

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION AND
CORPORATION

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PENN YAN, NEW YORK

JANUARY 29, 2017
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

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Pastor's Report for 2016

2016 saw continued important ministry done together with other congregations in the community. For the first time, we worshipped outdoors in the courthouse park for a Sunday service on September 4 with the United Methodist and First Baptist Churches. Having an outdoor service provided an opportunity to reach out to the community in an effort to connect with people who may not normally attend Sunday worship.

New this year was the Presbytery's program of uniting Presbyterian churches in cluster groups. Our cluster includes the Presbyterian churches in Bath, Hammondsport, Pultney, and Howard. We hosted a picnic for our cluster on August 11 which was held in Crosier Hall due to rain.

Grandma's Kitchen was an important ministry done with other congregations. Our church helped to provide a meal for students after school at the Penn Yan Academy. The hunger concerns in our county remain very high. For the first time we held a "Feed a Pet Sunday" to help poor people keep their pets at home.

On May 17, we joined other congregations to bring awareness about the importance of preventable fetal alcohol syndrome with a presentation outside by the entrance of the church. We will continue to do everything we can as a congregation to address the issues of drug and alcohol abuse that are especially troubling in Yates County. In response to the mass shooting in Florida, on June 15, I participated with other local clergy in candle lighting ceremony remembering victims and their families.

The Men's Breakfasts enjoyed another good year of attendance. New this year, a Men's Bible Study is offered following the Men's Breakfast at the church at 9:00 a.m. The Wednesday Morning Bible Study occasionally met in people's homes this year. This was very well received and we look forward to continuing this ministry of hospitality. If you would like to host or attend a Bible Study, please let me know. I thoroughly enjoyed teaching Confirmation this year with Char Gillespie. The Confirmands graduated on June 12, Youth Sunday. The Session and I were very impressed with the student's Statements of Faith.

As part of my continuing education for last year, in March, I attended a week long seminar at the Colgate Rochester Theological Seminary. The speakers and discussions revolved around issues of aging. Attention was also given to ministry to African American families, especially grandparents. My wife, Linda, joined me in exploring the Chautauqua Institute. We visited the Presbyterian House and look forward to continued opportunities for spiritual growth and renewal.

I am no longer serving on the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry because I have completed six consecutive years. I will however, now be serving on the Presbytery's Nominating Committee. I continue to enjoy serving as a clergy representative to the Board of The Once Again Shoppe and to the Keuka Comfort Care Home. I am now also on the Advisory Board for the Chaplaincy Program at the Homestead and Manor Nursing Homes. I am Co-Chair the Council of Churches Worship Committee and Co-Chair of the Interfaith Council. I was also the Chaplain on Call for the Soldiers and Sailors Hospital during May. I moderated the Prattsburg Presbyterian Church's Session and the Moreland Presbyterian Church's Session.

With God's blessings, Rev. Paul Malles

Clerk's Annual Statistical Report 2016

Marriages:

Peter Martens to Hanna Paulsen	April 13, 2016
Mark Detwiler to Jeannette Wiley	May 29, 2016

Baptisms:

None

New Members by Affirmation:

Jill Dereza	May 22, 2016
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New Members by Confirmation:

Anna Detar	June 12, 2016
Noah Detar	June 12, 2016
William Steel	June 12, 2016

~~New Members by~~ Certificate of Transfer: *out*

Hal and Ann Brink	April 20, 2016
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Members Transferred from Active to Inactive:

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

Deaths of Members

Bruce Leclair	<i>Dr. Robert Jensen</i>	
Gary Montgomery	<i>Barbara Home - May 8, 2016</i>	August 8, 2016
Jill Dereza	<i>Rich Liebe</i>	November 2, 2016
		October 18, 2016

Total Active Members:	December 31, 2016	154
Total Inactive Members:	December 31, 2016	414
Baptized Members:	December 31, 2016	10
Total Adherents:	December 31, 2016	577
Christian Education Enrollment:	December 31, 2016	27
Average Sunday Attendance	2013 - 77, 2014 - 79, 2015 - 75, 2016 - 74	

DEACONS' ANNUAL REPORT – 2016

Members of the Board of Deacons in 2016 were Rachel Anderson, Robyn Ballard, Beth Curtiss, Rachel Dillon, Larry Edgington, Marcia Kneeland, Linda Malles, Pastor Paul Malles, and Paul Pereria.

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 Session, as stated in the Book of Order.

The Deacons met on the second Sunday of most months, following worship. Robyn Ballard acted as chair; Deb Snyder as secretary, and when she resigned, Rachel Dillon stepped in to finish out the year. Linda Malles faithfully tended the card ministry, sending cards for “support and celebration”. A special thank you goes to Linda Bracht for keeping the financial records for the Deacons.

The Deacons found it more and more difficult to motivate the people of the church to volunteer as ushers and greeters, and especially as a greeter from January to June and then again from July to December. A SPECIAL NOTE: Please sign up to be an usher and a greeter (two times) for 2017. Please be on the lookout for an article about “Hospitality” in an upcoming edition of The Vine. Nancy Burt reminded ushers and greeters on a weekly basis. Thank you, Nancy, for willingly continuing this task when you were no longer a member of the Deacons.

All members of the Deacons helped periodically to organize and restock pew racks. The Deacons would like to thank the congregation for helping with this cause at the end of each worship service by straightening up the books and removing anything that does not belong.

A Care and a Card List were established and regularly updated. Those on the lists were visited at least once a month by a Deacon and/or received an appropriate card/gift. A donation to One Great Hour of Sharing, in honor of the people on the “lists”, along with a personal Easter card, were sent.

A single flower was placed in the front of the sanctuary for each death and birth: Bentley John Wicker, Rick Milczarski, Gary Montgomery, Bruce LeClaire, Barbara Howe, Dick Liebe and Jill Dereza.

Rachel Anderson made a video from the church family for Kyle Detwiler when he was in Asia.

A couple Deacons attended the Cluster Luncheon on May 15th at the Bath Presbyterian Church.

The Deacons kept a supply of board books on hand to give to new babies. Prayer shawls, made by members of the congregation, were also available and one was given to Jack Wilbert's daughter as she needed loving support after the death of her son.

Donations of money and food were collected through the Red Wagon Thanksgiving Campaign to support about 13 families/66 individuals who were affiliated with the Finger Lakes School and one homeless Vet. The Deacons would like to thank Jen Rouin and Kaden Steele for their help in starting to pack the food boxes during Sunday School, 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. The Deacons supported two students in Africa where Sandy, Art and Phyllis Alderman's daughter volunteers.

It was decided that the interest earned on the Wagner Fund would go to Pet Partners Connection, a new local organization, which supplies seniors with pet food so to allow them to keep their companions.

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 29, 2017

2016 Christian Education Annual Report

Thank you to everyone who helped with Christian Education in 2016. We would like to recognize Klass Martens, Phil and Jen Rouin. The Senior High class discussed a Bible Study based on a movie entitled, "God is Not Dead." A Bible study guide was also taught for the film, "The Blind Side." Sunday school classes also presented studies based on the lectionary worship readings from both the Old and New Testaments.

Youth Sunday was held on June 12 with the recognition of graduating seniors and Sunday school participants and teachers. This year's Confirmation Class included Anna Deter, Noah Deter, and William Steele and was led by Pastor Paul and Charlotte Gillespie.

Lyman and Nellie Beecher, and our youth provided this year's successful Palm Sunday pancake breakfast. The proceeds of the breakfast benefited the Youth Mission Trip and camperships for Camp Whitman.

In late June of 2016 our youth went on a Mission trip to Pennsylvania. The adults who also attended the trip included, Rev. Eric Deter, Phil and Jen Rouin. The participating youth included Katie Hamm, Alex Rouin and Paul Periera . Later at the November Supper Club they shared their rewarding experiences of helping people, making new friends, and working hard to refurbish people's homes. A summer Mission Project is being planned for 2017 to assist people locally. Youth from Virginia are also planning on participating.

If you know of a young person who is not currently attending a church, please consider inviting them and their family to participate in our Sunday school classes and worship.

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help in the nursery. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board by the entryway of the church.

Adult Book Studies included, "Bridges Out of Poverty," "We Make the Road by Walking," and "Without Buddha I Could Not Be a Christian."

The New Chairperson of Christian Education is Elder, Rachel Dillon.

Respectfully submitted by

Pastor Paul and Char Gillespie

Edward L. Scherer Higher Education Committee

We are very grateful to give scholarships to our members thru the Higher Education Fund.

The Spring of 2016 we had the following receive scholarships: Joshua Baxter, Abbey Duncan, Ben Falter, Megan Fenton, Carissa Lass, Daniel Martens, Amanda Pereira, Geoffrey Rouin, and Derek Strickland.

The Fall of 2016 we included, our graduating Seniors: Joshua and Keegan Baxter, Abbey Duncan, Megan Fenton, Amanda Pereira, Alexandra and Geoffrey Rouin, Elizabeth Martens, and Derek Strickland.

Linda Jackson, who has been on this committee since it's inception, has done a fantastic job contacting our students and keeping them aware of application dates.

The committee is Linda Jackson, Judy Wilbert, Jennifer Rouin and Charlotte Gillespie

Sincerely,
Charlotte Gillespie

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee wishes to express thanks for those who finished their terms of service this year: Deacons- Robyn Ballard, Marcia Kneeland, Deb Snyder, Session: Charlotte Gillespie, Bob Worden, Trustees: Bill Turner

The church officers of the congregation are as follows:

Session 2017	Joy Pallischeck, Linda Bracht, Phoebe Baker
Session 2018	Rob Anderson, Mary Foster, Bob Constantine
Session 2019	Phil Rouin, Rachel Dillon, Jon Burt
Deacons 2017	Larry Edgington, Beth Curtiss
Deacons 2018	Rachel Anderson, Paul Pereira
Deacons 2019*	Beth Dickerson, Lia Dickerson
Trustees 2017	Alan Doan, Phil Bracht, Peter Martens, Jon Burt
Trustees 2019	Bernie Spanneut, Bob Gillespie

* One additional Deacon position is available.

Respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee

Joy Pallischeck (Session)
Jon Burt (Session and Trustees)
Bob Gillespie (Trustees)
Judy Wilbert (member at large)

Personnel Committee Report

We are very fortunate to have Pastor Paul Malles serving 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 a multitude of ways. Paul and his wife Linda reach out to visitors, making them feel welcome. Comments like "This is the most welcoming Church around" are commonly heard. Paul and Linda 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 tremendous 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, especially Phil Bracht and Steve Ketchum. Idelle has informed us that she will be finishing up in June. When she took over the job of Senior Choir Director, she informed us that she was not qualified for the position. Well...put simply, she has proven herself, time after time, to be the best choir director we have ever had. We will sorely miss her. An additional huge thank you goes out to Idelle for filling in for Connie after she suffered a fall. Connie healed quite miraculously and returned to the organ only a few weeks of absence. Marilyn Fitch continues to provide Secretarial duties. Her friendly hello greets all who enter the church office. Chuck Georgia, our new Custodian, does an admirable job. Chuck greets everyone with a warm smile and has been dependable. Sandy Carlsen also helps greatly behind the scenes as she has for so many years.

We recommend a 2% raise for all paid staff who have served at least one year.
Respectfully submitted,

Bob Gillespie, Karen Montgomery, Judy Wilbert, Joy Pallischeck

**STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2016
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PENN YAN**

The Stewardship Committee continued the theme this year, "Reaching in/Reaching out", to remind us of the ministries and mission in which our church community is involved that enrich both our own church community and the wider community outside our church walls. Three excellent Minutes for Mission by Bob Gillespie, Idelle Dillon, and Joy Pallischeck described examples of how our church family carries out this involvement.

The Bill Crain Memorial Brownie Sunday again opened our campaign. A Chili Luncheon was held on Consecration Sunday, October 23, as our church community enjoyed the many delicious homemade chili recipes as all celebrated this special Sunday when the Estimate of Giving Cards are returned.

This year, with 63 Estimate of Giving cards returned to date, the total pledged is \$132,228.00. Once again we can be encouraged by those who continue their commitment to the ministries of our church. 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 truly 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
the Rev. Anne Waasdorp
Phoebe Baker
Linda Bracht
Phil Bracht
Char Gillespie
Bob Gillespie
Marcia Kneeland
Jennifer Rouin
Sonja Simpson

Annual Report: Presbyterian Women 2016

The Presbyterian Women worked hard in 2016 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.

JANUARY

17 – Reorganization Meeting for 2016 (select officers, plan calendar, propose budget)

FEBRUARY

11 – Lenten Lunch – providers people to set-up, serve, and clean-up

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

MARCH

APRIL

30 - Chicken Bar-B-Q @Lyon's Bank (Sonja Simpson)

MAY

10 - Blanket Sunday (Daisy Heller)

JUNE

7 - Spring Picnic/Meeting @ Linda Jackson's (Hosted by Linda Jackson & Mary Foster))

18 – Bridal Shower for Hanna Martens

JULY

30 – Chicken BBQ @ The Windmill (Char Gillespie)

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

20 - PW Fall Picnic/Meeting (Joy Pallischeck)

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

4 – Fall Rummage Sale (Sandy Carlson)

? - Annual Meeting to disperse funds

12 – Memorial Reception for Gary Montgomery

DECEMBER

13 – PW Advent Gathering (Jean Constantine)

ONGOING: Kitchen (Sandy Carlson), Garden (Sonja Simpson and Nellie Beecher), “Get to” (Pam Ayers); Celebration of Life Receptions: 1st qtr. – Char, Bernie; 2nd qtr.- Linda B. Pam; 3rd qtr. – Linda J., Sonja; 4th qtr. – Linda M., Robyn; Nursery (Jean Constantine)

Many women in our church are also actively involved in community projects: Keuka Comfort Care Cookie Walk; Grandma's Kitchen @ PYA; Yates Christmas Program location for “used” items; CROP; Turkey Walk; and Bundle Up. Our church is the host church for many of these activities.

2016 Officers: Chair: Robyn Ballard Secretary: Char Gillespie Treasurer: Joy Pallischeck

Respectfully submitted by Robyn Ballard, Chair January 29, 2017

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 2nd 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 Annual Report

Church Life/Evangelism Committee's mission is to provide fellowship opportunities and encouragement to members and prospective members.

We had a variety of Supper Club programs this year: dancers from Dundee, Bob and Charlotte Gillespie talked about their trip to Paris with Linda Bracht, Idelle Dillion with Mike Ballard's help spoke about the drug abuse problem in Yates County, Youth Group spoke about their mission trip, and Bob and Jean Constantine's friends, Jerry and Nancy Huffman brought their 1913 Renault classic car and had a slide show about how Jerry restored it, and Jack Wilbert shared about his design engineering work.

In July we had a picnic at Keuka Lake State Park and in August, the rain sent us back to Crosier where members from the Bath and Prattsburg Churches joined us for some food and fun ice breaker games.

Pies, pies, and more pies brought many Baptists and Presbyterians alike to worship on the first Sunday of August. They were delicious! Every month we have a cake to celebrate birthdays and anniversaries at our fellowship hour.

We continue to give visitors a small loaf of homemade bread.

We always encourage anyone to join this fun committee or tell any member an idea for Supper Club - we are always looking for ideas.

Our committee: Phyllis Alderman, Bob and Jean Constantine, Rachel Doan, Char Gillespie, and Carol Worden.

Sincerely,
co-chairs: Bob Constantine and Char Gillespie

WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2016

COMMITTEE: Idelle Dillon (Chair), Steve Matteson, Connie Gibson, Jean Constantine and Pastor Paul Malles.

MEETING: We have been experimenting with flexible meeting dates and times to accommodate different schedules. Generally meetings have been held every other month, often on Thursdays at 5:00.

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 & music
- Maintenance of the organ and pianos
- Being responsive to the congregation's input and ideas
- Preparing the Worship and Music budget and calendar

Holy Communion was served on the first Sunday of each month of 2016 and Maundy Thursday with the exception of July when we worshiped at the Baptist Church and September when we participated in an Ecumenical service with the Baptist and Methodist church in the Yates County Courthouse lawn. 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 2016 were:

Ash Wednesday Observance, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday Soup & Bread Supper with Communion, Good Friday Tenebrae service, Easter, Pentecost, World Communion Sunday, Reformation Sunday, All Saints' Day Observance, Advent and Christmas Eve Candlelight service. In 2016 Christmas Day also fell on a Sunday.

The committee is very grateful to Connie Gibson, Idelle Dillon, and Steve Matteson for planning 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. Thank you also to all of the Senior Choir members, Bell Choir members and the congregation members and friends who share their musical talents to help give special significance to our worship. 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 Senior Choir. There is one evening rehearsal at 7:00p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month and on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

In 2016 we welcome Beth Dickinson to the Worship & Music committee. As we continue to seek committee members, if you feel called to join in the work of this committee please let Pastor Paul know.

Annual Report Of Trustees of the
First Presbyterian Church Of Penn Yan
2016

First Presbyterian Church Trustees meet 10 months each year. Trustees oversee the well being of the church property, working with a budget that is thoughtfully researched. Trustees also host workdays for the interior and exterior repair and cleaning by members and the church family. Individual Trustees work on projects as they arise throughout the year to maintain the integrity of the church and its property.

The following are projects and maintenance that took place in 2016:

Overview of insurance, fire code, and inspections of church property.

Secure snow removal

Repair of leaking faucets and broken toilet

Hiring the painting and calking of interior Sanctuary windows.

Replaced old smoke alarms with interconnecting smoke and CO2 detectors.

Sound system maintenance

Hiring the resurfacing and striping the parking lot

Roof repair

Research and changing of phone plan to be more cost efficient.

Purchase of two energy efficient furnaces and one variable speed pump, plus conducted troubleshooting of the system.

Secured lawn and shrub maintenance

New Plexiglas on the Main Street sign

Hired a new custodian, Chuck Georgia

Installed an Atomic clock, (never needs changing)

Thank You for MANY years of service to Bill Turner

Trustee Committee:

Bob Gillespie

Peter Martens

Alan Doan

Jon Burt,

Phil Bracht

Bernie Spanneut