



**The Annual Report
of the
Congregation
of
First Presbyterian Church
Of Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania
For the year ending
December 31, 2017**

**First Presbyterian Church
Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania**

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION AND CORPORATION
February 4, 2018
11:45 a.m.

Call to Order for the Congregational Meeting

Opening Prayer

Minutes of the Congregation and Corporation Meeting of February 5, 2017

Statistical Report

Reports of Pastor, Staff, and Committees

Report of Church Treasurer for 2017

Action on Reports

Preview 2018 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 2017

Louise Check
Nancy Connell Hill
William A. Lees, Jr.
Marilyn Roth
Jo Anne Rath Shepherd

Doris L. Dempsey
Frances E. Justin
James Overgard
June Sanford

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2017 Statistical Report

Total Church Membership as of December 31, 2016	538 + 3 affiliates
Additions: Received by Profession of Faith	4
Received by Reaffirmation of Faith	8
Received through Certificate of Transfer	1
Reinstatement	<u>2</u>
	553 + 3 affiliates
Losses: Certificate of Transfer	1
Removed from Roles	2
Death	<u>9</u>
Total Church Membership as of December 31, 2017	541 + 3 affiliates
Baptisms - 2	Funerals - 15
	Marriages - 7
Average Sunday Morning Attendance	2017 - 137
	2016 - 141

Pastor's Report

Rev. Bill Carter

One of my teachers once quipped, "Most preachers have only one sermon within them, and they keep preaching it over and over again with different titles." As I reflect on the past year, I wonder which sermon it would be.

Was it "Sanctified, But Not Yet" (January 14)? Or "Wherever the Messiah Is" (August 27)? Or perhaps "Use It or Lose It" (November 18)? It doesn't seem that my sermons circle around a single theme. If there is one recurring message, perhaps it emerges in the final paragraph of last year's Easter sermon:

We gather to celebrate a mystery beyond all comprehension and a wonder that we can still touch. So whether or not we understand it all, my invitation to you is that you listen for Christ's voice and grab hold of his feet, and that you trust in your heart that he will never let go of you.

Certainly this invitation lies at the heart of everything we are - and everything we do - at the Church on the Hill. As we review our last year, we ask ourselves what we have heard our Lord say -- not merely what we've heard from the preacher. Then we ask how we have trusted the Risen Christ in our hearts and extended our hands in service to others.

Our church is strong and vital. That's no secret. Perhaps we could ascribe our strength to the talents of our members or the skills of our staff, but that's not the whole story. The truth is that our congregation is full of people who are listening for Christ and acting on what they have heard. What an extraordinary blessing!

In this, my 29th annual report to you, I simply note two truths: (a) I've said it all before, and (b) Christ is still speaking. Beyond the weekly "blah blah blah" from the pulpit, there is Holy Spirit in these precincts, a holy gift that pushes us into a broken world with a message of grace and reconciliation. This is not "my church" or "our church" but Christ's church, a congregation that deeply wishes to live out the Gospel in helpful ways. Keep that in mind as you thumb through these pages and listen to the stories.

Personally, this has been another rich year for me, filled with significant opportunities to give and receive. Our committees and teams are working hard. Our staff is as strong as it's ever been. Our brand new sign on the corner is but a symbol of the bright light shining through the vitality of our members' faith and love.

For my household, we will remember 2017 as the year when all four adult kids moved into homes of their own. It has also been a year when my wife and I have been reminded that time is marching along for ourselves. We are thrilled and honored to live our faith among you, and look forward to many more years of service with you.

Director of Music
Frank Jones

Our music programs are doing quite well. The Chapel Choir, directed by Kay Ten Eyck, remains strong and encourages our youngest members to use their voices. 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.

The music ensembles traveled to St. Joseph's Center this past September for the Worship through Service program. The choir sang several pieces and they participated in a music therapy session with music therapist, Frank Carey. The program had good attendance. We look forward to more outreach programs in the future.

All three ensembles were involved with the All Church Concert held in November. The program also featured the Adult Choir singing two movements from John Rutter's Requiem. The program was well received by attendees.

At the end of the year, we created a wish list for several items for the music department. We obtained 15 new choir folders, a cover for the Baldwin piano downstairs, and several anthems for both the children and adult choirs. Thank you to all who contributed to make our program a success.

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.

Coordinator of Children and Youth Jana Schillinger

The Christian Education and Growth Committee stays busy year round. Thank you to our committee members, who have helped me tremendously in planning and running our many programs and special events. In fact, it is the volunteers church-wide who make everything possible...thank you. We are always looking for ways to reach the congregation's needs and help this church to grow in faith (and of course we would welcome new or returning voices to the committee to support our mission). Encouraging our young children to know God, helping our youth to develop in faith, and keeping our adults curious and engaged has been my goal and hope in my first full year on staff.

We continue to hold our weekly classes on Wednesday nights as part of the WAY program. While classes for children and youth remain small, we are encouraged by our regular attendees and the strength of the adult program. We invite everyone who hasn't been a part of the WAY to come check it out, and encourage those who do participate to bring a friend next time to dinner and class.

As always, Vacation Bible School was a highlight of our programming. Children from our church and the community learned about God's love through an interactive, immersive experience in ancient Rome. Our amazing volunteers transformed Fellowship Hall into a bustling marketplace, setting the stage for participants to learn about the early days of the church, the challenges faced by Roman Christians, and even visit Paul under house arrest to hear lessons taken from the book of Romans. Feedback for the program was universally positive, and the children really absorbed the daily themes and enjoyed their "time travel" to the world of the Bible. Many thanks to the many hands who made the program possible – VBS is an opportunity to bring God's word and love not only to the children of our church but to those who may not experience it otherwise. If you helped to spread the word, set up, prepare materials, run registration, guide the children, perform a drama, man a station, clean up, or assist with any other part of VBS: thank you for sharing your time, talents, faith, and love, and we hope to see you again this summer!

Another important educational job of the church is to prepare our youth to become members of the faith. Continuing from fall 2016, we held confirmation classes for those in grade 7 and up each Sunday following worship. Confirmation students learned about Presbyterian government, beliefs, the confessions, the sacraments, and their own gifts and call. Four youth were confirmed in May and we welcome them into the life and work of the church. Confirmation will be held for a new class of students in 2018.

Our small but enthusiastic youth group meets twice monthly for fun, service, fellowship, and faith formation. Some of the year's highlights include bowling, mini golf, games in the dark, preparing and serving a meal for the homeless shelter, a cooking competition, and making ornaments as gifts for the children at the Christmas Eve service. Thank you to the many adults who assist me in leading and chaperoning these events, especially those who volunteered to help during the 30-Hour Famine. The Famine was perhaps the most impactful event we've held, opening our eyes to the difficulties of hunger and

extreme poverty faced by many around the world as participants fasted for 30 hours. I was heartened to see the way our youth reacted to the lessons, challenges, and games. The event isn't easy, but that's what makes it stick.

So what's next? We invite everyone to be a part of what CE is doing – whether teaching, learning, organizing, or participating – because we believe that growing in faith and love is at our core. The more we know about the Bible, church teachings, and our neighbors, the better equipped we are to live for, love, and serve God. Being a part of the education program helps us all as we live our Christian faith. Join us!

Budget and Finance Committee Report for 2017

David Naeher

The Budget and Finance Committee is grateful to God for the resources that He chooses to give to the First Presbyterian Church of Clarks Summit. We also thank you, our members and friends, for the generosity that allowed the church to meet all of its financial obligations during 2017.

When the church required unexpected roof repairs totaling \$18,621 early in the year, the Session appealed to the congregation for supplemental gifts to cover the cost. During the next several months, we received \$19,379 toward the repair work. The excess amount was deposited to the Building Maintenance Fund as a reserve to help pay for future repairs.

Pledge income for 2017 totaled \$327,199, which was \$7,199 over the budgeted amount. Total operating income from all sources was over budget by \$3,586. The committees' diligence and good stewardship resulted in total expenses that were under budget by \$5,289.

For 2018, the loss of two tenants will lead to a decrease in rental income. The 2018 budget compensates for this income decrease by including \$12,372 of the starting balance in the Operating Fund as money available to pay this year's expenses. In addition, the Session approved transfers of up to \$20,334 from the Ministry Enhancement Fund, as needed, in order to fund the compensation package of the Coordinator of Children and Youth Ministries. The Session approved the committees' budgetary requests for 2018 in order to provide the financial resources that they require to do local, national, and international ministries in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The committee is grateful for the work of Treasurer Wayne Griffiths, Administrator Nancy Owens, and Accountant Dave Argust for their many hours of service as they maintain the church's financial records. To James McLaughlin, Wayne Griffiths, Heather Acker, William Davis, Margaret Reese, and Barbara Brown, I extend my heartfelt thanks for your help during my first year as chairman. Your experience with the church's finances and your willingness to share your gifts and talents in service to God are a great blessing to me and to this congregation.

Building & Grounds Committee 2017 Summary

Frank Garnecki

- Replaced 42 broken roof tiles, stopped leaks and added 90 feet of snow guards
- Replaced Sanctuary chandelier lights with LED, reducing consumption from 3840 watts to 336 watts
- Repaired, resurfaced & repainted parking lots
- Paved 3 Handicapped spaces in front of church
- Filled cracks alongside of building to stop water seepage

- Replaced outdoor bulletin board with lighted 2-sided text for greater visibility, and integrated new logo. Sign LED lights are on from dusk to dawn, and consume approximately 4 watts of power.
- Other repairs: dish washer, elevator/lift, heating system
- Spring & Fall cleanup projects - leaves, branches, debris removed from grounds
- Secured a no-cost snow removal arrangement with PNC bank

Christian Education and Growth Committee

Nancy Dennen

Committee Members: Jay Clymer, Nancy Dennen, Janet Dobson, Char Lyon, Charlie Pinches, Tabbi Miller-Scandle

Coordinator of Children and Youth Ministries: Jana Schillinger

The Christian Education and Growth Committee believes that Christian education is an important part of our church. Educational opportunities are offered throughout the year to both adults and children.

We offer Christian Education on Wednesday evenings from 6:15-7:10 as part of the W.A.Y. program, preceded by dinner and surrounded by choir rehearsals.

Classes include:

- nursery (Sparks)
- age 4-grade 5 (Power Express)
- grades 6-8 (We Believe)
- high school+ (Presby Youth)
- adults (TAGS and Faith & Life)

Adventures in the Bible meets Sunday mornings at 9:00 for children ages 2 to 7 and parent(s).

From July 10-14, Vacation Bible School was held for approximately 60 children. Our theme this year was Rome: Paul and the Underground Church. The children explored a Roman market-place, met Christians in dark caves and visited Paul to hear about God's love. VBS was again a success due to help from so many volunteers.

Some of the other highlights of the year include:

- Four of our young people completed confirmation classes and joined the church in May;
- Youth participated in a 30-Hour Famine which focused on learning about world hunger;
- How the senses were implemented during Holy Week was the theme for this year's event;
- Youth events included bowling, movie night and games;
- Recognition of our high school, college and post college graduates;

- Recognition of our teachers who volunteered throughout the year;
- Birthday cards were 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.

DEACONS' ANNUAL REPORT

Drew Taylor

In 2017 the Deacons organized two events for worship through service. We cleaned out and organized the refugee warehouse run by Catholic Social Services. We also organized and delivered household goods for Friends of the Poor.

A welcome team was formed to look for new ways to reach out to community members who visit our church. Our first project was to expand Deacon functions and handout ornaments to visitors at our Christmas services.

Deacons also performed the vital work of our caring ministries. These ministries support church members in time of need. These ministries include:

1. Fellowship,
2. Independent/assisted living,
3. Time of loss,
4. Deacons meals,
5. Emergency home repairs,
6. Journeying through Grief resources,
7. Cards and letters,
8. Sunshine,
9. College care packages,
10. Ushering, and
11. Food pantry collection.

Looking forward to 2018, Deacons will continue this important work. We also look forward to a new project for our worship through service day, as well as expanding our work with the welcome team.

DEACONS' REPORT FOR 2017 INDEPENDENT/ASSISTED LIVING

SaraAnn Hosier

There are 25 people on the list for calls, visits, flowers for Easter, and flowers for Christmas as of January 2018. Some of those come to church but have health or other issues. The others have someone in the church who keeps in touch, calls them, and delivers flowers to them.

In 2017, we lost seven people who needed assistance in some way: Doris Dempsey, JoAnne Shepherd, Nancy Hill, Fran Justin, Louise Check, Jim Overgard, and Bill Lees.

Flowers from the Deacons are delivered at Easter and at Christmas. Beverly Bright orders the flowers from Corky's. I see that they are delivered before Easter and before Christmas. We gave out 30 Easter flowers (begonias) and 22 poinsettias at Christmas.

Each month I hand in a report to the Deacons concerning those on the list. I try to visit or call those in assisted living facilities once a month. When I visit I always give them bulletins from the church so that they can keep up with our church news and activities.

**Board of Deacons
2017 Treasurer's Report
Marsha Parrish, treasurer**

Cash balance as of 1/1/2017	\$ 3978.24
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Deposits

Donations and Offerings	\$ 4231.01
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Disbursements

Birthday cards, stamps, calendar	\$ 244.46	
Gift cards for emergency needs	\$ 670.00	
Funeral meal	\$ 53.46	
Flowers	\$ 339.15	
Deacons' potluck	\$ 87.33	
College boxes (Spring \$374.04) (Fall \$411.74)	\$ 785.78	
Bank service charge	\$ 16.00	
Contributions		
Norton Fund	\$ 500.00	
Hurricane Harvey	\$ 500.00	
Pastor Harold Armstrong family	\$ 500.00	
Abington Ecumenical Ministerium	\$ 500.00	
Women's Resource Center	\$ 500.00	
Bethel AME shelter supplies	\$ 502.31	
First Presbyterian Building Maintenance Fund	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$ 5698.49

Cash Balance as of 12/31/2017	<u>\$ 2510.76</u>
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Fellowship Committee 2017

Adrienne Horger

The Fellowship Committee provides opportunities for church members and visitors to spend time together to get to know each other and develop friendships founded in Christ's love. We provide a weekly coffee hour September through early June following Sunday worship. The committee organized a potluck lunch for the Annual Meeting on February 5, 2017. On June 10 a record number of 120 people were served for the church picnic. Another potluck lunch was organized for September 10 to kick off the new season of The Way. On December 3, the first Sunday in Advent, Fellowship organized the set-up for the soup lunch and provided desserts and beverages.

- Anne Deremer worked to arrange sign up and tickets for the Scranton Wilkes-Barre Rail Riders Faith and Family night in April.
- Judy Cutler organized and led our Worship Through Service project which was to paint the entrance ramp of the United Cerebral Palsy facility on Center Street in Clarks Summit.
- Throughout the year Mick Wirth works with the new member classes.

All of these activities would not be possible without the dedicated hard work and service of the entire Fellowship Committee which includes Judy Cutler, Anne Deremer, Jeanne DeVirgilis, Betty Keen, Jana Schillinger, Deb Traettino, Karen White, Mick Wirth, and Briar Woodley.

A special thank you to Karen White whose skill and careful attention to detail insure that the fellowship hour runs smoothly each week.

Mission and Justice Committee 2017

Robin Pinches

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:

- supporting the St. Francis of Assisi Soup Kitchen with monthly donations and clothing collections for distribution to those in need;
- providing dinners on weekends and supplies for breakfasts and snacks 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;
- working in another successful, well attended Worship Through Service day in September;
- providing 82 Presbyterian Disaster Assistance kits made by church volunteers to Church World Service for hurricane victims;

- working at the NEPA Youth Shelter in Scranton;
- working at the Weinberg NE Regional Food Bank providing food for those in need;
- supplying 500 hand sanitizers to the Voluntary Action Center for care bags created for the homeless.

We continue to financially support those in need both here and abroad. Locally, the committee supported the work of the Catherine McAuley Center, Women's Resource Center, Children's Advocacy Center, Project Hope Camp, Countryside Conservancy, Lackawanna River Conservation Association, St. Francis of Assisi Soup Kitchen, Catholic Social Services Refugee program, Montrose First Presbyterian Church for the Lakota Pine Ridge Reservation, United Neighborhood Center Post Foster Care program, Safety Net, NEPA Youth Shelter, Friends of the Poor, Appalachian Service Project, Weinberg NE Regional Food bank, Infant Care Program at Covenant Presbyterian Church, and Williamson Jacques (Yaya), our Haitian scholarship student for travel and living expenses.

Our church continues to support our denomination with the four Special Presbyterian Offerings (One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost, Peace and Global Witness, and Christmas Joy), and the Presbyterian Foundation's "Freedom Rising" program.

Internationally, money was sent to Reaching the Pygmies Ministry in Uganda, Groundswell International in Haiti and PCUSA missionaries Leith and Carol Fujii and Burkhard Paetzold.

First Presbyterian has again been honored as an Earth Care Congregation by PCUSA. Throughout the year, the Earth Care Task Force and Mission and Justice have offered informative table talks including Jay Clymer on solar energy, Meg Hatch on bird migration, Maureen Gray-Maher on the NEPA Youth shelter and Scott Kellermann on work with the Pygmies in Uganda.

Through the annual Alternative Gift Market held in November, we educated, advocated for and supported the artisans, trades people, mission workers, and farmers of ASP, Reaching the Pygmies, Heifer International, SERRV, Haitian artists, and the 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 generously helping us care for God's people in our neighborhood and in our world with your financial support, and with your gifts of time, energy and hard work. Thank you also to committee members, Melba Fialko, Nancy London, Meg Hatch, Fred Lyon, Phil Muntzel, Dave Porter, Donna Porter, Brian Schillinger, Jack Scheuer and Diane Scheuer (Co-Chair) for their ongoing commitment and willingness to work for justice and peace in our world.

People in Ministry

William Davis

The People in Ministry Committee, whose members were Heather Acker, Dick Broxton, Bill Davis, Gwynne Gilbert, Steve Selige and Craig Smith met during the year, mainly to discuss personnel issues. Performance reviews were completed for all staff members, with glowing results. The committee was particularly pleased with the performance of Jana Schillinger as Coordinator of Children and Youth, and at Rev. Carter's suggestion recommended the church provide her health insurance. The committee also recommended an annual salary increase for all employees of 1.5%.

Worship, Music and the Arts

Nancy Post

The Worship, Music and the Arts Committee is responsible for planning meaningful worship and music experiences for our congregation and visitors.

The "behind the scenes" work involves discussion and planning at monthly meetings and an annual planning session where the committee proposes ideas for the entire church year, scheduling of nursery workers, recruitment and scheduling of all liturgists, service participants and communion teams.

Highlights of this past year have included:

- Meaningful, often challenging music offered by our growing choirs led by our talented directors: Frank Jones, Dick Cochrane and Kay Ten Eyck,
- An opportunity for the congregation to remain seated during the postlude to continue in the spirit of worship to listen to the beautiful music of our organist, Kay Ten Eyck,
- Mardi Gras and Holy Humor Sundays, Labor Day Jazz,
- An inspiring Worship Through Service experience with the residents of St. Joseph's Center,
- A committee-led service revolving around the book of Genesis,
- Stimulating sermons offered by both Rev. Carter and a number of guest preachers: Rev. Brent Eelman, Tabbi Miller-Scandle, Margo Tomlinson, Dr. Bob Young, Rev. Jeff Kellam, and Rev. Dave Brague,
- Exceptional performances by our children's choirs at "Music in the Parks,"
- Instrumentalists (both guests and members) enhancing our worship,
- Inspiring meditations in the Advent blog,
- A time of fellowship as the Congregation got involved in "hanging of the greens,"
- The Arts at First Presbyterian's 2017-2018 programs including performances by the Voices of the Valley, Presbybop Quartet, Charles Truitt and Ed Wargo, Brenda Leach and Katie Morell, and our church ensembles.

None of this would happen without the contributions of so many volunteers, including the Arts Committee led by John Weiss and Dick Cochrane, our chapel choir, adult volunteers, dozens of liturgists, readers and Communion servers.

A special thank you to committee members: Alan Baker, Richard Cochrane, Connie and John Weiss, Betsy Ellis, Grace Farrell, Gayle Hamilton, Jeff Leas, Rev. Carter, Director of Music Frank Jones and Organist/Chapel Choir Director Kay Ten Eyck.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN 2017 ANNUAL REPORT Lee Wirth

Our year began with a Board Meeting. Our officers are:

- Lee Wirth – Moderator;
- Lorraine Daniels – Vice Moderator;
- Barbara Pittman – Secretary;
- Bonnie Plantholt – Treasurer.

Former Treasurer, Doris Dempsey, passed away after serving many years of keeping our books.

We continue to have our Clarks Summit State Hospital luncheons the first Tuesday in April and October. We have lunch, fellowship and entertainment. This year our Bell Choir played for them, per their request. Janet Dobson coordinates these events.

On the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, September through June, we continue to make “My Brother’s Keeper Quilts.” This year a group of us went to the home of Flo and Jim Wheatley for a picnic. The Wheatleys were the originators of the sleeping bag project in 1982.

We now have two Circles that meet on the third Tuesday of the month. The morning and afternoon circles (Dorcas & Priscilla) have combined and are meeting at 10:00 AM at the church. The evening circle (Eunice) meets at the church at 7:00 PM.

Through our Thank, Least Coin and Birthday offerings each year, we contribute to the mission of the larger church.

In September we conducted our Relate, Relax, and Renew. We had a covered dish meal and Mary Ellen Lawlor provided an overview of our study for the coming year, *Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews*.

We are always open for new members. All are welcome to join us for study and fellowship.

**Presbyterian Women's Association
Treasurer's Report
Bonnie Plantholt, treasurer**

Beginning Balance	\$1,675.28	
Receipts	<u>1,642.65</u>	\$3,317.93
Disbursements	1,398.09	
Service Charge	<u>16.00</u>	1,414.09
Ending Balance		<u>\$1,903.84</u>

**Memorial Fund Annual Report 2017
Barbara Brown**

Memorials were given in memory of:

Robert Lipscomb	Lois Stoeckel	Louise Check
William Shamonsky	Martin Schuller	Ken Hopkins
William Lees, Jr.	JoAnne Shepherd	Doris Dempsey
Frances Justin	Nancy Hill	James Overgard
Mary Acker	Harish Advanti	

Contributions for the year 2017 totaled \$5,995. The breakdown for dedicated memorials is as follows:

Cover for newly acquired piano	\$200
Funeral Fund	\$750

The balance of the funds which are not designated, \$5,045, is deposited into the Restricted fund account 2017.

**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 2017 winner was Tyler Kusma.

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

Support Groups

Alcoholics Anonymous

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.

Al-Anon

Al-Anon has offered strength and hope for friends and families of problem drinkers. It is estimated that each alcoholic affects the lives of at least four other people. This group has been in existence for many years, and recently began meeting here on Wednesday evenings. Twenty-five to thirty-five are involved in the meeting each week.

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 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 has also supported 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.