good Friday Service, April 24<sup>th</sup>- Easter Sunrise Service and two Easter Services in the sanctuary.
- \*A reception was held between the Easter morning services for The Reverend and Mrs. Richard Ellsworth and Lee Jewett’s retirement. This was the last Sunday for “Rev” to be in the pulpit at First Presbyterian Church.

### *May*

- \*Reverend Matthew Richardson’s first Sunday in the pulpit on May 6<sup>th</sup>.
- \*In conjunction with Legacy Sunday on May 15, and as requested by Gigi Elliot, the prelude for that day was comprised of 5 ‘old hymn favorites’ ....confirmed by an unofficial poll of several long time members.
- \*Teacher and Choir recognition held on May 29<sup>th</sup>

## *June*

\*Red geraniums were placed in the sanctuary windows celebrating Pentecost Sunday.

## *July*

\*A "Celebration of Gifts" was presented in conjunction with the Lancaster Festival Art Walk on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. As in the past art was placed in the Heritage Room and surrounding areas.

\* First public performance of the Lancaster Hand Bell Ensemble. Two mini concerts by the newly formed group, directed by Leta Cook, took place in the Chapel.

## *August*

\*Picnic for Worship & Music Team held at Betty Massey's home. Plans for the upcoming busy fall and winter programs and events were discussed. No formal meeting.

## *September*

\*Wedding Liaison position added to the Areas of Responsibilities of the W&M Team.

\*Evaluation of the piano in the Colonial Room by Mike Springer for purposes of getting the piano tuned and other major repairs. All work will be covered by the Hannah Thrash Memorial Fund. Work to begin in January 2012.

\*Installation of The Reverend Matthew Richardson conducted on the afternoon of September 25<sup>th</sup>

## *October*

\*World Wide Communion service on October 2<sup>nd</sup> with only one service.

\*Alison Murphy resigned as the coordinator of "Deck the Halls". Cheri Johnson will assume the responsibility of finding new leadership for this important part of the Advent season.

## *November*

\*The annual Three Kings Organ Concert was held on November 20<sup>th</sup>. Guest organist was Mr. Weldon Adams.

\*Brian & Bridgid Mahler and John and Melissa Davis volunteered to be the new coordinators for "Deck the Halls". Deck the Halls took place on Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>

\*A number of our young pianists shared their musical talent with the congregation, playing entrance music and offertories during morning and evening services

## *December*

\*The Celebration Ringers played for the annual Lancaster Community Candlelight Tour on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>.

\*Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>am The Festival Singers (adult choirs and guests), the Girls' Ensemble and The Celebration Ringers presented "Songs for a Holy Night ~ Songs for a Joyful Day." Anthems and hymns were accompanied by bells, strings, trumpet, organ and timpani. Two of our youth, Mari Spires, violin and Olivia Hubbard, trumpet, played beside their respective teachers, Tara Vinson and Rob Falvo

\*Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> p.m. – First Presbyterian hosted the 2011 Messiah Sing Along complete with orchestra and outstanding soloists. The freewill offering of over \$600 was sent to Maywood Mission Food Pantry.

- \*The Children's Choir offered the musical "The Shepherd's Story" at the 6:30pm Family Christmas Eve Service. Barbara Callahan and Cheri Johnson, co-directors of acTs, served as dramatic coaches.
- \*The 11:00pm Christmas Eve Service: Music by the choir, directed by Cathy Schmidt and several soloists was followed by Rev. Matthew's Christmas message and Holy Communion. Once again, the lifting of the lighted candles and singing of Silent Night closed this beautiful service.
- \*Christmas Day, December 25<sup>th</sup> only one service.

*Submitted by Betty Massey*

### To God Be The Glory

*"That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God....."*  
*Romans 15:6*

## YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Staff Member: Ryan Dewey  
Elder Ryan Johnson

2011 was another year of stability and growth. Ryan Dewey continued to reach out to the youth of the church and community with established weekly youth activities including: Open House at the Wright Place, Senior High Bible study at LHS, Wednesday night Junior High Youth Group, Sunday night Senior High Youth Group and Junior and Senior High Sunday School.

Beyond the weekly scheduled activities, Dewey planned numerous extra events in order to spend time with not only those youth in our congregation, but also with friends and youth from outside the church. Some of these activities included: lock-ins, Faith Day at the Cincinnati Reds game, college workshop with Charlie Sommers, Trip to Magic Mountain, volunteer work at Foundation Dinners, and a Niagara Youth Conference.

New this year to the youth was taking more active leadership roles at Kids Club Camp and learning about and implementing a time of prayer and fasting. Our church also hosted ATOM (a city-wide youth event) and Everyday Sunday (a Christian band) with Dewey being the Keynote speaker. The Youth Committee and Dewey also helped implement background checks on all youth volunteers and provided parent/youth meetings before every trip.

The Youth Committee and Dewey have also continued to work hard in trying to increase the involvement of the congregation. Volunteers have been used for assisting the youth groups, chaperones for trips, food donations, and Sunday school teachers. The congregation has been very generous with their time, talents, and donations.

God has truly blessed our church and the youth of this congregation and community through Dewey. His energy and passion to teach the Gospel to the youth are incredibly exciting.

*Submitted by Ryan Johnson*

## FINANCE TEAM

### Team Members:

#### Class of 2012

Philip Griffith (2<sup>nd</sup> term)  
Norm Hoyt (1<sup>st</sup> term)  
Ron Swain (1<sup>st</sup> term)

#### Class of 2013

Penny Hubbard (1<sup>st</sup> term)  
Shawna Green (1<sup>st</sup> term)

#### Class of 2014

Jamie Culver (1<sup>st</sup> term)  
Paul Ewing (2<sup>nd</sup> term)  
Bob Heath (1<sup>st</sup> term)

The following pages represent the church's financial position at Year End 2011 and the financial budget for 2012. Should you have any questions, please contact Jodie Phayer, in the church office, Monday through Thursday.

Penny Hubbard, Elder  
Kathy Kittredge, Treasurer  
Jodie Phayer, Financial Administrator

*Submitted by Penny Hubbard*

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
TREASURER'S REPORT 2011**

**OPERATING FUNDS**

**RECEIPTS**

2011 Giving	619,451.58
Earnings on Investments	6,320.61
Miscellaneous Income	<u>4,090.08</u>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$629,862.27</b>

**EXPENDITURES**

Church Programs	116,670.13
Church Boards	14,690.58
Building Operations/Office Expenses	117,600.19
Staff Expenses	374,459.71
2011 Carryover	<u>6,441.66</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$629,862.27</b>

Fairfield Federal Checking	(495.39)
Stifel Nicolaus Operating Account	<u>95,805.95</u>
<b>TOTAL 12/31/11</b>	<b>\$ <u>95,310.56</u></b>

**RESTRICTED FUNDS**

**VERGENE MATTSON TRUST**

<b>Beginning Balance 1/1/11</b>		8,927.88
Income:		
Presbyterian Foundation	37,422.91	
State of Arizona Unclaimed Funds – Mattson	<u>935.70</u>	38,358.61
Expenses:		
Back Bank Wall with Steps & Railings	8,690.00	
Wolfe/Mattson Gravesite Flowers	210.00	
Attorney Fees for Unclaimed Funds Application	350.00	
Wright Place Roof Replacement	19,750.00	
Capital Mission: Honduras Projector	900.00	
Sudan Nile Theological Seminary	2,400.00	
Sudan Hunger Relief	1,700.00	
Geneva Hills 2008 Budget Deficit Repayment	<u>10,815.00</u>	<u>44,815.00</u>
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/11</b>		<b>\$ <u>2,471.49</u></b>
<b>Restricted Funds – Fairfield Federal Checking</b>		<b>\$ 2,471.49</b>
<b>Presbyterian Foundation – Permanent Investment</b>		<b>\$ 633,077.18</b>

**ADDITIONAL FUNDS**

**BALANCES 12/31/11**

Good Samaritan Fund	\$ 1,986.30
Memorial Gifts Fund	\$ 89,392.81
Stansberry Rotating Educational Loan Fund	\$ 33,507.18
Hedges Scholarship Fund	\$ 39,993.81
M. A. Casseday Kids Club Camp Endowment	\$ 6,721.15
W.D. Akin Fund	\$ 9,594.80
Dr. and Mrs. Arnold Jenkinson Fund	\$ 12,350.90
Permanent Investment Fund	\$ 96,594.31

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 2012 BUDGET

	2008 ACTUAL	2009 ACTUAL	2010 ACTUAL	2011 BUDGET	2011 ACTUAL	2012 BUDGET	%
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>							
Prior Year Pledges	820.00	1,185.00	2,095.00	1,000.00	1,130.00	1,000.00	
Annual Pledges	586,320.81	582,856.20	553,500.24	587,000.00	586,273.58	569,000.00	
Other Contributions	22,281.75	22,823.85	24,708.26	25,000.00	32,048.00	25,000.00	
Investments	8,185.69	6,237.63	5,820.95	6,000.00	6,320.61	6,000.00	
Miscellaneous Income	3,477.48	3,917.37	5,901.87	6,000.00	4,090.08	3,000.00	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 621,085.73</b>	<b>\$ 617,020.05</b>	<b>\$ 592,026.32</b>	<b>\$ 625,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 629,862.27</b>	<b>\$ 604,000.00</b>	
<b><u>CHURCH PROGRAM</u></b>							
Children's Ministry	9,379.60	6,688.08	8,043.94	8,435.00	8,330.13	13,530.00	2%
Youth Ministry	4,600.00	5,000.00	5,500.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,500.00	1%
Worship/Music/Arts	8,180.20	8,896.40	8,936.82	9,450.00	7,021.47	10,600.00	2%
PR/Growth/Adult Programs	4,917.59	6,107.40	5,977.40	6,800.00	6,897.53	7,300.00	1%
Mission	85,445.06	66,089.53	69,000.00	72,900.00	72,821.00	50,000.00	8%
Presbytery Per Capita	16,805.70	21,318.40	18,653.60	15,600.00	15,600.00	16,506.00	3%
<b><u>CHURCH OPERATIONS/OFFICE</u></b>							
Office/Postage/Technology	10,335.90	14,822.78	10,742.56	11,000.00	11,788.13	11,000.00	2%
Financial Office/Stewardship	1,720.37	1,378.75	1,428.19	1,400.00	1,969.05	1,750.00	0%
Finance Audit	-	-	-	-	-	4,000.00	1%
Copier Leasing/ Expenses	9,380.48	9,072.73	9,626.05	10,000.00	10,371.07	11,000.00	2%
Housekeeping	1,368.09	1,080.69	1,249.61	1,000.00	1,557.28	1,000.00	0%
Insurance	7,306.00	6,356.00	6,124.60	6,360.00	5,849.00	7,236.00	1%
Maintenance/Repairs	13,342.48	16,528.00	17,265.41	19,000.00	19,950.65	19,000.00	3%
Van	-	-	-	-	-	1,700.00	0%
Utilities	46,600.76	47,966.09	43,434.31	44,665.00	42,230.45	45,000.00	7%
Building Program/Reserve	1,070.62	8,503.45	14,039.30	18,000.00	18,000.00	10,000.00	2%
Wright Place Youth House	5,088.87	6,805.48	5,450.23	7,100.00	5,884.56	7,100.00	1%
<b><u>CHURCH BOARDS</u></b>	<b>3,694.84</b>	<b>2,760.92</b>	<b>6,990.06</b>	<b>13,000.00</b>	<b>14,690.58</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b><u>STAFF EXPENSES</u></b>							
Salaries	280,526.61	282,374.87	280,185.01	273,830.00	282,897.43	267,533.00	44%
Allowances	29,719.32	25,593.26	16,336.33	29,000.00	27,396.41	35,700.00	6%
Benefits	81,603.24	79,677.22	63,042.90	71,460.00	64,165.87	74,545.00	12%
Budget Carryover to Restricted Building/Program Reserve					6,441.66		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 621,085.73</b>	<b>\$ 617,020.05</b>	<b>\$ 592,026.32</b>	<b>\$ 625,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 629,862.27</b>	<b>\$ 604,000.00</b>	<b>100%</b>