

Organizational Structure STAFF

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A Word from Our Interim Pastor

Probably no one will value this annual report more than I prospective pastors will. For us, your past is largely an unknown history – a story of plot and character at which we can only guess.

The words in these reports will give us an important cross-sectional snap-shot of one point in time in the life of VPC. While the reports may seem sedentary, I invite you to read them with the memory of what was in the past and what may be in the future. Look for motion and trajectory and rhythm and velocity, for this is a church on the move. This church is already beginning its next chapter and next year's reports will reflect the change that God, in divine grace, will lead us to experience.



May God's blessing, so evident in our past, so sustaining in our present, be the inspiration of our future.

Yours in Christ's Service,

Will Browna

Will Browne Interim Pastor/ Head of Staff

To Proclaim ~ To Glorify ~ To Equip ~ To Serve

Our Vision (who we are called by God to be)

Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church is called by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit **to be a Christ-like presence in the world:**

A congregation

So grounded in scripture and sustained by prayer, So committed to spiritual growth and

- faithful discipleship,
- So inviting, welcoming and inclusive,
- So nurturing and healing,
- So mission-minded,
- So vibrant, energetic and open to opportunities to share the Gospel
- That lives are transformed by the love of Christ.

Our Mission (what we are called by God to do)

Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church is called by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit to live like Christ in a broken world:

To proclaim the gospel. To glorify God in worship and in deed. To equip our congregation for ministry. To serve others in Christ's name.

> Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church is a member of the Peace River Presbytery, the Synod of South Atlantic, and the Presbyterian Church (USA).

A Word from our Assistant to the Pastor

It has been a joy and an honor to serve here at Vanderbilt over the past year. I have been extremely impressed with the amount of love and care that everyone has put into the ministry of this church. This is a special community of faith that has and continues to nurture me. I am so thankful to have the opportunity to grow in my faith and love of God, as well as help others do the same.



It has been an incredible experience to watch God work through this church and to see the transformation that has taken place in such a short span of time.

We have moved back into our newly renovated sanctuary and now get to hear Jim play that beautiful pipe organ every Sunday. The new year has brought another pastoral transition, having welcomed the Rev. Dr. Will Browne, and you all have shown that the church is not just its pastoral staff. It is made up of the people gathered to worship and serve God together as the body of Christ.

The first area I want to highlight is Congregational care, particularly the work of your Deacons. They are an amazing collection of loving and faithful leaders. They work diligently to care for the members of this congregation in a number of ways. They bring God's calming presence to people who are in the hospital, as well as those who reside in the various Assisted Living facilities around town. They also take home communion, as an extension of our Sunday morning worship service, to those members who are not able to be with us here at church. They are a beautiful example of what it means to show the love of Christ to others.

We also continue to make strides in the area of Christian Education. We are blessed to have a growing group of young families. We are working to improve our current programs as well as develop new ways to care for and support our children, youth and their parents. We also are strengthening how the church and our preschool, the Vanderbilt Learning Center, work together. Our Adult Education program has started off the year well with lots of different classes and we are looking forward to offering new and exciting opportunities to grow in our knowledge of God throughout the year.

As we go through this last part of our interim period, I look forward to serving alongside Will and each one of you. Together we will rely on the guidance of the Holy Spirit to discern the work to which God is calling us as we show Christ's love to all. God has many plans for Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church and I believe it has a very bright future. I hope you are as excited as I am to see what God has in store for us. Thank you again for this opportunity to serve and share in God's ministry together.

Rex Childr

Rex Childs Assistant to the Pastor

A Word from our Director of Music

The goal of the music department at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church is to glorify God through carefully prepared musical presentations both within the services of worship and in our concert series.



2017 was a year filled with great joy and also great difficulties. I am happy to report that we all survived the difficult times! I am speaking of the Deo Gloria project and the tropical storms and hurricane that ravaged Naples and caused water intrusion around the organ during the installation process. Thank God David Dehnart and Rick Miles were "Johnny's on the Spot" and immediately started the water remediation. This caused yet another delay in the congregation moving back into the sanctuary. I am so grateful to the congregation, choir, bell choir, Alleluia Choir and the Learning Center Choir for showing such generous patience while we were operating in Fellowship

Hall. The Deo Gloria project was completed in early Fall, and we all moved joyfully into the Sanctuary at the end of October. The result of the blood, sweat and tears is truly an amazing transformation of our worship space, and I am thrilled with the outcome. The organ is already being talked about around the WORLD, and I am receiving emails daily from organists who want to know about it and also play it! Thank you is just not sufficient for expressing my gratitude to all of you.

Sincerely, James Cochran Director of Music

Worship, Music and Liturgical Arts

The WMLA Committee is committed to assuring that the worship experience at Vanderbilt is a positive one for everyone who worships with us.

In 2017 the committee continued to assure that worship in Fellowship Hall was a positive experience as we planned for the return to the renovated and renewed sanctuary. In October of 2017 we returned to worship in our glorious sanctuary expressing that our worship experiences will be To the Glory of God – Deo Gloria. We are guided by the belief that we, the members of the congregation, are the church and we need to remember that Vanderbilt has long been known as a church that welcomes everyone and reaches out to the community through our music and mission programs.

When we moved back into the Sanctuary we learned how important the voice of the new pipe organ is and how it enhances our worship service and lifts us all up. Thanksgiving was a time to worship with the community as we welcomed the members of St. Monica's Episcopal Church; our two choirs lifted their voices in Thanksgiving for all we have been given. Our Christmas services were joyful and brought back our beloved "family service" where all children are encouraged to participate in the Nativity Story.

Vandereaders are a significant part of the life of the church and the outreach of the WMLA; along with the music programs which have welcomed a special concert series by Seraphic Fire and found the members of the choir caroling at Palm Cottage as a part of their Christmas at Palm Cottage program.

Members of the committee are: Dr. James Cochran, Rev. Dr. Will Browne, Karen Smith Hill, Robert Martin, Nancy Miller, Loren Dawley, Andrea Daggett, Sue Van Fossen, Jo Miles, Rick Miles, Steve Kutler and Claudia Polzin.

DEO GLORIA - To the Glory of God

The congregation finally returned to our newly remodeled Sanctuary on October 22 after 16 months of worshiping in Fellowship Hall. For the first time, our members and friends were able to experience the joy of watching and hearing Dr. Jim Cochran bring our new Lively-Fulcher organ to life. Some interesting figures related to our new organ: It has 55 ranks and 60 stops. There are over 3,900 pipes ranging in size from 32 feet to the size of your little finger. Our new baby came into the world at a whopping 22 tons!

The Deo Gloria project was a long and sometimes frustrating journey that began in the fall of 2014. There were many unforeseen (and expensive) roadblocks that were thrown in our path, as is typical of any construction project. These included permitting delays, water leaks in our south Sanctuary wall and Rose Window, reinforcement of our north interior Sanctuary wall, upgrading our electrical systems and lightening protection, organ construction delays and, of course, Hurricane Irma. With patience and perseverance, and the dedication and hard work of all involved, we somehow pulled through.

It almost goes without saying that Deo Gloria would never have come to fruition without the tremendous generosity of our members and friends. The total estimated costs of the entire project came to \$5,402,000, which included \$2,175,000 for our new organ and \$3,227,000 for all of the construction costs related to the Narthex expansion, Sanctuary renovation, design, engineering, etc., along with all of the unforeseen but necessary upgrades mentioned earlier. In order to fully fund the balance of the Deo Gloria project, the congregation approved a loan with the Presbyterian Investment & Loan Program. The loan balance is currently \$2,080,000.

An acknowledgement in the initial concert brochure says it beautifully:

It took the work of this entire church family to make the Deo Gloria project a reality. It is with deep gratitude that we thank everyone who played a part in this project – large and small, volunteers and employees, young and old. Because of your faithful work and dedication, we will continue to raise our voices in joyful praise to the Glory of God (Deo Gloria) for decades to come!



Clerk of Session

After a year of upheaval that was 2016, we moved into relatively calm waters and experienced a year of stability with our new Interim Pastor, Rev. Bob Sheldon. The year was marked by our continued use of Fellowship Hall for our Sanctuary as construction continued to move forward with a few major set-backs that delayed the opening of the Sanctuary until October 22.

Your Session, under the guidance of Rev. Sheldon, embarked on a year-long journey to complete eight benchmarks (goals) of tasks we needed to finish as a Session in order to be ready to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee by December. Through the steady, hard work of your Elders and the ministry teams we accomplished these goals in November and elected a PNC to begin the search for a new pastor in January, 2018.

Your Session had twelve Stated and two Called Session meetings along with two congregational meetings in 2017.

With an Interim Pastor and no Sanctuary, we continued to see our membership numbers drop but not as much as the previous years. We closed the year with 569 Active members as we gained 21 new members and lost 56 members for a net loss of 35. We also lost 16 Affiliate members and ended with 116 for a grand total of 685.

I would like to thank the entire office staff for their help and support this past year. Our membership records were accurately maintained by Jo Miles and our record books were examined by Presbytery and found to be "in good order without exception."

It has been my privilege to serve as your Clerk this past year as we said goodbye to Rev. Sheldon and started the new year by welcoming the Rev. Dr. Will Browne as our Interim Pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A Hilton Clerk of Session

List of Session members in 2017

CLASS – 2017 (term ended on 5/31/17) Steve Blad Andrea Daggett Max Gould Mary Koppelkam Jerry Warnken Michele Yovanovich Dan Westerlund

CLASS – 2018 (term ends on 5/31/18) Mary Lynn Myers Don Neer **Jill Peterson** Twila Rowe Dennis Smith

CLASS - 2019 (term ends on 5/31/19) **Debbie Dawley** Doug Dunn **Terry Mountford** Joyce Peterson* Pete Rodino Patricia Shields Mary Thompson**

CLASS – 2020

(term ends 5/31/20) Carol Agner*** **David Baines** Kay Beernink Steve Kutler Wayne Peters Laura Piipponen

*Resigned for personal reasons in July 2016. ** Elected in December 2016 to fill an unexpired term.

*** Deceased

Board of Deacons



YOUR Board of Deacons Our mission at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church is to provide --"The Ministry of Compassion and Service"

The Office of Deacon as set forth in Scripture is for those who serve others with humility and in Christ's name (Acts 20:19, Romans 15:25). It is the privilege of the Board of Deacons to serve others in Christ's name by fulfilling the specific Ministries of the Board of Deacons and by assuming the duties as may be delegated from time to time by the Session.

The specific Ministries are as follows: Angel Tree, Assisted Living Visitation, Bereavement, Bike Project, Blood Drives, Communion Preparation, Communion Serving, Feed 5000, Service of Home Communion, Hospital Visitations, Sunday Letters and Flower Delivery, Military Care, Greetings and Biblical Verses and Prayer Shawls.

Thanks to a presentation to Deacons by the Rev. Peggy Huddleston, Chaplain at NCH downtown, Deacons now have the proper credentials to make hospital visits and this prepares us for future responsibilities of Congregational Care.

Some of the work done by the Deacons this year can be measured by numbers: 140 children received gifts through the Angel Tree Program: Assisted Living made 123 visits; Bereavement served 2 memorial receptions; the Bike Project rehabbed or delivered 27 bikes to St. Matthews House; 4 Blood Drive collections were held yielding 75 pints of blood, which is the equivalent of saving 225 lives (1 pint of blood saves 3 lives); more than \$9,600 of food and/or cash was collected in 6 Feed 5000 drives and more than 100 Hospital Visits were made.

Some work done by Deacons is more difficult to measure and may only be appreciated by those whose lives are touched. All Communion Preparation and planning is done by Deacons. The Military Care Ministry sends cards and gift cards to service members at Christmas and on their birthdays. Every Sunday Letters of Joy or Concern are signed and Flower Delivery is done.

We look forward to continue working with Rex Childs, Assistant to the Pastor and Pastor Will Browne in positively and actively serving others in Christ's name.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Greenblatt, Moderator

<u>Class of 2018</u>: Jackson Bell, Pete DeBaun, Kathryn Leaming, Jane Little, Amy Manley, Marsha Rust, Clark Smith

<u>**Class of 2019</u>**: Lynn Greenblatt (Moderator), Caroline Halliwell, Susie Hilton, Susan Lefebvre, Jim Muir, Nancy Myers, Ron Sieling</u>

<u>Class of 2020</u>: Cherie Baines, Nancy Guthy, Timothy Hall, Sharon Learn, Chuck Lewis, Steve Schock, Suzanne Zelinka

Youth Deacon: Lizzie Piipponen

Budget, Finance & Investments

The Budget, Finance & Investment Oversight Committee has the financial responsibility for ensuring "the wise use of God's gifts." The Committee's mission is to guide the Session and its ministry teams through the annual budgeting process and to maintain the financial integrity of the church throughout the year.

The Team:

- Coordinates the annual budget process, working closely with the ministry teams and Session.
- Monitors VPC's financial operating performance vs. budget, reporting to Session monthly.
- Ensures the safety of the church's financial assets and adherence to accounting policies and procedures.
- Provides for the proper disbursement of funds raised in capital campaigns as well as capital reserve funds used for the maintenance of VPC's property, plant and equipment.
- Monitors and reports the Deo Gloria project financials, including finding the necessary funding by arranging a loan from Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program.

2017 Accomplishments:

- Worked closely with all Ministry Teams to adopt, with Session approval, a provisional and balanced 2017 Operating Budget.
- Developed a 2018 Provisional Budget to be presented to Session.
- Monitored monthly revenue and expenses against budget throughout the year. Utilized monthly income and expense reports, 2017 forecast/projections and the balance sheet to provide the required cash flow and cash management oversight.
- Established a 2016 financial audit by an outside audit firm.
- Continued to provide financial oversight to the Deo Gloria project and make recommendations on the loan requirements. Worked closely with the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PILP) to provide funds required to complete the project.
- Continued to monitor the attendance and membership statistics monthly and their relationship to revenues received.
- Provided financial information as directed by the "Interim Tasks Prior to Election of the Pastor Nominating Committee" report. This included Budget projections for 2018-2020.
- Worked with Personnel to provide recommended salaries and terms of call for two interim Pastors and for the PNC for the new called Pastor.

Team Members: Bob Bush-Committee Moderator, David Baines -Elder Liaison, Deborah Dawley, Max Gould, Finley Lee, John Miles, Terry Mountford. Staff-David Dehnart-Business Administrator and Ruth Wade-Financial Manager

The Committee would like to remember long time members Dick Fors-Interim Treasurer and Hank Heitmann.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Responsibilities: The Treasurer reviews VPC's monthly financial performance, reports results to the Session, has a role in other major financial matters and serves on the Budget, Finance and Investment Oversite Team.

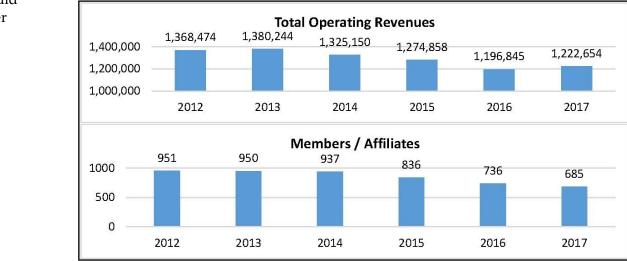
Overview: In general, our 2017 financial performance was positive. Total Operating Revenue was \$1,221,905, Expenses were \$1,161,728 resulting in a surplus of \$60,926.

Financial Highlights: Total revenue was \$1,221,905, less than plan by \$28,473. Member giving was \$1,080,907, under budget by \$23,093. Plate offerings were \$86,397, below plan \$6,603. Program and other income was \$54,601, better than plan by \$1,601. Total expenses for the year were \$1,161,728, \$88,272 less than plan due to excellent control of spending. Areas that were significantly less than plan were Personnel (\$38,117), Nominating (\$6,549), Administration (\$6,415) and Education & Family (\$6,331). These were offset by the following areas being higher than plan, Building and Grounds (\$21,684), Communications (\$15,490), and Finance (\$10,598). Although we added \$54.800 to the Capital Reserve (versus not adding anything to the Reserve in 2016) it was still less than budget by (\$43,000). The other areas were close to their budgeted expenditures.

Balance Sheet: As we all know and truly appreciate we have substantially completed the Deo Gloria project. Therefore, we have made the significant changes to our balance sheet which increased our assets by \$2,948,965 to \$11,595,888. The major changes included adding the new organ and the improvements to Sanctuary and Narthex offset by writing off the Moller organ. As part of the funding of this project we contracted for a construction loan from the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program. To date we have borrowed \$2,080,087 which is now carried as a liability on our books. As a construction loan we only pay interest. The interest for this loan (approximately \$7,000/month) is being paid from the Deo Gloria funds. When the last of the few remaining items are finished (i.e..: lighting the Rose Window and correcting some air flow issues) the loan will convert to a mortgage at which time the monthly payments will be approximately \$13,000/month which will be paid from Deo Gloria funds until 2020. The endowment funds of \$493,853 are currently on our balance sheet but may be moved to the Endowment Trust (a separate corporation).

Perspective: For VPC 2017 was in many ways a turnaround year. The Deo Gloria project was substantially completed, we moved back to the renovated sanctuary with our new organ, attendance started to increase, our financial performance improved and there is a renewed feeling of optimism. At the same time, we need to carefully manage our financials in order to meet the challenge of paying the new Pastor and the mortgage.

Special Note: It is with great sadness we note the passing of Dick Fors a long-time member of VPC, a member of the Budget, Finance and Investment Oversight Team and our Treasurer. Dick made significant contributions to our church through his wise guidance and service.



Max Gould Treasurer

Financial	Report -	Operating I	Fund Mont	h-to-date, T	Through De	ecember 20	17
		VANDERB	ILT PRESBYTERI	AN CHURCH			
			Operating Fund	2			
		Month-to-d	ate, Through De	cember 2017			-
Accounts	December	MTD Budget	Variance	YTD 2017	YTD Budget	Variance	Annual Budget
Revenues Pledged Offerings	80,534.13	135,600.00	(55,065.87)	915,053.45	950,000.00	(34,946.55)	950,000.00
Non pledged	9,945.00	11,100.00	(1,155.00)	164,678.97	154,000.00	10,678.97	154,000.00
Prior Year Pledge Payment	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,175.00	0.00	1,175.00	0.00
Plate Offerings	14,227.00	14,000.00	227.00	86,397.05	93,000.00	(6,602.95)	93,000.00
Total Offering	104,706.13	160,700.00	(55,993.87)	1,167,304.47	1,197,000.00	(29,695.53)	1,197,000.00
Other income	470.00	1,100.00	(630.00)	11,320.02	11,500.00	(179.98)	11,500.00
Program Income							
Education	1,715.00	2,900.00	(1,185.00)	18,575.45	41,500.00	(22,924.55)	41,500.00
Music & Worship	88.00	0.00	88.00	2,420.94	0.00	2,420.94	0.00
Hospitality & Fellowship	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Kitchen	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00	0.00	20.00	0.00
Social Justice Ministry	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Stephen Ministry	14.00	0.00	14.00	65.00	0.00	65.00	0.00
TLC	1,850.00	0.00	1,850.00	22,200.00	0.00	22,200.00	0.00
Total Program Income	3,667.00	2,900.00	767.00	43,281.39	41,500.00	1,781.39	41,500.00
Total Revenues	108,843.13	164,700.00	(55,856.87)	1,221,905.88	1,250,000.00	(28,094.12)	1,250,000.00
Expenses							
Administration	3,405.58	3,200.00	205.58	38,184.73	44,600.00	(6,415.27)	44,600.00
Building & Grounds	20,946.38	15,200.00	5,746.38	171,684.13	150,000.00	21,684.13	150,000.00
Education & Family	3,828.65	1,800.00	2,028.65	28,669.14	35,000.00	(6,330.86)	35,000.00
Worship & Spiritual Life	5,059.15	900.00	4,159.15	15,560.44	15,000.00	560.44	15,000.00
Social Justice Ministry	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	(300.00)	300.00
Stephen Ministry	615.98	0.00	615.98	741.43	2,000.00	(1,258.57)	2,000.00
Deacons	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Evangelism & Membership	51.75	200.00	(148.25)	955.58	2,000.00	(1,044.42)	2,000.00
Hospitality & Fellowship	0.00	100.00	(100.00)	0.00	1,500.00	(1,500.00)	1,500.00
Kitchen	327.30	500.00	(172.70)	2,793.10	3,000.00	(206.90)	3,000.00
Nominating	0.00	10,000.00	(10,000.00)	3,451.24	10,000.00	(6,548.76)	10,000.00
Mission Involvement	1,483.94	300.00	1,183.94	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
Stewardship Session Activities	0.00 1,014.69	300.00 200.00	(300.00) 814.69	3,354.32 2,049.55	2,200.00 3,500.00	1,154.32 (1,450.45)	2,200.00
Presybtery Support	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,174.00	6,600.00	(426.00)	3,500.00
Small Group Ministry	0.00	0.00	0.00	(30.00)	0.00	(428.00)	0.00
Personnel & Payroll	68,676.74	75,000.00	(6,323.26)	801,882.67	840,000.00	(38,117.33)	840,000.00
Finance	6,328.31	900.00	5,428.31	24,797.74	14,200.00	10,597.74	14,200.00
Capital Reserve Fund	0.00	43,000.00	(43,000.00)	54,800.00	97,800.00	(43,000.00)	97,800.00
Communications	181.89	2,900.00	(2,718.11)	4,509.96	20,000.00	(15,490.04)	20,000.00
Wholistic Health Ministry	0.00	100.00	(100.00)	150.00	300.00	(150.00)	300.00
Total Expenses	111,920.36	154,600.00	(42,679.64)	1,161,728.03	1,250,000.00	(88,271.97)	1,250,000.00
Net Total	(3,077.23)	10,100.00	(13,177.23)	60,177.85	0.00	60,177.85	0.00
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Analy		es & Expenses -		0040			
	2017	2016	2017	2016			
Tuition	MTD 42,263.05	MTD 29,000.00	YTD 401,226.18	YTD 397,731.50			
Tuition Registration	42,263.05	29,000.00	401,226.18	14,895.00			
Registration	200.00	1,200.00	19,300.00	306.65			
Key Fob Deposits	0.00	0.00	(885.00)	(380.00)			
Total Income TLC	42,475.47	30,379.39	419,824.94	412,553.15			
Expenses	37,597.99	33,605.06	398,345.39	387,334.71			
Net Total TLC	4,877.48	(3,225.67)	21,479.55	25,218.44			
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Financial Report / Balance Sheet - I	December 2017	
Assets		
Checking		
Operating Checking	Ć1 CO 400 FO	
10000-1 - Operating CK - Operating	<u>\$169,400.59</u>	
Total Operating Checking Restricted Other	\$169,400.59	
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10000-2 - Operating CK - Restricted	\$188,663.79	
10001-2 - Iberia Restricted Checking	\$15,333.62	
10010-2 - Women's Assoc. Cash	\$6,756.20	
10014-2 - Men's Assoc Checking	\$80.34	
10024-2 - Iberia Sweep - Restricted	<u>\$35,233.80</u>	
Total Restricted Other	\$246,067.75	
Restricted Deo Gloria	61 40 414 00	
10018-6 - Iberia - Deo Gloria Checking	\$148,111.99	
10026-6 - Iberia Sweep - Deo Gloria	<u>\$624,285.65</u>	
Total Restricted Deo Gloria	\$772,396.64	
	664 262 26	
10003-3 - Iberia - TLC	\$64,362.36	
10034-3 - Iberia Sweep - TLC	<u>\$172,601.80</u>	
Total TLC	\$236,964.16	
Restricted Capital Reserve	6000 47	
10002-2 - Capital Reserve	\$808.17	
10012-2 - Operating CK - Capital Reserv	\$22,157.43	
10025-2 - Iberia Sweep-Cap Repl	\$139,330.72	
Total Restricted Capital Reserve	\$162,296.32	
Endowment	62 442 04	
10014-5 - Operating Ck- Endowment Fund	<u>\$3,112.91</u>	
Total Endowment	\$3,112.91	44 500 000 05
Total Checking		\$1,590,238.37
Other Current Assets	6000.00	
10151-1 - Petty cash	\$300.00	
10151-3 - TLC Petty Cash	<u>\$100.00</u>	4400.00
Total Other Current Assets		\$400.00
Current Assets		
Investments	60.01.050.01	
10007-6 - Presbyterian Investment & Loan	\$201,352.64	
10028-2 - New Covenant - Mem Garden Fund	\$38,475.20	
Total Investments	\$239,827.84	
Endowments	600 0CE 00	
10040-1 - NCTC James Craig Lecture	\$83,265.00	
10041-1 - NCTC Cindy Craig Theological	\$19,003.00	
10042-1 - NCTC Robert & Judy Bohl	\$13,173.00	
10043-1 - NCTC Birthday Club	\$121,051.00	
10044-1 - NCTC General Fund	\$257,361.00	
10140-1 - Presbyterian Foundation	\$1,188.54	
10200-5 - Charitable Gift Annuity	<u>\$36,449.27</u>	
Total Endowments	\$531,490.81	.
Total Current Assets		\$771,318.65

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Fixed Assets		
10152-1 - Building & Improvements	\$5,847,602.73	
10153-1 - Parking Lot	\$613,108.36	
10154-1 - Land	\$445,000.00	
10155-1 - 1301 Piper House	\$266,930.27	
10158-1 - Furniture & Equipment	\$457,457.01	
10160-1 - Vehicles	\$66,719.50	
10161-1 - Organ	<u>\$1,606,500.00</u>	
Total Fixed Assets		<u>\$9,303,317.87</u>
Total Assets		<u>\$11,665,274.89</u>
Liabilities		
Short Term Liabilties		
Payroll Liabilties		
Taxes Payable		
22302-1 - Fica Payable	\$174.56	
22303-1 - Medicare Payable	<u>\$40.92</u>	
Total Taxes Payable	\$215.48	
Other Payroll Liabilties		
22403-1 - BOP - Optional	-\$198.36	
22404-1 - Pension Payable	-\$14.97	
Total Other Payroll Liabilties	-\$213.33	
Total Payroll Liabilties	\$2.15	
Other Current Liabilities		
22510-6 - PILP Construction Loan	\$2,080,086.00	
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$2,080,086.00	142
Total Short Term Liabilties		<u>\$2,080,088.15</u>
Total Liabilities		\$2,080,088.15
Fund Principal (Net Assets)	15	
30000-1 - Fund Principal - Unrestricted	\$7,504,620.46	
30000-2 - Fund Principall- Rest	-\$125,393.60	
30000-3 - Fund Principal - TLC	\$215,753.61	
30000-5 - Fund Principal - Endowment	\$39,861.27	
Excess Cash Received	<u>\$151,044.40</u>	(197)
Total Fund Principal (Net Assets) and Excess Cash Received		\$7,785,886.14
Restricted Funds		
Total Temporary Restricted	\$1,798,112.06	
Total Permanent Restricted	<u>\$1,188.54</u>	
Total Restricted Funds		\$1,799,300.60
Total Liabilities, Fund Principal (Net Assets), & Restricted Funds		<u>\$11,665,274.89</u>

Our Financial Statements for 2017 are final and as always subject to auditor review.

Building & Grounds

The Building and Grounds Team oversees the maintenance and care of the church facility, the grounds, other church property (the Piper House) and the church vehicles. The Team worked hard to hold our expenses to the budget. The annual budget and the long term capital budget are a large portion of what we do. With David Dehnart's help we try to control operations to meet those goals.

Items repaired or replaced during 2017:

- New hurricane windows and shutters were installed on the Piper House.
- The church kitchen was remodeled.
- All new landscaping was installed in front of Cochran Hall and the Fellowship Hall.
- The irrigation system was repaired and mostly rebuilt.
- We experienced the largest hurricane ever in Naples with only minor damage.
- The patio furniture was powder coated and repainted.
- All of the office wing carpet was replaced and thanks to a generous donation, we were also able to carpet the library.

Capital Expenditures for 2017:

- Replaced one air conditioning unit
- The Deo Gloria project was completed but during that process it was discovered that the Rose window was in bad repair. It continues to be a major risk of falling into the organ. It was temporarily covered and it soon will be lighted from the outside with LED lights.
- During Deo Gloria, we found some water intrusion problems and that is being addressed as well as repairing the stucco on the front of the church. We are taking all possible measures to protect the new organ and sanctuary.
- The parking lot was resurfaced and stripped

Rick Miles, Team Leader Dan Westerlund, Session Liaison

2017 Members- Dan Westerlund (Session Liaison/Elder), George Mackie, Tim Mitchell, Steve Blad, David Dehnart and Rick Miles (team leader).

Communion Serving Report

The purpose of the Communion Servers Team is to provide the Lord's Supper, bread and grape juice, to the church body on the first Sunday of each month as well as other designated days. During the period of March, 2016 through February, 2017, Communion was served on the first Sunday of each month and also on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Christmas. Fifty-one Elders and Deacons volunteered to serve Communion at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church from March, 2017 through February, 2018.

The Communion outreach program, begun in 2015, providing the Lord's

Supper to those unable to attend church continued to flourish in 2018. Each Communion Sunday pairs of volunteers traveled to nursing homes, hospitals and private homes to provide Communion and pray with fellow Christians.

A Communion serving signup sheet was provided at the Elders and Deacons monthly meetings and has proven to be very effective in acquiring volunteers to serve.

This was my sixth year as the person who organizes the Communion Server Roster and it continues to be my pleasure to do so. We are truly blessed to have so many parishioners who faithfully step forward to serve in His Name.

Respectfully submitted,

Cherie Baines Communion Server

Comfort Quilters



The VPC Comfort Quilters have been working together since 2005. We call ourselves the Quilting Sisters and we share our love of piecing and stitching with each other as well as with the recipients of our quilts. We welcome new quilters and willingly share our skills and techniques.

Quilts for kids is our specialty and this year we are focusing on creating a quilt for every new home in the nearby Habitat for Humanity community Legacy Lakes.

Monday mornings finds us in Fellowship Hall working with our donated fabrics, cutting and sewing. We bring lunch and continue with our work into the afternoon. One can drop in and work for part of the day. We are pleased that we shall soon be welcoming members of the Prayer Shawl ministry into our midst. If you have any interest in sewing or knitting, please visit the Quilting Sisters on Mondays. Machines and all materials and notions are available.







Congregational Nominating Committee

The Congregational Nominating Committee is charged with choosing members of our congregation to fulfill the responsibilities of Board of Elders, Board of Deacons and Congregational members of this committee. We meet on a monthly basis; compiling lists of candidates to contact for these important offices of the church. In addition to finding members for Session, Deacons and Nominating Committee, this year we also presented members for the Pastor Nominating Committee. New documents were created for use in recruiting candidates for all of these positions.

Purpose: In accordance with the Book of Order, the committee serves as the official nominating committee of the Congregation, to provide nominees for all vacancies, either annually or when vacancies occur, on the Session, the Board of Deacons, and Nominating Committee ("At Large" members only). It is the committee's responsibility to prayerfully consider individuals who posses those " Gifts of the Spirit" that are essential to the mission and the ministry of the Church.

Accomplishments: The Congregational Nominating Committee presented for approval of the congregation members for the Pastor Nominating Committee. The Committee worked diligently to present a list of nominees for Board of Session, Board of Deacons and the Congregational Committee to be presented at the annual meeting in March.

The members of our team:

Session Representative: Pete Rodino

Session Liaison: Twila Rowe

Deacon Representative: Tim Hall

Members at large: Karen Chappler, Joyce Geary, Bill Payne, Jo Rist

Pastor Nominating Committee

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) was elected by the congregation in October, 2017 and, following training by our Presbytery in December, began its work in earnest in mid-January of this year. The PNC finalized the MIF (Ministry Information Form) and spread the word within the Presbyterian world that we are seeking a new pastor. The PNC's goal is to identify an excellent candidate who will be the right fit for our congregation.

Members: Molly Godley, Tim Hall, Carolyn Magarro, Vice Moderator, Will McDonough, Jill Peterson, Twila Rowe, and Jerry Warnken, Moderator

Education & Family Ministries

CALLED TO SERVE CHILDREN, YOUTH & ADULTS

Our Purpose – to equip our congregation and our community:

*To know God's love *To grow in God's love *To share God's love with others

We pledge to partner with families (singles, couples, youth, households with children – all family dynamics) to offer:

- a place where we become grounded in and grow in our knowledge and understanding of the Bible.
- a place where we guide and walk with each other on our faith journeys,
- a place where Christian values are modeled and learned,
- a place where we listen to and pay attention to one another's needs,
- a place where we strive to love unconditionally and where positive relationships are a priority,
- a place of safety and stability, of belonging and acceptance,
- a place of non-judgmental and affirming "We're here for you,"
- a place where, together, we live, we celebrate and live out our Christian faith.

This past year has brought many joys and few concerns in our Education Ministries Department. We have been blessed with the addition of several new families to our church. They add much needed youth and vitality to the life of our church and ministry. We have improved on many programs that are working with our church, dropped a few that were not well attended, then reassessed the wants of our congregation so we could start new programs to meet their needs.

An on-going concern, this year and every year, has been the need for volunteers. We are always in need of program leadership, as well as volunteers to assist, and help to offset the people who constantly give so much of themselves, as we grow in program opportunities.

Our Sunday school classes have been rising in numbers and the curriculum is engaging and fun. This summer we did something new. We hosted 2 separate camps, VBS for preschool aged children and a day long day-camp that was run by Cedarkirk counselors for grades 1-5. Both were a great success and we look forward to equal participation this year if not more.

The High School Youth Group is starting to ebb as our youth are graduating out and we have very few middle schoolers rising up at this time. They raised money for the Prison Ministry again and then shopped, wrapped and delivered the gifts to the children of Inmates. Also the group traveled to Montreat in the summer where they spent a day doing mission work at the Black Hills Children's Home. The week they spend at Montreat is a unique gathering of young people from all over the country for a week of study, worship, and recreation. Activities include morning energizers, music, keynote, small group meetings, afternoon recreation, and evening worship.

We have been working hard to build a bridge to the Vanderbilt Learning Center. Creating fun events for their families and hopefully welcoming them into our church family. One of these events is a monthly Parents Night Out, which is always sold out and has a waiting list. Our VLC liaison, Heather Mikes, does an amazing job at cross advertising all events for both church and school. She is a huge blessing to this ministry.

We are excited to be discussing a marriage enrichment class for our young couples. Members of children and family education team have been researching curriculum and are about ready to go.

I am blessed and appreciative for the Education Ministry Team of Laura Piipponen, Jill Peterson, Barbara McElwaine, Heather Mikes and Rex Childs, who worked very hard. I also want to thank everyone who has helped us with donations of time, money, and prayers.

Amanda Rowe, Director of Student Ministries

Endowment

VANDERBILT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ENDOWMENT is now the VANDERBILT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ENDOWMENT TRUST, INC.

The endowment fund creates a lasting legacy to enhance our faith through support of our worship, music, education, mission involvement, scholarships, grants and pastoral and capital projects. Gifts to the endowment funds allow a perpetual source of income to be distributed over and above the churches operating budget, which is supported by the annual stewardship effort.

The generous support of legacy society members and the potential of existing estate with several millions of pledged commitments at this time, foretell a bright future.

The December 31 2017 value of the Endowment funds are \$493,853. The funds are currently invested in the Presbyterian Foundations New Covenant Trust account.

Vanderbilt Presbyterian Endowment Trust, Inc. invested funds, at December 31, 2017:

Total Endowment funds:	\$493,853	
General Fund	\$257,361	
Birthday Club	\$121,051	
Robert & Judy Bohl Lecture Fund	\$13,173	
James Craig Lecture Fund	\$83,265	
Cindy Craig Theological Education Fund \$19,003		

Distributions in 2017 included funding a guest preacher under the Jim and Cindy Craig Theological Education and lecture funds, assistance to the youth for their Montreat NC trip, funded with from Birthday Club money and ten (10) new tables for Fellowship Hall. The 2017 Endowment Trustees were:

> William Beynon Rev. Dr. Robert Bohl Dick Fors (*deceased*) Deborah Dawley Steve Kutler Ron Shaffer Dennis Smith

The Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church Incorporated "Church Nominating Committee" will be seeking additional and new members for the Endowment Trust Board.

Evangelism & Membership

"Matthew 5:16"...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

Our Goal: Building a community of Christians by attracting new members, nurturing their faith journeys and involving them in the life of the church.

Membership:

- "Adventures in Membership" classes were held in January and April, resulting in 18 new Active members and 1 Affiliate. Four children and one adult were baptized.
- Membership records were reviewed and updated. Those not attending for at least one year received letters and calls regarding continuing membership or being removed from the roles.

Attendance Team:

• Attendance sheets were collected each Sunday; visitors recorded and personally contacted by phone, written notes, or emails.

Shepherd Program:

• New members were paired with current members to welcome them and introduce them to the opportunities available in the life of the church.

Visitor Cart:

• Volunteers met and greeted visitors at the Cart on Sunday mornings and followed up with a call, note, or email.

Getting to Know You Lunches:

• Lunches were held in February, May, June, and October providing 144 members and friends a venue to get acquainted with their church family.

Small Groups:

• Vanderbuilders kicked off January 20th with a Pot Luck dinner. Fifty four were involved in six newly formed groups. Several existing groups continued.

Hospitality:

• During construction E&M continued the responsibility of overseeing Sunday morning fellowship between services.

Community Involvement:

- Members manned the Visitor Booth at the "Safe Communities" event in October, sponsored by the Collier County Sheriff Office, in VPC's parking lot.
- Volunteers assisted in many areas at the annual VPC Community Trunk or Treat event in the parking lot.
- Members planned and hosted the Women's Christmas Luncheon in Fellowship Hall.

Evangelism & Membership Team:

Priscilla Kutler (Team Leader), Twila Rowe (Elder Member), Don Neer (Elder member), Wendy & Bruce Baker, Sue Davis, Sharon & Dick Learn, Gayle Nelson, Bill Oehler, June Peterson, Pete & Carol Schwiers, Vicky Spaulding.



Mission Ministry Team

The purpose of the Mission Ministry Team is to communicate, educate, and support the congregation in serving the needs of both the community and the world, all in Christ's name.

In 2017, as in 2016, our Mission Team's activity was limited due to church budget constraints. We only had \$2,000 of church budget funds for missions and related administration expenses. However, due to our congregation's very generous donations during the year, a total of \$91,180 was given with specific direction to certain missions. The biggest recipients of these restricted gifts were: Habitat for Humanity (\$29,800), Heifer Advent Sale (\$11,580), Feed 5000 (\$9,605), Peace River Presbytery Disaster Support (\$8,845), St. Matthew's House (\$7,120), Misión Peniel (\$6,670), Weekend Power Pack (\$5,022), and Salvation Army (\$3,800).

As we reflect on 2017, we thank you for: the tremendous level of restricted donations listed above; the way everyone came together to help those who were impacted by Hurricane Irma; the always extraordinary response to the Habitat for Humanity work, Misión Peniel serving, Weekend Power Pack fulfillment, Feed 5000 Food Drives, Heifer Advent Sale and the Salvation Army Christmas Angel Tree (once again we had the most active tree in Collier County!) and for the dedicated volunteer hours, donations of clothing, food, water, and many other ways you supported missions!

As we kick off 2018 our hope is that our budget will be restored, which depends on the success of the 2018 Stewardship Campaign and, of course, the bigger picture of our church finances. Now that Fellowship Hall is available for general use again, we will hold our Mission Fair in March. And, during the year, we will continue to provide a monthly focus on missions as we work to fulfill our goal of communicating, educating, and supporting local, national, and worldwide mission efforts.

Mission Ministry Team current members:

Cherie Baines (*Moderator*), Ruth Brinster, Richard Grunert, Caroline Halliwell, Bruce Hobbs, Nancy Myers, Eliza Nevin, John Paalman, Jo Rist, Pete Rodino (*Session Liaison*), Carol Schwiers.



Personnel

The purpose of the Personnel Oversight Team is to provide the Pastors and all church staff with the structure and support necessary for them to perform, with excellence, their job duties and responsibilities.

During 2017 the Team :

- Reviewed and approved a revised job description and compensation for the Finance and Administrative Assistant
- Reviewed and approved a new contract for the VPC Learning Center Instructional Staff and a new contract for the VPC Learning Center Administrative Staff
- Set the 2017 Personnel Budget and provided monthly oversight of personnel expenses
- Created and recommended to Session the proposed job description for the Installed Pastor
- Developed and recommended to Session the compensation section of the website for use by the PNC in the search for the Installed Pastor
- Approved new personnel policies in the areas of part-time employment and outside employment for members of staff
- Created two documents: "Role Definition" and "Moving to Naples: a possible transition schedule" to help the PNC in discussions with candidates
- Recommended to Session acceptance of Interim Pastor Rev. Bob Sheldon's resignation with his last day of service December 31, and arranged terms for his continuing use of the manse during the transition
- Conducted a search and interview process to employ a new "Bridge Interim" Pastor. The hiring of the Rev. Dr. Will Browne was approved by Session and he began his service to Vanderbilt on January 1, 2018.

Team Members:

Mary Lynn Myers (*Moderator*), Debbie Dawley (*Elder Liaison*), Steve Blad, Bob Bush, Max Gould, Carolyn Magarro, Jill Peterson, Pete Rodino, Pete Schwiers, Rev. Dr. Will Browne (*Interim Pastor, Ex-officio*), David Dehnart (*Business Administrator, Ex-officio*).

Presbyterian Women

The Church wide gathering for Presbyterian Women will be on August 2 - 5, 2018, in Louisville, Kentucky. For this past year we have continued our Circle groups and the group that creates our Teddy Bears. We finished our Horizons Bible Study on "Who Is Jesus," and in the Fall we began our new study "Cloud of



Witnesses," which is on the community of Christ in Hebrews. Melissa Bane Sevier helps us to think in depth about the foundations of our faith, and to understand that the message of God in Christ is the message to all the people of God. Our morning Circles meet on the first Wednesday of each month, while the afternoon Circle now meets on the third Wednesday of each month. These groups meet from October through May. Pat Fors is our Treasurer and Sonja Cookson organizes our Greeting Cards. Shirley Starr and Madeline Jacob directs the group that creates our Teddy Bears. Many organizations in our community have been blessed with receiving one of these Teddy Bears as well as our baptized babies and children of our congregation. Our Christmas luncheon this year was held in Fellowship Hall with St. Matthew's House providing the meal, which was enjoyed by all. Our Holiday Bazaar, Rummage Sale and our pledges help to provide the funds for our mission giving. Thank you to everyone that has continued to work for the Women's Association.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Schulz, *Circle Coordinator*

Social Justice

Mission Statement: The purpose of the Social Justice Ministry Team is to research, investigate and interpret issues concerning social justice for our congregation. These issues may be of local, national or global significance. The Team will provide information and may advocate possible actions, which the member of the congregation may choose to participate.

It has been a difficult year to fulfill the mission of the Social Justice Ministry. The use of Fellowship Hall precluded our annual participation in the Hunger and Homeless Coalition's annual warm clothing drive. The premature departure of our interim pastor precluded our intention to host the next PFLAG Convocation in May and the lack of timely access to VPC's periodicals (Spire; Website) made it difficult to inform the congregation of local and global social justice issues on a regular basis. A further complication resulted from the lack of financial resources which in past years has been used to host special events or retain qualified speakers to address social justice issues. These factors have led to the decision to suspend regular SJM meetings until we have a new pastor and the conditions currently restricting our activities have been rectified. But despite the impediments previously cited, the following lists a number of accomplishments during 2017.

Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW):

Members of the Social Justice team and Mission team have been kept informed of CIW's activities, and ways they may participate in their call for social action. Early in the year, Patricia Cipolitti, a CIW staff member, addressed the SJM team about CIW's activities and its future plans concerning the promotion of CIW's Fair Food Program.

PFLAG Issues:

While it was our intention to host PFLAG's 2018 annual convocation, Bob Sheldon's premature departure precluded taking this initiative.

Homeless Issues and Concerns:

As a part of a continuing effort to promote greater awareness of the problem of homelessness in Collier County and what can be done about it, we met with Christine Hurley, Executive Director of the Hunger and Homeless Coalition. She updated us on the "Point in Time" count and revealed that their were over 880 kids who were homeless in Collier County. She also described a major initiative being planned with the Kiwanis to provide homeless kids with back packs filled with clothing. We passed this on to the Mission team to see if VPC could help. Jim Cochran is holding a concert at VPC on March 11, 2018 to promote awareness of homelessness and to raise money for the Hunger and Homeless Coalition of Collier County. Efforts are underway to spread the word within the faith community.

Immigration Problem:

We acquired, reviewed and discussed the DVD "Locked in a Box" which deals with the incarceration of illegal immigrants many of whom are held in medium security prisons for many months waiting for court action or deportation. We hope to hold an interfaith event at VPC in the future to show the DVD and promote awareness of this social injustice.

Team Members:

Bruce and Roberta Hobbs, Sue and Bernie Froysland, Paul Rowley, Don Neer, Mike and Reggie Smith, Barbara Fernstrom, Fred Schulz, Sandy Strutzel, Rex Childs, and Caroline Halliwell.

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry has a long and successful history at VPC. It began here in 1998 under the direction and active participation of Rev. Dr. Thomas P. Harp and over the years, an additional seventy-eight members of our congregation have been trained and commissioned to serve as Stephen Ministers.



Our stated Mission is: To offer confidential and distinctively Christian care by providing equipped lay ministers to those who are experiencing life changing circumstances. "Bear one another's burdens and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." *Galatians* 6:2.

The following changes occurred during 2017:

Stephen Leaders: Joyce Peterson (retired in March following leave of absence in August, 2016); Rev. Don Sherman (leave of absence as Pastoral Resource in November); and Rex Childs became our valued staff resource.

Stephen Ministers: Linda King (retired in January); Tarie Curtis (retired in March); Karen Chappler (retired in October); Pat Gould (retired in October following leave of absence in March, 2016); and Bob Holzinger (retired in November).

Three Stephen Ministers, who were trained and commissioned at other churches, joined our program in 2017 and we are delighted to have them on board: Finley Lee, Jean Lee, and Sharon Learn.

During our Continuing Education meetings, which occur the first Thursday of each month from October to May, we studied Ministering to Those Experiencing Losses Related to Aging, Persons Needing Long Term Care, and Prayer; enjoyed hearing a guest speaker, NCH Chaplain Rev. Michael Harper; conducted an NCH hospital visitation orientation, as well as facilitating the NCH Badge requirements that authorize our Stephen Ministers to represent VPC for hospital visitation.

Since May of 2014, Stephen Ministry has provided a series of four booklets to 43 persons who lost loved ones. These Journeying through Grief booklets are distributed on a timely basis over an eleven-month period and were written by Kenneth Haugk, the founder of Stephen Ministry. There were eighteen persons who received a total of thirty-three booklets during 2017 thanks to the efforts of Bob and Doris Martin. Additional booklets were distributed by our Stephen Ministers to other grieving family members.

We are planning on holding another training class in January 2019. Should you have any interest in serving our congregation through Stephen Ministry, we welcome your participation and invite you to contact any of our Stephen Leaders to find out more about it.

2017 Stephen Leaders: Kay Beernink, Cherry Jacobus, Carolyn Magarro, Twila Rowe, Rev. Don Sherman, Jon White.

2017 Stephen Ministers: Judith Brown, Karen Chappler, Pat Colby, Michael Crosby, Vicky Crosby, Tarie Curtiss, Sue Davis, Annette Dietrich, Bud Getman, Susan Hallin, Charla Henningsen, Bob Holzinger, Linda King, Sharon Learn, Finley Lee, Jean Lee, Eliza Nevin, Pat Peters, Paul Rowley.

Stewardship

Matthew 6:21: For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The purpose of the Stewardship Ministry Team is to equip and motivate the members of our congregation with the desire to be good stewards of the gifts God has provided...Time, Talents, and Financial Resources...in furthering the mission of Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church.

The Annual Stewardship Campaign for 2017, under the theme "Guided by Gratitude... Forward by Faith", was concluded successfully in March, and planning began soon thereafter for the second year under this theme. We followed a comprehensive guide authored and used effectively in many churches by our 2017 Interim Pastor, Rev. Bob Sheldon.

In June the team met to review prior results and set target dates and resources needed. Regular meetings continued in October-November, and bi-weekly gatherings for specific tasks, such as preparing congregational mailings, occurred through January-February, with the campaign kick-off on Sunday, January 28th. A member of the team provided information about church finances on the 3 stewardship Sundays, and church members gave "testimonials" about why they pledge to support Vanderbilt. Pledge card dedication was Sunday, February 11th, and we hope to announce a successful campaign conclusion, with a 10% increase in pledges, at the annual congregational meeting in March.

During 2017, the Stewardship Ministry Team also provided guidance on the planning and scheduling of other church funding appeals, such as those for Missions and Youth Programs. The coordination of these appeals throughout the year helped ensure that there was adequate time for each to receive the attention and support of the congregation for the many important ministries of the church.

Team Members

Terry Mountford (Moderator), Mary Lynn Myers (Elder Liaison), Gene Blanchard, Loren Dawley, Susan Lefebvre, Bob Martin, Bill Payne, Pete Rodino, Rev. Dr. Will Browne, Interim Pastor, Rex Childs, Assistant to the Pastor.







Vanderbilt Childcare & Learning Center



"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."-*Ephesians 2:10 NIV*

Vanderbilt Presbyterian Childcare & Learning Center (VLC) is a ministry of Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church. It operates under the watchful eye and loving heart of Jackie Elmer, Director. The team consists of parents, teachers and staff working together to support school operations, raise funds for educational initiatives, generate opportunities for student enrichment, and create a nurturing environment for both the enrolled students and their families. There is great joy in the daily work of building strong academic foundations and positive attitudes toward God, self, friends, family and learning.

VLC Team Efforts and Accomplishments:

- Improved communication among all members of the Learning Center Team, through weekly emails and Facebook to keep everyone connected, including Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church, for the benefit of both communities.
- Created a network for parents to include all of the nearly 100 families at VLC. We have developed and implemented social activities such as monthly Parent Team meetings, monthly Family Dinner Nights, children's play dates and parents' nights out. We also added new parent orientations and school-wide coffees with VPC staff.
- Attended Chapel weekly in the newly renovated sanctuary with Rex Childs, Assistant to the Pastor. Students and teachers gather in the church pews to listen to the message, pray and sing together.
- Celebrated our Second Annual Student Art Show, raising nearly \$3,000 for science and technology initiatives implemented in August 2017, including quarterly Science Shows and a mobile STEM cart used weekly in each classroom.
- Continued our dedication to existing enrichment programs like music with Dr. Jim, the Yoga and Stretch program featured on WINK TV news and Spanish language instruction in Kindergarten.
- Graduated 14 bright, shining kindergarten students and 30 Pre-kindergarten students.
- Donated 806 pounds of items to Meals of Hope and collected \$198 in coins to purchase 18 turkeys for Thanksgiving. Also participated in Holidays Without Hunger to pack meals at Christmas, helped with the Harry Chapin Food Bank and participated in the Salvation Army Angel Tree.

Little by little, we are making a big difference and helping our students understand that though they are small....they are mighty!

Learning Center Leadership: Jackie Elmer (Director), Angela Gates (Assistant). VLC Teaching Team: Donna Acquafresca, Katherine Baron, Diane Byrnes, Jayme Deardorff, Lee Doronzenski, Lourdes Doleki, Jayme Funigiello, Donna Goldblatt, Erin Heintz, Jennifer Hewins, Brooke Michie, Bernie Shields, Amanda Steinmann, Adrienne Tackett, Dana Wagoner, Parent Team Executive Committee: Heather Mikes (Chair), Lindsey Manring, Amber Grider, Jennifer Hewins, Jayme Deardorff, Courtney Abraham.

Wholistic Health Ministry

Mission: MIND BODY SPIRIT

Health promotion and disease prevention Integration of whole person health concepts Empower people for personal responsibility Become spiritually vital Support those who are not well and promote a stewardship of health

In line with our mission, the WHMT hosted the following events for our congregation and Community:

- What's So Funny About Advanced Directives, Speaker Margo Escott
- "Choosing A Home Care Agency". Panelists: Right at Home, Brightstar, Senior Choice at Home
- Medicare update by SHINE. Speaker: Hallie Devlin
- SHINE Medicare Community Assistance, 2 days
- "Faith in Difficult Times". Speaker: Rev. Jeff Geary

Additional programs supported by the WHMT team included:

- Alzheimer's Support Group with Dr. Catherine Cruikshank
- AARP Driving Classes

We also hosted another "Taste of Vanderbilt", the "Crock Pot Pleasers". This event, planned for the end of September, also served as a wonderful social following Hurricane Irma. The crock pot meals were delicious. Plans are already underway for next year's event.

Faithful team members: Rev. Lou Thompson Marlene Barkley Jackson Bell Karen Chappler Asia Elsbree Joyce Geary Patty Shields, Elder Liaison Jane Little

We welcome interested persons to join this exciting ministry. Our meetings are filled with great fellowship, interesting conversation and ideas and plenty of healthy laughter.



Frank T. Mohr, Jr. Memorial Garden

The Memorial Garden was created for a place of peace and repose in which to inter the "cremains" of those who have expressed their desire to do so.

The Memorial Garden committee's purpose is to manage the Garden. The Garden, dedicated 20 years ago to the glory of God and to honor former Associate Pastor Frank T. Mohr, Jr., is an important ministry of our church. It has provided a final resting place for those who choose to have remains interred either under the pavers, or scattered. In 2017 there were ten interments. The Memorial Garden Committee met on February 17, 2017. Present were Lynn Greenblatt, Ron Sieling, Ron Shaffer, Loren Dawley, Fran Lauriat, David Denhart, advisor to the Committee, Rex Childs, Ex-Officio. Excused, Mari-Bea Warnken.

Blau Lawn Service maintained the Garden. Their services included keeping the pavers free of weeds, trimming the shrubs and planting the urns with seasonal flowers. Also maintained are the flowers in front of the Memorial Garden, facing Piper Blvd.

The Treasure's report shows that the Garden began the year with a balance of \$43,737. The Garden received \$10,045 in income and contributions and expenses were \$10,092 which left an ending balance for 2017 of \$43,690.

Thank you to Jo Miles for including information about the Memorial Garden in each New Members Class packet. A big "Thank you" to Ron Sieling for keeping the Garden records in order, and Lynn Greenblatt for keeping the Book of Remembrance up to date. Thank you to Norman and Cesar for their work in the Garden.

If you need information about the Memorial Garden, you may contact the church office.

Present Committee Members are: Ron Sieling (*Chairman*), Mari-Bea Warnken (*Vice Chairman*), Lynn Greenblatt (*Clerk*), Ron Shaffer, Fran Lauriat, Loren Dawley, Stephen Kutler (*Elder Liaison*), Rex Childs (*Ex-Officio*) and David Dehnart (*Advisor*).



The Memorial Garden, with its benches, flowers and trees may be used by anyone for meditation and remembrance.









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