

## **AGENDA**

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
JANUARY 1, 2006 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2006  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN**

Date: February 25, 2007

CALL TO ORDER  
CONVENING PRAYER AND SONG  
APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 2005 Annual Meeting  
REPORTS:  
    Pastor Report  
    Treasurer's Report  
    Approval of Terms of Call  
OLD BUSINESS  
NEW BUSINESS  
ADJOURNMENT

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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OF  
THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN  
10:00 a.m., Sunday, February 26, 2006**

Rev. Thomas H. Cook declared a quorum present (minimum 130, 146 were present) and opened the 170th Annual Meeting at 10:04 a.m. with prayer. Rev. Cook appointed Thomas Jones, Clerk of Session to serve as secretary for the meeting in accordance with *Book of Order* G-7.0307. Rev. Cook stated that notification of the meeting was in order and complied with the Bylaws of First Presbyterian Grand Haven and the *Book of Order* G-7.0302 a.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the 169th Annual Meeting on February 27, 2005 as printed in the 2005 Annual Report. The motion was approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Rev. Cook asked if there were any questions regarding the Treasurer's report as printed in the 2005 Annual Report. Jeff Jullie asked about the status of the Lincoln Street property. Reverend Cook noted that the property is listed for sale with a commercial realtor. There is some activity, but no contracts on the property. The property is zoned for commercial use and this is limiting the interest in the property. Mr. Jullie also asked how the proceeds from the sale of the manse would be used. Rev. Cook noted that the intent was to use the net proceeds from the sale of the manse to reduce the debt on the loan for the Lincoln Street property. Sally Dunn questioned the reduction in the Ministries budget as reported in the Annual Report. Rev. Cook noted that this was a very difficult decision made by Session at the recommendation of the Ministries Committee in order to put forward a balanced budget. He noted that the contributions from the congregation are below what would normally be expected for a congregation of this size and that he would be talking about stewardship throughout the year. He stated that the Session hopes to be able to restore funds to the Ministries budget during the year if the income exceeds budgeted levels.

**REVIEW OF TERMS OF CALL:**

Rev. Cook and Rev. Fowler excused themselves from the meeting as the proposed terms of call were reviewed. Clerk of Session Tom Jones reviewed the terms of call as printed in the 2005 Annual Report. The proposed terms of call for the Senior Pastor and Associate Pastor for 2006 are:

	<b>Rev. Fowler Associate Pastor</b>	<b>Rev. Cook Sr. Pastor</b>
Salary	3,148	47,000
Housing	59,000	35,000
Pension Plan	10,332	9,295
Health Insurance		16,055
Disability Insurance		845
Medical Supplement		2,500
Continuing Education	2,000	2,500
FICA	1,200	6,273
Travel / Auto		4,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$75,680</b>	<b>\$123,468</b>

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Terms of Call as presented. The motion was approved. Rev. Cook and Rev. Fowler were invited to rejoin the meeting

**SENIOR MINISTER'S REPORT:**

Rev. Cook noted several members have asked how he is doing with the transition to this church. He stated that he loves this church and appreciates the acceptance and support the congregation has shown for him. He also noted that there are several tough challenges facing this congregation. He stated that he was deeply disappointed that it was necessary to reduce the mission budget of the church and prayerfully hoped that income levels would permit the funding to be restored. He asked that the members of the

church talk about stewardship within the church and within their homes. He challenged the congregation to increase their giving as they are able. He also talked about the influence that this congregation has on the community and related some of the praise that he has received from the Executive Director of Love, INC. regarding the many faithful volunteers from our congregation and a communication from the Kiwanis expressing thanks for the presentation given by Matt Fisher on the youth ministry program in our congregation.

Rev. Cook made note of the many visitors that our church has and the many new members that are joining our congregation each year. He noted that many of these visitors and new members do not come from a family tradition of church membership and involvement. Rev. Cook challenged the congregation to apply the principles of Reach, Grow, and Send within our own numbers to help strengthen the spiritual growth of all of our members.

#### ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 a.m. The motion carried by voice vote. The meeting was closed with the congregation singing the Doxology.

Attested:

Rev. Thomas H. Cook  
Moderator

Thomas S. Jones  
Clerk of Session

### PASTOR'S REPORT

Summing up 2006 in a simple phrase it could be called "the year of finding new directions." As the curtain came down on all of its activities you can easily see that First Presbyterian Church enjoyed an overabundance of God's blessings. Looking at the tangible scan confirm this. Worship attendance grew by 10%. Nearly 100 folks chose to become new members of First Presbyterian church and there were seventeen baptisms. Revenues exceeded the original budget, a first in many years. Reviewing the year's financial statement you see expenses were less than budgeted. The result made it possible to pay off a five year rolling deficit. There is no more red ink. Alpha and Omega funds are free to do what they were intended, supplement the ongoing ministries of the church. We are in the black as we head into 2007. Add to that the sale of the Lincoln Street property and new directions gained in the building program with a new focus on improving and expanding our fifty year old building and you can see just in tangible numbers that 2006 was a great year in the life of the church.

But looking at the intangibles gives more insight into how the Holy Spirit is moving in the life of the church. The Geneva Choir has grown under the steady guidance of **Maryanne Berry** and the music in the traditional service has been splendid. **Mike D'Oyly** is doing a fantastic job at the organ. The Gathering band sees 10 members regularly leading our contemporary worship service under the leadership of **David Clinansmith**. The Mission Committee (Ministries) gained new focus leading our congregation toward more participative mission, emphasizing both local missions, like Habitat for Humanity and international missions like Faith In Action International. This year we saw worship experiences expanded in creative ways with the addition of Lenten Taize worship and new blended services combining the styles of traditional and contemporary worship into a single liturgy. **Sheila Nicholas** came on board as our Hospitality Coordinator and brought an incredible amount of experience to her job, helping us to become a more hospitable congregation. You will see in reading the reports from our youth ministries how **Matt Fisher** and **Russ Gable's** leadership is enriching the lives of youth in wonderful ways. **Winnie McNergney's** gentle and loving ways continue to reach into the young lives of our children and raising them up into faithful discipleship. One of our men's small groups challenged us to open our minds to the diversity of world faiths with an outstanding fall class on comparative world religions. Presbyterian Women keep their steady ministries going in ways that deepen the faith of our congregation's women and supplementing the ministries of this church. These only give us peeps of all the great things going on in our church's life.

None of this could happen without our able and supportive staff. Hats off to **Kelli Julie** who is tireless and whom Karin and I could not survive a day without; **Tina Ramones** who is diligent in producing all our

written materials and managing office information; **Karen Nienhouse** who puts a smile on everyone's face as they come through the door; **Vicki Butcher** who birddogs all the financial numbers and their decimal points; **Gail Goldberg** who never let's a dust bunny rest and **Dan Coulier** who is the "Scotty" of this Presbyterian Enterprise and who knows how to bleed this building's mechanicals for everything they've got. Then there are the countless volunteers who come in every day and staff the phones and relieve us to do the demanding work of the church. Without **Bill Bussell's** leadership and guidance in the church administration we'd be at a huge loss. He has been an important guide as we've worked our way into the wonderful position we find ourselves in at the beginning of 2007. Indeed it is a capable staff you have working for you.

Then there is **Karin** who is beyond description as a partner in ministry. I think every senior pastor/head of staff dreams about having the kind of collegial relationship Karin and I share in the ministry. I know I joke and tease her about waiting for her to tell me what to do but you and I know that Karin contains an incredible amount of sensitivity, insight, wisdom and love for Christ into her calling. She loves people and cares about each and every member of this church. As you can imagine, she is a joy to work with and I am proud to be her colleague in the ministry of this church. Blessings on Karin and on Scott for their love of this church.

Of course none of this would happen without my beloved wife **Martha**. I have often felt that a good part of the ministry I have provided to the churches I've served these past 25 years comes through Martha. Just the fact that she puts up with the life of husband/minister and the crazy schedule it imposes on a household is enough to make her an angel. I have often said that in all the church's I've served since we've been married that I was called because of her evident and up-front compassion and love for Jesus Christ. She cares about people and she keeps me tuned into many of those things that "guys" tend to overlook. God has blessed me with his promise... I know because he gave me Martha, and a son and daughter who support my ministry.

Looking through this annual report makes it easy to step back and give ourselves a pat on the back and a bunch of "atta boys" and "atta girls" but there is much we can work on. While our budget made a significant gain in 2007 we gained only a few new families who made financial commitments to the life of the church. The truth is, financial commitments indicate family commitments. I pray that next year our stewardship committee, which has worked diligently throughout the year, will get through to and convince those, who are not financially committed, of how important it is to make it a spiritual discipline.

We've regained most of our mission budget for 2007. I hope and pray that mission will be measured in more than check writing. There are tireless folks who now head up to Muskegon's Supper House, who have pounded nails in the Habitat for Humanity House, who volunteer at Love INC, the Little Red House and who have traveled to Haiti to support Tom Braak. It is my hope and prayer that we will become even more participatory in our mission. Our youth are great at this. Their ministries are built around mission trips. How about the adults, can we become more of a serving church? Can we step up not only in our mission giving but in our service? Are there folks who can assist our Deacons in calling on the sick and shut-ins of the church? Can there be more volunteers to meet with the folks who are working their way through Drug Court on a Friday at noon? I think there can. I know Christ is calling us into those kinds of ministries. I pray I can report to you next year that these ministries are growing in the numbers of participants.

I've gone on for too long. What you need to do is pay attention to this excellent annual report. There are many stories told in this packet of information. Stories about programs and people which tell the tale of our talents. Read them with an openness to their ministries. Read them with an eye to the dawning future and our expanding mission. Also read them in a search for ways you might participate and help improve and expand our love for God, for each other, and for others who are not like us.

In Christ's love, Tom

## ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S REPORT

2006 was great! Tom Cook served his first full year as our Head of Staff and everyone agrees: He is exactly what our church needs at this particular time in its history. He is a man of faith and vision – and has a wonderful sense of humor that certainly helps keep our spirits – especially through the disruptions that accompany a major renovation and new addition to the building.

Over the past year, I've officiated at weddings, baptisms and funerals and feel so honored to have the opportunity to share in these "life moments" with you. During Lent, we offered a new worship experience on Wednesday evenings called a "Taize" service. This beautiful, candlelit, meditative service took place in our lovely chapel and those who attended found it to be very meaningful. I've also offered several classes, including "Bible 101" and the Presbyterian Women's 2006-07 Bible Study on the book of Genesis. For the first time, I am offering a monthly preparation study for the women who lead the PW Bible studies for their circles.

Small groups are available for men, moms with young children, a men's breakfast gathering, women, couples groups, a Healing Shawl knitters group, several Brunch Bunches, weekday Bible studies and discussion groups, as well as golf and softball teams. I am always ready to help members set up small groups, just give me a call and we can set things in motion. Two "Opportunity Sundays" a year give all members a chance to lend their time and talents to the life of the church.

In addition to preaching, teaching and providing pastoral care, I served as staff liaison to Fellowship Committee, Spiritual Discipleship Committee, Outreach Deacons and Deacons, as well as helping Tom Cook facilitate our new member classes. In February, May and October, we welcomed a total of 56 new members into the church. We are so thrilled with each new class and the special gifts and talents they bring to the church.

As a member of Lake Michigan Presbytery, I served on the Shepherding Ministry Team and the Leadership Team. I'm also a part of a Women Clergy "Journey Group" at Western Seminary that is supported by a grant from the Lilly Foundation. Over a three-year period, we are working together on issues that face women in the ministry. In August, we had the incredible opportunity to travel to the island of Iona and spend a week among the residents of this inspiring spiritual community off the coast of Scotland.

Finally, I want to thank all of you for your prayers and support of me and our entire staff. 1<sup>st</sup> Pres. is an amazing church and I am so proud to be a part of it.

Blessings, Rev. Karin Fowler

## CHURCH STAFF - 2006

MINISTERS: Rev. Thomas H. Cook, Pastor Head of Staff  
Rev. Karin C. Fowler, Associate Pastor

### PROGRAM STAFF:

Director of Music and the Fine Arts . . . . .Marianne Beery  
The Gathering Music Director. . . . . David Clinansmith  
Organist. . . . .Mike D'Oyly  
Middle School Ministries Director . . . . . Matt Fisher  
Senior High Ministries Director . . . . . Russ Gabel  
Lay Ministry Coordinator. . . . .Kelli Jullie  
Director of Children's Ministries. . . . .Winnie McNergney  
Joyful Noise Director. . . . .Sally Segers

**SUPPORT STAFF:**

Business Manager. . . . . Bill Bussell  
Financial Services Assistant. . . . . Vicki Butcher  
Maintenance Director. . . . . Dan Coulier  
Hospitality Coordinator . . . . . Sheila Nicholas  
Custodian. . . . . Gail Goldberg  
Membership Services Assistant. . . . . Karen Nienhouse  
Administrative Assistant. . . . . Christina Ramones

<b>CHURCH MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS - 2006</b>
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Church Membership, December 31, 2006	1,294
<b>GAINS IN 2006</b>	
17 years old and under	28
18 years old and over	35
Certified	34
<b>Total Gains in 2006</b>	<b>97</b>
<b>LOSSES IN 2006</b>	
Certified	7
Deaths	17
Other	200
<b>Total Losses in 2006</b>	<b>(224)</b>
<b>TOTAL ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP, DECEMBER 31, 2006</b>	<b>1,167</b>

## ADULT NEW MEMBERS

Larry Abbey	Brent Fredricks	Denise Johnson	Steve Struck
Debbie Abbey	Amy Fredricks	Sandie Knes	Susan Struck
David Bazany	Scott Fredricks	Dan Luckey	Trudy Timmer
Margret Bazany	Chuck Fuller	Lisa Luckey	Don Timmer
Jeff Berry	Kim Fuller	Debby McMaster	Warren Trimble
Connie Berry	Brenda Gilbert	Jeanne Mulder	Leslie VerDuin
Chris Bouwman	Dorothy Green	Keith Nalley	Derek Warner
Catherine Bouwman	Brian Greene	Pam Nalley	Colleen Warner
Ashley Bruce	Kelly Greene	Cindy Podorsek	Mike Weller
Craig Chamberlain	Aaron Helmus	Barb Reed	Carol Weller
Lani Chamberlain	Chuck Hettenbach	Julie Reenders	Todd Winkler
Marcia D'Oyly	Dirk Hochhuth	Scott Reenders	Katie Winkler
Mike D'Oyly	Sarah Hochhuth	Scott Riley	
David Folkert	Lisa Hurley	Jean Ryan	
Carol Folkert	Jeff Hurley	Jim Ryan	

## CONFIRMATION CLASS

Eric Alexander	Nick Flaquer	Ryan Khodl	Rachel Rusco
Brad Ayres	Caleb Fuller	Ben Kober	Jennifer Saddler
Scott Berry	Lauren Gatti	Josh LaBeff	Paul Segers
Tyler Brown	Lacey Hamilton	Amy LaNoue	Bethany Sluiter
Kent Brummel	Collin Hoyer	Kelsey Miller	Jaime Smith
Emily Bunn	Breanna Johnson	Josh Poel	Rachel Stanley
Tyler Carey	Bill Kenrick	Katie Potter	Lauren Visser

## IN MEMORIAM

Kathee Baker	Flo Hagadone	Leonard Swikowski
Mary Bottje	Don Holstege	Helen Wheeler
Robert Brinkert	Mary Jane Johnson	Elsie Snell
Ron Bush	Richard Miller	Mildred Spiess
Donna Dornbos	Annie Parker	June Storm
Frank Fickes	Sue Purcell	

## BAPTISMS

Connor Gabel	Delaney McMaster	Lauren Visser
Lauren Gatti	Kelsey Miller	Ella Walsh
Clara Howe	Ava Ransford	Jack Warner
Autumn Korecki	Katherine Riemersma	Jesten Wood
Camden Koster	Emma Skodack	Grace Worthington
Logan Londot	Chloe Thomas	

<b>OFFICER CLASS OF 2007, 2008, 2009</b>
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**SESSION MEMBERS**

Clerk of Session: Tom Jones

**Class of 2007**

Carroll Bennink	842-5363
Ross Carter	846-1157
Ken Clark	842-8758
Tom Jones	231-780-0273
Bev MacLeod	842-6779
Deb Stanley	844-1642

**Class of 2008**

Bruce Campbell	846-4296
Steve Groters	842-2176
Mark Hamman	842-1754
Nancy Hunter	846-1006
Kathy Olds	842-7691
Guy Terrill	847-9927
Rick vandenBerg	844-0741

**Class of 2009**

Don Anderson	842-8590
Pam Blake	842-2038
Tom Creswell	842-6113
Wendy Keefe	844-6190
Gordon Naumoff	846-3424
Becky Sanchez	847-1564
Michele Smith	846-9384

**BOARD OF DEACONS**

Chairperson: Christine Houghtaling

**Class of 2007**

Henni Campbell	846-4296
Chris Houghtaling	846-2323
Diane Jones	231-780-0273
Ronnie Kemink	844-7595
Jane Poort	842-3383
Lynne VanderMeer	842-7037
Mary Wood	842-7569

**Class of 2008**

Ann Anys	846-2867
Diana Groters	842-2176
Michelle Potter	846-1023
Pat Rickert	844-5257
Barbara Scott	846-4969
Daphne Weber	846-6983
Chuck Watson	846-4752

**Class of 2009**

Suzie Brink	296-0684
Byron Carpenter	842-8858
Tracy Gabel	842-3728
Don LaBeff	847-6003
Peggy Leach	296-0808
Les McClellan	846-9564

**OUTREACH DEACONS**

Chairperson: Mary Van Dyke

**Class of 2007**

Jason Cotton	296-1080
Rachel Cotton	296-1080
Julie Frazier	842-8009
Jeremy Laughead	846-5206
Carol McNamara	846-6224
Bob Van Dyke	846-3068
Mary Van Dyke	846-3068

**Class of 2008**

Melissa German	846-7886
Rob German	846-7886
Nancy Law	844-3373
Chris Mendels	847-1631
Melinda Mendels	847-1631
Nancy Moss	846-6865
Lisa Stoner	

**Class 2009**

Marcy Engelsman	844-1526
Muriel Mersereau	842-7585
Judy Miedema	847-0977
Roger Miedema	847-0977
Dale Thielbar	842-2779
Sheila Thielbar	842-2779
Terri Wolters	844-6814

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Chairperson: Don Anderson  
 Vice Chairperson: Pam Blake  
 Deacon: Chuck Watson

Betty Jo Enell	842-0121
Paul McNergney	846-4872

Deanne Hannibal	842-8656
Jack VanHoef	842-3989

<b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b>
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What a blessing to be able to report 2006 financial results! This is the first time since 2000 that we have had a surplus in our budget. Thank You to everyone for your generous support of First Presbyterian Church and all its missions. In 2006, revenues were \$993,000. This number was \$43,000 more than budgeted and \$100,000 higher than 2005 revenues. This was a remarkable growth in one year and came on top of the \$100,000 growth in our revenues we saw in 2005.



Annual expenditures were \$965,000. This represented a slight decrease from 2005 and was \$31,000 less than budget. The primary savings in 2006 were in two areas: first significantly lower Ministries and Benevolence expenses and second Trustees – due to lower utility costs. Personnel costs were up by \$53,000 but were more than offset by the savings in the other areas of the budget. This year our revenues exceeded our expenditures by \$28,000. That allowed us to offset some of the deficiency from past budgets where we did not have a surplus. At the end of 2006, prior to transfers from the Alpha and Omega funds, we had a remaining deficiency of \$29,076 and session voted to transfer \$29,076 from the Alpha fund to cover all of the prior years deficits. This will allow us to start 2007 with a clean slate. The positive financial results for 2006 were a significant milestone for First Presbyterian Church. Our future with the remarkable volunteers, dedicated staff, and an energized session looks very bright.

## 2007 Budget

The 2007 budget is based on our Consecration Sunday results and Session and staff input on expenditures. The generous pledges from Consecration Sunday have allowed us to budget revenues of \$1,095,200, a 10% increase over 2006.

Expenses for 2007 are budgeted at \$1,094,003 which is an increase of \$128,478 over 2006. The exciting part of this budget is that the increases are primarily in the missions and programs of the church (\$67,000). Trustees is the bulk of the additional expenses (\$34,000) which provide for additional utility costs and for the first time a reserve for building maintenance so that we can take care of our beautiful church they way it should be. This budget will allow us to have a surplus of \$1,100. This is without any transfers from special funds to balance the budget.

As I look ahead, I see significant opportunities for our church as we determine how best we can fulfill our mission and “Respond to God’s call”. Our West Michigan economy provides us challenges as needs become greater and sometimes gifting becomes more difficult. However, the continuing commitment and prayer from all of us (staff, session, and every member of the church) will allow us to move forward into our future with vision, passion, and excitement as we respond to God’s call.

If you have any questions regarding the reports provided please feel free to contact any member of the Trustees.

Respectfully submitted, Tom Creswell, Treasurer

<b>FINANCIAL REPORTS</b>
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**First Presbyterian Church - Grand Haven, MI  
Comparative Balance Sheet**

	12/31/2006	12/31/2005	12/31/2004
Assets:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,130,182	753,382	627,204
Other Assets	275	1,279	-
Fixed Assets (at cost)	4,417,176	5,038,349	4,831,694
Total Assets	5,547,633	5,793,010	5,458,898
Liabilities			
Prepaid Pledges	22,869	16,540	11,371
Bank Loan Payable	-	672,500	672,500
Other	19,117	14,673	2,607
Total Liabilities	41,986	703,713	686,478
Fund Equity	5,505,647	5,089,297	4,772,420
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	5,547,633	5,793,010	5,458,898

**First Presbyterian Church - Grand Haven, MI**

**Capital Campaign Summary as of 12/31/2006**

	Project to Date	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
<b>Cash Inflows</b>							
Capital Campaign Receipts	1,168,506.13	274,225.05	417,028.98	324,379.62	140,186.32	5,370.84	7,315.32
Lincoln Street Income [Rent]	2,650.05	-	-	-	-	2,650.05	-
Transfer from Alpha Fund	57,000.00	-	-	-	57,000.00	-	-
Lounge Receipts	94,000.00	-	-	1,000.00	-	-	93,000.00
Interest Income	37,430.71	18,855.77	8,796.90	2,316.65	7,461.39	-	-
Total Inflows	1,359,586.89	293,080.82	425,825.88	327,696.27	204,647.71	8,020.89	100,315.32
<b>Cash Outflows</b>							
Capital Campaign Expenses [RSI campaign consultants, events, mailings, printing, and other professional services]	80,151.76	-	-	18,400.00	61,751.76	-	-
Church Building/508 Franklin Maintenance [power wash exterior]	7,963.23	-	-	7,963.23	-	-	-
Design and Engineering - Three Crosses Project	71,134.22	-	39,751.27	18,523.35	12,528.20	331.40	-
Lounge Renovation	106,226.62	1,000.00	104,544.62	682.00	-	-	-
Common Areas & Offices Design	35,347.59	18,049.59	17,298.00	-	-	-	-
2006-07 Expansion & Renovation/Dan Vos Construction	150,660.55	150,660.55	-	-	-	-	-
518/520 Franklin Demolition & Landscaping	12,551.51	-	12,551.51	-	-	-	-
Replace Flat Roofing on Church Building	65,755.00	-	65,755.00	-	-	-	-
Lincoln Street Costs [loan interest and property taxes]	176,859.85	42,025.13	54,921.92	32,963.59	27,239.28	19,709.93	-
Total Outflows	706,650.33	211,735.27	294,822.32	78,532.17	101,519.24	20,041.33	-
Net for the Period	652,936.56	81,345.55	131,003.56	249,164.10	103,128.47	(12,020.44)	100,315.32

**First Presbyterian Church - Grand Haven, MI**  
**Comparative Statement of General Fund 2005 and 2006 Revenue and Expenditures**  
**with 2006 and 2007 Budgets [and transfers in from Special Funds]**

	2005	<u>2006</u>		2007
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>
General Fund Revenue:				
Adult Giving	854,278	948,306	919,100	1,072,800
Loose Plate	20,246	31,795	16,000	15,800
Per Capita, Youth, and Other	14,238	9,014	12,000	3,000
Total of all "Giving"	888,762	989,115	947,100	1,091,600
Rents and Other Revenue	4,244	4,392	3,500	3,600
Total General Fund Revenue	<u>893,006</u>	<u>993,507</u>	<u>950,600</u>	<u>1,095,200</u>
General Fund Expenditures:				
Personnel	664,013	717,337	736,733	737,422
Ministries and Benevolence	110,000	52,000	52,000	95,000
Session & Per Capita Assessment Paid	21,274	21,785	20,584	29,773
Trustees [operating expenses]	123,900	115,266	127,971	149,100
Fellowship	13,055	12,871	11,995	18,345
Health	1,666	384	1,500	1,200
Youth Ministries	17,159	21,225	21,868	29,343
Worship	8,624	11,987	9,470	14,250
Children's Ministries	7,135	8,299	9,400	10,400
Adult Education	1,970	4,401	5,100	9,200
Subtotal General Fund Expenditures	<u>968,796</u>	<u>965,555</u>	<u>996,621</u>	<u>1,094,033</u>
Pastor Nominating Committee	7,438	-	-	-
Total General Fund Expenditures	<u>976,234</u>	<u>965,555</u>	<u>996,621</u>	<u>1,094,033</u>
General Fund Operating Revenue over/ (under) General Fund Expenditures	(83,228)	27,952	(46,021)	1,167
Transfer from Special Funds <sup>1</sup>	55,000	29,076	46,021	-
Incr./(Decr.) in General Fund Balance	(28,228)	57,028	-	1,167
Beginning of Year Fund Balance	-	(57,028)	-	-
End of Year General Fund Balance	<u>(28,228)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,167</u>

<sup>1</sup>Transfers from Special Funds were used to cover General Fund operating losses.

<b>TRUSTEES COMMITTEE</b>
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Serving the church in 2006 as trustees were: Sue Buitenhuis, Ross Carter, Nancy Collins, Tom Creswell, Melissa German, Ed Kinkema, Jim Kober, Ken MacLeod, Ray Nelson, Kathy Olds, and June Ribbink. The Trustees are supported by Business Manager, Bill Bussell.

**ASSET MANAGEMENT**

- The Manse was sold, relieving the church of all expense for its upkeep.
- The Lincoln St. property was sold relieving the church of significant debt.
- All bequests, special funds, and designated funds have been managed in accordance with the Book of Order.

## **BUDGET AND FINANCE**

- The 2007 budget has been prepared and approved by Session.
- Monthly monitoring of the 2006 budget and operating statements conducted according to generally accepted accounting principles and the Book of Order.
- Treasurers Reports carefully reviewed on a monthly basis.
- Detailed mid-year review of operating statements with year end projection of operating results.
- Proposed to session a \$400,000.00 line of credit to support the current renovation project. Session approved.
- Initiated discussion on the probability of a new capital campaign.

## **BUILDING AND GROUNDS**

- Conducted spring cleanup of church grounds and the Manse.
- Conducted a significant revitalization of the Memorial Garden.
- Began work on a new landscape plan to compliment current renovation project.
- Appointed volunteers to oversee specific segments of the grounds.
- Conducted a very successful fall cleanup with significant congregation participation.
- Removed several overgrown trees and shrubs from the grounds.
- Established in the 2007 budget a reserve fund for building repair and maintenance.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

- Continually observant of church business policies and procedures. This is to assure church's continued compliance with various statutes and business codes.

Respectfully submitted, Ross E. Carter, President

<b>BUILDING COMMITTEE</b>
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Serving on the building committee for 2006 were: Don Holstege, Don Anderson, Carroll Bennink, Dottie Bennink, Bud Dawe, Bob Swart, Norm Styck, Gordon Naumoff and Tom Cook. Bill Bussell, Business Manager has also been in attendance.

The following is a recap as to our year:

1. Shifted to Dan Vos Construction for design and build of our connector and church renovations of existing offices, serving kitchen and sanctuary.
2. Held various congregational forums to present changes to connector and renovations which included existing offices, rear entryway, serving kitchen and sanctuary/transept.
3. Working on upgrades to existing building which includes fire suppression throughout, new windows, doors, floor coverings and audio.
4. Contracted part of the addition and renovation for \$829,924 in October.
5. Continuing ongoing study of existing structure for upgrades and maintenance for future.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gordon J. Naumoff, Chairman

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES COMMITTEE

### Mission Statement

**The mission of the Children's Ministry of First Presbyterian is to effectively and joyfully nurture the faith of our children by ministering God's teachings through education and supplemental activities.**

Children's Ministries Committee Members: Wendy Keefe (Elder), Danielle Beals, Julie Marcus, Keli Olson, Jill Osborne, Linda Skinner, Winnie McNergney (Director)

2006 was a year of blessings and joy. Some new events/programs that were offered were the Children's Easter Worship Services, Pentecost Celebration, and the start of the Preteen Class. Special emphasis was placed on policies on discipline in the classrooms, support of special needs children, and our Abuse Prevention Policy. The following special events or programs were offered: Play People (4th and 5th grade fellowship), Easter Egg Hunt (100 children), Vacation Bible School (150 children), Church Picnic, Blessing of the Backpacks, Advent Craft Fair, and the Christmas Eve Instant Pageant.

Bibles were given to 34 children. These children were instructed on the use of the Bible and were also given communion training. The committee members attended a conference in November. Winnie made home visits to welcome new babies and sent birthday cards to all of the children.

We were blessed with many loving and energetic volunteers (25 each Sunday) who led and assisted in nursery, Sunday classes, and special events. Thank you. It was a pleasure to work with Maryanne Beery on music for Sunday classes, a Christmas cantata, and children's choir.

Our prayer team is needed and appreciated for faithfully asking God's guidance and blessings for His kids and their leaders. Thank you to the members and friends of our church for the continued support of Children's Ministries.

Respectfully submitted, Winnie McNergney, Children's Ministries Director

## FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Committee members for 2006: Elder Pam Blake, Elder Bruce Campbell, and Elder Bev MacLeod; Staff liaison, Rev. Karin Fowler;

Lay members:, Kim Beber, George and Barbara Bryant, Betty Jo Enell, Jane Hettenbach, Sally Kenrick, Roger Miedema, Barbara Nelson, Ann Rotman and Norm Styck

The committee's objective is to promote fellowship and compassionate friendship as a lifestyle for members and friends of First Presbyterian Church. We plan and promote inter-generational and large group events, as well as encouraging new social groups and the formation and continuing function of small group ministry.

This year's special events included Tom/Martha's Summer get acquainted gathering for new members. This casual event should happen once or twice a year when we have a large group joining the church, the showcases are now on our responsibility, the All-Church Picnic held at Pottawattamie Park, Franklin Street Café held on the second Sunday of the month. (With the church under construction, FSC has been on hold for a few months), Family Advent Wreath and Craft Fair, two softball teams, and a golf league.

Fellowship is looking for new ideas to do more family activities.

A Special thanks to the committee members and the congregation for supporting all our work. A big thanks to those dedicated people who see that the annual picnic is always well attended.

Respectfully submitted, Elder Bev MacLeod

## THE GATHERING MUSIC TEAM

This has been an exciting year! We have done many new and different services to try to bring people the good news of the gospel. As a worship planning group we are always thinking of how we can improve our worship services, and make them more meaningful. Some of the things we have done over the last year have been:

- Our Wednesday night TAIZE services
- Our Good Friday men's breakfast service.
- Our Easter morning sunrise service
- Colorado Summer Jam
- Our Thanksgiving Eve service
- Our advent series

I had the privilege of leading worship for a group of high school students at a college in Gunnison Colorado. Every day we were out in one of the most beautiful places on earth, rafting, hiking, and just seeing the awesomeness of God's creation. Through our daily bible studies, worship times and lessons, all of us learned a lot about, and grew closer to God.

The Gathering Band has expanded to include some different instruments and some new voices. We have been using the new grand piano, as well as flute, cello, and other instruments to bring unique sounds into our worship services.

We take very seriously the calling to be lead worshipers. On Thursday night the Gathering Band takes part in a bible study prayer time. We have all experienced personal spiritual growth, an understanding of worship, and support for all of us to help us grow with Christ.

Respectfully submitted, David Clinansmith, The Gathering Music Director

## JOYFUL NOISE

### **Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord!**

During 2006 Joyful Noise staff provided a variety of activities and lessons to stimulate spiritual, social, emotional, physical and intellectual growth in children age infant through school age. Bible stories, music, art field trips, prayer, storytelling, computers, science, large muscle play and celebrations are all a part of our everyday program.

Joyful Noise employs 15 full time and 9 part time staff. All of our employees attended the 2006 MiAEC seminars in Grand Rapids and took the Conscious Discipline course. One of our employees earned her Early Childhood Education Associates Degree, one is taking her last semester for completion of her ECE degree through the TEACH Michigan scholarship program, and two others have started their courses in our field. Nine others have formal education and training in ECE. Staff dedication to Joyful Noise and the children and families they serve has been a blessing.

In 2006 Joyful Noise:

- Continues to hold the title of "Best in the Lakeshore"
- Continued to visit our grandfriends at Christian Haven
- Hosted over 200 people at our annual Teusink's Pony Farm picnic
- Provided scholarships to 3 families
- Held an open house in September with over 140 in attendance
- Walked in the Coast Guard Kid's Parade with 54 Joyful Noisers
- Held a family breakfast in April feeding more than 80 people
- Recognized six more employees for 5+ years of service
- Established a battery recycling program (thanks Marti!) in addition to cartridges

- Hosted two book fairs
- Hosted a family movie night (thanks Matt and Russ!) with 65 attending
- Hosted five interns from local colleges and three from GH High School
- Had new carpet installed in the church nursery
- Raised \$12,000 + profit in fundraising dollars

In the past year, Joyful Noise staff:

- changed more than 27,648 diapers
- used over 49,920 vinyl gloves
- used over 53,000 wet wipes
- wiped noses over 20,800 times, using over 300 boxes of tissues
- served over 25,856 meals and over 19,456 snacks
- served over 780 gallons of milk
- washed over 120,000 pairs of children's hands
- each washed their own hands over 2,080 times
- used over 62,920 paper towels (hand drying, table sanitizing)
- took out over 3,640 bags of trash
- used more than 15,000 sheets of paper
- used over 40 gallons of tempera paint, 2,000 sheets of construction paper, 15 gallons of glue, a couple of pounds of sparkles, and over 400 markers
- worked a combined total of more than 40,000 hours
- ate over 2,100 pieces of chocolate
- read over 7,800 books
- rubbed over 11,700 backs at nap time
- gave more than 7,800 pushes on the swings
- gave over 42,900 hugs
- prayed with the children 4,680+ times
- And prayed for our program, church, and children's families over 2,600 times

Some highlights of the greatest expenses in the 2006 Joyful Noise budget:

Wages for 24 staff people - \$371,467  
 FICA - \$28,107  
 Program Food (B,L,S) - \$22,499  
 Program Supplies for 90+ children - \$10,172  
 Utilities - \$7,900  
 Fundraising Expense - \$6,332  
 Building/grounds - \$4,775  
 Janitorial Supplies - \$4,600  
 Workers Comp. - \$3,418  
 Expendable Equipment - \$2,648  
 Kitchen supplies - \$2,360  
 Seminars and Training - \$2,114  
 (Eleven other line items were under \$2000 each)

You can give us a helping hand by participating in fund raising opportunities, joining our advisory committee, praying for our program and our staff, children and their families, donating toward our scholarship fund, donating much needed items such as tissues and other paper products (thanks for the ice cream buckets Sylvia!) or volunteering.

We truly feel privileged to work with our kids, their families and the community. We also feel blessed to have the support of so many kind people in our church's congregation. We will continue to reach for what God calls us to do, bringing the love of Christ to our community's children.

Respectfully, Sally Segers

Joyful Noise Advisory Committee and Joyful Noise Employees

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them,  
 for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

## MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRIES

### **Win – Build – Equip – Send**

**Win** - What a year! Over the past 12 months of ministry our middle school group has witnessed over 40 students make first time commitments to accept Christ as their Savior, and nearly 80 re-commitments! Our group has maintained its numerical size for the past 2-3 years now and is presently ministering to 110-130 regular middle school students (students attending at least every other week). This past year we have seen over 70 new students (never attended before). Our group is clearly limited by the physical size of Fellowship Hall, as well as the limited number of spaces for small groups to meet in. I am constantly amazed at the desire the students have to reach their friends for Christ. We use a relational approach to outreach, which connects leaders to students and students to students. I feel that this approach to outreach is the reason for this contagious attitude of evangelism. Students that are excited about their faith and what God is doing in their lives want to share it with their friends. What better way of doing evangelism is there than that?

**Build** - Once we have made contact with students and they have made a commitment to Christ, we commit to creating an atmosphere that will build students' faith and help them grow in their relationship with Christ. Currently, we offer two programs that meet on a weekly basis to meet this goal, Aftershock and Breakfast Club. Breakfast Club focuses on the basics of the Christian faith (the Bible, Prayer, Worship, Service, Evangelism, and Fellowship). Breakfast Club continues to meet following the worship and praise portion of the Gathering service. This year, we have had 30-45 students each week at Breakfast Club. Aftershock, our weekly youth group meeting on Wednesday nights, focuses again on the basics of the Christian faith, but from a more topical and practical standpoint. In the past year we have grown our leadership team to around 15 small group leaders that have committed to ministering to a single group of students. This group of leaders becomes my small group that is the frontline of this ministry to middle school students. These leaders share their faith as an example to their students. These relationships directly impact student growth.

Each year we offer several trips that challenge students' faith and help them to grow in their relationship with Christ. Over 180 students attended faith-building events outside of regular youth group meetings such as, Spring Hill, indoor rock climbing, Cincinnati, Lake Ann and other events. Some of our small group leaders have also offered weekly bible studies for students to deepen their understanding of Christ working in their lives. One limiting factor in our ministry is the number of small group leaders that directly work with students. Ideally, each of our leaders would minister to approximately 8 students, with 110-130 students we *should* have a leadership team of 14-16 leaders. This year we are much closer to that number, but still need more male leaders to divide the boys small groups into smaller numbers.

**Equip** - We strive to equip students with the tools to *do* ministry, not just be recipients of it. In this last year we've put over 100 students in the mission field. From our Lake Ann Work Trip and Appalachian Mission to small acts of service in our own community, we do every thing possible to provide students with opportunities to do ministry. Each of these missions gives us the opportunity to teach and show students how to serve God and express their faith to others. Through these projects many of our students experience missions for the first time in 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grade. One of the strengths of this current ministry is preparing students to express their faith in word and deed. At Lake Ann this year we, as a group, offered 280 man-hours of labor in our service to God. This was our 9<sup>th</sup> year in our Kentucky Mission Project and one of the best missions I have ever been on. This year our team of 21 students and 5 leaders spent 7 days in Appalachia rebuilding an entire kitchen. Frozen pipes and a leaking roof rotted the floors, ceiling, and walls of the home. We reconstructed the floor down to the new footings, tarred the roof, and made a new set of what we called "handi-cap stairs" for the elderly man, Eugene, that lived there. The project was completed in 5 days and I have never seen a group of students grow so much through service. Our students are making a difference in the lives of people TODAY!

**Send** - Finally, This ministry is focused on creating not Christian followers but Christian LEADERS. We currently have a team of 14 small group leaders that volunteer on a weekly basis. Many of these leaders are high school/college students or parents of students in the ministry. We feel that through equipping these leaders to do ministry and then providing an atmosphere where they can practice their leadership skills on a weekly basis we are creating the Christian leadership of today and tomorrow. Much like Christ's example with the disciples, our middle school ministry has become a training ground for high



school students to become part of a process of learning, doing, then going. The large numerical size of our current group stresses the need for more leaders with hearts for God and students.

Another addition to the "send" portion of our ministry is seen in the First Priority Campus Clubs. Again, this year I have the honor of being a Campus Coach for Lakeshore Middle School (where 70% of our students attend). During the lunch hour once a week each grade has a non-denominational Christian bible study and testimony. The best part is that it is entirely student-led. Many of our students are the ones taking charge and leading this weekly program. It is merely a testament to the caliber of student leaders that we are cultivating as early as middle school.

Submitted by: Matthew Fisher, Director of Middle School Student Ministries

<b>MISSIONS COMMITTEE</b>
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The Mission Committee of First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven consists of nine Board Members that oversee the mission activities of our church.

It has been an eventful year with change of leadership as, Nancy Collins, resigned and left our church. Nancy served as committee chairperson for many years, doing a marvelous job, and left some big shoes to fill.

Elder, Guy Terrill, took over as chairperson fall of 2006. The new committee focused on specific areas that fit the mission of our Church. One of the first orders of business was to change the name of the committee from Ministries to Mission. The board felt that the new name better described our activities.

The Mission committee has decided to focus attention and support to the following needs of our community and world Missions:

- 1) Support of Faith in Action International and their work in Haiti (See Bulletin Board in church hallway to see our mission work in action.)
- 2) Support the work of Love INC (In the Name of Christ), NOCCOA and Salvation Army Emergency Prescription Program for people of need in our community
- 3) Support of The People Center which provides food, transitional housing, clothing, information and counseling for people of need in our community.
- 4) Support Tri-Cities Ministries and the work they do in our community.
- 5) Support of a refugee family that has relocated to West Michigan.
- 6) In partnership with St. Patrick's Church, and cooperation from the Ottawa County court systems, help set up an outreach program that meets twice a month in our church Lounge. As hosts, we provide a meeting place, volunteers and Christian hospitality to those working to overcome prior bad decisions and drug addiction.
- 7) Oversee the four special offerings during the calendar year. *One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost Offering, Peacemaking Offering and Christmas Joy Offering.*
- 8) Support Tri-Cities Area Habitat for Humanity. Our church provided a designated fund for financial donations and volunteers who generously gave of their time and talents.
- 9) Separate from our committee work, we support the Joyful Noise Daycare and Preschool program in our church, providing child care services for families in our community.

With the Lord's help, our committee can do wonderful things.

Respectfully submitted, Guy Terrill, Mission Committee Chair

## MUSIC & FINE ARTS MINISTRIES

### Summary:

2006 was a year of growth for Arts ministry. Music, dance, dramatic reading of scripture and visual art were all incorporated into worship with several priorities in mind:

- Expressing our love and passion for God through artistic expression.
- Exploring ways to reach all members of the community through the Arts.
- Introducing these forms to the children of our congregation by inviting them to help lead worship with music, drama, dance and art.

### I. Ensemble Activity:

- a. Geneva Choir –The Geneva choir continues to lead our congregation with excellent music and singing. Their weekly rehearsals prepare them for Sunday worship and extra services. Geneva Choir assisted in the new TAIZÉ worship services during Lent as well as for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. They spent six weeks prior to Christmas preparing a challenging program of music by John Rutter for Music Sunday. It is a time of spiritual and musical growth as we learn and prepare this music. Geneva Choir participated in our Hymn Fest sponsored by the American Guild of Organists in October. We traveled through the church year with hymns embellished with bells, percussion, organ, flute and brass. Our clinician for this event was University of Michigan Music faculty member Michelle Johns.
- b. Children's Choir – Our children's choir has enjoyed growth this year as well. These children start their rehearsal time with scripture and devotions, then move on to singing in unison, ringing chimes, playing rhythm games, having a snack together, and just enjoying our time preparing music for our congregation. This particular group was to be praised for leading the Sunday school children so well in our Christmas Music Pageant.
- c. Carillon Bells-Our bell choir continued to participate every six to eight weeks for worship on Sunday morning. Weekly rehearsals include learning and playing through our music, inviting some soloists to accompany us on our selections, and much laughter and fun. Most of our ringers were involved in some way with our October Hymn fest. We learned several ways to "random ring" on hymns and even processed during a hymn for the concert. This group experienced many personal changes during 2006. We are fortunate to have several new ringers with us and look forward to sharing our musical ministry with the congregation.

### II. Programming

- a. TAIZÉ services held in the Chapel on Wednesday evenings during Lent.
- b. Maundy Thursday service with dramatic reading by congregational members and guest dancer Bethany Sweir.
- c. Easter morning 7am service with dramatization by High School Youth Group member Abby Moore. Congregation is invited to sanctuary where they deliver flowers and sing with organ and trumpet trio. Soprano soloist Sarah Hochhuth sings during flowering of the cross.
- d. Pentecost is celebrated with dramatic scripture reading and new banner as well as doves hanging from fixtures.
- e. July brings a volunteer "summer pick up choir".
- f. Summer special music includes many vocal and instrumental soloists and ensembles from our congregation.
- g. Preparations begin in October for "A Night For Dancing", a Christmas musical. Children from our congregation from Kindergarten through High School participate in the chorus, as soloists, readers, and accompanist.
- h. Music Sunday, at which Geneva Choir, Carillon Bell Choir and the Children's Choir lead worship.
- i. Muskegon Chamber Choir performs their "Wreath of Carols" concert for us on December

Geneva Choir and leaders decided that traveling to the International Church Music Festival during the summer of 2007 would not happen. Plans for future trips, specifically the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Festival in 2009, are in the works. Workshops for bells, children's choirs, dancing, and drama are available at many conferences here in the state. It is the desire of many volunteer musicians to attend some of these conferences in the future. Members of the Worship Committee and several staff participated in the 2006 Calvin Symposium and gained many insights into worship and the Arts.

It is important for our congregation to continue to communicate what artistic programs they would like to see during worship on Sunday mornings. We are fortunate to have a vast amount of talented and willing Artistic people in our midst.

Respectfully submitted, Maryanne Beery, Director of Music and the Arts

### **OUTREACH DEACONS**

It is the mission of the Outreach Deacons to make our guests feel as welcome and comfortable as possible. During 2006, we have shared in the greeting duties each week before worship services, welcomed everyone and provided nametags for folks at the annual church picnic, and served communion at Sunday services as well as to shut-ins. In the spring, we called every member of the church to "check in" and see if they had any joys or concerns that the staff should be made aware of – and we also called visitors and new members to answer any questions they might have – and also to make sure that they have felt welcomed by the congregation.

The habit of wearing nametags has really caught on and has been a tremendous help for both long-time members, new members and guests – not to mention a help for Tom and Martha Cook as they have worked very hard to learn about 1300 names and faces.

### **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

This committee participated in many meetings throughout 2006. The members are Tom Cook, Karin Fowler, Jennifer Koster, Bill Fickes, Carroll Bennink, Steve Groters and Bruce Campbell.

The following tasks have been accomplished:

- Performance reviews were completed for all but The Joyful Noise Director which will be timed with the start of the school year.
- Performance reviews will be complete by the end of 2006 for the ordained staff. These have not been done for the last three years due to the Interim Pastorates that we have been through. These will be done annually. Input was requested from all of the members of the Session, Deacons, Outreach Deacons, non-ordained staff and 90 randomly selected people from the congregation.
- A "Sexual Misconduct Policy" has been prepared and approved by your Session and will be implemented in the first quarter of 2007.
- The "Personnel Policies" have been revised and will be finalized by the end of January 2007.
- Job descriptions were revised and updated for two openings below.
- Salary surveys were purchased and used to establish pay scales for the coming 2007 budget preparation for ordained and non-ordained staff.
- Interviews were held due to retirements for the Wedding Coordinator and Hospitality Coordinator openings and the following were hired.
- Wedding Coordinators: Sally Kenrick, Peggy Leach and Jane Hettenbach.
- Hospitality Coordinator: Sheila Nicholas.
- Many other staff requests and personal issues were processed.
- Decision was made to change our Health Insurance to an annual renewal beginning with 2007.

## Goals for 2007

- Reviewing and reducing the cost of our health insurance coverage.
- Implement the "Sexual Misconduct Policy"
- Establish and monitor ongoing goals for the year.
- Process any ongoing staff issues.

Respectfully submitted by Ken Clark, Chairperson.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN Affirm their purpose forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves: to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study; to support the mission of the church worldwide; to work for justice and peace, and to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (USA) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

P.W. is made up of six circles. PW circles provide a Bible Study and a wonderful fellowship for these women.

We have gone back to having a monthly program this year, which falls on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

The programs for 2006 were:

- Salad Luncheon, "Our Sister in Haiti"- Nancy Braak
- Breakfast, "The Honeymoon is Over"- Tom Cook
- Luncheon, "Wild Child" – Wendy English
- Senior Luncheon, "Christmas Sounds of 1st Pres.
- Coffee Hour, Workshop for School & Health Kits
- Luncheon, "Women in History" – Tri Cities Museum
- Luncheon, "Butterflies"- Linda Koenig
- Luncheon, "Sweet Adeline's"

Other events we had were Jewel Chip Candy and a Card Sales. In December all circles shopped for an anonymous family given to us through Love, INC.

Due to our church construction/renovation project, we will not be having a Rummage Sale in 2007. We hope to resume this next year.

Respectfully submitted by, Cindy Bares, P.W. Moderator

### **YEAR – END GIFTS FOR 2005-2006**

Love, INC	\$300.00
International Aid	\$500.00
Salvation Army	\$400.00
North Ottawa Council on Aging	\$400.00
The Little Red House	\$300.00
C.R.O.P.	\$300.00
Ghana/Wierenga Day Care Center	\$300.00
Mission for Area People	\$500.00
Church World Services	\$300.00
Harbor House/OAR	\$100.00
Habitat for Humanity	\$400.00
Faith in Action International	\$200.00
Backpack Program	\$100.00
<b>Total P.W. Mission Giving</b>	<b>\$4100.00</b>

## ANNUAL REPORT - PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

September 1, 2005- August 31, 2006

<b>Balance on Hand September 1, 2005</b>		<b>\$236.91</b>
<b>Receipts:</b>		
Circle Pledges	2,823.05	
Least Coin	22.24	
Mother Daughter Banquet	985.00	
Rummage Sale	3,197.50	
Mini Bazaar/Candy	1,741.41	
Study Books	401.00	
Interest	64.53	
Program	353.50	
<b>Total Receipts:</b>	<b>9,588.23</b>	
<b>Total before Disbursements:</b>		<b>\$9,825.14</b>
<b>Disbursements:</b>		
Lake MI Presbyterian Women	1,875.00	
Mother Daughter Banquest	545.81	
Program	707.26	
Candy/Bazaar Expense	73.60	
Rummage	360.85	
Least Coin	22.24	
Mission Giving/Year End Gifts	4,100.00	
<b>Total Disbursements:</b>	<b>7,684.76</b>	
<b>Balance on Hand August 31, 2006</b>		<b>\$2,140.38</b>

Respectfully submitted by: Ruth Suchecki, P.W. Treasurer

### SPIRITUALITY AND DISCIPLESHIP/ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

This committee's objectives are to encourage and provide opportunities for members to:

1. Discover and develop an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ.
2. Enhance one's discipleship to Jesus Christ.

We developed these guidelines when we decided what would help a Presbyterian become like Christ by living a Christian Life. We are trying to offer education courses to support this:

#### Presbyterian Christian

Bible Knowledge  
Old & New  
Testament

Trinity  
God, Son,  
& Holy Spirit

Christian Living  
Relationships  
Following in Jesus Footsteps

Following these objectives we have offered and/or supported the following resources and opportunities during the year.

1. The church has offered several different adult classes after following the process instituted to submit and approve classes of a spiritual nature. The following resources were used:
  - A. The Bible
  - B. The Case for Faith
  - C. Stories for Life in God's World
  - D. Companions in Christ

- E. Specialty classes: Faith in the Face of Adversity, Man and His God in Art, Mystery Person the Holy Spirit, Spiritual Recovery, Healing in Grief, and World Religion
- F. The Lord's Prayer
- G. Mere Christianity
- H. Four Loves
- I. Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

World Religion averaged 30 to 60 people and C.S. Lewis averaged 12 to 25. The other classes were smaller. We brought in speakers and paid for their coming to speak.

2. There are several continuing small group Bible studies and these are: Men's Fellowship, Young Mom's, Breakfast Bunch, Brown Bag, and Thursday morning Companions.
3. Presbyterian Women's Circles were doing "Point of Grace".
4. Quarterly 12 hour Prayer Vigils were participated in - individually or in small groups praying for health and life of the church, individuals, community, country, and nation. They prayed mainly at home, and the Elders really felt good about doing the Prayer Vigils.
5. Members pray with staff before Sunday worship services.
6. We hold Worship and Wholeness Prayer Times after each service on Sunday.
7. The Lakeshore Chapter of the Order of St. Luke the Physician (an international interdenominational organization encouraging churches in Christ's ministry of healing through prayer and healing missions) had a Healing Mission May 19-20 with guest speaker Rev. Russ Brandt. He spoke on Healing through the Holy Spirit. We received several new members
  - Lakeshore Chapter general meeting is the second Thursday of the month and they are viewing a videos series on Healing with Francis McNutt and praying for individuals. The third Thursday of the month they are studying the manual Going Deeper. The Lakeshore Chapter would like to get the community involved the in the Healing Ministry of Jesus.
  - The Lakeshore Chapter is planning on a Healing Mission for Sept. 14-16 2007 with the guest speaker being Rev. Matthew Linn, SJ
8. We ran the Alpha course twice: one in the spring with 36 people attending and one in the fall with 12 attending. There were 10 helpers and 3 facilitators. In the 10 week sessions dinner was served followed by Nicky Gumble's video and small group discussions. We had a Holy Spirit retreat for a day for each course. We will be offering Alpha again in the fall with two classes on Tuesday- one morning class for Mothers and one evening class for adults. We are hoping to get more young adults and families involved.
9. In 2007 we plan to work with a group of doctors, praying for them and for their patience.
10. We have a budget for Adult Education for the year 2007.
11. Three projects are being worked on:
  - A. Taize Services is planned for Wednesday nights at 6:00P.M. with a soup supper to follow running February 28 to March 28. The 2006 service and supper were very successful.
  - B. We want more young adults involved in classes.
  - C. We will be offering the Disciple courses (Becoming Disciples through small group bible studies in the Fall 2007)
  - D. We hope to work with other churches to pray for people in need in our community that are not church people.

We wish to give thanks to Mike Walma, David Seith, Jean Davis, Sid Disbrow, Byron Carpenter, Rev. Karin Fowler, Rev. Tom Cook, Rev. Darld Black, Marianne Lipcsei, Marg Coffey, Sally Dunn, Dan Qualls, and the men's group for their faithfulness in teaching. We give thanks to Rev. Darld Black, Larry Braak, Jack VanHoef, Russ Hendricks, Jan Burton, Rev. Karin Fowler, Rev. Tom Cook, Marg Coffey and Marianne Lipcsei for their commitment as members of this committee and to the many prayers, who have given their time and gift to this most important ministry.

Respectfully submitted, Michele Smith, Co-chair and Elder

## SENIOR HIGH STUDENT MINISTRIES

This year saw our ministry expanding in it's width, with students from all grades (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>) attending our youth program. From outreach concerts and growth trips to wonderful mission trips and expanding leadership, 2006 proved to be a great year for Sr. High youth ministry.

We experienced the following success in our four areas of spiritual focus...

**Outreach** – This year saw our largest event in the history of this ministry. We had over 300 students attend a concert in April. Several local bands played and we succeeded in raising over \$700 for SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions). More important, however, that we put our church on the map as "THE" place for non-churched kids to catch local concerts. Large events like this still bring lots of new kids to our church, but we are continuing to explore how to get these kids plugged into our regular youth group meetings. Even our weekly IMPACT meeting saw more than 30 new faces this past year, and many of these students have plugged in and continue to attend and grow with us.

**Growth** – Our weekly IMPACT meeting continues to serve as home for 60-70 students who are experiencing worship, lessons, and small groups that help develop their faith. We did several events, including our Colorado summer trip, to provide awesome growth experiences for our students. Additionally, we placed a greater focus on our Breakaway Events for upper-classmen. Our hope is to keep these students involved by providing events and activities specific to their needs and maturity. Having gained some much needed leaders and the end of this year, we're in position to expand and develop our small group ministry for 2007.

**Ministry** – This year, we started a Sunday morning class called EQUIP...a program to provide continuous training in ministry and missions skills. Our group continues to develop excellent ministry-minded students. Our Mexico Mission trip saw 19 students stretching themselves in a foreign mission setting and we had the highest attendance on our Chicago Mission Trip, with 37 students taking advantage of this opportunity. Developing students who are powerfully equipped to do ministry and missions continues to be a strength of our program.

**Leadership** – Our leadership team struggled in the spring and fall with the loss of a few key members. We worked hard to keep touch with our large body of students and continued to provide good ministry for these kids. As this year ended, we gained 3 new leaders that really helped to pick up the slack. We're now gearing up to put renewed focus on our small group program so that no students slip through the cracks.

This past year was a great time of stabilizing our ministry. We now have every grade represented in our program...this is the first time in 4 years that we've had that. We're now looking at how to deepen our impact, with a focus on students who have stopped attending our program. The theme for 2007 is "Suburban Missionary"...the idea being that we're not called to the rivers and jungles of some foreign country, but rather to wade through the jungle of I-Pods and cell phones, my space and MP3 players, privilege and affluence...and to reach the jaded hearts of teens in Grand Haven with God's truth and love.

Respectfully submitted, Russ Gabel, Dir. Senior High Ministries

<b>STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE</b>
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This year's Consecration Sunday ("Joyously Responding to God") concluded on Sunday, October 8 after several weeks of communication to the congregation via the Tidings, bulletins and testimonies. This was a month earlier than 2005, so we could better determine pledge income for budget purposes. Members were asked to prayerfully consider how we can continue the wonderful programs, staff and missions of FPCGH through their generous financial support.

Results of Consecration Sunday's Commitment Pledges:

	<b>Number – 2007</b>	Number - 2006	<b>Amount – 2007</b>	Amount – 2006
Increased	<b>115</b>	138	<b>\$413,758</b>	\$382,923
Decreased	<b>69</b>	14	<b>160,586</b>	67,850
Same	<b>29</b>	14	<b>81,264</b>	35,410
New Commitment	<b>61</b>	110	<b>159,416</b>	179,463
Submitted w/o amount	<b>29</b>	27		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>303</b>	303	<b>\$815,024</b>	\$665,646

The Stewardship Committee has been encouraging members to participate in the Meijer Rewards program. Meijer gives 5% of profits back to the community and our Church and Joyful Noise benefit with members registered as #650249 and/or #398752. The amounts received for FPCGH was over \$2,200 and Joyful Noise nearly \$5,200.

The committee has been pursuing programs that could be presented to our members that would offer them Biblically based, practical, easy-to-use tools for developing healthy financial planning and habits. The SC adopted the Willow Creek Good \$ense formal program. Good \$ense is a sound program that will meet participants needs in financial planning. Training sessions and seminars will be presented the first of 2007.

Endowments are being considered as a source of planned giving among our congregation. The SC is working on communications to enhance God's work via this means.

The Stewardship Committee: Bill Bussell, Scott Fowler, Ken Clark, Brenda DeVeau, Kathy Olds, Ed Hanenburg, ex-officio Tom Cook and Steve Groters want to continue to emphasize that stewardship is NOT a six-week emphasis on giving, but a continuous acknowledgement that "everything we have has been a blessing and gift from God". It's a joy.....not a sacrifice.

Respectfully submitted, Steve Groters, Stewardship Chair

<b>WORSHIP COMMITTEE</b>
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The Worship Committee addresses many of the aspects of worship at First Pres, including the schedule for worship services, when and how communion will be observed, decorations and other displays in the sanctuary, and the use of music, dance and art in the services. The committee is composed of the pastoral staff, the music staff (contemporary and traditional) and representatives of the congregation from both contemporary and traditional perspectives. Together we strive to create an atmosphere that will enhance the worship of our Lord and encourage all who participate to know of His love.



This was a year of many changes and challenges. During the year, the committee spent significant amounts of time on a number of issues including the following:

- The 2005 Advent and Christmas services were critiqued and a variety of subtle changes were incorporated into the 2006 season.
- The Committee added three additional members and began actively recruiting more representation from the contemporary worship for the Committee.
- Further repairs and enhancements to the sound and video systems were made.
- Communion scheduling was modified giving primary responsibility for in-church Communion to Session members and primary responsibility for home Communion to Deacon and Outreach Deacon members.
- The committee again approved a Christmas concert in the sanctuary by the Muskegon Chamber Choir.
- A congregational response following the benediction was discussed several times during the year. "Let there be Peace" will be sung at the traditional service but different songs will be selected for various holiday seasons. The Contemporary service team will examine the various options for a congregational response.
- A Taize' type of worship service was again approved for Lent in 2007.
- Appropriate "Honoraria" amounts were established for visiting ministers and artists.
- Our new "Grand Piano" was dedicated and has become an integral part of our worship experience.
- Various upgrades were made to Advent/Christmas decorations and initial discussion began about decorating the church for Holidays after Sanctuary remodeling is completed.

Average Worship attendance in 2006 showed a significant increase as depicted by the following data:

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
9:00 Service attendance	226	243
10:30 Service attendance	218	227
<b>Total attendance</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>470</b>

The Worship Committee can best serve the congregation when we receive input from you about things you want to see and changes you want made. You can provide this input in writing to the church office, or better yet, in person to any member of the committee. Your Worship Committee members are: Maryanne Beery, Dorothy Bennink, Nancy Braak, Barb Butterworth, Dave Clinansmith, Rev. Tom Cook, Mike D'Oyly, Diane Jones, Tom Jones, Rebecca Lewis, Deb Stanley, Rick vandenBerg, and Cheryl Wabeke.

Respectfully submitted, Rick vandenBerg, Chair

<b>DEACON BOARD</b>
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**First Presbyterian Church  
Board of Deacons Financial Report  
Annual Report 2006**

**Regular Account**

Opening Balance January 1, 2006 **\$5,646.13**

**Receipts**

Contributions	\$10,197.41	
Interest	\$124.59	
Refund	\$0.00	
Total Receipts		<b>\$10,322.00</b>

**Disbursements**

Bingo Supplies	\$188.49	
Center For Women in Transition	\$3,000.00	
Home Touch	\$39.95	
White Pines Sch.(Thank. Food Bsk)	\$200.00	
Coffee Pot	\$93.28	
Funeral Expense	\$2,546.76	
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$500.00	
Mugs & Flowers	\$0.00	
Nursing Home Music	\$500.00	
Presby. Women(Food Bask.)	\$500.00	
Salvation Army Grand Haven	\$1,000.00	
Stamps & cards	\$143.99	
The People Center	\$3,000.00	
Tri-Cities Love, Inc	\$0.00	
Tri-Cities Ministries	\$1,000.00	
Upper Room	\$510.30	
Heritage Luncheon	\$813.45	
Holy Trinity Ch.(Thanks. Food Bsk.)	\$200.00	
Total Disbursements		<b>-\$14,236.22</b>

Balance December 31, 2006 **\$1,731.91**

**Local Mission Fund**

Opening Balance January 1, 2006 **\$500.00**

**Receipts**

Transfer from Regular Account	\$0.00	
Total Receipts		<b>\$0.00</b>

**Disbursements**

Pastor's discretionary Fund	\$0.00	
FPCCCC	\$0.00	
Other Disbursements	\$0.00	
Total Disbursements		<b>\$0.00</b>

Balance December 31, 2006 **\$500.00**

    Total Closing balance both accounts **2,231.91**

Respectfully Submitted by  
Dwana Brink, Treasurer