

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION AND  
CORPORATION

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
PENN YAN, NEW YORK

JANUARY 24, 2016  
11:30 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER

OPENING PRAYER

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Period for reading of Reports

Presentation of Budget

Review of Pastor's Terms of Call

Discussion

Adjournment

CORPORATION MEETING

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## Pastor's Report for 2015

Penn Yan is a caring community. The life of our congregation and my ministry is a reflection of how people work together to care for one another.

I appreciate how the Penn Yan churches work well together. Each month the clergy get together for lunch. This is a fun time for fellowship while also providing an opportunity to coordinate our ministries. I continue to enjoy being the Clergy Representative for the Once Again Shoppe and Co-Chair of the Worship Committee for the Penn Yan Area Council of Churches. I helped plan and participate in all of the Ecumenical Worship Services which included: The Lenten Luncheons, The Cross Walk, The Easter Sunrise Service, Worship Services at the Homestead and Manor Nursing Homes, Thanksgiving Worship Service and the Blue Christmas. I also enjoyed being the speaker for the Christmas in July service where people from throughout the community worshipped outdoors in the park and donated items for The Living Well. I am also a member of the Yates County Public Health Medical Reserve Corps and a board member of the Keuka Comfort Care Home. I was the Pastor on Call for Soldiers and Sailors Hospital during the month of May. I have also been writing "Church Briefs" articles for the Democrat and Chronicle newspaper. If there are any items you especially want mentioned in the paper, please let me know.

My participation within our Presbytery of Geneva includes being a member of the Committee on Ministry. I am a liaison to the Dundee Presbyterian Church and I moderate for the Prattsburg Presbyterian Church.

One of the new activities we did this year as a congregation was hold a Talent Showcase Night on August 2. There was a variety of music, comedy and storytelling. Parishioners also displayed their arts, crafts and hobbies in Crosier Hall. Many people helped plan and participate in this very successful event that also served as a community fundraiser. Following the entertainment, decorated baskets were raffled off for local charity.

I am very grateful for my loving wife, Linda, who has hosted teas and dinners to welcome people. She has a wonderful gift of hospitality. We look forward to continuing the tradition of having a Christmas Party Open House. 52 people participated this year. I am also grateful for my cousin Gordon for speaking at our Supper Club in May.

On a personal note, this summer in July, our family reunion will be held here off of Seneca Lake. I hope to introduce you to our many family members on a Sunday morning at church.

Respectfully submitted by,

*Pastor Paul*

## Clerk's Annual Statistical Report 2015

### Marriages:

Mark Tobias to Melissa Christiansen	June 6, 2015
Kimberly Potts to Dale Perry	July 18, 2015

### Baptisms:

Otto Daniel Anderson	April 12, 2015
Cathryn Bertha Gonzalez	May 24, 2015

### New Members by Affirmation:

None

### New Members by Confirmation:

None

### New Members by Certificate of Transfer:

Robert and Jean Constantine	January 11, 2015
Stuart Porter	January 11, 2015
Carl, Beth, Lin and Lia Dickinson	January 18, 2015

### Members Transferred from Active to Inactive:

Bill and Sally Schleigh	May 20, 2015
Richard and Janice Liebe	November 18, 2015

### Deaths of Members

Nelson Hansen	May 17, 2015
John Moeller	June 11, 2015
Jean Bishop	September 14, 2015

<b>Total Active Members:</b>	December 31, 2015	153
<b>Total Inactive Members:</b>	December 31, 2015	414
<b>Baptized Members:</b>	December 31, 2015	10
<b>Total Adherents:</b>	December 31, 2015	577
<b>Christian Education Enrollment:</b>	December 31, 2015	27
<b>Average Sunday Attendance</b>	2012 – 77, 2013 – 77, 2014 – 79, 2015 – 75	

## DEACONS' ANNUAL REPORT – 2015

Members of the Board of Deacons in 2015 were Phyllis Alderman, Rachel Anderson, Robyn Ballard, Nancy Burt, Beth Curtis, Larry Edgington, Marcia Kneeland, Linda Malles, Pastor Paul Malles, Deb Snyder,

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

The deacons met on the second/third Sunday following worship, in the following months: Robyn Ballard acted as chair; Deb Snyder as secretary. Linda managed the card ministry, sending cards for "support and celebration." A committee of PW have taken over the Celebration Of Life responsibilities and organized a reception for: Nelson Hansen and John Moeller. Phyllis scheduled ushers and greeters two times (January and June); Nancy reminded ushers and greeters on a weekly basis, as well as arranging for a single flower in the front of the sanctuary for each death and birth (Samuel Craver, Otto Anderson). (All members help periodically to organize and restock pew racks.

One of the important jobs of the Deacons is to create a Greeter and Usher list.

*The Blessing of Greeting* One of the foundations of any vibrant church community is fellowship. This is played out weekly in our church in the gathering before and after the service. The opportunity to greet our brothers and sisters in Christ is one that the Deacons would love to see you be blessed by. You will have the perfect opportunity to put new faces and names together, check in on old friends, and be the friendly face that welcomes a guest.

*Providing snacks for the fellowship time after church can be a bit daunting, or maybe just a hassle. If hospitality happens to be a gift of yours and you look forward to baking and all the rest - have at it! If having to provide food is something that usually deters you from greeting, please know that the refreshments are the last thing you should worry about! There is no need to cook or even buy more than you feel led to or are able. We have simple tastes - and there is almost always something in the freezer that can be defrosted. Also, there are friends ready to give a coffee maker tutorial if needed.*

*The most important part of greeting is just that - greeting. Welcome your church family to a morning of worship and fellowship! Please keep this in mind when you are called upon to greet, and if you would like to volunteer, please let the deacons know! The Deacons thank everyone for serving as ushers and greeters. If you cannot serve on the date assigned, please let the office know so the correct names appear in the bulletin.*

*Since there are only two ushers named for each Sunday, the greeters need to help with passing the offering plates. We appreciate your willingness to participate in the service.*

*The Deacons would also like the congregation to know how much it is appreciated when unwanted items are discarded and not left in the pews after each service. It helps the ushers.*

A Care and a Card List were established and are regularly updated. Those on the lists were visited at least once a month by a deacon and/or received an appropriate card/gift. A special thank you is extended to Marcia Kneeland for purchasing the fleece and making six fuzzy warm shawls for the ladies on our list.

A special thank you also goes to Beth Curtis for keeping us supplied with board books to give to new babies.

Donations of money and food were collected through the Red Wagon Thanksgiving Campaign to support 13 families (75 individuals) who were affiliated with the Finger Lakes School. The deacons would like to thank the youth and their families for their help in packing the food boxes and everyone in the congregation who donated needed items.

The Geordie Gracey Memorial Mitten Tree was adorned with mittens, hats, scarves, socks, and sweatpants during Advent. The items will be donated to the nurse's office at the Penn Yan Elementary School. A \$200 check was sent to Bundle Up in honor of Donna Johnston.

The Deacons are sending money to support two students in Africa where Sandy, Phyllis's daughter volunteers.

It was decided that the interest earned on the Wagner Fund would go to The Living Well.

Thank you to all of the deacons for your time and effort and to the congregation for its support. If anyone knows of anyone needing love and support, please let us know. Respectively submitted, Robyn Ballard January 24, 2016

## Christian Education Committee Annual Report

A huge THANK YOU to our fantastic teachers who continued to teach our young people without a committee or chair. These dedicated teachers are:

Rachel Anderson— —nursery to kindergarten

Jen Rouin & Lilliane Pereira—-1st grade to 7th grade

Klaas Martens & Phil Rouin — —8th to 12th grade

Pastor Paul continues to lead a bible study Wednesdays at 10:00 every week.

Christian Education is in need of a Chairperson to lead this vital committee of this church.

Thank you also to the church members who have volunteered in the nursery which helps with the coverage giving the parents a chance to be in church.

Joshua Baxter, Renee Burt, & Abby Duncan graduated from high school and we held a celebration for them this past June.

The Youth Group was involved in the 30 Hr. Famine at Keuka College in the spring. Their fundraising efforts included Soup Sundays, Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast (a BIG thanks to Lyman & Nellie Beecher, our chefs), car wash & yard cleaning. The proceeds went to defray costs of their mission trip to Pittsburg, Pa. Jen & Phil Rouin and Lilliane Pereira are the energetic leaders of the Youth Group.

As stated before a Christian Education Chairperson is needed.

Edward L. Scherer Higher Education Committee

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

In the spring of 2015 our committee gave scholarships to the following:  
Jennifer Burt, Ben Falter, Megan Fenton, Corissa Lass, Daniel Martens, Amanda Pereira, Geoffrey Rouin, And Derek Strickland.

In the fall of 2015 we included:  
Joshua Baxter, Abbey Duncan, Ben Falter, Megan Fenton, Corissa Lass, Daniel Martens, Amanda Pereira, Geoffrey Rouin, and Derek Strickland.

The committee members, Judy Wilbert, Sally Schleigh, and Char Gillespie are very grateful to our student liaison, Linda Jackson who reaches out to the recipients keeping them aware of the application dates.

Since Sally Schleigh has moved away we are in need of another member, please consider.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Gillespie, chair

## Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee wishes to express thanks for those who finished their terms of service this year: Deacons- Nancy Burt and Phyllis Alderman, Session: Karen Montgomery and Jeanine Santelli, Trustees: Mike Snyder.

The church officers of the congregation are as follows:

Session 2016	Jon Burt, Charlotte Gillespie, Bob Worden
Session 2017	Joy Pallischeck, Linda Bracht, Phoebe Baker
Session 2018	Rob Anderson, Mary Foster, Bob Constantine
Deacons 2016	Robyn Ballard, Marcia Kneeland, Deb Snyder
Deacons 2017	Larry Edgington, Beth Curtiss
Deacons 2018	Rachel Anderson, Rachel Dillon
Trustees 2016	Bernie Spanneut, Bill Turner, Bob Gillespie
Trustees 2017	Alan Doan, Phil Bracht, Peter Martens, Jon Burt

We wish to note that we are in need of one more Deacon.

Respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee

Joy Pallischeck (Session)  
Jon Burt ( Session and Trustees)  
Larry Edgington (Deacons)  
Bob Gillespie (Trustees)  
Judy Wibert (member at large)



## Personnel Committee Report

We are very fortunate to have Pastor Paul Malles ministering to our congregation. He is ever-present for us and sensitive to our needs, both personally and as a church family. We are grateful to him for bringing God's word to us in so many ways. Paul and his wife Linda reach out to visitors, making them feel welcome. They continue to share meals in their home in their own unique warm and genuine manner and host a memorable annual Christmas Open House complete with Santa Claus.

Our Committee recommends that Pastor Paul take advantage of a Study Leave in the next year that would provide an opportunity to rub elbows with other pastors and provide a break for exchanging ideas.

Idelle Dillon, Connie Gibson, and Steve Matteson continue to provide us with a wide variety of truly inspiring music including a wide range of styles and instrumentation that continue to inspire us all. The choir continues to draw in new voices both young and old. A big Thank You goes out to all three of the above professionals as well those of us who have shared their talents by providing Special music.

Marilyn Fitch continues to provide Secretarial duties. Her warm smile greets all who enter the church office. Karen Rogers, our Custodian, does an admirable job. We owe Phil and Linda Bracht a Sandy a debt of gratitude for stepping in when Karen needs a substitute. Sandy Carlsen also helps greatly behind the scenes as she has for many years.

For the coming year, The Personnel Committee has set a goal of updating the job descriptions for all paid staff.

We recommend a 2% raise for all church employees that have served more than one year.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Gillespie, Karen Montgomery, Judy Wilbert, Jeanine Santelli

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2015  
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The Stewardship Committee chose the theme this year, "Reaching in/Reaching out", to emphasize the ministries and mission in which our church community is involved which enriches both our own church community and the wider community outside our church walls. Two excellent Minutes for Mission by Robyn Ballard, Bob, and Char Gillespie listed and described the numerous examples as lived by our church family.

We also celebrated this campaign with a Bill Crain Memorial Brownie Sunday and, on the following week, a Pizza Sunday. The Pizza Sunday celebrated our Consecration Sunday when the Estimate of Giving Cards were returned.

This year, with 74 cards returned to date, the total commitment is \$134,598.00. An encouraging sign of support is the 87 per cent who chose to maintain or increase the level of commitment. This is a wonderful statement of support to the mission of the First Presbyterian Church of Penn Yan! Cards may still be returned to the church office at any time. If a new card is needed, simply let the church office or a committee member know.

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

Finally, to the member and friends of our church community goes our great thank you for your generous support which makes the campaign so successful each year!

Respectfully Submitted by the Stewardship Committee: Pastor Paul Malles

Anne Waasdorp

Baker

Kneeland

Simpson

Linda Bracht

Char Gillespie

Bob Gillespie

Jennifer Rouin

the Rev.

Phoebe

Phil Bracht

Marcia

Sonja

## Annual Report: Presbyterian Women 2015

The Presbyterian Women worked hard in 2015 to earn money to provide funds for our church, our community, and our missions. We enjoyed socializing and catching up with each other when we gathered for each event. We thank all of the women and men of the church who helped to make our fundraisers successful. We always welcome women who attend First Presbyterian Church to join us at any time.

### FEBRUARY

Valentine Project - Carol Worden sent gift cards to college students and military

### MARCH

Lenten Luncheon – February 19– PW provided workers to set up, serve, and clean up

### APRIL

Chicken Bar-B-Q at Lyon's Bank - April 25 (Sonja Simpson)

### MAY

Spring Rummage Sale - May 8 (Sandy Carlson)

Blanket Sunday - May 10 (Daisy Heller)

Celebration of Life reception –Nelson Hansen - (PW committee members)

### JUNE

Spring Picnic – June 15 (Hosted by Linda Jackson, Mary Foster)

Celebration of Life reception – John Moeller – (PW committee members)

### JULY

### AUGUST

Talent Show and Basket Raffle – August 1 – (Robyn Ballard and Beth Dickinson)

### SEPTEMBER

Annual PW Fall Picnic – September 15 (Joy Pallischek)

Served BBQ at Oak Hill pavilion – September 26 (Char Gillespie)

### OCTOBER

Fall Rummage Sale - October (Sandy Carlson)

### NOVEMBER

Annual PW Annual Meeting – November 22 (9:00 am)

### DECEMBER

Advent Tea (“buffet”) –December 15 (Program- Jean Constantine and Char Gillespie); several guests from the community were invited

**ONGOING:** Kitchen (Sandy Carlson), Garden (Sonja Simpson and Nellie Beecher), “Get to” (Pam Ayers); Sale of microfiber cloths (Sandy Carlson ordered + all women encouraged to buy/sell); Celebration of Life Receptions: 1<sup>st</sup> qtr. – Char, Bernie; 2<sup>nd</sup> qtr.- Linda B. Pam; 3<sup>rd</sup> qtr. – Linda J., Sonja; 4<sup>th</sup> qtr. – Linda M., Robyn

Many women in our church are also actively involved in community projects: Keuka Comfort Care Cookie Walk and the Yates Christmas Program, CROP, Turkey Walk, and Bundle Up that take place at FPC.

2015 Officers: Chair: Robyn Ballard Secretary: Char Gillespie Treasurer: Joy Pallischek

Respectfully submitted by Robyn Ballard, Chair    January 24, 2016

**Mission Statement of the Outreach Committee**

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

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

Presbytery, General Assembly, the Synod, 2 Cents-A-Meal, Yates County Food Program, Safe Harbors, Habitat for Humanity, Camp Whitman Developmental Disabled Camp, PY Council of Churches, and Doctors without Borders.

The special offerings and collections of 2¢ a Meal, Christmas Joy Offering, One Great Hour of Sharing, Peacemaking Offering have been generously donated by the members of the First Presbyterian Church. These offerings and collections generated close to \$2350. A sincere thank you goes to Beth Curtis for consistently arranging for the 2¢ A Meal collections on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month.

A sale of SERRV items was held in early December and many members of the congregation were able to take advantage of this opportunity. Members of our congregation participated in the CROP Walk and the Turkey Walk to raise funds supporting the local food ministries. Our congregation also participated in purchasing subs for Super Bowl Sunday provided by the First Baptist Church endeavors on behalf of Habitat for Humanity.

Special thanks goes to every member of the First Presbyterian Church of Penn Yan for their generosity toward Outreach benevolences; local, national, and international, that have been supported this year and into the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Pallischeck  
Chair - Outreach Committee

## Church Life & Evangelism Annual Report

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

We sponsor Supper Club, Summer Picnics and Pie Sunday in August. This past year Idelle Dillon led us in a sing-a-long, Helen Stewart talked about her trip to Easter Island, Sandy Alderman Elbert shared her 2nd career experiences in Tunisia, Africa, Gordon Draper, Malles' cousin, talked about going to Iran, the Youth Group shared their mission trip to Pittsburg, Rich MacAlpine talked about Keuka's steamboat history and Phil Rouin discussed the VA benefits that are available.

We did have one summer picnic at Keuka Lake State Park and the rainstorm forced us to have the other one at the church.

The Pie Sunday was a great success. If you missed it in 2015, be sure to catch it this year.

We are still continuing the gifting of visitors with a small sweet bread after the church service. If you would like to bake a few and help with our supply, just bring them labeled to the kitchen refrigerator freezer. That would be very helpful.

Our committee includes Phyllis Alderman, Rachel Doan, Char Gillespie, Karen Montgomery and Carol Worden. Please join us or share ideas for the speakers for Supper Club to any of us.

Sincerely,

Co-chairs: Karen Montgomery & Char Gillespie

## WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2015

### RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Working with the pastor on general worship arrangements
- Overseeing the music of worship
- Assisting in planning special worship services
- Preparing Communion
- Arranging Pulpit Supply
- Encouraging worship participation
- Planning summer worship
- Maintenance of the organ and pianos
- Responding to the congregation's input and ideas

**MEETING:** The second Tuesday of every other month at 5:30 p.m.

Holy Communion was served on the first Sunday of each month of 2015 and Maundy Thursday with the exception of August when we worshiped at the Baptist Church. Communion was also served at the Homestead and Penn Yan Manor nursing homes with members of the congregation invited to participate in these events.

Special observances during 2015 were: Ash Wednesday Observance, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday Supper with Seder Observance and Communion, Good Friday Tenebrae service, Easter, Pentecost, World Communion Sunday, Reformation Sunday, All Saints' Day Observance, Advent, and Christmas Eve.

The committee is very grateful to Connie Gibson, Idelle Dillon, and Steve Matteson for planning, performing, and directing music for Sunday worship services. We also appreciate their help in scheduling special music both during our regular worship year and our summer worship services. Those who shared their gift of music with us during the worship year deserve our great thanks. We are indeed blessed in our music!

We also thank all those who read the Sunday Scripture verses. All members are invited to sign up to participate as Lay Readers in our worship services.

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

We continue to invite members and friends to join our choir. There is one evening rehearsal at 7:00 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month and on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

The committee thanks outgoing members Sue Goodrich, Darlene Palmer, and Jeanine Santelli for their service and contributions during their time on this committee. Any friend or member who feels the call to join in the work of this committee is welcome.

## Annual Report of Trustees

First Presbyterian Church Trustees meet 9 months each year. Trustees oversee the well being of the church, supervise the Custodian and all custodial issues. The Trustees work with a budget that is thoughtfully researched. Trustees also have workdays for interior and exterior repair and cleaning by members and church family. Individual Trustees also perform maintenance jobs which arise that are within our abilities.

The following projects and maintenance took place in 2015.

Over viewing insurance, fire code, and inspections of church property  
Securing of snow removal  
Maintenance and repair of the boiler and furnace  
Repair of leaking faucets and toilets  
Organ repair  
Securing repair for broken windows  
Hiring the repair of broken floor tiles  
Participating in the Community Clean up by Keuka College. Receiving the gift of help from the community to work along with our church family.  
Hiring the painting of exterior window trim and soffits on the Church Sanctuary.  
Sound system maintenance  
Comparing phone plans and securing a less costly plan  
Accepting a gift of free lawn mowing by Howard Slone  
Removal of stumps and reseeded the hill-side  
Reconstruction of filters for the sanctuary radiators  
Securing NYSEG to repair the pilot light on kitchen stove  
Securing pew supports  
Emergency Exit door clean up.  
Evaluation of

We wish to thank Mike Snyder for his years of service.

We also wish to thank Gary Montgomery for his many hours spent researching W. Va. investment issues.

### Trustee Committee:

Class of 2016 Bob Gillespie, Bernie Spanneut, Bill Turner  
Class of 2017 Phil Bracht, Jon Burt, Alan Doan, Peter Martens  
2016 Co-Chair: Alan Doan, Bob Gillespie  
2016 Recording Secretary: Bernie Spanneut  
2016 Session Rep: Jon Burt

### Ongoing Projects of 2016:

Roof repair on Crosier  
Painting of interior window trim in Sanctuary  
Parking lot resurfaced  
Continued interest in the Clinton St property as possible acquisition