

**The Annual Report
of the
Congregation
of
First Presbyterian Church
Of Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania
For the year ending
December 31, 2015**

First Presbyterian Church

Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION AND CORPORATION
February 7, 2016
11:45 a.m.

Call to Order for the Congregational Meeting

Opening Prayer

Minutes of the Congregation and Corporation Meeting of February 1, 2015

Statistical Report

Reports of Pastor, Staff, and Committees

Report of the Nominating Committee

Report of Church Treasurer for 2015

Action on Reports

Preview 2016 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 2015

Aldy Berquist

Paul Canterbury

Elizabeth (Betty) Stark

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2015 Statistical Report

Total Church Membership as of December 31, 2014	542
Additions:	
Received by Profession of Faith	3
Received by Reaffirmation of Faith	2
Received through Certificate of Transfer	6
Reinstatement	1
Losses:	
Certificate of Transfer	2
Death	3_
 Total Church Membership as of December 31, 2015	 549

Baptisms - 5 Funerals - 3 Marriages - 4

Average Sunday Morning Attendance	2015	154
	2014	154

2016 Pastor's Report

William G. Carter

When somebody heard that I've been here for twenty-five years, she asked, "How do you come up with a new sermon every week?" Good question! Same congregation, same preacher, same Bible – but the interplay between them is lively and life-giving. That's my answer, and the theme of this twenty-sixth annual report.

No doubt, anybody who has heard me for more than a few weeks will quickly discern some regular themes. I believe God is still creating, Christ is still saving, and the Holy Spirit is still sending us to serve the world. You will hear my variations on that Trinitarian theme all the time, if only because our church believes it too. As you survey this packet of reports, you will quickly discern a congregation of believers who practice a present-tense faith. We know our past and we hope our future, but this is a church that wants to make a difference right now. And that's why I enjoy being here so much.

This past year went quickly for me. In December, there was one head-scratching moment when I thought, "Didn't we just sing that Christmas carol...twelve months ago?" The speed of the year signals the vitality of our program. There are so many rich opportunities in our church's life, and we are always preparing for the "next thing." Whether it's a new class beginning next week or an arts event next fall, there is a dynamic rhythm to our planning and participation. Many people are making the Light of Christ visible to all, and that is a gift of God's Spirit.

We are blessed with good leadership. The members of our Session are wise, decisive, and forward-thinking. Our Deacons are compassionate, practical, and generous. Our teams and committees do a wonderful job of addressing the needs of our world and congregation, and I have not known of a particular church staff in our region as talented as our own. Thanks be to God!

This year, we bid goodbye to Susan Kelly and Tina Ide on our staff, and welcomed Frank Jones as our Director of Music. Frank's enthusiasm and open-minded spirit are contagious. We may run out of robes for our children's choir, thanks to Kay. Big John takes good care of our building, but perhaps his greatest gift is sharing his big heart with all who pass through our doors.

Lively and life-giving: that is how I describe our work together. It is clear to me that our congregation is nourished by scripture and song, deeply immersed in prayer, always directed to serve in the model of Jesus. It is a joy to be in ministry with you.

Thank you for another great year!

William G. Carter, pastor
Music Director's Report
Frank Jones

The music program at First Presbyterian has gone through some transition time with the new Director, Frank Jones. Frank was hired in September after the resignation of Susan Kelly. The

music program has been in good hands for the past several years. Frank is completely grateful to the church and the session for the support throughout this time of transition.

Our music programs are doing quite well. The Chapel Choir, directed by Kay Ten Eyck, has grown considerably throughout the year. There are about 15 students in the ensemble. They meet from 5:30-6:15 in the choir room. Chapel Choir sang at one service per month. Their singing and program time has been utilized quite well with assistance from Judy Cutler and Connie Weiss. They continue to have growing numbers into the new year.

The Adult Choir has been meeting regularly on Wednesdays from 7:15-8:30. They have been singing varied repertoire. Several new members of the church have joined the choir. Frank is continuing to seek out new members to join our choir. The choir has received a lot of compliments from the congregation and continues to strive towards musical excellence.

Bell Choir has been meeting on Wednesdays from 8:30-9:30 in the fellowship hall of the church. Dick Cochrane is the director of the bells. They, too, have been playing once a month at a service. The bells have had great numbers with some great anthems and benedictions at each service.

All three ensembles were involved with the All Church Concert held in November. The program featured several different soloists and small group ensembles, including Jeff Leas and Nina Daubenhauser.

Several members of the music program at First Presbyterian Church have been involved with the mending services throughout the second half of the year. The first mending service was a Jazz mending service. The second mending service was the Taize service. It was received well within the community and we will be looking towards doing more of these services for the NEPA region.

Frank is looking forward to more time with the church and the music ensembles of the church. We are consistently looking for more people to share in the music making of the church. Music is an integral part of the service.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Jones

Budget and Finance Report

Jim McLaughlin

The approved 2015 Budget was a deficit budget of \$17,057.00. During most of the year Pledge Income (Account #101) ran behind budget. This shortfall caused a reduction of cash flow; therefore, it was necessary to draw the entire budget amount of \$23,500.00 (line item #115). Strong receipts during November and December improved and eased cash flow. Pledge income (#101) improved where pledges were under budget by \$1,706.00 at year end.

- Thanks to Committees, expenses for the year were under budget by \$3,788.00. Year end actual deficit was \$12,084.00 vs a budgeted deficit of \$17,057.00.
- The Church was able to end the year with all of their obligations current.

The Session and the Budget and Finance Committee extend a sincere “thank you” to our congregation for your financial gifts and your many volunteer hours that strengthened the mission of our Church.

We extend a sincere thank you to our Treasurer, Wayne Griffiths; Nancy Owens, Administrator; and Dave Argust, our Accountant, who kept our Committee on target.

Respectfully submitted: Jim McLaughlin, Chair

Committee Members: Wayne Griffiths (Treasurer),
Barbara Brown, Patti Delaney,
Bill Lees, Margaret Reese,
John Rich and Linda Young

Building and Grounds Report Frank Garnecki

2015 was an unusual year in many ways. Unexpected events and expenses kept us on our toes.

- Two days before Easter we were close to having Port-a-Potties lining our parking lots for Easter service, due to a sewer line break. Since that wasn't the preferred option we scrambled to come up with a check for \$3000 to get the work started.
- The collapsing floor in Fellowship Hall was repaired – not once, but twice.
- The elevator required two expensive repairs. One day it was up the next it was down – we prefer when it goes up AND down on the same day.
- Sound systems repairs were done to eliminate feedback and static. Did not add the much requested “automatic sermon muter.”
- Ditched the soda machine – no revenue – just cavities.
- Repaired/filled large crack in rear wall.
- Revised church logo with help from Dave Porter (Thank you Dave).
- Reviewed proposals for enhancing our outdoor bulletin board/church sign and possibly adding a cross to exterior wall. This was put on back burner for budgetary reasons.
- Extended time on kitchen timer to provide lighting at night for longer period.
- Invited C.S. Boro Fire Chief Hoinowsky to review our safety measures and level of preparedness for an emergency.
- Added signs over fire extinguishers, added emergency instructions on walls, held one mock fire drill.
- Added handicapped parking spots and still exploring others.
- Entered rental agreement with local business for 3 parking spaces.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank Garnecki

Christian Education and Growth Report Jana Schillinger

The Christian Education committee serves the church throughout the year, providing classes for all ages as well as many other opportunities for the congregation to grow in knowledge and faith. We believe that Christian education is an important part of who we are and what we do as a church, and are thankful to all those who have participated in and supported our efforts. Thank you to the members of the committee, whose time, talents, ideas, and effort are deeply appreciated, and a special thanks to all of our WAY teachers, VBS volunteers, meal preparers, decorators, coordinators, chaperones, and others who have contributed to our programs this year.

Over several months at the beginning of 2015, the committee spent time evaluating the WAY program. After looking at our goals and progress, listening to feedback, and considering our options, we decided to continue to host our education classes on Wednesday evenings. We are focusing on what works well in the program while also working to make improvements.

Education is offered from 6:15-7:10, preceded by dinner and surrounded by choir rehearsals.

Classes include:

- nursery (Spark)
- age 4 – grade 1 (Power Xpress)
- grades 2 - 5 (Power Xpress)
- grades 6 - 8 (We Believe)
- high school+ (PresbyYouth)
- adults (TAGS and Faith & Life)

From July 13-17, Vacation Bible School was held for approximately 60 children each day. Our theme this year was *Everest, Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power*. We learned that God provides, comforts, heals, and forgives us – and that he loves us forever. Thanks again to all who helped to make this a great experience for the children.

Some of the other highlights of our year include:

- Three of our young people completed confirmation classes and joined the church in June.
- Ideas, inspiration, and new materials from the APCE conference in Baltimore.
- A walk through Holy Week was hosted with learning and activities for all.
- Youth events included bowling, crazy games, laser tag, iron chef, and mini-golf.
- Recognition of our high school, college, and post-college graduates.
- Recognition of teachers who participated throughout the year.
- Birthday cards sent to all children and youth.
- Our young children were welcomed into services with pew guides, worksheets, and children's Bibles to teach them how to worship together with us.
- Bibles were given to our third grade students.
- A pajama drive was held during Advent to benefit the Head Start program; more than 90 pairs were collected.

- In December, an intergenerational event was held focusing on the Advent wreath. Adults and youth enjoyed a meal together, created collages, sang, and made wreaths to take home.

As we begin a new year, the Christian Education committee welcomes you to enrich your own faith and help our church grow in Christ by attending classes, inviting others, volunteering to teach, helping behind the scenes, or joining the CE committee. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Board of Deacons Report **Elaine Lavelle, moderator**

Yearly Projects:

- February College Student Care Packages
- Easter and Mother's Day flowers to Independent/Assisted Living members
- Labor Day Jazz Service Fellowship Hour
- April and October Food Drives for Abington Food Pantry
- Caroling/Poinsettia delivery to Independent/Assisted Living members

Care Teams:

- Independent/Assisted Living – weekly visits and calls to church members who are unable to attend services on a regular basis
- Time of Loss – provide ushers and luncheon (if family desires) for any funerals held at the church
- Emergency Home Maintenance/Home Repair – provide assistance to church members who may need minor home repairs or help finding a reliable source for larger maintenance
- Journeying through Grief – church members who have a death in the family are sent a series of four books beginning at the time of the loss and subsequently at 3, 6 and the year anniversary of the loss
- Deacon Meals – meals are provided to church members who are recovering from illness, hospitalization or other hardships
- Sunshine – cards from the congregation and/or flowers are sent to church members experiencing difficulties to brighten their day

Other Activities

- Ushering – A minimum of two Deacons serve as ushers at every service; additional ushers are provided as needed
- Card and Letters – Deacons regularly send cards to congregation members to mark life events such as sympathy, thinking of you, get well, etc.

Board of Deacons Financial Report 2015 **William J. Farrell, Treasurer, Board of Deacons**

Cash balance 1/1/2015	\$ 1,368.11
Deposits	
Offerings	\$ 5,202.94
Disbursements	
“Journeying Through Grief” Postage	\$ 39.06
Flowers, Fruit Baskets, etc.	\$ 349.65
Sunshine Club Flowers	\$ 414.55
College Box Supplies	\$ 546.73
Maintenance & Flowers for Grounds	\$ 100.00
Gerrity’s Gift Cards for Emergency Needs	\$ 500.00
Contributions:	
Food & Supplies for AME Shelter	\$ 500.00
Ronald McDonald House	\$ 250.00
First Presb Union Church – Building Fund (in memory of Mr. Glenn Carter)	\$ 500.00
Abington Ecumenical Ministerium – Food Pantry	\$ 250.00
St. Francis of Assisi Soup Kitchen	\$ 250.00
Diven Family “Go Fund Me” Campaign	\$ 500.00
Total Disbursements	\$ 4,199.99
Cash Balance 12/31/2015	<u>\$ 2,371.06</u>

ENHANCEMENT FUND
Jim McLaughlin

The Committee did not entertain any grant requests during 2015. However, funds were authorized by the Session to cover the cost of emergency expenses.

Building/Maintenance - Account 2029:

Major sewer line repairs	
Elevator repairs	
Fellowship floor/structure repairs	
Total of Projects -	<u>\$ 8,847.00</u>

Ministry Enhancement - Account 2030:

(Approved Budget 2015) Director of Education Ministry -	\$ 23,500.00
Approved Session related expenses Director of Education Ministry -	<u>\$ 6,029.00</u>
	<u>\$ 29,529.00</u>

The Fund did not receive any financial gifts or bequests in 2015. Financial balances of Accounts 2029 and 2030 are listed on Page #5 of the Financial Report.

For the Committee: Jim McLaughlin, Chair (Session),
The Rev. William Carter, Head of Staff

John Pittman (Deacons)
Beverly Bright (at large)
Heather Acker (at large)

Fellowship and Evangelism Committee
Judy Cutler

The Fellowship Committee provides opportunities for the church to spend time together to get to know each other and develop friendships founded in Christ's love. We provide a weekly coffee time September through early June following Sunday worship and organize numerous pot luck lunches throughout the year. Other activities we are involved in include game nights, scavenger hunts, and the parking lot picnic to name a few.

All the functions would not happen without the dedicated hard work of the whole committee including Adrienne Horger, Anne Deremer, Barbara Wadsworth, Briar Woodley, Deb Traettino, Jana Schillinger, Mick Wirth, Gail Van Horn, and Karen White. A special thank you to Karen for seeing that the fellowship hour goes off flawlessly every week.

We are looking forward to an equally busy 2016.

The whole committee would like to express our sadness at the loss of our friend and member, Jo Conklin. She was a vital asset to the committee and helped us stay organized and on track with all the activities. We all miss her and send our sympathies and prayers to her husband, John.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Cutler, Chair

Mission and Justice Committee
Diane Scheuer

The Mission and Justice Committee seeks to respond to the concerns of peace and justice locally and globally by providing church and community members opportunities to serve and support those in greatest need through volunteer and financial support, advocacy, and education.

Volunteering opportunities for our congregation this year have included: our continued support at the St. Francis of Assisi Soup Kitchen by helping to prepare and serve a meal the last Tuesday of each month and each Friday, and collecting clothing for distribution to those in need; providing dinners on Sundays and supplies for breakfast to Bethel AME's homeless shelter during the winter months; mobilizing highway cleanup teams to participate in the Department of

Transportation's Adopt-A-Highway program four times a year. Beginning in January of 2016 we look forward to welcoming Williamson Jacque, a Haitian student at Keystone College for the next four years. After receiving his education degree, he plans to return to Haiti to improve the education opportunities in his local community.

We continue to financially support those in need both here and abroad. Locally, the committee supports the work of the Catherine McAuley Center, St. Francis of Assisi Soup Kitchen, United Neighborhood Center for the Post Foster Care Program, SCOLA, Appalachian Service Project, the Infant Care Program at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Countryside Conservancy, the Women's Resource Center, Lackawanna River Corridor Association (LRCA), the Northeast Suicide Prevention Initiative (NESPI), Tina Ide's summer mission trip, the Abington Ecumenical Ministry (AEM) heating fund and Food Pantry, and the Haitian Scholar Fund, established to assist Williamson Jacque with some of his auxiliary expenses, such as healthcare and a meal plan, while he attends Keystone College. Our church continues to participate denominationally through the four Special Presbyterian Offerings (One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost, Peace and Global Witness, and Christmas Joy) and the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) for Nepal relief. Internationally, money was sent to the missionaries Rev. Leith Fuji in Thailand and Dr. Elizabeth Searles in Romania, Reaching the Pygmies in Uganda, Doctors Without Borders designated for Syrian refugee relief in Jordan, and Groundswell International for the Nasonje Women's Micro-credit Program in Haiti.

First Presbyterian has again been honored as an Earth Care Congregation by PCUSA. Throughout the year, the Earth Care Task Force has offered informative table talks from such groups as the Countryside Conservancy and the Lackawanna County Conservation District. We are continually challenged, as Christians, to be good stewards of the earth we have been given.

Through the Annual Alternative Gift Market held this year in November, we advocated for and supported the artisans, trades people, mission workers, and farmers of Appalachian Service Project (ASP), Reaching the Pygmies, Heifer International, SERRV, and PCUSA Coffee Project, our ongoing coffee program sponsored by the Schillinger family.

This is a congregation that takes seriously the charge to love the poor and needy. Thank you for helping us care for God's people in our neighborhood and our world. Thank you also to committee members Barbara Decker, Melba Fialko, Linda Frangos, Meg Hatch, Fred Lyon, Phil Muntzel, Robin Pinches, Dave Porter, Donna Porter, Brian Schillinger, and Katie Taylor for their ongoing commitment and willingness to work for justice and peace in our world.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Scheuer

People in Ministry Report
Heather Acker

Nominating:

People in Ministry and the nominating committee were pleased to welcome the following congregation members: For the 2015-2018 class:

- New and returning Elders: Bill Davis, Nancy Dennen, Frank Garnecki, Adrienne Horger and Nancy Post
- New and returning Deacons: Gwynne Gilbert, Gayle Hamilton, Sara Ann Hosier, Greg Mathews, Mary Parry, Valerie Treadway and Joe Waters

We thank the following individuals for their dedicated service as they rotate off:

- Elders: Wally Longcor, Steve Selige, Bill Keen and Briar Woodley
- Deacons: Jake Cole, John Conklin, Shirley McLaughlin, Deb Traettino and Tori Yankow

Personnel:

In October 2015 the Director of Educational Ministries' employment with the church ended with the unanimous approval of Session. A generous separation package was provided and mutually agreed upon. A separation agreement was also executed by both parties.

The People in Ministry committee is reviewing our current policy relating to staff performance management including annual reviews, disciplinary actions and defining appropriate progressive steps. The policy will be amended to include an outline for performance coaching to include a verbal and written warning before termination. We are committed to improving the process

Rev. Carter completed performance reviews with each active employee and the signed copies are on file in the church office. Heather Acker and Steve Selige met with Rev. Carter to review his performance based on input received from Session members. Each session member received a copy signed by Rev. Carter.

We appreciate the professionalism and strong work ethic of each staff member.

Salary:

A salary increase of 1.5% was approved by session for Rev. Carter and each staff member.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Acker

Presbyterian Womens' Report Lee Wirth, Moderator

The year began with a Board Meeting. Our officers remain the same as last year. I am so grateful for these dedicated women.

We continue to have our Clarks Summit State Hospital luncheons. They are held on the first Tuesday in April and October. We have lunch, entertainment and great fellowship. There are between 15-20 women that come out to help. We all bring socks for the guests. Janet Dobson is our coordinator for this event.

On the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, except July and August, *My Brother's Keeper Quilts* are made. We make about 50 to 60 sleeping bags a year. To date, we have made about 1,400 sleeping bags and they are distributed to the homeless.

We participate in the World Day of Prayer, along with other local churches. Each year, we contribute to the mission of the larger church through our Thank, Least Coin, and Birthday offerings.

In September we always have our Relate, Relax, Renew Day. This year we changed the location and time – we had a covered dish meal in the evening at the church. More people were able to attend and it was well received. Rev. Rebecca Tanner gave us an overview of our study for 2015-2016, *“Come to the Waters.”*

We have three Circles for Bible Study. The times are 10:00 am, 1:30 pm and 7:00 pm. They are held on the third Tuesday of the month. All are welcome to come for study and fellowship.

Presbyterian Women Treasurer's Report **Doris Dempsey, treasurer**

Balance 1/1/2015	\$1,565.15
Total Receipts	<u>\$1,322.14</u>
	\$2,887.29
Total Disbursements	\$1,744.28
Balance 12/31/2015	<u>\$1,143.01</u>

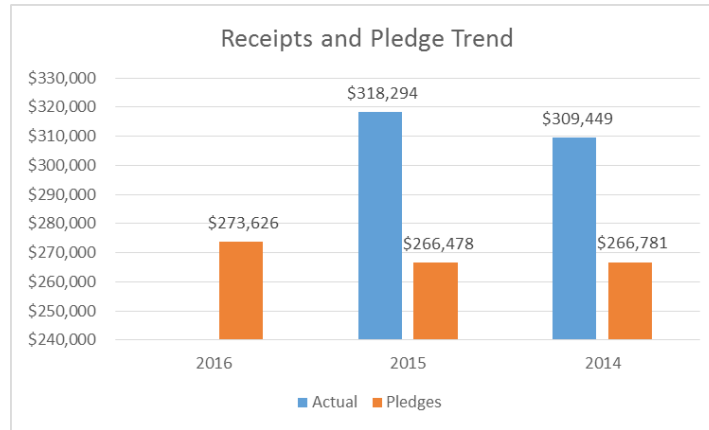
Stewardship Report **Heather Acker**

Our 2016 Stewardship campaign was successful thanks to your generosity. To date we have 123 pledges with a total of \$273,626. This represented an increase of \$42,003. **It is not too late to send in a 2016 pledge card!** Based on cards received to date:

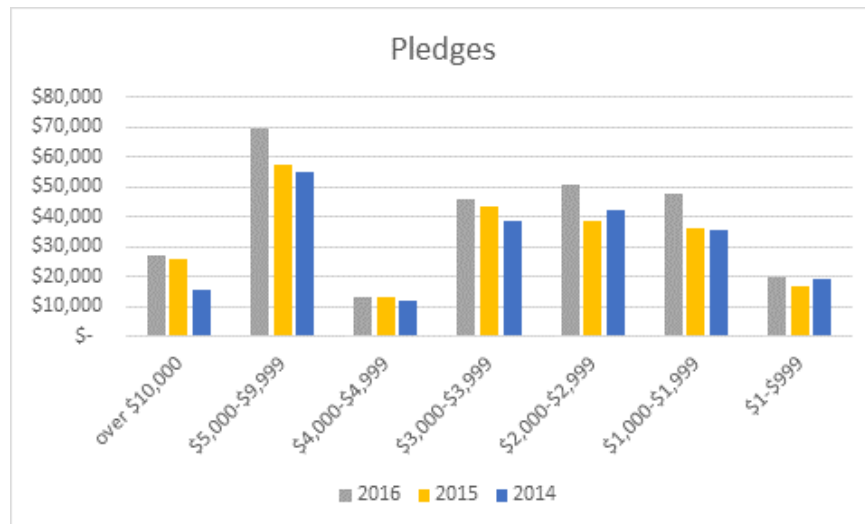
- 17 new pledges (did not pledge in 2015) totaling \$29,540.
- 49 increases totaled \$16,592
- 7 people decreased their pledge for a reduction of \$3,130.

This was offset by 21 pledges in 2015 totaling \$35,834 that did not pledge in 2016. We also had 17 people who pledged \$20,431 in 2014 and did not pledge in 2015 or 2016. ***The good news is that we had a net increase of \$6,169 over 2015 pledges!!!***

Our actual cash receipts have exceeded our pledges in 2014 and 2015 by an average of 17%. We typically do not see this until December which impacts our cash flow.



Our pledges by level increased in all categories.



We thank you for your 2016 pledges received to date, and appreciate any contribution you can make in addition to the pledge to insure we are successful in the work of this great church. The detail information is shown below:

Richard Cochrane

The Worship, Music, and the Arts committee is responsible for those programs at First Presbyterian. The committee and staff work hard to plan meaningful and thoughtful worship experiences and other events that glorify the Lord and give our members and guests opportunities to grow spiritually and to honor God.

The committee members are: Richard Cochrane (co-chair), Betsy Ellis, Gayle Hamilton, Nancy Post, Connie Weiss, and John Weiss. Joining us are Rev. Carter, Kay Ten Eyck, and Frank Jones. The committee welcomed Gayle Hamilton as a new member of the committee this year.

The staff and committee members gathered in June, as always, to plan the music and worship settings in accordance with the Lectionary and adjusted to meet the demands and needs of our congregation.

The big news for 2015 was the departure of Sue Kelly, long-time choir director and Director of Music. Susan moved on to a university-level position at Tennessee State University in Nashville. In September, the church welcomed Frank Jones to the staff. Frank is also active in the Choral Society of Northeast Pennsylvania and teaches music in the Scranton School District.

Highlights of the year included:

- A Mardi Gras service featuring the Presbybop Dixieland Sextet and our own Bourbon St. dancing Lyons.
- The annual Jazz Communion service on Labor Day weekend.
- The Arts at First Presbyterian series.
- Continuation of the series of mending services, in a reflective vespers format, offering the Lord's Supper, prayers for God's healing, and the opportunity to honor our loved ones by lighting a candle in their memory. This year, we introduced Taizé music into the service.
- The Chapel Choir has grown considerably, with over 12 singers at most Wednesday rehearsals.
- In October, we marked the 15th anniversary of the rebuilding of our Moeller organ with a tour of the organ loft.

This year's Art Series, chaired by John Weiss, provided a number of interesting performances.

- The year began in February with participation in the Clarks Summit Ice Festival, including an art show organized by Elaine Tweedy, juggler Rob Smith, a Chili Café organized by Karen White and the Men's Bible Study group, and recitals by students of the Abington Piano Academy and the Erin Malloy Vocal Studio.
- In March we featured Rick Hoffenberg and Mark Laubach in piano – organ duets and solo works, followed by the Marywood Chamber Singers, under the direction of Dr. Hoffenberg.
- The Duo Montagnard entertained in April, presenting a diverse program of music for saxophone and guitar.
- The audience filled the sanctuary for an October concert featuring Terrace Piano Quartet performing a variety of chamber music.

- This year's All Church Choir Concert in November included a great variety of solos and group selections, with Jeff Leas, trumpet, and Ninarose Daubenhauser, flute, as the featured guest artists. All of our musical ensembles participated in this performance.

We all look forward to continuing our service to the Church on the Hill.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Cochrane

**Paul R. Dobson Memorial Scholarship
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 in May and the winner is announced during Graduate Recognition Sunday. The 2015 recipient was Bill Roditski.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Dobson

**Memorial Fund Annual Report 2015
Barbara Brown**

Memorials were given in memory of:

Virginia Winters	Sue Elliott	Lucille Heckman
Aldy Berquist	Priscilla Sproul	Elizabeth (Betty) Stark
Glenn W. Carter	Louis Pugliese	

Contributions for the year 2015 totaled \$1,815 with the following breakdown:

\$100 to Jazz Fund
\$50 to Music

The funds received as memorials are turned over to the Church Treasurer. All funds except those dedicated specifically are deposited into the Restricted Fund account 2017.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Brown

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.

Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book Group meets on Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m. and is open to anyone with a desire to stop drinking.

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.

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 providing space for the Abington Area Community Classroom, Art Class by Barry Singer, and the Abington Piano Academy to meet here.