

**The Annual Report  
Of the  
Congregation  
Of  
First Presbyterian Church  
Of Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania  
For the year ending  
December 31, 2010**



**First Presbyterian Church  
Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania**

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION AND CORPORATION  
January 30, 2011  
1:00 p.m.

Call to Order for the Congregational Meeting

Opening Worship

Minutes of the Congregation and Corporation Meeting of February 7, 2010

Statistical Report

2011 Pastoral Compensation

Reports of Pastor, Staff, and Committees

Report of Church Treasurer for 2010

Report of the Nominating Committee

Action on Reports

Preview 2011 Budget

Adjournment of Congregational Meeting

Call to Order for Corporation Meeting

Action on the Congregational Meeting

Adjournment of Corporation Meeting

Closing Prayer and Benediction

**CHURCH MEMBERS WHO HAVE DIED DURING 2010**

Hank Belin  
Jean Grill  
Jo Anne Ramsden Matechak  
Helen Ross

Eleanor Goodwin  
Richard Hostrander  
Robert Richards  
Ella Scheuer

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### 2010 Statistical Report

Total Church Membership as of December 31, 2009	545
Additions: Received by Profession of Faith	1
Received by Reaffirmation of Faith	2
Received through Certificate of Transfer	4
Reinstatement	0
Losses: Certificate of Transfer	4
Transferred to Inactive Rolls	0
Removed	3
Death	<u>8</u>

Total Church Membership as of December 31, 2010      537

Baptisms - 3      Funerals - 8      Marriages - 5

Average Sunday Morning Attendance    2010: 196      2009: 208

## 2011 Pastor's Report

William G. Carter

In the letter to the Ephesians, there is an affirmation from a pastor to the church: ***"I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers."*** (Ephesians 1:15-16) It's a good reminder of the two dimensions of the Christian life: faith in Christ and love toward all. When a pastor like me sees both, he gives deep thanks!

We can't have one without the other. Faith without love is wishful thinking. Love without faith is unrealistic affection. There is a mysterious bond between Jesus and his people. We work out our faith by loving one another. We profess our love by naming Jesus as its source and destination.

This is what I have noticed this year in our life together. Whether in choir anthem or mission trip, we declare both faith and love. In gathering food for the hungry and studying the scriptures, we affirm Christ is alive among us. Through the teaching of our youth or the generous work of so many volunteers, we draw on the energizing power of God's Spirit. There is no simple reduction of what we do as vertical praise of God or horizontal embrace of our neighbors. All fits together as the one ministry of the Risen Christ.

Certainly we will recall our favorite moments as we survey these written reports. Some will be impressed by how much we do while others may be exhausted. Many will take heart in our outreach to those in need, our dynamic worship services, our warm fellowship, or our solid financial situation. On the surface, there is much for us to cheer and encourage. Yet I invite you to join me in looking beneath the surface of all our activity. God is here, sometimes in the silence, other times in the noise. Everything in our church life testifies to that Holy Presence.

We have our challenges. I have buried dear friends, some of them young. Volunteers are plentiful but some are weary or tentative. The membership is chronologically increasing (always a good thing), yet it is hard work to lower the average age of our church family. Our Session is developing a new set of guidelines to encourage our members to treat one another in blessed and respectful ways. Our committees and staff have successfully done many things as "we have always done them before," but it's time to try some things new. As with any living organism, change is necessary for growth. I need your help in discerning the changes that are healthy and life-giving to our church, and I ask for your skill in making them happen.

For me, it was a very rich year. My personal odometers flipped over - I turned fifty, celebrated twenty-five years of ordained ministry, and marked twenty years as your pastor. These moments were surrounded by your love and faith, and I am grateful for the occasions when we celebrated together. Our home nest continues

to empty as a third kid has gone to college, and my wife and I are navigating the ensuing quiet.

I served in Minneapolis as a commissioner to the General Assembly, and worked hard in my assignment to the Middle East Peace Issues committee of that body. My service as the moderator of the presbytery's Committee on Ministry has been both demanding and fulfilling. I took all of my vacation days for the first time in a decade and enjoyed other enrichment opportunities in conferences, monasteries, and retreats. During one remarkable week of spiritual leave, I joined eighty men who smeared red wine and salt on their chests while reflecting on the ancient wisdom of the Desert Fathers. On another powerful week, the Stephen Ministry national staff equipped me to serve as a local trainer and leader. I am very enthusiastic about this care-giving ministry – just pull my string and I will give you a speech on its importance!

It is a joy to work with a talented and insightful staff. I am grateful for the hard work that they do. At times, I have also considered logging the volunteer hours that make our church tick just to impress you, but the mere possibility of doing that makes my eyes go in opposite circles.

Faith and love. They keep our church strong and vital. They are clear signs that God is with us.

With faith in Jesus and love for you,  
Rev. Bill Carter

## **Director of Educational Ministries Report**

William Cosnett

Over the past year I have had the privilege of working in both the youth and the Christian Education programs of this church. Our youth program continues to serve youth from our church and a number of other churches in the area. The youth group currently has 9 active members. Our meetings consist of a planning time, a teaching and discussion time, and a teambuilder or large group game. Some highlights of the past year were our Ice Festival Chili ConCarnival, our Iron Chef Tournament of Champions, Palisades Mall outing, and our summer mission trip. Four of our younger youth traveled to the wilds of Western Pennsylvania and did home repair on a house in Johnstown. The building will be used by a local ministry to house missionaries and other part time ministry workers in the area. A special thanks to Judy Cutler and Wendy Wescott for being brave and/or foolish enough to serve as our volunteer youth advisers this year.

In addition to my work with the youth I also worked in the Christian Education program in a variety of ways including administering Vacation Bible School, teaching adult education classes, and leading the opening gathering of the Sunday School children. During the summer I also had the opportunity to direct the Junior High Ventures camp at Camp Lackawanna, and this past Christmas I had the privilege of working with our young people in putting on the Christmas Eve Pageant service.

As part of our efforts to increase church participation among younger individuals I endeavored to put together a team of individuals with the intent of creating programming for that demographic. The team currently consists of Wendy Wescott, Anne Rich, Sue Flynn, Ginny O'Brien, Wally Longcor, and Bill Keen. Our first event was a cookie swap, followed by a highly successful cookout at South Abington park. More recently we put on another cookie swap and two Drop and Shop events which gave our parents the opportunity to have a few hours to themselves during the busy holiday season. I have also been working with the members of the team who are currently running the Children's Worship program providing them with training, curriculum, and other support.

The work of the Child Safety Taskforce concluded this year with the adoption of an official Adult Volunteer policy. Since then I have put together a training program and administered it to all of our current volunteers. The complete process consists of a background check, video, and a talk highlighting key aspects of the video and covering particulars of our specific policy.

## MUSIC DIRECTOR'S REPORT 2010

SUSAN KELLY

The music program at First Presbyterian Church remains strong due in large part to the extreme dedication of those who participate in the program. Singers are welcomed into the Chapel Choir from grades 1 through 6 (directed by Connie Weiss and accompanied by Kay Ten Eyck through December 2010; currently directed by Kay Ten Eyck), into the Teen Choir from grades 7 through 12, and then into the adult choir (both directed by Susan Kelly and accompanied by Kay Ten Eyck). Ringers can participate in the Bell Choir (directed by Dick Cochrane through June of 2010; Connie Weiss through December 2010; currently directed by Bill Keller and Karen Kane). Although Music With Friends is no longer rehearsing and performing on a regular basis, there are still opportunities throughout the course of the church year for small instrumental ensembles to perform.

Aside from the normal rehearsals, services, and meetings, there were several additional activities to note:

- Hosting numerous concerts in the Arts Series, including a very successful All-Church Recital in November (which included a performance by guest Warren Cooper)
- Participation by both Adult and Teen Choir in the Abington Ecumenical Choir Festival in January
- Music and Worship planning retreat in June at which services and activities were planned for September 2010-June 2011
- Labor Day Jazz Communion Service
- Teen Choir participated in a "Music in the Parks" competition in June where they received a superior rating and placed 1st overall in the high-school division. As of fall 2010, membership of the teen choir has increased to 30. We hope that this trend will continue and are thankful to the church for its support of the post-rehearsal fellowship time.
- Participation by the Teen Choir in the Lackawanna County Tree Lighting Ceremony on Courthouse Square in Scranton in December
- For the first time in my tenure, the Teen and Adult Choirs joined together to form an intergenerational choir for the 9PM service on Christmas Eve.

Special thanks go to all whose volunteerism and generosity of time make my life so much easier, especially John and Connie Weiss, Dick Cochrane, Kay Rudis, and the members of the Music and Worship Committee.

## **Building and Grounds Committee 2010 Annual Report**

Al Traettino

As part of the committee's ongoing function to maintain the physical property of the church, Building and Grounds has been involved in several projects to improve the church.

Roof repairs: Which has included repairing damage caused by February's ice storm. This required replacing damaged flashing, on the church's roof. We also had the AC ductwork sealed to prevent further leaks into the church offices. At this time the duct work was also insulated to enhance the efficiency of the units.

Parking lot: Repaired lower level parking lot damage due to ice damage. This required us to remove all damaged areas and to resurface those sections. Also the entrance sections of both parking lots were refinished, due to deterioration. Both parking lots cracks were then resealed to prevent further damage.

Sewer lines: Were checked and cleaned. We decided, due to their age, to have them insured against future damage. This was at a nominal cost of \$20.00 per month.

Choir room leak: Was repaired with the cleaning of gutter down spouts and the replacement of drain pipe under the side walk. Reseeding of area will be completed in spring.

Miscellaneous Items: We have had a successful Spring and Fall cleanup with the help of some wonderful church members.

Our special thanks to Frank and Virginia Winters for the great care they continue to give to our church, Also to Don and Betty Keen. Don for all his help when we are short handed and to Betty for the lovely flowers that grace our grounds. And to John Conklin for his tireless and expert painting of the whole interior of our church. What a blessing for these people and all whom have given their time to help make the church a more pleasing place to worship.

### Future concerns and repairs:

Windows on north and west sides of the church will need to be replaced due to deterioration of window sills and frames.

Retaining wall, on Main Street, needs to be rebuilt due to water seepage causing vertical cracks and an outward bulge. This will include excavating behind the wall, rebuilding retainer wall and installing drains to prevent this from happening again.

Boiler has been repaired and maintenance service has been done. But as it is almost 15 years old, we will have to keep an eye on it.

Sanctuary floors are still in need of refinishing and we have a number of estimates on hand.

Kitchen will get a cleaning and remodeling, if funds can be approved, after January 1, 2011. This will include steam cleaning all stainless steel surfaces, replacing or repairing counter tops and organizing all utensils.

## **Christian Education Committee 2010 Annual Report**

Bill Keen

### Activities, Accomplishments, and People to Thank

1. Attendance at Vacation Bible School was up 5% over last year. Feedback from participants and parents about content was excellent.
2. An adult volunteer policy was written this year and approved.
3. A teachers/workers clearance program was completed by all adults who work with children.
4. A proposal was made and accepted to allow parents to register online for Vacation Bible School beginning in 2011. Programming for this option will be completed by May of 2011.
5. Jana Schillinger, Nina Schillinger, Melba Fialko, and Selena Waters joined teachers Bill Keen, Barbara Mellander, Betty Keen, Ginny O'Brien, Wally Longcor, and Dori Waters on the Sunday Church School staff.
6. Dori Waters initiated a Mission focus for the students in the 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade class. The projects included gathering supplies for the Griffin Pond Animal Shelter, gathering supplies for Foster Care Bags, filling shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child, and in the spring, the Mission project will be focusing on Green projects.
7. An Adult Sunday School schedule for the fall of 2010 and spring of 2011 was made in June by Pastor Carter, Will Cosnett, Carol Shamonsky, Joan Thomas, and Bill Keen. Joan Thomas agreed to update the schedule if any changes were necessary and to insure that it was agreeable to all the presenters. Examples of some of the Adult Tasks are: In September, Church Past and Future, presented by Don Keen and Jack Pittman. In October, The Business of SERRV, presented by Brian Schillinger and Donna Porter. In November, Understanding Chrismons, presented by Jo Anne Shepherd. In December, Surprised by Hope, presented by Don Keen. There is a very nice selection of topics to be presented in the spring.

8. In March, Pastor Carter, Will Cosnett, Bill Keen, and Andy Kepler went to a two-day conference titled "Ministering to the Missing Generation." The conference participants discussed the problems churches are having to attract people ages 20 to 35. When we returned, Will Cosnett started a ministry team to work on ways to encourage this age group to join the church. Members of the CE committee have assisted in a number of ministry team projects.

9. A dinner was held on September 26<sup>th</sup>. the purpose of the dinner was to encourage young families to eat meals together.

10. This year, the CE committee put up an Angel Tree with 60 Angel Tags. All were taken, the presents were purchased by members of the congregation and were brought to the children and youth organizations to be given to children before Christmas. Many CE members helped with this project, including Joan Thomas, Linda Schuller, Carol Shamonsky, and Bill Keen.

11. On December 5<sup>th</sup>, a lunch was served by the CE committee after the 2<sup>nd</sup> Service. Then about 30 participants made Chrismons under the direction of Linda Frangos.

12. On December 26<sup>th</sup>, CE provided an enhanced coffee hour after the 1<sup>st</sup> service. The food choice was excellent and it was enjoyed by all. Thank you to everyone who contributed the fine foods.

13. Elementary Fellowship was led by Janet Dobson. It included a Bible lesson, mission activities, fellowship, and a light dinner. Many children were members of the children's choir which had practice after Elementary Fellowship.

14. Birthday Cards were sent to children in our church family by Barbara Mellander.

15. Scholarships were given to children who requested them for mission activities and camp Lackawanna.

16. SPLASH!, a packet containing a newsletter, a CD, and stories to help nurture spiritual growth was provided to families with newborns. Virginia Winters was responsible for this service.

Members of the Christian Education Committee included Bill Keen (Chairperson), Will Cosnett (Director of Educational Ministry), Joan Thomas, Ginny Winters, Janet Dobson, Char Lyon, Barbara Mellander, Kate Hopkins, Anne Rich, Dori Waters, Carol Shamonsky, and Linda Schuller.

## **Christian Education Goal for Next Year**

1. Increase membership and continue to involve all members in the activities of the committee.
2. Continue to work with the head of Christian Education to support the Ministry Team projects.
3. Recruit more people who can work as substitutes for our Sunday School teachers so these teachers can take time off if necessary.

## **Fellowship and Evangelism Committee 2010 Annual Report**

Gail Van Horn, Moderator

The Fellowship and Evangelism Committee consists of thirteen dedicated members who offered their time and talents to provide opportunities for fellowship and welcoming others who visit our church. The committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month.

Coffee Hour and providing "Greeters" for both services represents two important jobs of the Fellowship Committee. Thanks to Karen White, who has continued to oversee the Sunday Coffee Hour, and Gail Van Horn, who has scheduled the greeters for both services, the year has gone smoothly. Other Fellowship members have assisted Karen with the Coffee Hour and brought food items to enhance the refreshments.

Mick Wirth has continued his service working closely with Reverend Carter getting acquainted with new members. He also presented each with an informative insert listing events, groups, and activities of the church. New members welcomed during the year include David and Eva Moore, Charlie Swisher, Olympia Cianfichi, Wayne Wolfe and Valerie Weber.

An update for the Church Directory for distribution to members and regular attendees was completed by Jo Conklin.

The Fellowship Committee provided beverages and decorations for the annual Congregational Meeting held on February 7<sup>th</sup>.

In April breakfast snacks were served to twelve individuals who traveled to Baltimore, Maryland, for mission work.

Fellowship helped host desserts and coffee for the Haiti Trip presentation done by Dave Porter and Pat Henneforth on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The Parking Lot Picnic took place on June 6<sup>th</sup> with at least one hundred attending. Hot dogs, hamburgers, wimpies, and other delicious foods were served.

The Fellowship Committee hosted a brunch and provided snacks to those individuals going on the Youth Mission Trip on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

Gail Van Horn completed the research for the pew cushions and then approval was given to purchase them. The pew cushions, given in memory of JoAnne Matechak, were dedicated on Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>.

On July 16<sup>th</sup>, Faith Night, fifty-one from our church met at the Scranton, Wilkes-Barre Yankee Stadium to watch a baseball game and a display of fireworks. Fellowship organized this event.

The Fellowship Committee also organized and orchestrated the October 3<sup>rd</sup> Celebration for Reverend Carter's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a minister with FPCS and his 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination. Chris Norton and Jim McLaughlin played a part in the planning and presentation of the program.

On October 24<sup>th</sup>, Consecration Sunday, two light brunches were served with an array of pastries, fruit, and finger sandwiches by the Fellowship Committee.

## **Finance Committee 2010 Annual Report**

Jean Foster and John Rich, Co-Moderators

For the year 2010, the Church's budgeted income was over-budget by \$2,864. Expenses for the year were under-budget by \$9,548, resulting in a profit of \$12,412. The Church was able to end the year with all of its obligations current. There is still a PNC line of credit balance of \$24,073.

The Session and Finance Committee extend a sincere "thank you" to our congregation for their financial support of the mission of the Church.

Our church is blessed to have had Barbara Brown as our Treasurer, and we thank her for her wonderful dedication to this job. She has "retired" from this position, and has been replaced by Pat Delaney. We are also blessed to have Dave Argust as our Accountant, and Nancy Owens as Administrator, to keep our committee on target with current financial information...which is easier said than done!

During 2010, the committee was pleased to welcome one new member: Linda Young (Elder).

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Foster and John Rich, co-moderators; Barbara Brown, outgoing Treasurer; Pat Delaney, incoming Treasurer.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Barbara Brown, Pat Delaney, Paul Ford, Jean Foster, Wayne Griffiths, Donna Kepler, Jim McLaughlin, MaryAnn Nichols, Margie Reese, John Rich, and Linda Young.

## **Mission and Justice Committee Annual Report**

Donna Porter

Our committee's goal is to respond to the concerns of peace and justice locally and globally.

Educationally we worked with the Christian Education Committee to provide classes that would examine how our faith lives out in the world. Adult SCS classes included racism, world missions, Bread for the World, AIDS, United Neighborhood Center services, Fair Trade, environmental concerns, United Neighborhood Center work, and Human Trafficking. Evening extended programs were offered on work in Haiti (Dave Porter and Pat Henneforth) and Uganda with the Pygmies (Pinches family).

Challenging lifestyle choices was another area of mission and justice. The annual Alternative Gift Market provided avenues for individuals to celebrate the holidays with gift purchases and preparations that work towards a more just and environmentally friendly society. Thank you to the Fellowship Committee for their "comfort assistance" and the numerous other members who assisted with the booths. The continued work of Brian Schillinger and family on the Presbyterian Coffee Project has also offered another tangible way to address justice.

With regard to charitable giving, we had a local focus this year. During this difficult economic period, the majority of the Mission and Justice budget was allocated to local agencies and services. Monetary gifts were given this year to support the work of Children's Advocacy Center, ASP, Bethel AME homeless shelter, United Neighborhood Center, Habitat for Humanity, Abington Ecumenical Ministries Heating Program, Safety Net, Catherine McAuley Center, Women's Resource Center, SCOLA, St. Francis Soup Kitchen, and the Infant Care Center. The work of these organizations and contact information has been a regular component of the Presbyter this year.

Internationally, we continued to build bridges. We completed the third year of a mission commitment with Presbyterian World Missions and renewed that commitment for another three years. Our celebration of the completion of Paster Ciceron's kitchen for the Rays of Hope school was short-lived with the news of an earthquake and extensive damage. The congregation's compassion and resulting response was amazing, and we were able to assist with several grassroots projects when Dave Porter and Pat Henneforth went to Haiti last spring. The December

spaghetti dinner, organized by Melba Fialko and carried out by many wonderful members, raised additional funds for projects. A special thank you to the youth group members for their beautiful art pieces sold in the silent auction.

Volunteer service was also tapped into. Two work crews provided labor at a Habitat for Humanity site this past summer, and there was a SERRV mission trip in the fall with members who provided hours of assistance packing items for this fair trade organization.

In addition to all of the above, the congregation supported all four of the Presbyterian focus offerings (One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost, Peacemaking, and Christmas Joy) and the Souper Bowl of Sharing.

I continue to learn from and be inspired by our congregation, not just in regard to the financial support, but also in the willingness to build relationships in the community and world, examine our own environmental and personal footprint, wrestle with complicated issues, share time and energy with those presently in greater need, and labor for peace. My thanks to committee members who have given their time this year: Pat Delaney, Melba Fialko, Linda Frangos, Kristen Hardy, Phil Muntzel, Robin Pinches, David Porter, Brian Schillinger, and Natalie Woronchuk. Please know, too, that if you feel a call to work towards peace and justice in our world, Mission and Justice always welcomes new members to the committee!

## **Music and Worship Committee Annual Report 2010**

Andy Kepler, Moderator

If First Presbyterian Church of Clarks Summit choir members look happy to you, it's because they share a little known medical fact: choral singers have a higher level of satisfaction with life than the general population (see *Prevention* December 2010). So come join us and feel the stress melt away!

Music and Worship Committee members included Andy Kepler (moderator), Susan Kelly (Music Director, Adult and Teen Choirs leader, and chief stress reliever), Kay Ten Eyck (Organist, new Art Series Chairperson, and new Chapel Choir leader), Connie and John Weiss (past Chapel Choir leader and Art Series Chair, respectively), Dick Cochrane (past Bell Choir leader and Music with Friends Director, and committee member emeritus), JoAnne Shepherd, Meg Hatch, and Matt Dobson. Just last month Robin Pinches joined our ranks. And, of course, Rev. Bill Carter is a member of the committee. We all wish everyone in the church community a wonderful new year and we invite one and all to join in any of the numerous activities that relate to presenting the most meaningful religious services that we can offer.

We opened the year of 2010 preparing for the February Ice Festival (an Art Series

Program), a Mardi Gras jazz service, and a Holy Humor Sunday following Easter. The next month, Children's Worship faltered from lack of interest and teacher burn-out. In response to the renewed interest from within the committee and parents, Children's Worship program was revived on a limited basis and by March was passed into the capable hands of Will Cosnett for the continuation of its operation. Plans for an expanded Abington Piano Academy were considered and discussed. And preparations for the Easter service were made.

April and May were spent putting on the Bill Mays and the Inventions Trio Art Series Concert with a Master Class held before the event. More details were worked out with the Abington Piano Academy and as June came the committee had to pass the plans and arrangements on to the Building and Grounds Committee, which had the authority for actually finalizing a contract with the academy. We were saddened by the news that Dick Cochrane would be leaving the area for awhile, leaving the Bells and Music with Friends groups leaderless. Connie Weiss took over the Bells program and instrumental offerings were put on small group, as needed, basis. In June the Music and Worship Committee virtually completed worship planning for the 2010-2011 year. There was nothing on the agenda for July.

With August the budget came into focus and with our expenses being mostly personnel costs, there was very little wiggle room to meet a requested 5% budget cut, especially with rising piano and organ tuning costs. The next month the traditional Labor Day Jazz Service was held and a jug band performed for the year's first Art Series program. Children's Worship resumed with teachers prepared to cover both services.

In October the committee (at the prompting of the moderator) began discussing whether or not one of the Sunday services should be slightly changed to offer an alternative service to our congregation. If we should make changes, and how those changes should be implemented will be the subject of continuing committee discussions up to the time we commence worship planning for the 2011-2012 year. In November and December, the church music concert (an Art Series event) was held and the committee worked to prepare for the Advent Season and the Christmas Eve services. Session approved extra funds for Kay Ten Eyck to take over the Chapel Choir and additional funds were approved to keep the pianos and organ properly tuned.

I would like to thank Bill Carter for the way he consistently produced dramatic, insightful, and humorous messages within a creative context every Sunday. Just as worthy of mention is the way he conducts the funerals of our friends and members of the church family: they aren't allowed to just slip out the door, so to speak, but they are triumphantly celebrated in a unique manner that makes us feel easier about their departure. Susan Kelly should get some kind of award for making choir fun and dedicating so much time to working with the Teen Choir.

Connie Weiss for leading the Chapel Choir and the Bell group, and John Weiss, who with Bill Carter provided the real leadership for the committee this year, both deserve the thanks of the congregation and will be missed for the months they remain in Florida. Meg Hatch gets my thanks for staying on with the committee for an extra year and always coming up with a timely comment when needed. Dick Cochrane who served a Bell Choir director and Music With Friends leader/ conductor, and JoAnne Shepherd who assigned hymns for the whole year, and Matt Dobson who contributed pre-service music on several occasions, likewise deserve the gratitude of the congregation. Also, I thank Kay Ten Eyck for thrilling us with a vast repertoire of preludes, postludes and in-betweenludes, and her accompaniment work. I welcome Robin Pinches to this dedicated group of individuals and admire her courage and interest in the work of the Music and Worship Committee.

Special thanks go to Bob Dygert for his pre-service music, the teens who have contributed so much to our services with their singing, Jo Conklin for taking over Art Series publicity duties, the very capable corps of guest preachers, Gayle Hamilton for providing the church with candles for the Christmas Eve services, and Beverly Bright who sends out all committee minutes and has helped Connie Weiss and others to decorate our sanctuary and make it a beautiful place for worship. I know the entire church appreciates and thanks Kaylee Cummings for her excellent nursery care every Sunday during both services. Parents can rest assured their children are enjoying Sunday service as much as they are. Nancy Owens always provides us with the information we want, and is the font of corporate knowledge of First Presbyterian Church of Clarks Summit. It is hard for me to imagine getting anything done without her being a phone call away. Will Cosnett has contributed to many of our services with Children's Time, sermons, and the Pageant Service on Christmas Eve. Dozens of you contributed to our services serving as liturgists. And during the summer many of the liturgists were children who did a wonderful job. We are thankful even to those of you who came to the Music and Worship Committee with ideas and complaints; you make us rethink our way of doing things and keep us mindful of the fact that what we do matters.

## **Nominating Committee Annual Report**

On Sunday, April 25, 2010, the following people were nominated for the office of elder and deacon, class of 2013. A unanimous ballot was cast for their election.

Class of 2013

### **Elders**

Pat Delaney  
Mariluz Dobson

### **Deacons**

Vi Dygert  
Bill Farrell

Gwynne Gilbert  
Jana Schillinger  
Natalie Woronchuk  
Linda Young

Mark Kusma  
Margaret Reese  
JoAnne Shepherd  
Wendy Wescott  
Karen White

On Sunday, September 26, 2010 Chris Norton, chairman, presented the names of Alice Broxton and Jack Pittman for the Office of Deacon. They will fill the unexpired terms of two deacons who recently resigned, and their terms will expire in May of 2011.

This year's nominating committee consisted of Chris Norton, (elder, chair) and Gail Van Horn (elder) from Session, Gayle Hamilton (deacon), Betty Keen, Sue Flynn, Fred Lyon, Ed Cole and Rev. William Carter. (ex-officio)

Next year's nominating committee members at large are Alice Broxton, Jack Pittman and Beth Weber.

### **Staff Support Committee Annual Report**

Steve Selige, Moderator

The pastor's annual review was completed in March and all session members completed an evaluation form.

Areas covered included:

Strengths most evident

What area of ministry provided the greatest need and opportunity for growth

Overall effectiveness and potential

Evaluate effectiveness in leading the church to fulfill its mission

Any constructive suggestions

In general the data was very complimentary.

The pastor's goals included:

Expansion of Stephen Ministry Program

Being more hospitable in attracting young adults

Making an outreach to our inactive members

During the summer Rev. Carter and I met with the Administrative Assistant and the D.E.M. and annual performance reviews were completed. Additional staff reviews took place with the head of staff.

Job descriptions for Staff Support and Review and other staff personnel were also reviewed and updated.

The retirement savings plan for full-time staff was further clarified and approved by session in October.

The Presbytery recommended a 2% cost of living raise for staff and session approved such.

In June newly-elected elder Gwynne Gilbert was appointed to serve as session representative, Janet Stansbury and Dick Broxton as members at large and Rev. Carter (ex-officio), Steve Selige, Moderator.

### **Board of Deacons' Annual Report**

Christine Spangler, Moderator

### **Board of Deacons- Officers from June 2010 to June 2011**

Moderator	Christine Spangler
Vice Moderator	John Conklin
Secretary	Carole LaCoe
Treasurer	Alice Broxton
Asst. Treasurer	Bill Farrell

### **Board of Deacons- Members**

#### **Class of 2011**

Sandra Bailey  
James Justin  
Carole LaCoe  
Alice Broxton\*  
Chris Spangler  
Lee Wirth  
John Pittman\*

#### **Class of 2012**

John Conklin  
Carl Haines  
Donna Kepler  
Char Lyon  
Shirley McLaughlin  
Debbie Traettino  
Tori Yankow

#### **Class of 2013**

Vi Dygert  
Bill Farrell  
Mark Kusma  
Margie Reese  
Jo Anne Shepherd  
Wendy Wescott  
Karen White

\*Both Alice and John are serving one year terms to cover open Deacon positions vacated by Jane Refice and Mary Lou Emmel.

The Deacons attempt to serve the congregation through a series of Care Teams which function year-round and provide individual events during the year. The Care Teams and individual events have coordinators who oversee the activities of their committees. The Deacons meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

### **Care Teams and Coordinators**

#### **Time of Loss: Lee Wirth**

This Team provides support to congregation members during bereavement. Lee

and her committee arrange for one or more Deacons to be present at all funerals held in the church, provide a Blue Christmas candle service with refreshments and organize the congregational memorial service in the spring with refreshments. The Blue Christmas and memorial services are designed to provide care and support for anyone grieving or blue during the holidays.

**Journeying Through Grief: Alice Broxton**

Alice sends a note to church members after a loss and follows up with a series of four books throughout the year dealing with grief management.

**Independent Living/Assisted Living: Char Lyon**

Char and her Team keep in touch with members who are in nursing homes, assisted living centers or live at home but have limited independence/mobility. These contacts are maintained through regular visits, calls, and cards. Char also helps to coordinate designated places or residences for the Christmas caroling. Every Deacon has been asked to make one visit a month to someone on Char's list.

**Emergency Home Repair/ Maintenance: John Conklin**

John's Team assists church members with emergency home repair or maintenance as needed.

**Emergency Needs: Sandra Bailey**

Sandra's Team provides meals, and company to congregation members and their families who experience hospitalization, serious illness, death in the family, etc. Various members of the congregation have helped the Deacons meet these needs as well.

**Stephen's Ministry: John Conklin**

John keeps the Deacons up to date on various aspects of the Stephen's Ministry while maintaining confidentiality.

Although these Teams function through the Deacons, other church members are more than welcome (and do) join in their operation by suggesting names of members who need assistance, or actually helping in meeting the goals of the Teams.

**Other Activities:**

Deacons usher at all church services. In addition to the specific activities of the Care Teams, Deacons provide prayers for church members and others, and monetary support for worthwhile organizations and individuals in need.

This year it was decided that the Deacons will sponsor dinners to help Mission and

Justice fund various activities. The Deacons helped with the Haiti Dinner in December. The Deacons have also taken on the additional task this year of sending out cards to visitors of the church (when addresses are available) thanking them for their visit and hoping to see them again.

**Annual Events Sponsored by Deacons**

**Jazz Communion coffee hour-** August

**Food Drives for AEM Food Pantry-** October and April

**Blue Christmas** - December

**Christmas Caroling-** December

**Beat the Blahs Dinner-** February

Dinner for members in assisted living centers, nursing homes, and living with limited mobility or independence as guests of the Deacons:  
Congregation is invited at a nominal fee.

**Boxes for College students-** February

**Congregational Memorial Service and Reception-** March

The Deacon’s Treasury is supported by donations from the congregation by means of Deacon Offering Envelopes and the loose plate collection on the first Sunday of February, March, April, May, October, November and December. Congregation members sometimes also make other donations. Any distribution of treasury funds are made by Motion and agreement of the Board Members and such distributions can be found within the Deacons’ Annual Treasurer’s Report and meeting minutes.

**BOARD OF DEACONS  
TREASURER’S REPORT  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2010**

Beginning Balance, January 1, 2010		\$2,285.37
PNC Bank		
2010 Receipts		
Deacon’s Offering	\$ 4,908.55	
Beat the Blahs Dinner	<u>296.60</u>	
		<u>\$ 5,205.15</u>
Beginning Balance Plus Receipts		\$ 7,490.52
2010 Disbursements		
“Journeying Through Grief”		
Books and Postage	\$ 368.85	
Care Notes/Abbey Press	123.17	

Beat the Blahs Dinner	524.08	
College Care Packages	447.84	
Congregational Memorial Service	154.62	
Purchase of Gas/Food Gift Cards	375.00	
AEM Heating/Wayfarer's Funds	900.00	
Emergency Request for Member	190.00	
Travel Expense/Driving Member to Phila. For Medical Care	100.00	
Gratitude gifts	208.91	
Cards and Postage	41.92	
New Checks and Ledger	55.00	
Women's Resource Center	200.00	
Three Day Walk for the Cure	200.00	
Jackets for Angel Tree	200.00	
Mission Trips to Haiti and Columbia	<u>1,500.00</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>\$ 5,589.39</u>

Ending Balance, December 31, 2010 \$ 1,901.13  
PNC Bank  
Mary Alice Boxton  
Treasurer, Board of Deacons

**Men's Breakfast Group**

Roy Janson, Coordinator

Romans 15:4

"For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope."

The Bible may have been written long ago, but it still speaks to us today. Join us as we work together to build our faith on a firm Biblical foundation. Please consider this an open invitation for **ALL** men interested in study, discussion, and fellowship.

Meeting Day: First and Third Thursdays of each month

Meeting Time: 8:30 AM

Place: Clarks Summit Presbyterian Church Session Room

Breakfast: (OJ, Danish/Donuts, Coffee) Cost: \$1.00

Present Attendees: 15-20 men

Teacher: Rev. Bill Carter

We spent most of 2010 studying the parables from a first century cultural and religious Middle East perspective. The insights gained helped us better understand their impact on the people living during the time of Christ. It also led to many interesting discussions as we tried to see how they speak to us living in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

We are presently studying the "pastoral epistles" found in First Timothy, Second Timothy, and Titus. They deal with Christian church leadership, responsibilities, and behavior, an interesting topic as we approach our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Clarks Summit Presbyterian Church.

## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN 2010 Annual Report**

Charlotte Spory

The year 2010 began for our women with the installation of officers. Myrna Diven presented the program, which was centered on the scripture Joshua 1:9, "Take heart and be strong; have no fear and do not be troubled; for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

On the first Tuesday of April and October, Presbyterian Women invited a group of patients from Clarks Summit State Hospital to our church for lunch, entertainment, fun and games and a good time was had for both our church members and our guests.

On the second and fourth Tuesdays, excluding July and August, My Brother's Keepers Quilts (MBK Quilts) are made. Over the years over 1,000 quilts have been made and distributed to the homeless.

At the May 1<sup>st</sup> Spring Brunch, the Birthday Offering was dedicated by Patti Williams. We were entertained by The Saint David's Male Chorus, which was directed by Fran Justin.

In September we enjoyed "Relax, Relate and Renew" at Hull's Pond House. A preview of the 2010-2011 Horizon's Bible Study, "Journeys Through Revelation - Apocalyptic Hope for Today" was presented by Will Cosnett. Our least Coin Offering was dedicated. Afterwards we enjoyed lunch and fellowship.

Each year we contribute to the mission of the larger church through our offerings and through the Thank Offering.

This year our Mission Project in April yielded \$250 which was given to the Abington Food Pantry, plus a \$500 donation was given in December to this worthy endeavor.

We had a good year! Come join us. All the women of the church are welcomed

and encouraged to enjoy this fellowship.

Happy 2011 and peace to you all.

Presbyterian Women Treasurer's Report  
Presbyterian Women's Financial Statement  
Doris Dempsey, Treasurer

Balance on hand December 31, 2009 \$2,215.73

Receipts

Pledges \$1,598.00

Missions

    Birthday Offering 235.82

    Thank Offering 188.00

    Least Coin 5.05

    PW Mission Project 250.00 \$ 678.87

Miscellaneous

    PW Spring Brunch \$440.00

    Interest on Certificates 150.43

    Purchase of tea 2.00

    State Hospital Party 22.00

    Contingent Fund 67.00\* \$ 681.43

Total Receipts, including balance on hand, December 31, 2010 \$5,174.03

Disbursements

    P.W.L.P. Program Agency \$1,000.00

Missions

    Birthday Offering \$ 235.82

    Thank Offering 188.00

    Least Coin 5.05

    P.W. Mission Project (Food Pantry) 250.00

    Sunshine Fund 45.00

    Special member Christmas gift 45.00

    State Hospital Party 85.98

    World Day of Prayer 24.18

    K. Carter, T. Silvestri, M. Dobson  
    scholarship for Triennium 300.00 \$1,179.03

Literature		
Study Books (from Campbell Estate)	528.00	
Horizon Magazine 3 for 1 year	<u>56.85</u>	\$ 584.85
Operating Expenses		
Contingent Fund	134.00	
PW Brunch	599.67	
Church Women United	10.00	
Country Side Conservancy	50.00	
In memory of Louise and Bob Hull, for Use of Pond House		
Refreshments for installation of officers	6.88	
Pledge envelopes	<u>9.25</u>	\$ 809.80
Miscellaneous		
Bags for sleeping bags	\$6.35	<u>\$ 6.35</u>
Total Disbursements		<u>\$3,580.03</u>
Balance on hand, December 31, 2010		<u>\$1,591.00</u>

CD, Citizens Savings Bank, Matured 11/5/2010, rolled over put interest \$37.34 into checking account.

\* Purchase of tea, box of tea left over from Spring Brunch

\* Contingent Fund paid twice, received a refund for \$67.00

The Priscilla Circle made a donation of \$50 to the A.E.M. Food Pantry.

### **Stephen Ministry 2010 Annual Report**

Judy Cutler, Stephen Leader

John Conklin, Stephen Leader

In February Myrna Diven, Gayle Hamilton, Carol Winn, and Paul Flynn were commissioned as Stephen Ministers after completing 50 hours of training. They very quickly took their new skill in reflective listening and compassionate caring to their meetings with their care receivers to help the care receivers deal with a variety of issues in their lives. You may not hear about the work they are doing as they are keeping the pledge of confidentiality as paramount. One of the Ministers has successfully brought their relationship to closure as the Care Receiver has now found the tools needed to handle the situation on their own. The Stephen Ministers have truly reflected the basis of the Ministry by being the Care Givers and letting

God be the Cure Giver. They participated actively in the supervisory meetings to further enhance their ministry with their receivers.

Along the way, we have all found the teaching and the support of the Stephen Ministry is enhancing our own lives as well. The skills learned enable us to improve our communication with our families, friends, and co-workers. We continue to be amazed at the power of this ministry.

August found Rev. Bill Carter heading to Pittsburgh to participate in the Stephen Leader's training. He came back with renewed energy in the importance of the Stephen Ministry in the life of our church. With his support, we are expecting to see the Ministry grow through 2011.

A new class is almost ready to start and we are eagerly waiting for the Ministry to expand with the new members of the team.

We ask all of you to prayerfully consider joining us in 2011. Talk to any of the Stephen Ministers or Stephen Leaders about what this would mean for you. They will all tell you of how this Ministry has touched their own lives and those of their care receivers.

## Support Groups

### Alcoholics Anonymous Tradition Three Group

The Tradition Three Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets seven days a week at 7:00 a.m. and is open to anyone with a desire to stop drinking.

Our primary purpose is to stay sober by following the twelve steps as put forth in the book Alcoholics Anonymous and to carry this message to alcoholics who still suffer.

We are grateful to the members of The First Presbyterian Church of Clarks Summit for graciously allowing us the use of their facilities.

### ALANON

Thank you for the use of your meeting room each Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. It is a very valuable service to the community. Thank you!

### Overeaters Anonymous

Overeaters Anonymous is a Fellowship of individuals who, through shared experience, strength and hope, are recovering from compulsive overeating.

We welcome everyone who wants to stop eating compulsively. There are no dues or fees for members; we are self-supportive, through our own contributions, neither soliciting nor accepting outside donations. OA is not affiliated with any public or private organization, political movement, ideology or religious doctrine; we take no position on outside issues. Our primary purpose is to abstain from compulsive overeating and to carry the message of recovery to those who still suffer.

Weight Watchers of Eastern Pa., Inc.

Weight Watchers meets at your facility each Monday at 12:00 and 6:00 p.m.

While most of our membership is female, we welcome men and teenagers to join us. We pride ourselves not only on a fine weight reduction program, but also on the fact we encourage all around good nutrition, exercise and behavior change.

Our meetings are conducted by trained and skilled leaders. The format we use is a large group discussion format in a lively, upbeat, positive manner.

We feel we provide a service to the community in promoting a safe and sensible method of losing weight and good health.

This church is also supporting education and personal growth by permitting the Abington Area Community Classroom, the Abington Piano Academy, Girl Scouts of America Troop 426, and MOMS to use classroom space.

## ENHANCEMENT FUND

Jim McLaughlin

During the year of 2010, the Session approved the following grants from the Enhancement Fund:

Account #2029 -- Building & Maintenance

Tables and Pew Cushions	\$ 6,929.00
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Account #2030 -- Ministry Enhancement

Funding for the position of Director of Educational Ministry	23,500.00
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Church's celebration for the 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reverend William Carter's Ordination, and his 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary as Pastor of Clarks Summit Presbyterian Church	500.00
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Grant to Kaitlin Porter to participate in a Mission trip with the PCUSA, Columbia, SA	<u>2,000.00</u>
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TOTAL OF ALL GRANTS:	\$32,929.00
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Your Committee continues to monitor market conditions in order to protect the principal of the fund.

Committee Members are: Beverly Bright, The Reverend William Carter, Jim Justin, Steve Moore and Jim McLaughlin

## Memorial Fund Annual Report 2010

Jean Foster

Memorials were established in memory of:

Carol Crouse	Jo Anne Evans Ramsden Matechak
Margaret Dakin	Helen Purdy Ross
Jean Parker Grill	Ella Scheuer
Donald Hosier	

Contributions from 1/1/2010 to 12/31/2010 totaled \$4010, with the following breakdown:

- \$75 designated to the Music Fund
- \$25 designated to Christian Education
- \$50 designated to the Building Fund
- \$3860 undesignated

The funds received as memorials are turned over to the Church Treasurer. They are deposited in the Restricted Fund, account #2017.

### **PAUL R DOBSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2010 Annual Report**

Janet Dobson

The Paul R. Dobson Memorial Scholarship was established in the fall of 2006 to recognize a graduating high school senior member of our church who plans to further his/her education. Monies from the loose plate collection from the Christmas Eve services are deposited into this fund, as well as any other contributions that are so designated. Completed applications are due by the end of May and the winner is announced during Graduate Recognition Sunday. Our 2010 Scholarship winner was Katie Carter.

Our hope is that as this fund grows that we will increase the amount of the scholarship, or award more than one.

The committee consists of the Dobson Family and 2 members of the church.