



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Annual Report 2016

Celebrating 125 Years of Mission and Ministry

Mission Statement

With grateful recognition that Jesus Christ is Lord of the church and of our lives, the mission of the people of Wallingford Presbyterian Church is to witness to Christ's presence and power.

We recognize that we have been transformed, yet are always being transformed into the likeness of Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

We witness through meaningful worship, Christian nurture, spiritual growth, caring service, fellowship, music, and mission in the broader community.

In faithful response to God's call, we remain open to the work of the Holy Spirit so that we continually are shaped as individuals and as the body of Christ.

.... God's growing people serving Christ in a changing world

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Staff

Pastors: Rev. François Lacroix, Pastor, and Rev. Rob Ross, Associate Pastor

Director of Music: Liz Braden

Administrative Secretary: Pat Kelly

Financial Secretary: Michelle Hall

Youth Advisors: Kate Callahan and Holly Harrison

WPC Co-op Nursery School: Georgie Perullo

Co-op Nursery School Teachers: Jodi Daws, Stephanie Dykes, Julie Feinberg, Allison MacCallum, Autumn Mansor, Emma Clauser-Schwartz, Betsy Schilero, Allison Schilero, Abby Finney.

Officers

Session

Class of 2107: Judy Kenworthy*, Lisé Meloy, Mark Morton, Holly Renegar*, Kevin Switala

Class of 2018: Harold Floyd, Walter Heindl, Frank Noyes, Helen Picher, Mina Varney

Class of 2019: Rachel Lindeman, Jennifer Miller, Jean Stromberg, Pat Tillson, Gail Weaver

Board of Deacons

Class of 2017: Jeni Albany, Andrea Couzens*, Barbara Demos, Joyce Jefferis, Vicki Lovecchio

Class of 2018: Tom Erickson, Pam Mattote, Elaine Shipman, John Stauffer, Carol Keeler

Class of 2019: Kristen Childers, Leah Hillemeier, Cathy Kilpatrick, Diane Nixon, David Rudd



Board of Trustees

Class of 2017: Chad Finley, Bob Foley, Jim Oetinger*, Robert Kenworthy

Class of 2018: Sallie Anderson, Sally Clyde, John Curtis*, Pete Oetinger*

Class of 2019: Corey Benham, Bob Gerlach, Drew Hatton, Pat Utzinger

(* indicates second consecutive term)

Auditors

Class of 2017: Ron Bloch

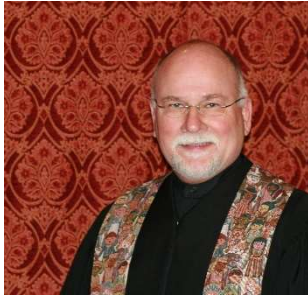
Class of 2018: Evan Ernst

Class of 2019: Todd Darr

Ministers

All Church Members

From the Pastor



What a GREAT year this has been with the kick off of our 125th Anniversary!

Annual meetings are a great time for us to reflect on the past, celebrate the present and look to the future with hope and anticipation and our 125th celebration has been a wonderful way for us to do that this year... and we will continue to do so into 2017... with enthusiasm!

You'll notice that the annual report this year has a little different look to it. I asked contributors to try and limit their reports to 250 words and to add pictures reflecting our ministry and life. I know it was a challenge as WPC continues to be a very, very, busy church... In many ways our 400 member church tends to "hum" at an 800 member level, meaning that we have a lot of talented and skilled members who generate a lot of great ideas to keep us moving forward, always with an eye on the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and that keeps us very busy.

Thank you, members and friends, for the gifts, talents, skills, energy and imagination you so willingly and lovingly share with our community of faith.

I hope you have fun reading the report and looking at the pictures of the exciting life we share at WPC. A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to all the staff, church leaders on session, deacons, trustees, Sunday school teachers and the countless others who work 'behind the scenes' to bring life and energy to our church and community of faith.

Blessings! François

From the Associate Pastor

This has been a whirlwind year for me. I must begin by thanking you for your love and support as I divide my time between school and church and for your grace when I forget to do something (which happens more often than I would like to admit!)

Some of my fondest and most powerful memories from this year include:

- Gathering with youth and youth leaders at 6 am to begin the journey of Lent by smearing ashes on each other's heads and sharing left over pancakes
- Leading elementary children through our full-sized labyrinth for Sprouts in March
- Placing 3,000 eggs on the church lawn and watching children remove them in about 17 seconds
- Hearing 45 kids sing "Come All You People" at Vacation Bible Camp
- Welcoming a team of 27 amazing and enthusiastic Sunday School teachers
- Joining in worship with you each Sunday
- Continuing a journey of faith with a new class of confirmation students
- Being led back to the manger by Nicholas Lovecchio dressed as the Star of Bethlehem

I must end by expressing my personal thanks and directing yours to the many volunteers and staff members whose responsibilities and time commitment have increased as mine have decreased. They have done an incredible job, and the church will continue to benefit from the work they have done in this interim time for years to come.

From the Clerk of the Session

It is a joy to serve as Clerk and have the opportunity to work with François, Rob and the elders. I also appreciate the dedication and cooperation of our Church Administrator Pat Kelly.



During 2016, our records were reviewed by the Presbytery and were approved without exception. These records include minutes of both Session and Congregational meetings, all members, transferees to and from our church, weddings, deaths and adult and infant baptisms. Both the annual statistical report required by the General Assembly and the annual report to Presbytery were completed.

Currently, the Presbytery of Philadelphia permits our church to send four elder/commissioners to each Presbytery meeting, whether a regional meeting or one of the entire Presbytery. Presently serving elders attend, but occasionally elders not serving presently on Session represent our church.

Normally, the term of the elders in the Class of 2017 would have 'expired' in January or February, but since we are changing the date of officer elections, the Class' term will not end until summer.

Anyone is welcome to attend a Session meeting!

Judy Kenworthy, Clerk of Session

Statistical Report

Annual Statistical Report for Wallingford Presbyterian Church for the Year Ended December 31, 2016

Members on January 1, 2016		385
Gains:		
	Profession of Faith 17 and under	0
	Profession of Faith 18 and over	0
	Reaffirmation of Faith	6
	Certificate Gains	0
	Other Gains	0_____6
		391
Losses:		
	Certificate Losses	0
	Deaths	3
	Other Losses	0_____3
Members on December 31, 2016		388
	Infant Baptisms	2
	Adult Baptisms	0
	Total Baptisms	2



Nominating Committee

The Session voted to move the nominating process from January to the spring so that new church officers, elders serving on the session, deacons and trustees, would begin their term of service at the beginning of the program year instead of in the middle of the year. This meant that currently serving officers were extended in their term. The Nominating committee will report to the congregation at its annual meeting and submit, for the congregation's approval, a list of 5 members and 2 alternates to represent the congregation on the 2017 Nominating committee.

Associate Pastor Nominating Committee

During the summer the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) began their important work of seeking a new Associate Pastor. The group initially focused their efforts to discern important characteristics desired in the future Associate Pastor by interviewing various stakeholder groups including current staff, a Bible group, parents of young children, Session, and the Middle School and High School Youth Groups. Based on these inputs, as well as their own understanding of our Church's needs, they developed the Ministry Information Form (MIF) detailing the Associate Pastor position, qualities and primary leadership competencies of the candidate we seek, as well as descriptions of our Church and its community. The MIF was later approved by the Philadelphia Presbytery and posted online for potential candidates to discover by summer's end.

Along the way the APNC shared meals together, got to know each other better, laughed, shared stories with each other about their journeys of faith, and prayed for guidance. An initial group of candidates were identified, discussed in detail, and the interview process of this first group commenced with a set of interesting Skype discussions. While the APNC were unable to find the right candidate during the short period of time before the holidays, they remain optimistic that the Holy Spirit will guide them to a terrific Associate Pastor during the next 6 months.

The APNC is comprised of the following members: Teresa Ahern-Sawyer, Wynne Edelman, Tom Ericson, Sally Flemer, Vicki Lovecchio, Ellie Miller, Jenny Montague, and Kevin Switala.

Personnel Committee

Clearly, the highlight in 2016 for the Personnel Committee was interviewing and hiring Pat Kelly to be Administrative Assistant. In addition, the committee reviews personnel policies as needed and makes recommendations to Session for staff compensation each year. Personnel Committee members in 2016 included Dan Glenn, Russ Kinder, Barbara Meahl, Frank Noyes, Penny Sass, Kevin Switala and Julie Winton.

Frank E. Noyes, II

Worship

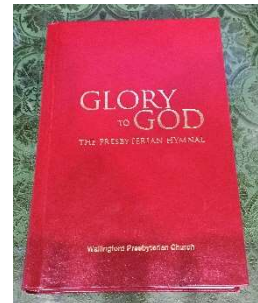
First, I would like to thank Worship Council members and our dedicated staff for using their gifts in the creation of our worship experiences at WPC: Pastor François, Pastor Rob, Liz Braden, Pat Kelly, Judy Kenworthy, Jennifer Miller, Roger and Barb Demos, Bob Foley, Chris Dearnaley, Helen Larkin, Lise Meloy and Holly Renegar.



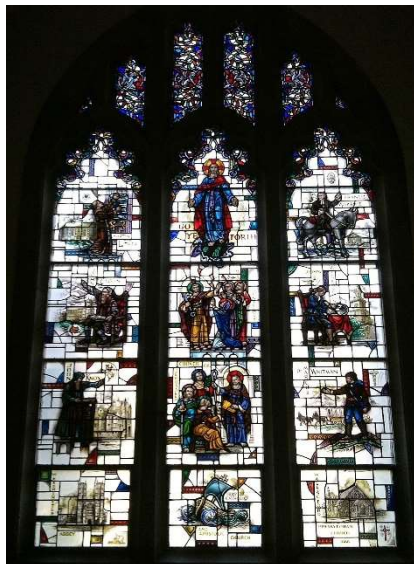
Many hands work to create our worship experiences at WPC. Here are just a few “snapshots” representing our efforts:



- WPC’s yearlong celebration of our church’s 125th anniversary, from September 2016 through June 2017.
- Dedication of our new hymnals “Glory to God”, a gift from the Hayes Family
- Providing Communion
- Preparing the Sanctuary for worship
- Providing music and arts for worship and special programs throughout the year.



Lise Meloy, Chair



Music



This year the Music Ministry focused on both our 'every day' ministries, and special events. Highlights from the year included a Choir Concert in March, a Coffee House with a packed audience in November, and our annual Messiah Sing in December. The choir and bell choir continued to work to provide music in our weekly worship services, and they and their endless dedication to their music and to this church deserve many accolades.



We continued with monthly Taizé Prayer Services last year, and offered a peaceful time of prayer to many.



The children worked hard all of December to prepare for the Christmas Eve Christmas Pageant, which did not disappoint in sharing the joy of the Christmas Story with all who heard it. It continues to be a joy for me to serve here as Music Director, and I look forward to what 2017 will bring. Thank you to the many singers, instrumentalists, and listeners who contribute to the wonderful Music Ministry of Wallingford Presbyterian Church!



Liz Braden, Director of Music

Education

2016 was another fun, exciting and challenging year for us on the Education Council. Among the many activities under our umbrella are Children's and Adult Sunday School on Sundays, Sprouts for our younger children and Youth Groups and Confirmation Classes for our young adults as they explore the meaning of church membership. Throughout the year, we offer a variety of special programs and events including Teacher Appreciation Sunday for all of our wonderful Sunday school teachers who give so much of themselves throughout the school year.



Summer Sunday school and Vacation Bible Camp with its week-long adventures and discoveries are highlights during the warm weather months. Summer also provides the backdrop for our annual Youth Mission Trip when several of our youth and adult leaders go and face the challenge and reward of ministering in areas not in their "comfort zone."

As the school year starts up again in the fall, we resume our Sunday school programs and Sprouts. This past October, we tried enhancing our adult offerings by scheduling presentations by our various missionaries around the globe. And, as always we finish the year up with the excitement of Advent, including the much-anticipated Advent Festival, filled with great food, crafts, real sheep to cuddle, and energetic carol singing!



I'd like to close by sincerely thanking everyone who makes these activities such a success. Our wonderful Sunday School teachers, nursery staff, adult mentors, our adult teacher, Frank Noyes, youth advisors Kate and Holly, and the many people who supply the money, talent and energy to make such a positive impact on our youth and adults. Most importantly, I'd like to thank our spiritual leader and advisor, Pastor Rob!

Sincerely,

Mark Morton, outgoing chair of Education Council, on behalf of
Mina Varney, Pam Mattote, Colleen Zeszut, Bob Kenworthy, Sally Flemer, and Kevin Switala

Youth Ministry



Youth Ministry has several purposes:

1. To follow the model of Christ's ministry by meeting youth where they are in their own lives and own faith journey, and to come alongside them as they navigate the difficult waters of adolescence.
2. To provide youth with opportunities to serve others (what we would call Christ in his many disguises) and reflect on their place in the world and call in the world.
3. To connect youth to the larger church and to provide a positive experience of an intergenerational Christian community.
4. To connect youth to one another in positive and caring ways and to build Christian community within their age levels.
5. To educate youth in Bible, theology, practice, church history, and ethics.
6. To encourage faith in and trust in God and to help students to build a relationship with God and Jesus Christ.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club meets on Sunday mornings, and typically gathers 3-6 youth. On the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, the youth remain in worship for the entire service. The 2nd and 4th Sundays, the youth meet in the youth room, for breakfast and a lesson, including conversation, games, activities, and prayer and meditation. The program is driven by a curriculum written by the youth advisors: Holly Harrison and Kate Callahan.

Special thanks to our other Breakfast Club teachers: Harold Floyd, and Jeni Albany, and Laura Albany.

Youth Group



Our youth groups meet weekly, on Tuesday evenings for Middle School, and Wednesday for High School. Each of our groups typically has 8-10 students. We try to balance fun activities with serious ones.

Some highlights from 2016 include:

- Collecting cans for the Souper Bowl of Caring and delivering them to Philabundance
- Our annual three-week series on relationships and sexuality

- A series of lessons following the life of Christ through the seasons of the Church
- Face painting at the Advent Festival & Strawberry Festival
- Lock-ins for both groups
- Grandparents Days (always a favorite)

Special thanks to our 2016 youth group volunteers: Alex Hillemeier, Elizabeth Clauss, Francois Lacroix, Olivia Borden, Rachel Collier, Ryan Smith, and Tom Erickson. Additionally, thanks to all of our parents and friends who provided dinner for the youth group throughout the year!

Confirmation Class

Our Confirmation Class began meeting each Monday during the Fall of 2016, and will continue through May of 2017. Our class is made up of six students, ranging from 9th through 11th grade. The class is led by Pastor Rob, Pastor Francois, as well as youth advisors, Kate and Holly. Throughout the class, students will study Christian theology and practice as they prepare to make the decisions of whether or not to join the body of people who are trying to follow Jesus together (the world-wide Church) and whether or not to join that particular part of the body of people here at Wallingford Presbyterian Church.



Special thanks to our Confirmation mentors: Bob Kenworthy, Brian George Jr, Brian George Sr., Chris Darr, Vicky Lovecchio, and Walt Kaminski.

How to Get Involved

As our youth program continues to grow, we need your help! There are many ways to get involved with youth ministry here at WPC (and most of them don't require you to camp out on the church floor!) If you're interested in learning more about any of the opportunities below, please let Holly Harrison or Kate Callahan know:

1. Cook dinner for our youth group.
2. Drive for one of our larger events.
3. Volunteer to help at a lock in (*Okay, this one does require camping out...*)
4. Help lead the summer mission trip.

Sprouts

What is Sprouts?

Sprouts is a fellowship and educational group for K-5th graders. Sprouts meets on the 1st or 2nd Friday night of the month for 2 hours. Each meeting focuses on a different educational, fun or service activity. After eating dinner together, kids split into two groups, K-2nd grade and 3rd-5th grade, to engage with the evening's lesson. Meghan



Hawkins teaches one group, while Pastor Rob teaches the other. Halfway through the evening, the groups switch leaders. We end the evening in prayer together.

What did Sprouts do this year?

January: The Bible - How Do We Read This Thing?

February: Spirituals and the Underground Railroad

March: Experiencing the Labyrinth: Walking Our Prayers

April: Dinner and a Movie

May: End of year Cookout

June, July, August – No Sprouts in the summer

September: Bowling at Sproul Lanes

October: Blessing the Animals

November: Carpentry and Christ

December: Advent Festival



Thanks to our volunteers!

Many thanks to Meghan Hawkins for being Rob’s partner in Sprouts crime – co-teaching the lessons, developing many creative games, and always having time for a child’s story. Thanks to Kevin Switala for helping lead the Underground Railroad session, and Tom Halley and Kevin Montague for helping lead the Carpentry and Christ session. And thanks to the many parents who helped prepare dinner and volunteered to help when we needed an extra adult!

Vacation Bible Camp



What is Vacation Bible Camp?

Vacation Bible Camp is an evening educational and fellowship ministry that runs Monday-Friday, 6-8 pm one week of the summer. Children aged 4-10 gather to sing songs, learn Bible stories, and make crafts together. On Friday night, children and their families gather for a family cookout, followed by an end of week program full of singing children, a recap of the week, and one more Bible story.

What was this year's VBC like?



This year, WPC designed its own Lego-themed VBC. Children learned stories from the Bible that had to do with building: God building the world and all of us (the creation story), Solomon building a temple for God, the temple being destroyed (teaching us that God is with us in good times and in bad), God building a safe and wonderful place for us (heaven), and God using us to build this world more into the world God wants it to be (using us like living stones, according to 1st Peter). In addition, this year's crafts were Lego based (bonus points for our amazing craft team, led by Pam Mattote and Colleen Zeszut!)



Thanks to our volunteers!

Huge thanks to all of our staff and volunteers who helped with this year's VBC! Adult helpers included: Kate Callahan, Holly Harrison, Liz

Braden, Pam Mattote, Shirley Rudd, Vicky Lovecchio, Heather Warley, Cyndi Lacroix, Pastor François, Cathy Kilpatrick, Andrea Couzens, Jenny Montague, Colleen Zeszut, Maryann German, Gail Weaver, and Rachel Collier. Our youth shepherds included: Yvonne, Sarah, Kevin, Olivia, Mattie, Ryan, Miles, Elaina, Hannah, Julia, Emily, Jade, Maria, Shane, Gram, Catherine, and Theresa. There's simply no way that we could have done it without you!

Deacons

The Deacons, mostly behind the scenes, do some of the caring work of our congregation. One of our most visible activities is the weekly visitation to shut-ins and those in need of a caring visit when we usually share the flowers from the sanctuary. At this time we are often able to determine if the Deacon Helpers can assist these folks with possible meal deliveries or other assistance. During the year we took our turn at the coffee table during Fellowship time.



At Easter the Deacons provided brunch after the sunrise service and on Rally Day we served lunch and visited with our Care Networks. Twice we teamed up with Giant Food Stores and delivered 37 dinners at Easter and 48 dinners at Thanksgiving to folks in need in Chester and closer to home.

In May and October we called donors and coordinated the Red Cross Blood Drive. Our church has been doing this for over 60 years, usually donating 50-55 pints.



At Christmas the Deacons were busy coordinating the congregation's participation with a Giving Tree. We were able to deliver gifts and gift cards to over 100 people.

Not visible to many of you are the many hours our General Missions folks spent fielding requests for assistance from the community. Often this meant checks, grocery deliveries



and food cards or calls to the utilities or landlords. The mission team tries to counsel these folks to seek agencies or services that empower them to help themselves. We are blessed through the generosity of the congregation to share what we have with those in need.

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry is a complete system of training and organizing lay persons for caring ministry in and around their congregations. Stephen Ministers provide distinctively Christian care to those among us who are experiencing a time in their lives when they need to have a committed Christian friend journey with them for a while. The WPC has been enrolled as a Stephen Series congregation since 1997. In 2016, we continued to provide this care to all in our congregation and community who requested it. While the confidential nature of what we do prevents us from sharing the details of any of our relationships and makes providing photo images of us in ministry difficult, this ministry is deeply fulfilling to those providing care as well as to the care receivers. Over the time of our ministry, scores of care receivers have been helped and over 30 of us have been involved in providing care.

The currently serving Stephen Leaders are Roger Demos, Russ Kinder, and Bob Kenworthy.

Care



The Care Council's mission has been to provide programs focused on spiritual and physical health and wellbeing. Our programs have been oriented primarily, but not exclusively, on members of our congregation. This

mission was exemplified by the Eldercare panel discussion held last April, which covered planning and caring for elderly and their family relationships, from legal, practical and spiritual perspectives. The program was well attended by both WPC members and others from the community. Look for another Eldercare program this year.

The Care Council has merged together with the Outreach Council, which pursues a similar mission that is more focused beyond on church walls. The merger will create synergy and eliminate the internal-external distinction, which we felt is not valid in our complementary missions.

Care Council members in 2016 included Jeni Albany, Kristin Antczak, Walter Heindl, Frank Noyes, Ellen Oetinger and Mary Payne.

Outreach

The Outreach and Care Councils have recently merged to prevent a duplication of efforts. We will soon vote on a new name to better express our goals and activities. In addition to nurturing the interests of current members, our goals include providing for outreach, welcoming, and cultivating of newcomers as they realize their value to our congregation. Our activities are



targeted towards current members such as families with young children, and towards older adults, but we hope for greater community outreach to attract new members.



Strawberry Festival



The Strawberry Festival is WPC's annual outreach to the Wallingford community. Held on the first Monday in June since 1948, we invite our neighbors to share food, games, books, treasures and fellowship. The net proceeds from the Festival support mission work that is approved each year by Session based on recommendations by the Care Council's Mission and Service Committee and the SF Leadership

Team. Strawberry Festival has dual goals: community outreach as primary and mission support as secondary purpose.

The 2016 Strawberry Festival was held on Monday, June 6, and it was a beautiful spring day! This was quite a contrast to the previous year when it rained so much that we held the Festival inside. Attendance was high, and the proceeds reflected the large numbers of people enjoying the Festival. The Games section was especially festive with new booths and brightly colored bunting. In lieu of live music, we played taped music from the library window. While some people said they missed the live music, others enjoyed the pleasant, background sound.



In attic treasures, we experimented with a new way to raise proceeds by giving some goods to a consignment shop for re-sale at a higher rate than what Attic Treasures usually charges, and some goods have been put on eBay to sell.



The net proceeds totaled \$7,549, which were allocated as approved by Session: \$1,887 (25%) to support WPC youth mission trips, \$4,907 (65%) to the Chester Children's Chorus, and \$755 (10%) to be used to invest in equipment for future Strawberry Festivals and the church.

Mission and Service

Thanks to strong congregational and church leadership support for Benevolence, the WPC Mission and Service Committee is able to reflect on, and generously respond to many of the opportunities for support put before us each year. Your gifts have supported individuals and organizations near and far, carrying out the Lord's work.



- 2016 saw 24,000 meals packed and delivered around the world through two fun Stop Hunger Now events.

- ChristMarket enjoyed a refreshing overhaul this year with new mission project offerings to choose from advertised by sandwich boards at coffee hour. The results, including M&S matching gifts \$8,306.



- Many of you stepped up with gifts for those suffering in the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew in Haiti where fragile support systems set in place following the 2010 earthquake were destroyed by winds and flooding. A total of \$3,290, made up of your gifts and the Mission and Service match, were sent to work through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.



- A small but joyous contingent of WPC members trekked to San Jose last spring to work alongside of our missionary, Charles Knuckles in his work at City Team San Jose.
- Besides Charles' mission, we continue to support our missionaries in their varied and much-needed ministries,

including John Stauffer right here in Wallingford, Jeni Pedzinski in Thailand, Charles and Melissa Johnson in Africa, and Barry and Shelley Dawson in Southeast Asia.

Committee Members during 2016: Sallie Anderson, Brian George, Debbie George, Mimi Haggerty, Lise Meloy, David Rudd, Katie Switala, Jeni Albany and Francois Lacroix

Respectfully submitted, Jeni Albany

Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee

2016 Has been a very busy year for the Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee of Session. We held the first training course of “Difficult Conversations”, which was highly regarded by all who attended. We also decided on three “Difficult Conversations” that WPC members should have. The three discussions approved by Session are

- Immigration
- Racism
- Gun Violence

We have begun to slowly have the information process that will lead to further discussions. A group of us read “White Like Me: Reflections on Race from a Privileged Son”. A number of parishioners attended discussions of race at FUSE. John Stauffer showed the movie “Refugee – the Eritrean Exodus” and followed it with a discussion of what the situation is like in Eritrea and the refugee camps.

In 2017, we plan to continue the discussions of Immigration, Racism and Gun Violence beginning with a 5 Sunday Lenten series on the three subjects. Later in the spring, we also plan to host a second “Difficult Conversations” course.

If you have any questions about these issues, or want to find out how to become involved, please talk to one of the Peacemaking and Social Justice members: Andrea Couzens, Lin Floyd, Walt Kaminski, Pastor Francois, Jean Stromberg or Pat Tillson.



Fellowship of Friends



The Fellowship of Friends (FoF) is a group of retired men who meet in the church Library on Wednesday mornings at 10 AM. We poke fun at each other, support each other, discuss books (once in a while) and occasionally lunch together. Once a year, we also invite spouses and spouses of deceased members to join us for a luncheon at a local restaurant. The current book is “The Top Ten List for Christians” by James W Moore. We started in September and have not started the second chapter yet.

Here is a picture of Fred “The Clerk” Neilsen, trying on a hat being offered by one of the FoF members. After we all tried the hat, Fred was voted most likely to have the head that best fit.

Learning through Scripture

The learning through scripture class meets Monday morning from 9:30 to 11:00. This year we started with a study of the Book of James led by Walt Kaminski. Currently we are studying the life of Christ through our stained glass window led by Roger Demos. Next Walt plans to lead us through the book of Deuteronomy since it was referred to in many of our studies.

Each year we try to plan a trip that relates to our studies. In November we went to see Samson at the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster. We also went to the Franklin Institute to see the exhibit on Mummies.

All are welcomed.



WOMEN OF WALLINGFORD (WOW)



The Women of Wallingford encourage all the women of our church to join us in friendship and faith so that all may share in the joys, sorrows and emotions that are common to women of all ages.

In February we were again able to hold our annual retreat at Mariawald Retreat Center. Merry Hope Meloy led us in a relaxing retreat as we worked on *Soul Searching – Keeping it Simple*. We were inspired to reduce the “clutter” in our lives and keep what is really important.

We had our annual Palm Cross breakfast in March led by *Dolores Thomas* who once again taught us how to make the crosses –by the end of the day we turned out more than 400 crosses that we distributed to our congregation and area nursing homes for Palm Sunday celebrations.



In May we held our now annual W.O.W. pot-luck supper at the home of Cyndi Lacroix. We had hoped it would be a lovely springtime picnic – but cold weather kept us inside but did nothing to dampen our spirits.

Our Mission Projects included “Ditty Bags” for the residents of the Broomall Home, and school, health and baby kits to be distributed to those in need throughout the world. We “blanketed the world in love” with our annual blanket drive in February.



We have welcomed many new members to our W.O.W Circle meetings which are held the 2nd Wednesday of the month. We offered both a time to socialize and a time to share our faith through videos from LifeChurch and follow-up discussions.

In December *Cyndi Lacroix* again welcomed more than 30 of us to her home as we celebrated Christmas with a Pot-Luck Supper. It was truly a magical night as we read the Christmas story and sang Christmas carols in the soft light of the fireplace and the glow in our hearts.

With prayer we will continue God’s work and we hope to add programs that will attract and nurture all the women of the church.

Submitted with Blessings on all the Women of Wallingford, Christine Dearnaley



Stewardship

The Stewardship Council oversees, as stewards of the church, certain matters involving financial resources, such as the Annual Giving campaign and the annual budgets. The Council has as subcommittees the Annual Giving (formerly Stewardship) and Capital Campaign committees. It works closely with the Legacy Committee and Financial Oversight Committees.

The major accomplishments of the Stewardship Council were as follows:



Composed a Vision for the Capital Campaign and is poised to implement it. Dave Shipman presented this, and Session approved it. The Capital Campaign committee was subsequently formed. It reviewed and adjusted the Vision and is poised to kick-off the campaign in mid-January.

Augmented Maintenance Endowment (MEND) and other maintenance funds and adjusted the spending policy. \$125k of Emergency Endowment Funds were transferred to the MEND fund. Another \$50k was reserved for large maintenance projects that deserve immediate attention. In order to encourage annual usage of the MEND funds, the spending policy was adjusted to allocate up to 4.5% (without special approval) of the MEND balance for maintenance needs not covered in the

annual budget. The Trustees agreed with these changes.

The Financial Oversight Committee reviewed and adjusted Church investments to better match the funds purposes and maximize long term returns.

Legacy Funds in the amount of about \$3k were allocated and will be spent in the first quarter of 2017. There will be at least three programs targeting life stages addressing the needs of parents and young children, parents and adolescents, and parents and older children. There will also be a grief/loss session. Additional funds to support the Church mission in 2017 were also allocated.

The Church met its operating budget. This is always a question given that many members do not pledge, although many of those do donate.

There are many, many people who accomplished the above. We should all be very grateful to the members of the Council, to its direct and associated subcommittees, to our Treasurer Andy Yost, and to the counters. Without all these dedicated volunteers we would not have the Church we have.

Respectfully submitted, Harold Floyd



Re-Alignment of Funds

At the direction of Session, Stewardship Council, in an effort to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to our congregation, has worked to simplify and make better use of some of the Church's endowment funds. This note is to inform you of the many changes that have been made to that end since the summer of 2015.

The first of the funds to be examined was what used to be called the Endowment Fund. This Fund overlapped with the purpose of other Funds. Its funds had not been used, nor were they available to be used, until they reached \$100k (it was \$66k at 6/30/2015). The Fund was renamed the Legacy Fund, and its new purpose is to help us pursue the Church's mission and enrich the witness of the church into the future. Session has the authority and responsibility to interpret the best way to use the funds generated to pursue the mission. Its aim, however, is to spend the money on opportunities that the operating budget would not be able to support. Accordingly, Session recently approved use of approximately \$2,900 for a series of programs for parents with young kids, parents with adolescent children, and parents with adult children living at home. In addition, Pastor Francois will soon announce a program on dealing with grief and loss after the holidays. The programs will be open to the community as well as to members of the Church. Fully believing in the good of the Legacy Fund, Session approved a \$12.5k addition to the fund from the generous gift of Lee Sheridan. Its balance currently is \$82k.

The second set of funds examined were the MEND (Maintenance Endowment) and Emergency Endowment funds. The MEND Fund is supposed to act as source of income to cover maintenance projects too large to be included in the annual operating budget. As of 6/30/2015 its balance was \$89k. The Emergency Endowment could be used for any purpose jointly agreed to by the Trustees and Session. As of 6/30/2015 its balance was \$170k, and it was last used in 2006.

To encourage regular maintenance of the Church property, Session and the Trustees jointly agreed that all but \$50k of the Emergency Endowment Fund would be transferred to the MEND fund. The \$50k would be used by the Trustees on pressing maintenance projects, such as the roof and water abatement. The MEND fund balance is currently \$226k.

Both the MEND and Legacy funds are intended to be enduring legacies, one for the physical plant, and one for the Church mission. As such, only 4.5% of the balance of each fund can be withdrawn annually, unless a supermajority of Session approves a higher withdrawal. Any unspent allocation does not accumulate, further encouraging their annual use. This spending policy also simplifies the accounting for both funds.

In addition to the above, financial oversight of these funds has been strengthened. The Financial Oversight Committee is charged with reviewing the investments and making recommendations to the Treasurer and Session. It has met twice in the past year and has instructed our Treasurer to make adjustments to certain fund investments so they are more in line with each fund's purpose. In its recent meeting of October 14th, the Committee recommended a withdrawal of 4% of the assets, less than the 4.5% allowed. In summary: fewer funds, clearer purposes, and used more regularly for the Glory of God. Please let members of the Stewardship Council know if you have any questions.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Income Statement

When 2016 started, we were looking at a “Faith Budget” (the shortfall of Pledges vs. budgeted Offering Receipts) of \$115,000, and a prospective budget deficit of almost \$11,000. There was some question as to whether we would be able to close such a large budget gap. As Christmas approached, we were still facing a significant shortfall. However, due to the generous response to our December appeals, we ended the year \$3,700 to the good. Total receipts for the year were \$5,000 below budget at \$476,800. However, our expenses came in almost \$20,000 below budget at \$473,100. The primary sources of savings were a relatively benign winter, which saved on snow and ice removal costs, the fact that we didn’t hire a full-time associate pastor, and the fact that when our sexton resigned, we didn’t replace him with a full-time sexton. The December contributions enabled us to close the budget gap and to maintain the Benevolence level at 11% of Total Receipts, a level we haven’t always been able to sustain.

Balance Sheet

Year-end assets were up \$67,800 to \$774,400. Total equity was up by \$3,600 at \$62,100. The biggest elements in the asset growth were \$21,000 of investment returns to our 3 major endowment funds (Legacy, Mend and Emergency Endowment), and a \$34,000 increase in prepaid receipts for the subsequent year, including \$15,500 for the upcoming Capital Campaign.

2017 Budget

Session has adopted another ambitious budget for 2017, with total anticipated receipts of \$485,000 and an anticipated deficit of (\$9,141). Deficit budgets are the norm at Wallingford, primarily because not everyone who gives, pledges. The budgeted deficit is again lower than in recent years because the budget doesn’t contain an Associate Pastor for a full-year. The average budgeted deficit for the 9 years prior to 2016 was a bit over \$(18,000), and the average net income for those 9 years was \$5,000+, a swing of more than \$23,000 on average per year. So keep the faith with us.



I would like to thank the members of the church for their support. Special thanks also go to our Financial Secretary Michelle Hall, Pat Kelly, Barbara Meahl, Pat Tillson, Chris Darr and Harold Floyd and to the counters and auditors for their dedication.

Memorial Committee



The Memorial Committee was authorized by Session in December, 1980, and its purpose is to recommend appropriate expenditures from the fund to Session.

A note of thanks and gratitude on behalf of the Memorial Committee for all of the contributions made to the Memorial Fund in memory of those who were a part of the WPC church life.

The following is a summary of the activities that took place during 2016:

- The new display case was finished and placed in the Narthex for all to enjoy. If you have not done so already, please take a look at the historic photos and documents prominently displayed.
- An updated copy of the “Stained Glass Window Booklet” was completed and placed in the sanctuary. Additional copies were also made available (at cost) to the congregation and others.
- A new 125th Anniversary Banner (Welcome Home) was purchased and used in conjunction with the 125th Anniversary as well as other special occasions.
- New Advent Candles were purchased and placed in service.
- Also during the past year, Bibles were purchased for our youth using funds from the Kerestes Memorial Bible Fund. This purchase was made possible by a bequest established specifically for this purpose plus other recent gifts.

Other actions taken by the Committee included the following:

- Recommended using Memorial Funds for the purchase of a funeral pall at a cost of \$300.
- Recommended the use of Memorial Funds up to \$25,000 for the purpose of performing restoration work on the stained glass windows.
- Recommended the use of Memorial Funds for the purchase of two new brass Chancel flower vases and liners for an approximate cost of \$600. (Subsequently, the cost of the vases was remitted to the Memorial Fund by a family who wished to give the gifts in memory of a loved one.)

The Memorial Committee meets periodically to discuss various proposals and suggestions on the use of the funds in accordance with the guidelines established. The committee welcomes suggestions from other committees, Councils, members of the congregation and others. Thoughtful consideration is given to all suggestions. Ultimate recommendations must be approved by Session.

Should you have any questions, or wish to discuss how you can help by creating a lasting gift to the church, please contact any member of the Memorial Committee; Marty Ashenfelter, Roger Demos, Alva Hayes, Judy Kenworthy from Worship Council and past chairperson, Morton J. Bell, Chairperson and Francois Lacroix, Pastor – ex-officio member.

We are also grateful for Barbara Demos who does the lettering in the Memorial Book, which is in the back of the sanctuary. The committee wishes to extend its thanks to Andy Yost, Treasurer and Michelle Hall, Financial Secretary for their diligent work in maintaining accurate records of the church funds and working with us to help separate these funds for identification purposes and recording all of the transactions.

We are thankful for all those who are willing to serve in this capacity, and grateful for the gifts they bring to this important work of the church. We are also very grateful for all gifts that have been made to the church in memory of those saints who have gone before us and creating a lasting memory for all of us.
Respectfully submitted, Morton J. Bell, Chairperson



Capital Campaign

The 2017 Capital Campaign is More than Bricks and Mortar

Building on the work of the Session, Trustees and Stewardship Committee, the 2017 Capital Campaign emphasizes the goal of preserving our church's physical home while seeking to expand its spiritual mission for the future. In keeping with our 125th Anniversary Celebration, we are launching "Vision 250": The Campaign for the Next 125 Years."

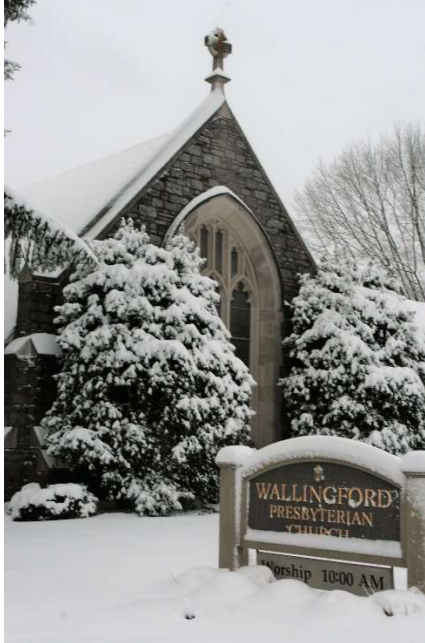
The goal of Vision 250 is to raise \$250,000, focused on two central objectives. The first deals with the repair and enhancement of our building and grounds. Included in this area are the repaving of the upper parking lot and play area, remodeling the church bathrooms, replacing the flooring in the main hallway, enhancing energy efficiency by installing LED lighting and modern windows and reconfiguring the Narthex entryway to allow for a more welcoming and efficient use of this space. This goal represents a total of \$175,000, or 70% of the Campaign.

The second objective involves a significant contribution of \$75,000 in additional capital to the Legacy Fund, roughly doubling its size. The Fund's future distributions will continue to support those programs, activities and missions of our congregation that fall outside of the church's traditional operating budget. This contribution represents a commitment to furthering the spiritual missions of our church by enabling a stable source of funding as our church continues to evolve. It represents 30% of the Campaign.

Achieving this goal of the Vision 250 Capital Campaign will thus strengthen both the foundation for the facilities and programs needed to support the Church's mission and outreach.



Board of Trustees



The Board of Trustees is charged with the care, maintenance and improvement of the Church buildings, equipment and grounds, including both manses. This includes building repairs, maintenance and upgrades, utilities, electronics, inside maintenance, grounds maintenance and oversight of building-related contracts and property and liability insurance policies. Annually, the Trustees develop a proposed budget for operation and maintenance expenses and monitor actual expenses against budget throughout the year.



In addition to ongoing maintenance and repair of our properties, noteworthy accomplishments in 2016 included replacement of the Church's phone system, renting the

Brookhaven manse commencing in March 2016, continuation of the rental of 26 commuter parking spaces in our parking lot, hiring an outside janitorial service to replace our sexton,

removal of five large trees on the church property, and working with the Capital Campaign Committee to finalize a list of capital improvement projects for 2017 and beyond.



Respectfully submitted,

Bob Gerlach, President

The Wallingford Cooperative Nursery School



The 2015/2016 school year flew by! Most exciting was we celebrated our 60th year! In 1955 Helen Rowland started the Co-op and here we are, 60 years later, still going strong! I sincerely hope that my leadership in all departments (human resource management, financial advising and curriculum development) ensures another 60 years for the school!

There were, as usual, very few changes in the overall teaching staff for the 2015/2016 school year. Margaret Hoch, lead teacher for the Giraffe class found full time employment. We are excited for her, but will miss her! Rosemary Fox also left as she has gotten very busy with her new business adventure – Xcape The Room! Luckily for us, Stephanie Dykes, a very experienced teacher and past Co-op member and gym teacher, was available again and stepped into both positions vacated by Margaret and Rosemary.

Financially, the 2015/2016 school year was a little tight. The balance sheet shows a loss, but we had a profit the previous year, so we believe this year's loss is just part of the regular economic pattern of the school.

As always, the Wallingford Cooperative Nursery School would like to thank everybody from the Wallingford Presbyterian Church who continues to support us in so many ways.

Georgie Perullo
Director, Wallingford Cooperative Nursery School

TCDN, Wallingford After School Club



Trinity Cooperative Day Nursery (TCDN) continues to operate the Wallingford After School Club (WASC) from within the Wallingford Presbyterian Church. This is our 18th year of operation! Serving children in Kindergarten through 3rd grade, the after school program operates from 3:00 – 6:00 pm daily, and extends programming on school district early dismissal days and some school closing days. We serve approximately 25-30 children each day this year and staff includes Site Coordinator, Pat DeHaven, a 22-year

employee of TCDN, and teachers Betty Fleming, Karen Boyle, and Tim Lovenguth. All are caring, dedicated individuals who provide the opportunity for children to build warm, positive relationships with adults and each other as they participate in engaging program activities.

Activities at the WASC balance a child's desire for play and choice with the opportunity to learn new skills through planned activities. Teachers also facilitate homework completion and provide help, as needed. A specific WASC program goal continues to be involving children in "giving" to others and several initiatives throughout the year encourage children to think beyond themselves. Favorite activities that have emerged this year include soccer with Tim on the blacktop, Capture the Flag on the playground, a wide variety of indoor construction projects using a variety of materials, and interesting art and craft projects.

The WASC is nationally accredited by the Council on Accreditation which acknowledges that the program meets the highest standards of management and programming. We also maintain a Keystone STARS 4A rating and are very proud of these accomplishments that validate the quality of our program.

Administration and staff greatly appreciate your role as a stakeholder in our vision and we welcome your support through donations of learning materials, or your time and talent in sharing skills and interests with school age children. Please contact me if you would be interested in supporting TCDN in these ways.

Cindy Murray
Director, TCDN
cindy@tcdn.org

Girl Scout Troop 5281

During the first half of 2016, Troop 5281 finished the Junior program with Girl Scouts. This included raising money through a yard sale for the ABC house. They enjoyed an end of year trip to the Malibu Dude ranch in the Poconos where they went on trail rides on horseback, tried archery, and took peddle boats out on the lake. This year the troop will be focused on settling into their first year at the middle school. They took a trip to the Camden Aquarium and plan an attempt at Escape the Room in Swarthmore in February. They are also starting a new Girl Scout Journey, selling Girl Scout cookies and beginning to plan for their Silver Award Project.



Girl Scout Troop 5732

Girl Scout Troop 5732 provides for girls between the ages of 5 and 11, at this time, a place to learn, have fun and grow, while also providing a service to the community. The Troop meets usually every other Wednesday night from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in room B1. Our membership for the first part of 2016 was a total of 16 girls and for the second part of 2017 we have a total of eleven girls. The members come mostly from Wallingford Elementary School, Nether Providence Elementary School and Swarthmore-Rutledge Elementary School. We did lose some of the girls over the summer, and will accept a new girl at anytime. I am aware that one girl's family is a member of Wallingford Presbyterian Church, any girl between the ages of 5 and 10 and in Kindergarten through Sixth Grade is welcome to join.

Troop 5732 and Girl Scouts as a whole, are committed to be girl lead and as such we have one patrol of mixed age girls so that the older ones can help the younger ones grow and learn. As the girl grows she will be more responsible for the workings and program. Our meetings include games, crafts, songs, cooking and other activities.

Last year we had three community services projects. As a troop, we collect canned goods for the church's food drive throughout the year. We made lap robes for the patients at Wallingford Nursing Home and we just finished making Jared Boxes to be taken to CHOP for the patients. The Troop has three leaders, myself, Lisa Likely and Carol Grafton. We worked together to provide the program the girls desire. We are constantly looking for additional Leaders to accommodate the growing Troop. The parents of the girls in the Troop do stay and give a helping hand and we are very thankful to them.

In the last year, the Troop has done quite a few activities besides our 19 normal meetings. We did the following activities: we participated in the Media Halloween Parade, has a Service Unit

LiberTea, visited both the South Media Fire Company and the Nether Providence Police Station, and as always, we sell Girl Scout Cookies every year. The entire Troop also earned the World Thinking Day and Global Action Awareness Awards.

The Troop would like to Thank Wallingford Presbyterian Church for their support through this last year.

Elizabeth Cavna, Troop Leader

Girl Scout Troop 504

Troop 504 had a great 2016. The Troop began by completing the "3 Cheers for Animals Journey," which included a service project of making cat toys and cat beds for a local animal shelter and reading to and learning about service dogs. The Troop continued by completing various service projects, including making toiletry care packages for the Ronald McDonald House and reading to



nursing home patients. With the girl's cookie earnings they were able to have their first overnight at the Delaware History Museum. In June was our last official meeting before summer and saw the Daisies "bridge" to Brownies, which was emotional for me as a Leader and a well-deserved milestone for the girls.

In the Fall, the new Daisies began earning their petals and learning all the

Girl Scout values. The Brownies began working on the Brownie Quest Journey. The girls had a blast at our annual Fall Hayride to the Witch's house at Linvilla Orchards and a campfire and smores. We ended 2016 by completing our first Service Unit Service Project with the help of the Community by preparing "birthday bags" for the Media Food Bank.

Our Troop has doubled in size, now 24 girls strong (12 Daisies and 12 Brownies) and we meet weekly alternating between Brownies and Daisies and also meeting together to give the girls the full Girl Scout experience. This would not be possible without Wallingford Presbyterian Church's generosity in allowing us to have meetings here. On behalf our Troop and their families, we thank you!

Boy Scout Troop 277

2016 has been an exciting year for Troop 277, based at the Wallingford Presbyterian Church (WPC) in Wallingford, PA. They have done amazing things and visited interesting places.

In the first quarter, the Troop visited the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania, tuned into the Radio Merit Badge at Camp Musser and visited a nuclear power plant. All the trips began and ended in the WPC parking lot.



The Troop assisted in the April Spring Clean-up at WPC, then visited the Zoo at Elmwood Park. In May, they soared to the Limerick Airport.

In June they assisted with the Strawberry Festival at WPC, and also hiked the Gettysburg Trail. Two of our Scouts were awarded the rank of Eagle, at their Eagle Court of Honor, held in the chapel of WPC.



July is when the Troop goes to Resica Falls for a week of non-stop fun and activity: sliding into the pool, jumping off the rocks at Fossil Lake, and relaxing at the "Cool Dip."

Troop 277 welcomed a new Scoutmaster in August: Curt Lehman. The troop participated in the September Musser Madness – firing rifles, canoeing, and crafting.

In October, the Troop visited Hopewell Village at French Creek State Park, and competed in the Dutch Oven Cook-off. October ended with the delicious success of the first Annual Spaghetti Dinner at WPC and selling hotdogs at the Trunk or Treat.



The scouts were nearly blown away by the views hiking the Appalachian Trail near Pinnacle Rock in November. Thanksgiving Day we hiked in the Philadelphia Thanksgiving Parade. At the end of the month the scouts all pitched in for the Fall Clean-up at WPC.

Our Year ended with one last trip to the Winter Cabin up in East Greenville, where the scouts invented "Snowball Capture the Flag."

If your son aged 11-17 would like to join the fun, call Scoutmaster Curt Lehman at 484-832-6931 or e-mail at cel6n@hayoo.com.

**Annual Meetings of the Congregation and Corporation
Wallingford Presbyterian Church
Wallingford, Pennsylvania
31 January 2016**

The Moderator, the Reverend François Lacroix, opened the annual meeting at the beginning of the 10 AM worship service. At the conclusion of the service, Reverend Lacroix reminded those present that only members have the responsibility and privilege of voting.

The Clerk certified that a quorum was present.

There was no new business and the agenda was approved.

The minutes of the January 25, 2015 annual meetings were approved.

Review of our work, mission and ministry

In addition to his remarks contained in the annual report, Reverend Lacroix commented on how many members are involved with the church. He noted that it has been necessary to delay the formation of an APNC in order to be certain we have sufficient funds. He also said that we need to be moving toward a capital campaign and to set some of its monies aside to fund new ideas. He thanked all who are working on the celebration of the 125th anniversary of our church.

Reverend Ross reported that many people have stepped up to fill the gap created by his going part-time. He said that he is grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this church.

Reverend Lacroix thanked Director of Music Liz Braden for all of her contributions.

There was no comment from the Clerk of Session or from the Board of Deacons.

The reports of the Councils are found in the annual report: Care, Education, Outreach (Moderator Walt Kaminski encouraged people to attend events), Stewardship (Moderator Harold Floyd thanked everyone for their generosity at year end) and Worship (François spoke briefly about Lent and our new labyrinth).

The committee reports were begun by Memorial chair Mort Bell who noted that the committee is always grateful to receive gifts, Peacemaking and Social Justice (chair Walt Kaminski reported that the committee has hired someone to speak on having difficult conversations), Personnel (François commented that Administrative Secretary will be retiring in the spring and that a replacement needs to be found).

Review of connected organizations, groups and others

Women of Wallingford (WOW) chair noted that all women of the church are members, Strawberry Festival co-chair requested all to help, Nursery School Director Georgie Perullo reported briefly, and Pat DeHaven, the chair of the Wallingford After School Club said that they are glad to be at WPC.

Jerry Rafter spoke on behalf of the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts which meet at the church. He noted that the troop has a much higher percentage of Eagle Scouts than most troops. He said that the troop very

much appreciates its 58-year sponsorship by our church. Once again, last Thanksgiving, the troop marched in the Channel 6 Dunkin' Donuts parade.

Members were referred to the annual report for information about the TAG house and City Team.

François offered grace before lunch in Fellowship Hall. Following lunch, the corporation meeting was held.

Meeting of the Corporation

In the absence of Bob Gerlach, President of the Board of Trustees, Bob Kenworthy convened the meeting of the corporation. He announced that there was no business to bring to the floor and asked for questions. Dave Rudd pointed out that the financial balance sheet for the church was not a true balance sheet in that it did not show the value of the church buildings assets. This observation was acknowledged and the balance sheet will be titled appropriately. There being no further questions, the meeting of the corporation was adjourned.

Reconvening of the Congregational Meeting

Roger Demos, chair of the 125th Anniversary Committee spoke about plans for the celebration beginning in September 2016. He emphasized that the physical plant has grown through the years but, more importantly, the people have grown.

In the absence of Treasurer, Harold Floyd, Chair of Stewardship, spoke about the 2016 budget and indicated that the Session had approved it.

Pastor Lacroix explained the purpose of the per capita which each church pays. He said that our amount for this year is approximately \$25 per person and that, if everyone could give that amount as an extra offering, it would aid the budget.

Review and approval of pastoral terms of call

Elder Frank Noyes, member of the Personnel Committee, reviewed Pastor Lacroix' terms of call which include a 2% increase. The terms were approved by the congregation. Terms for Pastor Ross, who now is part-time, were approved at a Special Congregational Meeting previously.

Approved terms of call for Pastor Lacroix

Salary	\$59,160
Manse (rental value)	24,000 (1)
Dental	1,000 estimate
Utilities	3,500
SECA	6,076 (3)
Medical/Pension	31,996 (2)
Professional exp/Travel	2,500 (4)
Study/Continuing Ed	2,500 (4)

Compensation also includes 4 weeks of vacation and 2 weeks of study leave.

- 1) The fair rental value of the manse must reflect actual comparative values for rental properties in the community.
- 2) The medical/pension reflects mandatory participation in the PCUSA program. In 2016, the cost is 35% of effective salary. Effective salary includes cash compensation, housing utilities and dental. Dental coverage is optional and is through the PCUSA. Coverage for dependents is an additional 1.5%.
- 3) Clergy are self-employed for IRS purposes and are responsible for quarterly payments of 15.3%. SECA reflects the church's mandatory support of ½ of this tax.
- 4) This is the third year of three years that any unused funds will accumulate for use in a future study leave.

Terms of call for Associate Pastor Ross

On September 23, 2015, a congregational meeting was held to approve changes in the terms of call for Reverend Ross who is serving part-time now. There has been no change since that time.

Nominating Committee Report and Election of Officers

Pastor Lacroix spoke about the church boards and said that we might consider decreasing their size so that each board has 12 members rather than the current 15. Also, he suggested that we might want to move the nominating process to later in the year. The current Nominating Committee will remain in place until after an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee has been elected. He mentioned that there still are several open spots on the nominees for elders and trustees and asked people to speak with Helen Picher, chair of the Nominating Committee, if they had suggestions.

Nominating Committee Chair Helen Picher thanked the members of the Nominating Committee and presented the slate of officers which was elected:

Elder Class of 2019 (3-year term)

Rachel Lindeman
Jennifer Miller
Jean Stromberg
Pat Tillson
TBA

Deacon Class of 2019 (3-year term)

Leah Hillemeier
Cathy Kilpatrick
Diane Nixon
David Rudd
Kristen Childers

Deacon Class of 2018 (2-year term)

Pam Mattote

Trustee Class of 2019 (3-year term)

Corie Benham
Bob Gerlach

Drew Hatton
TBA

Auditor Class of 2019 (3-year term)
TBA

Thanks were expressed to the outgoing officers: Elders Joanne Callahan, Diane Corbett, Walt Kaminski, Ellen Oetinger and Mary Payne; Deacons Barry Brown, Jim Cheezum, Brian George, Debbie George, Gary Klein and Cyndi Lacroix; Trustees Robert Gerlach, Lin Floyd, Ed Mattote and Kevin Montague; Auditor Todd Darr.

By motion, all reports were received.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was approved.

Pastor Lacroix closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
François Lacroix
Moderator

Judith Kenworthy
Clerk

Trustees
Wallingford Presbyterian Church
110 E. Brookhaven Rd.
Wallingford, PA 19086

January 23, 2017

Dear Trustees:

We have examined the revenue and expense transactions of the Wallingford Presbyterian Church and the Wallingford Coop Nursery School for the period January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016. Our examination included tests of computerized accounting records (maintained in Quickbooks), physical paper files, bank statements and counter sheets as considered necessary. We utilized both specific identification and random sampling of financial records. Receipts and disbursements pertinent to the General Fund and adherence to internal control processes were examined and verified.

In our opinion, the revenue and expense accounts of Wallingford Presbyterian Church and the Wallingford Coop Nursery School for the period examined were properly recorded and substantially correct and the Financial Statements and associated General Fund balances derived from these accounts can be considered fairly stated in all material respects.

Respectfully Submitted,

Todd Darr Ronald Bloch Evan Ernest

The Audit Committee