# ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION AND CORPORATION

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PENN YAN, NEW YORK

JANUARY 28, 2018 11:30 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER

OPENING PRAYER

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Period for reading of Reports

Presentation of Budget

Review of Pastor's Terms of Call

Discussion

Adjournment

**CORPORATION MEETING** 

Presentation of Trustees' Report

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**CLOSING PRAYER** 

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## Pastor's Report for 2017

2018 will be a year of opportunity for the congregation to have an inspiring impact on our community and the life of our congregation. This will be a year of prayerful discernment and generosity.

In 2017 the churches' finances unexpectedly grew tremendously. From March to the end of the year, the church received royalty payments totaling over a million dollars. As a result, Session held a congregational luncheon and discussion to share thoughts and ideas about the financial windfall. Session approved an immediate tithe of 20% and established the Hattie Hardman Committee to put God's money to work.

2018 will be a year of new beginnings. Marilyn Fitch, our beloved church secretary has retired after over 50 years of service. We are very grateful for everything she has done for the congregation. We welcome our new secretary, Mary-Ellen Laffin. This last year our talented Choir Director Idelle Dillon retired and we welcomed our new director, Megan Bailey. Also, our Bell Choir Director, Steve Matteson, retired after many wonderful years of service. Additionally, the congregation will soon hire two people to staff the nursery on Sunday mornings.

As we enter 2018, we reflect on our shared experiences of 2017. The combined worship services of our congregation with the United Methodist and First Baptist churches were well attended on Memorial Day and Labor Day weekend. We worshiped together outside at the Court House Park and due to inclement weather, inside at the First Baptist Church. Also, the joint summer worship with the First Baptist Church on July 2 and August 6 was successful.

There were a number of highlights for me this past year. I served on the Presbytery's Nominating Committee and on the Administrative Commission for the Dundee Presbyterian Church. I continue to moderate the Prattsburg Presbyterian Church's Session. I also served on the Chaplaincy Board for the Homestead and Manor Nursing Homes, the Keuka Comfort Care Home Board, and the Once Again Shoppe Board. I also Co-Chaired the Penn Yan Area Council of Churches Worship Committee.

I led worship at the Homestead and Manor Nursing Homes in February and in August and participated in their Memorial Services in October and November. In April, I was the Chaplain on Call for the Soldiers and Sailors Hospital.

I enjoyed planning and speaking at the Lenten Luncheons, participating in the Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service and at the Blue Christmas Service. The Clergy Luncheons were fun and meaningful.

I especially want to thank my loving wife Linda for all of her support. We hosted the Annual Christmas Open House and visited parishioners at the hospital and in their homes. It was especially nice having our family attend church during our family reunion.

In Christ's service, Rev. Paul Malles

#### Clerk of Session Annual Statistical Report 2017 -

Enclosed is our annual Statistical Report submitted to the PC(USA) and Presbytery of Geneva. We had a total loss in active membership of 9 this year, with 4 moving to inactive and 5 deaths, along with 1 transfer out and 1 transfer in. We had 2 baptisms this year. Attendance was also slightly decreased. Financial reports come from our excellent treasurer. It's my honor to serve the congregation.

Marriages:

None

Baptisms:

Larry Ayers Jr.
Anna Leigh Faicco

December 17, 2017 March 12, 2017

**New Members by Affirmation** 

**Ronald Wilkins** 

March 2017

Members Transferred from Active to Inactive

Teresa Jackson David Strickland Derek Strickland Tony Pereira November 15, 2017 November 15, 2017 November 15, 2017 January 18, 2017

Deaths of Members:

Stuart Porter Donald Schnapp Raymond Davison Whitney Hopkins Shirley Whyman October 16, 2017 October 14, 2017 June 22, 2017 June 30, 2017 May 12, 2017

Members Transferred by Letter to Other Congregation

Frank Howe

FPC Bradenton, FL

January 18, 2017

**Total Active Members:** 

December 31, 2017

138

**Total Inactive Members:** 

December 31, 2017

418

**Baptized Members:** 

December 31, 2017

12



# Church Report 2017

PIN Number	5513					<u></u>
Presbytery Number	180228					
Church	First				<del></del>	
Address	PO Box 639					
City/State	Penn Yan, NY 14527-0	1639				
Phone	315-536-8235					
Email	pstrpaul@verizon.net					
Web Site	www.pennyanpresbyte	erian.org/				
Fax	<u>315-536-9199</u>					
Membership	<u></u>			.*		
Prior Active Members	147					
Gains				Losses		
17 & Under	0			Certificate	1	
18 & Over	1			Deaths	5	
Certificate	0			Other	4	
Other	0					
Total Gains	1			Total Losses	10 .	
Total Active Members	138				· · · · · ·	
Baptized	10					
Other Participants	20					
Total Adherents	168					
Female Members	85					
Average Attendance	0					
Affiliate Members	1					
Baptisms			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Officers	·- · · · ·	
Child Baptisms	2			Male Session	4	
Adult Baptisms	0			Female Session	5	
	•			Male Deacons	1	
				Female Deacons	8	
Age Distribution of Active Members Male		Male		Female		
25 & Under	0	0		0		
26 - 45	0	0		Ö		
46 - 55	0	0		0		
56 - 65	0	0		0 .		
Over 65	0	0	•	0		
Total Distribution	0	0		0		

People with Disabilities	<del></del>				
Hearing	5				
Sight	0				
Mobility	5		•		
Other	0				
Christian Education					
Birth 3	2		Grade 7	0	
Age 4	2		Grade 8	0	
Kindergarten	. 0		Grade 9	. 0	
Grade 1	0		Grade 10	1	
Grade 2	0		Grade 11	1	
Grade 3	0		Grade 12	1	
Grade 4	0		Young Adults	. 0	
Grade 5	0		Over 25	0	
Grade 6	0		Teachers/Officers	0	
Total	7				
Racial Ethnic	Membership	Elders	Deacons	Male	Female
Asian	. 2	, 0.	2	0	0
Black	0	0	. 0	0	0
African American	0	0	0	0	Ó
African	0	0	0	0	0
Middle Eastern	0	0	0	0	0
Hispanic	4	0	1	1	2
Native American	0	0	0	0	. 0
White	135	9	8	52	83
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	141	9	12	53	85
Potential Giving Units	64				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Budgeted Income	161,188				
Budgeted Expense	161,188				i.e
Receipts				****	
Regular Contributions	132,123	Bequests	400		
Capital Building Fund	0	Other Income	6,793		
Investment Income	17,485	Subsidy or Aid	0		
Expenditures		***			
Local Program	143,437	Per Capita Apprt	7,650		
Local Mission	7,870	Validated Mission	2,544		
Capital Expenditures	0	Theological Fund	79		
Investment Expenditures	300	Other Mission	. 0		

## **DEACONS' ANNUAL REPORT – 2017**

Members of the Board of Deacons in 2017 were Rachel Anderson, Robyn Ballard, Beth Curtiss, Beth Dickinson, Lia Dickinson, Rachel Dillon, Larry Edgington, Linda Malles, Pastor Paul Malles, and Paul Pereira. (Rachel Dillon left us when she became Christian Ed. Chair and a member of Session. Paul Pereira left us when he left for boot camp for the National Guard.)

It is the duty of deacons, first of all, to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress both within and beyond the community of faith. They shall assume such other duties as may be delegated to them from time-to-time by the session, as stated in the Book of Order.

The deacons met on the second Sunday of most months, following worship. Robyn Ballard acted as chair; Rachel Dillon and Beth Dickenson took notes. Linda Malles faithfully tended the card ministry, sending cards for "support and celebration". A special thank you goes to Linda Bracht for keeping the financial records for the Deacons. Lia Dickinson helped periodically to organize and restock pew racks. The Deacons would like to thank the congregation for helping with this task at the end of each worship service by straightening up the books and removing anything that does not belong.

The Deacons found it more and more difficult to motivate the people of the church to volunteer as ushers and greeters. (Please note: The Deacons have something fun up their sleeves for 2018, thanks to Rachel Anderson.) Nancy Burt reminded ushers and greeters on a weekly basis. Thank you, Nancy, for willingly continuing this task when you were no longer a member of the Deacons.

A Care and a Card List were established and regularly updated. Those on the lists were visited at least once a month by a deacon and/or received an appropriate card/gift. Easter and Christmas Ideal magazines and homemade book marks were given to Art A., Bev. P., Joan W., and Isabelle D. Some people we kept in our thoughts and prayers: Joan Wiley, Bev Pinckney, Scott Dillon, Isabelle D'Ingianni, Doris Palmer, Ron Norris, Nellie Beecher, June Gnagy, Toni Gable, Mac Johnson, Ruth Soles, Ray Davison, Jim and Wava Matzat, Robyn Ballard, Gary and Karen Montgomery, Margy Dilgard, Sue Goodrich, Shirley Whyman, Martha Rouin, Marilyn Malles, Marilyn Fitch, Dick Gillespie, Connie Gibson, Martens family, Benedict family, Larry Ayers, as well as many others not listed.

We voted to give a sum of money to Linda M. from the reserve fund to help pay for cardstock, ink, and stamps. A special thank you goes to Teresa Ballard for visiting Joan W. on a regular basis.

We tried to plan a "tea" for our "Shut-ins" during a coffee time right after church so that they'd have a chance to socialize, but it didn't work out. We went to them.

A single flower was placed in the front of the sanctuary for each death (Stuart Porter, Mac Johnson, Ray Davison, Don Schnapp, Shirley Whyman and Whitney Hopkins) and for the birth of Larry Ayers, grandson of Pam and Larry Ayers.

The Deacons kept a supply of board books on hand to give to new babies. A prayer shawl, made by a member of the congregation, was lovingly presented to Ruth Soles.

In June the Deacons hosted a pulled pork meal for the three Boards of the church, where following the meal, each group highlighted special projects.

Donations of money and food were collected through the Red Wagon Thanksgiving Campaign to support about nine families from the community. We appreciate all of the donations from the congregation. [Needed Items for each box based on number in each family: turkey breast, foil roasting pan, box of stuffing, box of mashed potatoes, cans of sweet potatoes, cans of cranberry sauce, jars of gravy, fresh apples, rolls, butter, corn/green beans, homemade cookies and quick breads.] The pew envelopes for Turkey money are stored in the Deacons' mailbox in the office. It was suggested that perhaps next year a "satisfaction" card be placed in each box, along with a prayer and an invitation to attend church.

The Geordie Gracey Memorial Mitten Tree was adorned with mittens, hats, scarves, socks, and sweatpants during Advent. The items will be donated to the nurse's office at the Penn Yan Elementary School.

The Deacons supported two students in Africa where Sandy, Art and Phyllis Alderman's daughter, volunteers.

It was decided that the interest earned on the Wagner Fund would go to Pet Partners Connection that supplies seniors with pet food so to allow them to keep their companions.

Not necessarily a Deacon's project, but to be sure it is noted – Kaitlyn Hamm and Beth Curtiss put together "School and Cleaning Emergency Kits" for the hurricane victims in Texas and Puerto Rico. They wish to thank the Brachts for delivering them to save on shipping costs.

Thank you to all of the deacons for your time and effort and to the congregation for its support. If anyone knows of anyone needing love and support, please let us know.

Respectively submitted, Robyn Ballard

# 2017 Christian Education Annual Report

The Christian Education Committee is grateful for everyone who volunteered to help teach our youth. Elementary students were taught by Jen Rouin. The High School Sunday School Class was led by Klass Martens and Phil Rouin. The Senior High Class led discussions that tied into themes for Sunday worship by following the lectionary. The Senior Highs also followed a Bible Study based on the film, "Shiloh." The film was about a young boy taking responsibility for a dog. Discussions addressed themes such as commitment, honesty, and responsibility.

Youth Sunday was held on June 4. The graduating Seniors who were recognized included Jesse Alderman, Anna Detar, Ryan Marlowe, and Paul Pereira. Youth Sunday was also Pentecost Sunday. Lia Dickinson created a beautiful and inspiring bulletin cover for the special Sunday.

The Palm Sunday Breakfast was a successful fundraiser for the Youth Mission Trip. The committee is most grateful to Lyman and Nellie Beecher for their leadership with the breakfast. The Soup Sundays during the winter months were also well received as Mission Trip fundraisers.

In July, the Youth Group held their mission trip at Camp Whitman. They welcomed youth and adult volunteers from Virginia. Youth participants included: Anna and Noah Detar, Katie Hamm, Paul Pereira, Elle and Sierra Seago, Kaden and Will Steele. Several other community youth also attended and participated in the mission trip. Adult volunteers included: Eric Detar, Bill Ives, Liliane Pereira, Jen and Phil Rouin, Pastor Paul and Eric Detar helped lead devotions. 14 youth and 5 adult volunteers came from the Kirkwood Presbyterian Church in Virginia.

The Men's Bible Study met on the first Saturday of the month following the Men's Breakfast. Participants continue to read and discuss Brian McLaren's book, "We Make the Road by Walking."

The Wednesday Morning Bible Study Class continued to meet in the Pastor's Study at 10:00 a.m. Participants also met about once a month is people's homes. Thank you for everyone's hospitality.

The committee appreciated everyone who volunteered for the Nursery. We are grateful that the Personnel Committee will be hiring people to staff the nursery.

Respectfully submitted by

C.E. Chair Rachel Dillon and Pastor Paul

#### Edward L. Scherer Higher Education Committee's Fund

We are grateful that the Higher Education Fund continues to gives scholarships/gifts to many of our members to further their education.

In 2017 our committee gave scholarships to the following in the Spring Semester:

Joshua & Keegan Baxter, Abbey Duncan, Megan Fenton, Elizabeth Martens

Amanda Pereira, Alexandra and Geoffrey Rouin, and Derek Strickland.

In the fall Semester of 2017, we added one more high school senior. The committee gave scholarships to the following:

Joshua & Keegan Baxter, Anna Detar, Abbey Duncan, Megan Fenton, Elizabeth Martens, Ryan Marlowe, Amanda Pereira, Alexandra and Geoffrey Rouin.

In the back of the sanctuary there are applications for any member who would like to apply.

A large THANK YOU to Linda Jackson, who continues to reach out to the recipients. She has been on the committee since its inception and is joined by Judy Wilbert, Jennifer Rouin and myself.

Sincerely,

Char Gillespie, Chair

#### Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee wishes to express thanks to those who finished their terms of service this year: Session- Joy Pallischeck, Linda Bracht, Phoebe Baker. Trustees: Alan Doan.

The church officers of the Congregation are as follows:

Treasurer: Linda Bracht Session 2018 Rob Anderson, Mary Foster, Bob Constantine Session 2019 Phil Rouin, Rachel Dillon, Jon Burt Session 2020 Char Gillespie Deacons 2018 Rachel Anderson, Paul Pereira Deacons 2019 Beth Dickinson, Lia Dickinson Deacons 2020 Beth Curtiss, Larry Edgington, Joy Pallischeck (1 year) Trustees 2018 none Trustees 2019 Bernie Spanneut, Bob Gillespie Trustees 2020 Phil Bracht, Peter Martens, Jon Burt, Mike Snyder

#### The Harriet Hartman Committee:

Jen Rouin (member at large)
Sandy Carlsen (member at large)
Karen Montgomery (member at large)
Phoebe Baker (member at large)
from Trustees: Peter Martens

from Session: TBA from Deacons: TBA

Respectfully Submitted by the Nominating Committee

Joy Pallischeck (Session)
Jon Burt (Session and Trustees)
Bob Gillespie (Trustees)
Judy Wilbert (member at large)

#### Personnel Committee Report

We are very fortunate to have Pastor Paul Malles serving our congregation. He is ever present for us and sensitive to our needs, both personally and as a church family. We are grateful to him for bringing God's word to us in many ways. Paul and his wife Linda reach out to visitors, making them feel welcome. Comments like "This is the friendliest Church around" are commonly heard. Paul and Linda continue to share meals in their home in their own unique and warm manner and host their ever-popular annual Christmas Open House complete with Santa Claus.

As well as being Church Treasurer, Linda Bracht graciously agreed to take the temporary position of I.T. Specialist last May. This position continues but will gradually be phased out. Thank You Linda for your crucial service to our church family!

Marilyn Fitch, our beloved secretary, has now retired. Marilyn has served our church faithfully for over 50 years, a truly remarkable gift to us. Our heartfelt thanks goes out to her. We are planning a special reception in her honor soon.

Steve Matteson has also retired as our Bell Choir Director. Steve's directorship provided a unique and serene dimension to our worship. Thank you Steve.

Connie Gibson continues to serve as our organist and choir accompanist. We are so very fortunate to have someone of Connie's ability to provide such a wonderfully inspiring musical backdrop to our worship services. We also appreciate Connie's behind-the-scenes work with other musicians to provide special music.

A big THANK YOU goes out to Idelle Dillon, who led our choir so masterfully for many years. Idelle shared her musical talents in many ways, including special music and filling-in as substitute organist.

We are fortunate and proud to have Megan Bailey as our new Choir Director. Megan's talent as director and enthusiasm is enjoyed by all.

The Committee would also like to thank Phil Bracht and Steve Ketchum for the frequent trumpet duet that so perfectly compliments our worship.

Chuck Georgia, our Custodian, greets everyone with a warm smile and looks forward to continuing his service. Sandy Carlson also helps greatly behind the scenes as she has for so many years.

A paid position for Sunday nursery coverage has been created. We are currently conducting interviews.

Last but certainly not least, we welcome Mary Ellen Laffin as our new church secretary. Mary Ellen is a familiar face in our church family, having volunteered with many projects such as Yates Christmas Program. Mary Ellen's credentials are impressive, far too numerous to include in the space of this report. WELCOME Mary Ellen!

We recommend an 8% raise for Pastor Paul and Connie Gibson Respectfully submitted, Bob Gillespie, Judy Wilbert, Joy Pallischeck, and Jon Burt

# 2017 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PENN YAN

The Stewardship Committee welcomed our new member, Elder Mary Foster, as we worked together on our 2018 Stewardship Campaign. Sunday, October 27, 2017, was the date chosen to celebrate Consecration Sunday with the theme "Why We Give."

Dr. Rob Anderson and Joy Pallischeck shared meaningful Minutes for Mission describing the importance of this form of spiritual discipline in their lives. We also came together as a church community as we opened the campaign with a wonderful fall dessert of apple crisp and again to celebrate Consecration Sunday with a luncheon of baked potatoes with all the trimmings!

As in prior years, we again celebrated the generous response of the members and friends of the First Presbyterian Church of Penn Yan with a total pledged of \$136,687.80. To be more specific, 74 responses were received, or 85% of those contacted responded to the campaign. The encouraging choice of 45% of pledges choosing to maintain pledges, 35% increasing their pledges, and 14% from new pledges is a wonderful statement of support to the ministries and mission of the First Presbyterian Church of Penn Yan.

The Stewardship Committee gives great thanks to those who shared the presence of giving in their lives through Minutes for Mission, those who helped with the set up for the Sunday events, those who helped with food preparation, and all those who attended to make these truly celebratory events.

Finally, to the members and friends of our church community goes our great thank you for your continued generous support to the Stewardship Campaign each year!

Respectfully Submitted by the Stewardship Committee:

Pastor Paul Malles

the Rev. Anne Waasdorp

Phoebe Baker Linda Bracht Phil Bracht Mary Foster Charlotte Gillespie

Robert Gillespie

Marcia Kneeland Layton

Jennifer Rouin Sonja Simpson

#### Annual Report: Presbyterian Women 2017

The Presbyterian Women had several projects to fund raise for our church, our community and our missions. Socializing and supporting one another along the way, we work together all year to meet our goals. Thank you to each person in the church who helped in any way with our projects. We always welcome new faces.

#### FEBRUARY:

Valentines Project- Carol Worden gathered money, and sent gifts to our college and military youth.

Memorial Reception for Olive Dickinson was held.

#### MARCH:

PW helped with setup, serving and cleanup for the Community Lenten Luncheon on March 2.

#### APRIL:

Sonja Simpson chaired the Chicken BBQ fund-raiser at the Lyons Bank.

#### MAY:

Blanket Sunday- Daisy Heller Memorial Celebration for Shirley Whyman

#### JUNE:

Spring Picnic at the home of Linda Jackson, with help from Mary Foster. Memorial Celebration for Ray Davidson.

#### **AUGUST:**

Chicken BBQ at Oak Hill-Char Gillespie

#### **SEPTEMBER:**

Fall picnic/meeting at Joy Pallischeck cottage September 19th.

#### OCTOBER:

Fall Rummage sale-Sandy Carlson

#### **DECEMBER:**

PW Advent tea-Jean Constantine, Char Gillespie. Forty women from our church and community came for a light dinner and to hear Megan Bailey sing.

REGULAR EVENTS: Garden-Sonja Simpson & Nellie Beecher, Kitchen-Sandy Carlson. Celebration of Life receptions; 1<sup>st</sup> qtr.-Char, Bernie; 2<sup>nd</sup> qtr.-Linda B., Pam; 3<sup>rd</sup> qtr.-Linda J., Sonja; 4<sup>th</sup> qtr.- Linda M., Robyn. Our members are active in other community missions: Keuka Comfort Cookie Walk, Yates Christmas Program, CROP, Bundle Up.

2017 Officers. Chair-Bernie S., Secretary-Char G. Treasurer-Joy P.

#### Mission Statement of the Outreach Committee

"The mission of the Outreach committee is to lead the congregation toward awareness and ministry of meeting the needs of the community beyond our own congregation. This ministry includes people of Yates County, the Nation and the World. We will recommend to Session those activities and ministries which demonstrate Christ's teaching us to love all people from every socioeconomic level, nationality and human condition."

This year the Outreach Committee has supported the following Mission Ministries:

Presbytery, General Assembly, the Synod, 2 Cents-A-Meal, Yates County Food Program, Safe Harbors, Habitat for Humanity, Camp Whitman Developmental Disabled Camp, PY Council of Churches, Keuka College "Alternative Spring Break" Mission trip to Costa Rica, Bundle Up Yates Christmas Program, and Doctors without Borders.

The special offerings and collections of 2¢ a Meal, Christmas Joy Offering, One Great Hour of Sharing, and Peacemaking Offering have been generously donated by the members of the First Presbyterian Church. These offerings and collections generated over \$2,500. A sincere thank you goes to Beth Curtiss for consistently arranging for 2¢ a Meal collections on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month. Additional thanks to Beth for her efforts to organize humanitarian disaster relief efforts through the procurement of materials for clean-up and hygiene kits, that she assembled with the youth. Special thanks as well to Linda and Phil Bracht for transporting the kits to a Presbyterian Disaster Assistance center in Maryland.

A sale of SERRV (Sales Exchange for Refugee Rehabilitation and Vocation) items was held in December where congregational members were able to help provide opportunity and support to artisans and farmers worldwide, through their purchases. Members of our congregation also participated in the CROP Walk and Turkey Walk to raise funds for supporting local food ministries, such as the new Yates County Hope Center.

Special thanks go to every member of the First Presbyterian Church of Penn Yan for their generosity toward Outreach benevolences: local, national, and international, that have been supported this year and into the future. Your donations throughout this year are a shining example of how "Presbyterians come together to help create a better world by advancing the causes of justice, resilience, and sustainability".

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Rouin Chair – Outreach Committee

#### Church Life & Evangelism Annual Report for 2017

Church Life/Evangelism Committee's mission is to provide fellowship opportunities and encouragement to members and prospective members. By nurturing and building our church family we can extend hospitality to the community at large.

We sponsor Birthday Sunday on the  $2^{nd}$  Sunday of the month. A BIG thank you to all who volunteer to make a 9 x 13 cake to celebrate our family birthdays. If you would like to volunteer, the sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

We had a variety of Supper Club programs this year:

January: Jack Wilbert spoke about his Industrial Design Engineering Career.

February: Chili Crock Pot Cook Off & a sing-a-long with Jan Ogden.

March: Yates County Public Health talk about Radon and effects on Health.

April: Maundy Thursday May: Climbing Bines

June: Finger Lakes Chamber Singers July: Picnic at Keuka Lake State Park

August: Picnic at K.L.S.P.

September: Youth Groups' Summer Mission Project

October: Rich McAlpine speaking on his book about Admiral Frank H. Schofield.

November: Linda Werts spoke about South Sudan Girls School.

In the Fall we hosted a pizza lunch for the church family, after the Sunday service, to discuss our funds.

On Sunday August 6th, the Presbyterians brought in many pies for our fellowship hour with the Baptists, the pies were delicious! Thank you to all the Pie Makers!

We continue to give visitors a small loaf of homemade bread when they come to our Sunday service.

This year Bob and Jean Constantine, with assistance from Linda Bracht worked very hard to update our Church Directory. Thank You to the three of them for their great effort. There are paper copies of the Directory in the back of the sanctuary.

We always encourage anyone to join in the fun on this committee. Share thoughts with any member, for Supper Club, we are always looking for ideas.

Committee Members: Phyllis Alderman, Bob and Jean Constantine, Char Gillespie, Joy Pallischeck, and Carol Worden.

Sincerely,

co-chairs: Bob Constantine & Char Gillespie

### WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2017

COMMITTEE: Idelle Dillon (Chair from January thru June) Connie Gibson, Beth Dickinson, Jean Constantine (Chair from July thru December) and Pastor Paul Malles.

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Working with the pastor on general worship arrangements
- Overseeing the music of worship
- Assisting in planning special worship services
- Preparing Communion
- Arranging pulpit supplies
- Encouraging worship participation
- Planning summer worship and music
- Maintenance of the organ and pianos
- Being responsive to the congregation's input and ideas
- Preparing the Worship and Music budget and calendar

Holy Communion was served on the first Sunday of each month and Maundy Thursday service except for the month of July and September. We worshipped at the Baptist Church the first Sunday of July and with the Baptist and Methodist Church at the Yates County Courthouse lawn in September for an Ecumenical Communion service. Pastor Malles served Communion at the Homestead and Penn Yan Nursing home as well.

In 2017 the following special services were observed: Ash Wednesday Observance, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday with Communion, Good Friday Tenebrae service, Easter, Pentecost, World Communion Sunday, Reformation Sunday, All Saints Day observance, Advent and Christmas Eve candlelight service.

As a committee we were very excited to be involved with the purchase of the new Presbyterian hymnal. Approximately 220 hymnals were purchased with monies from the Memorial Fund. Many people from the congregation chose to purchase one or more of the hymnals and have them used in the Sanctuary with a dedication or memorial plate card inserted in them. We would like to give a special thank you to Linda Bracht for all her help with the plate cards.

The committee is very grateful to Connie Gibson, Idelle Dillon and Steve Matteson for planning and directing music for each Sunday worship service as well as special music and our summer worship services. Thank you also to all of the senior Choir members, Bell Choir members and the congregation members and friends who share their musical talents.

The committee gives our additional thanks to Mary-Howell Martens for both providing and preparation of our Communion elements. Another thank you goes to Daisy Heller for taking

care of our Communion linens. Gluten free wafers are now available each Sunday for Communion.

In June, Idelle Dillon officially retired as our Choir Director and member of the Worship and Music Committee. The committee and the whole congregation thank her for her many years of service and dedication. In November, Megan Bailey became our new Choir Director and newest member of our committee. Welcome Megan.

2017 has been a very good year and we are all looking forward to 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Constantine

Chair - Worship and Music Committee

#### Trustees Annual Report

First Presbyterian Church Trustees meet 10 months each year. Trustees oversee the well being of the church property, working with a budget that is thoughtfully researched. Trustees also host workdays for the interior and exterior repair and cleaning by members and the church family. Individual Trustees work on projects as they arise throughout the year to maintain the integrity of the church and its property.

The following are projects and maintenance that took place in 2017:

Review of insurance, fire code, and inspections of church property.

Purchased adjacent Clinton St. property at County auction for \$1,000, which

provides access to church back yard.

Demolition and removal of dilapidated garage and removal of unwanted vegetation on above property.

Secured snow removal

Repair of leaking faucets and toilet.

Addition of stones behind shrubs along sanctuary South wall.

Hiring the washing of all windows.

Inspection of flat roof with County Engineer for future repair.

Research and changing of phone plan to be more cost efficient.

Boiler maintenance including a new variable speed pump.

Automatic dishwasher service

Secured Howard Slone for lawn and shrub maintenance.

New front signboard and letters.

### The community use of the buildings:

July 4-Aug 5th Kids Adventure Time

Yates Hunger Walk

Girls Club

Exercise group

Turkey Walk

W.I.C. program

Cookie Walk

Yates Bundle Up

Quilters Group

Yates Christmas Program

Living Well luncheon

Counseling by Scott Steele

Pathstones

Ongoing projects for 2018

Upcoming "Independent at Home" program.

Replacement of sanctuary ceiling fans with additional lighting. Full Sanctuary Hearing Loop

Thank You to Alan Doan for his most recent 3 years of service.

Trustees: Bob Gillespie, Peter Martens, Alan Doan, Jon Burt, Phil Bracht, Bernie Spanneut