



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Annual Report 2017

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

WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Wallingford, Pennsylvania
January 28, 2018

Agenda for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation

- ❖ Call to Order
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 - Girl Scouts (30-31)
 - Boy Scouts (31-32)

- ❖ Nominating Committee Report – **Elder Helen Picher**
Election of Committee Members at Large
 - 1. Jeni Albany
 - 2. Dottie Celebre
 - 3. Rick Miller
 - 4. Jenny Montague
 - 5. Jerry Rafter

- Alternates
1. Wynne Edelman
 2. Bob Kenworthy

❖ Call for the Meeting of the Corporation – **Trustee Sallie Anderson**

- Certification of Quorum
- Call for New Business
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- Record of Financial Review (35)

❖ Reconvene the Meeting of the Congregation

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❖ Review and Approval of Pastoral Terms of Call – **Elder Frank Noyes**

Pastor Lacroix

Salary	\$60,343.00
Manse (rental value)	24,000.00
Utilities	3,500.00
Dental (Estimate)	1,200.00
SECA	6,797.00
Medical/Pension	32,872.00
Professional Exp. (reimbursable)	2,500.00
Study Leave (reimbursable)	<u>2,500.00</u>
	\$133,712.00

Two Weeks Study Leave (may accrue to 6 weeks maximum)
One Month Vacation (4 Sundays)

Associate Pastor Mills

Salary	\$32,434.00
Housing	20,000.00
Professional Exp. (reimbursable)	2,500.00
SECA	4,012.00
Study Leave (reimbursable)	1,000.00
Medical/Pension	<u>19,400.00</u>
	\$79,346.00

Two Weeks Study Leave (may accrue to 6 weeks maximum)
One Month Vacation (4 Sundays)

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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 and Kate Callahan

Financial Secretary: Michelle Hall

WPC Co-op Nursery School: Georgie Perullo

Co-op Nursery School Teachers: Jodi Dawes, Stephanie Dykes, Julie Feinberg, Allison MacCallum, Autumn Mansor, Emma Clauser-Schwartz, Betsy Schilero, Allison Schilero, Theresa Burch.



Officers Session

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

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

Class of 2020: Teresa Ahern-Sawyer, Chris Dearnaley, Mary Payne, David Shipman

Board of Deacons

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

Class of 2019: Kristen Childers, Cyndi Lacroix, Cathy Kilpatrick, Diane Nixon, David Rudd

Class of 2020: Joann Callahan, Barbara Demos*, Polly Sacco Ezzell, Kai Yokoyama

Board of Trustees

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

Class of 2019: Corey Benham, Bob Gerlach*, Bob Foley*, Pat Utzinger

Class of 2020: Dan Glenn, Tom Halley, Katherine Elmhurst Switala, David McCullough

(“” indicates second consecutive term)*

Auditors

Class of 2018: Evan Ernst

Class of 2019: Todd Darr

Class of 2020: Jim Oetinger

Ministers

All Church Members

From the Pastor

What a year it has been!

Our church youth, at their weekly meeting, share their “Highs and Lows” with each other, what brought them joy and what didn’t. Following their example and reflecting on the past year at our church, there have been highs and lows... though truly, mainly highs. Let me share a few...

Saying farewell to Pastor Rob, Debbie and the children was bittersweet. Bitter saying goodbye but sweet in the knowledge that we were parting knowing that he and this church had grown and matured in grace and love because we walked the journey of faith together. That’s my low.

A few highs...

We called Pastor Taylor to be in mission and ministry. In the short five months she has been here she has shared her enthusiasm, energy, creativity and love with our children, youth and church family. The joyful journey continues and she is evidence that God provides for our needs.

Completed the celebration of our 125th Anniversary. Former pastors returned, the choir performed a spectacular concert, we ate lots of food, reminisced, shared hopes and dreams, and truly celebrated the mission of our church. THANK YOU to all who contributed, and a special thank you to our church historian, Roger Demos, who chaired our 125th Anniversary Committee.

Completed a very successful Capital Campaign, Vision 250. Your faithful stewardship was made manifest in your response. The funds generated by the campaign will help us address needed deferred maintenance as well as new building projects in the church, and exciting new ministry opportunities through the Legacy Fund.

These are my “big three.” My other highs are reflected in the daily life of our church, a bit of which you will see reflected in the reports that follow. As you peruse the pages of this annual report I hope you will see that, by God’s grace, our church is truly blessed. Now, let us go and be a blessing to others as disciples of Jesus Christ!





From the Associate Pastor

This church has blessed me beyond belief by welcoming me in with such loving arms this year. I am so incredibly grateful for the many ways in which I have felt all of your love and support as I begin this journey of ministry here at Wallingford Presbyterian Church. I look forward to getting to know you all more, and growing together as a community of faith in the coming years.

My favorite memories from the past few months have been:

- Hearing the children of the church sing their favorite hymn “Go Tell It On the Mountain” loud and proud
- Leading worship alongside our many great liturgists, musicians, and Pastor François
- Learning about the lives, families, struggles, and joys of our congregants, especially the youth
- Seeing the Sprouts light up and talk about how much they want to give to others
- Working and learning alongside Holly and Kate in youth ministry
- Reading the story of the Nativity amongst the sheep and children at the Advent Festival
- Singing “Silent Night” with our congregation by candlelight on Christmas Eve
- Exploring the silly and fun side of youth ministry by playing games in costume on Halloween

In all this, I am simply overwhelmed by the love and warmth of this congregation, and I cannot express how grateful I am to all of you for your kindness and feedback as I began my first few months of exciting ministry with you all. Here’s to many more years of heeding God’s call to live out Kingdom love in our community!

Report of the Clerk of Session

I appreciate working with our pastors and church administrators. Although I am no longer serving as an active elder on Session, I continue to serve as the clerk. As such, it is my responsibility to maintain our church records of minutes of both Session and congregational meetings, membership, transfers to and from our church, weddings, deaths, and adult and infant baptisms. There also are annual statistical reports required by the Presbytery and the General Assembly. During 2017, our record were reviewed by the Presbytery and approved without exception.



The Presbytery permits our church to send four commissioners (elders) to each Presbytery meeting, whether a regional meeting or one of the entire Presbytery which

meets four times per year. Presently serving elders attend and, occasionally, elders not serving.

All are welcome to attend a session meeting!

Judy Kenworthy
Clerk of Session

Annual Statistical Report for Wallingford Presbyterian Church
for the Year Ended December 31, 2017



_Members on January 1, 2017	385
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Gains:

Profession of Faith 17 and under	4	
Profession of Faith 18 and over	0	
Reaffirmation of Faith	5	
Certificate Gains	2	
Other Gains	0	11

Losses:

Certificate Losses	0	
Deaths	7	
Other Losses	4	11

Members on December 31, 2017	385
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Infant Baptisms	5
Adult Baptisms	2
Total Baptisms	7

Nominating Committee



The 2017 Nominating Committee was elected at the 2017 Annual Meeting to work under the new schedule of doing the nominating process from January to the spring (and summer) so that new church officers began their 3-year terms in September—the beginning of the program year, rather than the beginning of the calendar year. The process worked well, though we learned it would be better to have the nominees identified before summertime! Another change in 2017 was that the Committee nominated 4 new elders, so that ultimately there will be 12 elders serving on session each year.

The new officers were elected to serve by the Congregation on Rally Sunday 2017. The Nominating Committee will nominate the 2018 Nominating Committee to be elected at the Annual Meeting, and that committee will present the next slate of officers later in the year. With appreciation to the committee members: Pat Tillson, Shirley Rudd, Kristine Mulhorn, Val McAdoo, Andrea Couzens, Brian George Jr., Jim Oetinger, and Mike Meloy.

Respectfully Submitted,
Helen Picher
Committee Chair

Associate Pastor Nominating Committee

The APNC concluded its work at a special meeting of the congregation on August, 27, 2017. At that time the APNC nominated the Taylor Mills to be called by the congregation as our next Associate Pastor. The committee composed of Teresa Ahern-Sawyer, Wynne Edelman, Tom Erickson, Sally Flemer, Vicki Lovecchio, Ellie Miller, Jenny Montague, and Kevin Switala (Chair) were dismissed with thanks and appreciation at that meeting.

Taylor was subsequently ordained at her home church in Hamilton, NJ and Pastor Lacroix and Elder Switala served on the commission to ordain her. Her Installation service is being planned for Sunday, March 4, 2018.
Praise God from whom all blessings flow!





Personnel Committee

The Personnel Committee continued its work on behalf of the congregation by reviewing personnel policies, making recommendations to the session regarding staff salaries and keeping up to date with state and federal employment requirements.

The major change in staffing this year was moving from a full time administrator to a job share position at the request of our administrator, Pat Kelly. Our own Kate Callahan was hired to share the position with Pat, each working 20 hours a week. Kate brings a certain tech savvy which has enhanced office productivity. This will come in handy as the new church web site is developed and implemented. Personnel Committee members in 2016 included Dan Glenn, Russ Kinder, Barbara Meahl, Frank Noyes, Helen Picher, Penny Sass, Kevin Switala and Julie Winton.

Worship Council

The worship council continues to work with Pastor Francois, Pastor Taylor and Liz Braden to make our worship services meaningful and filled with the spirit of God.

This past year, as we continued to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the church, we invited a number of guest preachers to connect us with our past and help us celebrate our future. Former Pastor Susan Hawkinson and Associate Pastor Melanie Hammond Clark along with missionary Charles Knuckles shared the pulpit as well as the Presbytery of Philadelphia Executive Presbyter Rev. Ruth Santana Grace. Many church members, including youth and children, served as liturgists throughout the year. The choir filled the sanctuary with beautiful music and our children invited us to become more childlike in our walk with God. Communion was celebrated, Baptisms performed, the Word of God preached, prayers offered, offerings received and hymns sung. We were visited by John the Baptist in a chancel drama and were encouraged to get out of our pews and dance a little.



As our Mission Statement states, *we witness through meaningful worship*, the Worship Council will continue to do its part to make that a reality at Wallingford Presbyterian Church.



In 2017 the Music Ministry continued to thrive, offering weekly musical meditations at our worship services by the Chancel Choir, Bell Choir, and in the summer, by individual singers and instrumentalists. Another part of the Music Ministry presenting special events throughout the year, events that celebrate music and the arts, and their place in our worship and faith lives.



Some highlights of 2017 including the continuation of our Taizé Prayer Services. These intimate worship services offer a time of prayer, song, and silence in the beauty of our candlelit Sanctuary. Led by choir members and instrumentalists from WPC, these special services are a wonderful opportunity to experience a different type of worship. We are glad to offer these brief times of respite in our loud and busy world.

The Chancel Choir presented two special events this year. The first was a concert in April for which the Choir commissioned and performed a new anthem, *Look Up into the Heavens*, in honor of Wallingford Presbyterian Church's 125th Anniversary; they also performed the beautiful Fauré *Requiem*. Another highlight of every year is our Annual Messiah Sing, and 2017 was no exception. We had an excellent choir, fantastic soloists, a wonderful organist, and a great crowd gathered to hear the word of God sung in the moving music of Handel's *Messiah*.





The Children of WPC once again presented a Christmas Pageant, this year at the 10:00 AM Worship Service on Christmas Eve. We had almost 30 children who shared the Christmas Story, portraying angels, shepherds, sheep, Wise Men, and Mary and Joseph. We are lucky to have so many children (and families!) willing to share their time to add to our Christmas experience.

I am grateful to work with such a wonderful staff and so many dedicated choir members, bell choir ringers, soloists,

children, and families, and I look forward to what 2018 has in store for the Music Ministry.

Liz Braden, Director of Music

Education Council

The WPC Education Council can look back at another fun and challenging year. We are responsible for the planning, execution and follow-up for many of the different church activities you are familiar with throughout the year. Regular and Summer Sunday School, children's Sprouts, Adult Education, Youth Groups and Confirmation classes are all under our purview, as well as numerous special events throughout the year.



As the new year starts, we are busy administering the regular Sunday School, Sprouts, Adult Education and Youth Group activities. This cumulates in a special Teacher Appreciation service in May where we offer our heartfelt thanks to the many teachers, aides and administrators that make these programs the success they are.

As the calendar moves into the summer, we offer a Summer Sunday School program, and it is our intent to resume both Vacation Bible School and the annual Youth Mission trip. As part of the mission trip initiative, we sponsor several fund raisers to help make these trips more accessible to more participants.



In the fall, we see the resumption of our traditional programs, and start planning for what is arguably our biggest event of the year: Advent! This past year, the evening started with the story of the manger, compete with live sheep to add to the atmosphere. We then went into the Social Hall to create many wonderful crafts and other exciting activities. Then, after a delicious meal together, we finished in the Sanctuary with energetic carol singing!

We would like to take this opportunity to recognize the many people of this church who make all of this possible. Our wonderful Sunday School teachers and nursery school staff led by our superintendent, Sally Flemer, and our Adult Education teacher, Frank Noyes. Also, we want to thank our Youth Advisors, Kate and Holly, and the countless others who donate their time, talent and money to make our programs a reality. We look forward to even more success this coming year.

Sincerely,

Mark Morton, Acting Chairperson and on behalf of members Mina Varney, Pam Mattote, Sally Flemer, Bob Kenworthy, Colleen Zeszut, Shirley Rudd, Jean Stromberg, Gail Weaver, and our pastoral advisor, Rev. Taylor Mills."

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 journeys, and to come alongside them as they navigate the difficult waters of adolescence.
2. To provide youth with opportunities to serve others through mission and works of love.
3. To connect to the larger community of faith within the church and participate in intergenerational ministry.
4. To connect to one another in positive and faith-filled ways to establish Christian community and friendship not only with students their age, but of all ages.
5. To educate youth in Bible, theology, and practice so as to learn – but also use – the many lessons we are taught by Christ.



6. To encourage faith and trust in God and to help students to build relationship with God.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club meets on Sunday mornings, twice a month to learn about the Bible through lessons, conversations, games, activities, and prayer and meditation. On the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, the students meet in the youth room to gather for breakfast and their lesson. *Special thanks to our Breakfast Club leaders who led this past year: Laura Albany, Kate Callahan, Holly Cline, Tom Erickson, Harold Floyd, and Denine Gorniak!*

Youth Group

Our youth meet weekly for a time of fun, faith, learning, and friendship. We meet separately as Middle School and High School youth groups, and this Spring are coming together more for Combined Youth Group events to encourage bonds between the age groups.

Some highlights from 2017 include:

- Souper Bowl of Caring
- Discussions of relationships and dating issues
- A bridal shower for Holly



- A super hero adventure game
- Trips to Mitsuwa Marketplace and Ocean City NJ
- A goodbye party for Pastor Rob
- Our series on “Hot Button Issues” about relevant topics that come up in the news, and how we as Christians can approach them
- Our current series on Jesus’ Parables in which we are taking a look at the big ones that we all know (the Prodigal Son, and the Good Samaritan) but also the “deep cuts” which are ones that are not often taught. We are exploring what these parables mean for us in our lives today.



- Face-painting and crafting help at the Advent Festival
- Lock-ins for Middle School and High School age groups

- Grandparents Day
- Our celebrations of Holly and Kate's ministry here with us
- Making care-packages for our college-age young adults with personal notes from the youth

Special thanks to our 2017 staff and volunteers: Kate Callahan, Holly Cline, Elizabeth Clauss, Pastor François Lacroix, Kevin Switala, and Rachel Collier. Additional thanks to our "Grandparents" who came on Grandparents Day, the congregation members who played "villains" for our adventure, and the many parents who cooked and brought dinner for our youth group meetings!



Confirmation Class

The 2016-2017 Confirmation class began as a class of 6 students in October, and finished as a class of four. The class was led on Monday nights each week by Kate Callahan, Holly Cline, Pastor François, and Pastor Rob. Alex Lombard, Brett Miller, Brian Mongon, and Zach Mongon were confirmed on Sunday, May 7th, 2017. This included the baptisms of Brian and Zach. Special thanks to our Confirmation Mentors: Chris

Darr, Brian George Sr., Brian George Jr., Walt Kaminski, Bob Kenworthy, Vicki Lovecchio.

Confirmation Class 2017-2018 is a class of five students, ranging from 9th-12th grade, who are committed to learning and growing in faith and the knowledge of Jesus Christ. Confirmation class meets once a month for an extended lesson taught through conversation, creative activities, and thought-provoking videos. Confirmation has included one retreat to the Poconos Mountains in which we had fun in nature, and also had meaningful worship and conversation. We will also have another retreat in the spring to Kirkwood for the Confirmation Retreat offered there. The class is led by Pastor

Taylor, with special thanks to Pastor François, Kevin Switala, and Kate Callahan for their support and additional leadership. The students study Christian theology ranging in topics from the Trinity and God's characteristics, all the way to the Problem of Evil. Through the year, students will decide if they are ready in their faith journey to make the step of becoming an official member of Wallingford Presbyterian Church. Special thanks to our Confirmation Mentors: Lise Meloy, Jeni Albany, Dave Rudd, Meghan Hawkins, and Cyndi Lacroix.



How to Get Involved:

As our youth program continues to shift due to changes in staff, but also continues to grow – we need your help! There are many ways to help and give back to this next generation of Christians, and here are ways to do just that!

- Cook dinner for our youth group (Call Pastor Taylor through the church office to set it up!)
- Drive for one of our larger events
- Volunteer to help at a lock-in
- Help lead the summer mission trip
- Become a mentor for Confirmation
- Come for “Grandparents Day” at youth group



What is Sprouts?

Sprouts is a fellowship and educational group for K-5th graders. Sprouts meets on the 1st Friday night of the month for 2 hours. Each meeting focuses on a different educational, fun, or service activity. After dinner together, kids engage with the evening's lesson through listening and through activities. Pastor Taylor and Meghan Hawkins lead Sprouts with special thanks to Sally Flemer for helping with the children, and to Debbie George for cooking all of our meals! Thank you to the many parents who helped with Sprouts and prepared meals!



What did Sprouts do this year?

- January - What is Worship?
- February - Caring for Creation
- March - Learning about Communion
- April - Gardening and the Parables of Jesus
- May - End of the Year Cookout
- October - Blessing of the Animals
- November - Spend, Save, Share
- December - Advent Festival



The calling to be a Deacon, means that we can help with the mostly behind the scenes 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 support.



During the year we take our turn at the coffee table during Fellowship time. At Easter the Deacons provide brunch after the sunrise service and on Rally Day we serve lunch. Twice a year we team up with Giant Food Stores and deliver some 45 dinners at Easter and 49 dinners at Thanksgiving to folks in need in Chester and closer to home. In May and October we call donors and coordinate 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 have been able to deliver gifts and gift cards to over 120 people.



Not visible to many of you are the many hours our General Missions folks spend fielding requests for assistance from the community. The mission team tries to counsel these folks to seek agencies or services that empower them to help themselves. But

sometimes we help with grocery deliveries or food cards or calls to the utilities or landlords. 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. WPC has been enrolled as a Stephen Series congregation since 1997. In 2017, we continued to provide this care to all in our congregation and community who requested it from us. While the confidential nature of what we do prevents us from sharing the details of any of our relationships and makes providing photo images difficult, this ministry is deeply fulfilling to those providing care as well as to the care receivers. Over 20 years that we have been enrolled in Stephen Ministry, scores of care receivers have been helped and over 30 WPC members have been involved in providing care.



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

Connections



After merging the Outreach and Care Councils, we named this new group “Connections” to express our desire to reach out to the community to encourage visitors and to connect more closely to current members. There is a monthly



playgroup for children age five and under, accompanied by their caregivers. Both church members and neighbors appear regularly and some of those neighbors have

attended services and expressed a desire to join our congregation. We have also seen such interest generated by the “Eggstravaganza” Easter Egg Hunt and the “Trunk or Treat” Halloween activity. At the latter event, one happy mother said, “This church is always doing something fun!”

To serve longtime members and cultivate new ones, we are creating small groups of approximately eight people, who share hobbies such as touring local sites, cooking, and issues particular to older adults. A food truck brunch in the summer kicked off this endeavor, with posters providing sign-up sheets to probe interest in possible topics.





Strawberry Festival

The Strawberry Festival is WPC's largest 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 WPC Connections (Care Council's) Mission and Service Committee and the SF Leadership Team. Strawberry Festival has dual goals: community outreach as the primary and mission support as the secondary purpose.

The 2017 Strawberry Festival was held on Monday, June 5. It was lightly raining all day, but cleared just in time for the festival. Although we did not realize it at the time, it was raining in Media and Springfield but God spared

Wallingford! Attendance was average, which was likely attributable to the weather in the surrounding neighborhoods. We did put up some tents in the court yard as a precaution. We had 2 live musicians this year, Silly Joe, and WE Kids Rock, which appealed to both children and people sitting in the courtyard.



We had the capability this year of accepting credit card payments, which was used by a few patrons. We also used the proceeds from the 2016 Festival to purchase some additional tents, which came in handy, and new tables to replace some of the card tables which have lost their sturdiness over the years.

The net proceeds totaled \$4,300, which were allocated as approved by Session: \$860 to support WPC youth mission trips, \$1,505 to Chester Eastside, \$1,505 to 4Paws 4 Ability and \$430 to be used to invest in equipment for future Strawberry Festivals and the church.

Congregational Wellness Ministry



While the Congregational Wellness Ministry is a quiet outreach of WPC, it is alive and busy among the congregation. The CWM has served members and friends in many capacities over this past year from helping new mothers with breastfeeding, putting ice on stoved fingers and knees of our youth, checking dressings from procedures, researching answers to hard questions about new diagnosis and treatments, visits to SNF

of our shut-ins and tagging along to doctor's visits to be extra ears. Phone calls and notes and private listening time as needed. Speaking at our Prime Time, monthly teleconferences with the LCMS at Parish Nurse lecture series and attending an Older Adult Ministry conference with other members of our congregation to explore the opportunity to better serve the older adults of our community of faith.

I look forward to continuing to serve all of you in the coming year.

Joyfully Submitted,

Cyndi Lacroix, RN, CWM

The Mission and Service Committee continues to be able to provide ongoing support for the amazing work of local and worldwide missions because of your generosity. Our church leadership faithfully includes our work in the budget and your additional gifts of money and time have made it possible for us to reach out in times of great need.





- M&S held its first *Shred and Fed* event in April. Participants were encouraged to bring their documents to the church parking lot for shredding in exchange for donations of cash or non-perishable food items. 132 participants donated \$663 in cash, which was shared equally among City Team, Philabundance and Chester Eastside, and 800 pounds of food, which was delivered to Chester Eastside for distribution.

- WPC members and friends packed an additional 24,624 meals in two Rise Against Hunger events (formerly “Stop Hunger Now”). This brings our grand total to over 82,000 meals since December of 2014!

- The 2017 ChristMarket raised \$12,010, including a matching gift, in support of 15 local and foreign projects.

- The congregation responded to the terrible suffering in Texas, Florida and the Caribbean by answering the Hurricane Relief Challenge which, with

M&S matching, produced a total gift of \$10,885 for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Look for an opportunity to join a mission trip to one of these affected areas in 2018.

- The Breaking Bread program at Broad Street Ministry gives volunteers the opportunity for face-to-face interaction with the individuals who gather there for a meal. A small, but growing contingent of WPC volunteers lends their hands.



- Your contributions to WPC continue to support our missionaries in their varied and much-needed ministries around the world: John Stauffer and The America Team for Displaced Eritreans, Jeni Pedzinski and New Life Center Foundation, Charles Knuckles and City Team San Jose, and Presbyterian Mission workers Charles and Melissa Johnson in Africa and Barry and Shelley Dawson in Southeast Asia.

Committee Members during 2017: Laura Albany, Sallie Anderson, Brian George, Debbie George, Mimi Haggerty, Lise Meloy, David Rudd, Jeni Albany and François Lacroix

Respectfully submitted,
Jeni Albany



Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee

The Peacemaking and Social Justice committee of Session is charged with identifying issues that the congregation should address. Currently, Session has approved three issues for study: racism, gun violence and immigration. The committee arranges different ways to explore these topics such as movies followed by discussion, speakers, and prepared study guides. At one level, it is easy to

say that none of these issues affect me, but, for people lower on the socio-economic ladder, they are significant. It is our job as Christians to help those in need. Come to some of the events and find out more about the issues and how to become involved in solutions.

Fellowship of Friends

The Fellowship of Friends is a men's organization that meets on Wednesday mornings from 10 – 11AM. We meet for fellowship and to discuss selected books and current events, especially political events. Currently we are reading Gods and Generals, a story about 4 generals of the civil war and how God impacted their lives.



Adult Bible Study: Learning Through Scripture

The Adult Bible Study consists of approximately a dozen people who meet from 9:30 – 11AM on Monday mornings to read and discuss various books of the Bible. Questions raised by the group run from wondering about what it was like to live in the times presented in the Bible, to how should we understand the message in light of what we know today, to what does this say about how I should live my life. The sessions are always fun, entertaining and enlightening. Anyone is welcome to participate. No special Bible knowledge is needed.

All are welcome.

WOMEN OF WALLINGFORD (WOW)

Women of Wallingford encourages all the women of our church to join in friendship and faith so that all may share with each other the joys, sorrows and emotions that are common to women of all ages.



In February we spent a wonderful day at the IHM Center in Bryn Mawr. On that gloriously warm Saturday we spent a day sharing in fellowship with *Friends in Faith* as we discussed the many hats we women wear. The “Downton-Abby-ish” home on the hill was a perfect setting for us to share in laughter and love as we chatted and made flowery hats. We will return to the center this February to find *Peace in the Pieces*.

We had a busy spring. We had our annual Palm Cross breakfast in April led by Dolores Thomas who once again taught us how to make the crosses. By the end of the day we had turned out more than 400 crosses, which were 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, and it was finally warm enough to sit outside and enjoy the beautiful azaleas and rhododendrons.



Every month has brought new members to our W.O.W Circle meetings which are held the 2nd Wednesday of the month. In the beginning of the year we offered both a time to socialize and a time to share our faith through videos from LifeChurch. In September Cyndi blessed us with her spirit of joy and introduced a new format to our programs. We now meet to share in the *Friendship of Women*. We have had heartwarming and lively discussions on the importance of

friendship with other women in all aspects of our lives, but especially in our faith. Cyndi has also introduced us to some “hidden” women of the Bible.



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.

In December *Cyndi Lacroix* again welcomed 40 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.

We feel so blessed to be a part of this group of women of faith. 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,
Christine Dearnaley

Stewardship

The Stewardship Council oversees, as stewards for the church, certain matters involving financial resources, such as the Annual Giving campaign and the annual budget. The Council has two 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 in 2017 were as follows:

We concluded a very successful capital campaign. Thanks to the generosity of Church members, the Vision 250 Campaign Committee exceeded its goal of \$250k. A number of items on the campaign list have been started, and donations from the proceeds have been made to the Legacy Fund. Many, many thanks are due to the Capital Campaign Committee of Leslie Krowchenko, Dave Shipman, Bob Kenworthy, Ver Picher, David Rudd, and Chris Dearnaley

The Financial Oversight Committee reviewed and adjusted Church investments to better match the funds purposes and maximize long term returns. The Committee meets twice a year to accomplish this purpose. They also approved a 4% withdrawal policy for the various endowment funds, to balance sustainability of these funds with the needs of the Church. I appreciate the dedication of our Financial Oversight Committee

members: Andy Yost, Dave Shipman, Jennifer Miller, Bob Gerlach, Chris Whitehead, Todd Darr, and Mark Morton.

Legacy Funds were again allocated to support special efforts to further the mission of the Church. Legacy Funds have grown, and in accordance with guidance from Session and the Financial Oversight Committee they are being spent on opportunities that would not otherwise be funded by the operating budget, including special programs for our children, the outreach waffle brunch, and seminars on topics such as wealth and the church and caring for the elderly.

This is my last annual report as head of the Stewardship Council. I have greatly benefited from the wise counsel and dedication of its members: Dave Shipman, Helen Picher, Penny Sass, Chris Darr, Pat Tillson, Rick Miller, and Pastor François. Thank you each and all!

The Church should be especially thankful for the services of our treasurer, Andy Yost. Few of us know the many hours he puts in, and all should be grateful. Also, the foundation of our whole financial system is our counters and our book-keeper, Michelle Hall. Thanks to them for their faithful service.

Respectfully submitted,
Harold Floyd

Memorial Committee

The Memorial Fund was established in 1956 and the Memorial Committee was authorized by Session in 1980. Its purpose is to recommend appropriate expenditures from the fund to Session.

The Committee is grateful for all of the donors who have given contributions to the fund in memory of those who were a part of our church life.

During 2017, gifts received totaled \$4,465. Money spent from the fund totaled \$256 for a funeral pall and \$118 for pottery chalices and plate for communion services. The balance of the fund at year end was \$62,689.

The Committee meets periodically to discuss various proposals and suggestions for 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. Recommendations from the Committee 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 Committee: Marty Ashenfelter, Roger Demos, Alva Hayes, Judy Kenworthy, Jenny Miller or Pastor François, ex officio member.

We are grateful for Barbara Demos who does the lettering in the Memorial Book which is in the case at the back of the sanctuary. We also thank church Treasurer Andy Yost and Financial Secretary Michelle Hall for their diligent work in maintaining accurate records.

We are thankful for all those who are willing to serve in this capacity and for the gifts they bring.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith K. Kenworthy

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, upgrades, utilities, electronics, indoor and 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 2017 included installation of security cameras in the church parking lot, re-renting the Brookhaven manse, which commenced in September of 2017, continuation of the rental of 27 commuter parking spaces in our parking lot, and replacement of the refrigerators, gas stoves, and microwave in the church kitchen. The board, principally through the efforts of Trustee John Curtis, also managed the capital improvement projects approved as part of the Vision 250 Capital Campaign, including installation of new windows in the church office, new flooring in the Administration Building hallway, choir room, copy room, and kitchen, repaving of the upper parking lot and resealing of the main parking lot, and installation of a new roof over the Narthex and the east side of the Sanctuary.

Respectfully submitted,
Sallie Anderson, President



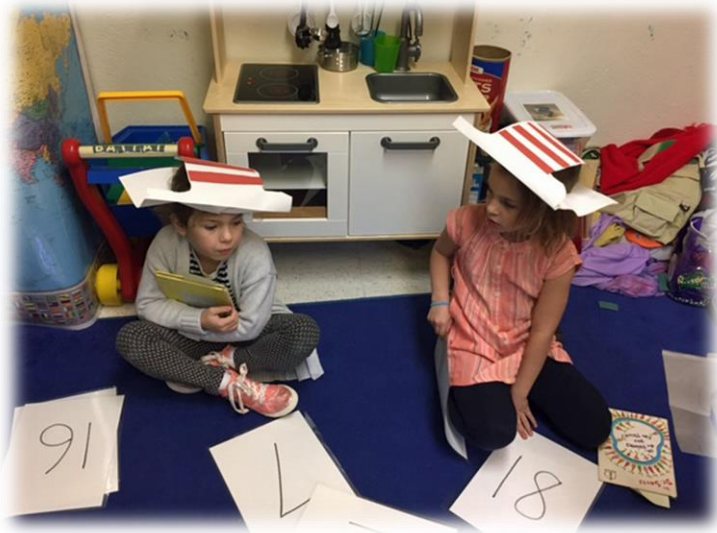


Wallingford Cooperative Nursery School

I am delighted to report that nothing much has changed downstairs and life for the Wallingford Cooperative Nursery School scurried along in its usual fun-filled way for the 2016/2017 school year. Believe me, in the world of pre-school, consistent is a very good thing indeed!

There were a few changes in the overall teaching staff for the

2016/2017 school year. The end of the 2016 school year brought about the retirement of Sue Colonna. Sue taught at the Co-op for 10 years so we were all very sad that she would no longer be a full-time member of our faculty. However, we knew we would not lose her entirely as she promised to continue to offer her wonderful enrichment class (Book and Cookie) and that she would be a substitute teacher whenever needed. She was also able to help mentor the teacher who took over her position, so we did not lose her entirely. Allison MacCallum was the lucky person who took over the position of Lead Teacher of the Zebra class and she was ably assisted by Sue. In Mother's Morning Out, Abby Finney decided that she needed to commit more of her time to her other passion – writing – and so she handed her position over to Theresa Burch but remained as an on-call substitute. There were no other changes in faculty and so WCNS continued to sail smoothly into and through the 2016-2017 school year.



Financially, the 2016/2017 school year was a strong one. There had been a small loss the previous year, so some of the gain this year is a correction, but strong enrollment in the Kindergarten Complement class contributed to the financial success of the 2016-2017 school year.

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

Georgie Perullo
Director
Wallingford Cooperative Nursery School

Co-op Financial Report:

	<u>Jun 30, 17</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
TD Bank Checking	52,709.47
Total Checking/Savings	<u>52,709.47</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>52,709.47</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>52,709.47</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Special Purchases	-191.83
Restricted Fundraiser	11,910.11
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>11,718.28</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>11,718.28</u>
Total Liabilities	11,718.28
Equity	
*Retained Earnings	28,012.80
Net Income	12,978.39
Total Equity	<u>40,991.19</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>52,709.47</u>

TCDN – Wallingford After School Club

Trinity Cooperative Day Nursery (TCDN) continues to operate the Wallingford After School Club (WASC) from within Wallingford Presbyterian Church. This is our 19th year of operation!



Serving children in Kindergarten through 3rd grade, the after school program operates from 3:00pm – 6:00pm daily, extending programming on school district early dismissal days and some school closing days. School closing days include children enrolled in our Nether Providence After School Club and Older After School Club. This year WASC's enrollment is approximately 32 – 40 children each day. Presently staff includes Pat DeHaven, Site Coordinator, Betty Fleming and Bridget Crow. All are caring, dedicated individuals who provide the opportunity for children to build warm, positive relationships with 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 play. Staff also facilitate homework completion and provide help as needed. A specific WASC program goal is to encourage children to be *kind*. "Acts of Kindness" are written on post-it notes by the children and displayed on our cabinet for everyone to view. Favorite activities include sports on the blacktop, Capture the Flag on the playground, a variety of indoor and outdoor construction, arts, and crafts projects.



WASC was recently reaccredited by the Council of Accreditation which acknowledges that the program meets the highest standards of management and programming. We also maintain a Keystone STARS 4A rating. TCDN is 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 talents. Please contact me if you would be interested in supporting TCDN in these ways.

Pat DeHaven
WASC Site Coordinator wasc@tcdn.org

Girl Scout Troop 5281

Troop 5281 consists of five girls this year. Samantha, Anna, Julia, Emalia and Emily are all 7th graders at SHMS. We are Cadette's again this year (grades 6,7,8) and are working on our Cadette Journey and continuing to discuss our Silver projects which we will be submitting to GSEP for approval soon. The girls are looking forward to some fun too, we have talked about a variety of fun activities including a trip to Busy Bee's, iFLY (indoor skydiving), zip lining, movies, overnight trips and hopefully a larger, longer trip at the end of the school year. The attached photo is of the girls on our earned trip to Dorney Park last June. Most of the girls earned the trip for free from GSEP by selling

more than 500 boxes of cookies. Because of their hard work we treated them to a beautiful and shady cabana in the water park. It was a great, relaxing and fun way to spend a hot June day. Thank you very much for allowing us to use your space as we continue to grow and learn how to be good scouts and great people.



Boy Scout Troop 277

In 1946 Boy Scout Troop 277 was formed in this building and became part of the Boy Scouts of America chartered by the Wallingford Presbyterian Church. Seventy-two years later we are very proud to be part of this Church Community.

We meet Thursday nights during the school year from 7:30 to 9:30 PM. We thank the Church and Pastor François for supporting our annual Spaghetti dinner and for allowing us to run the annual Shrove Tuesday dinner. These events helped to raise funds for our many scouting activities.

Our Troop spent numerous hours volunteering in the community including collecting food for a church in Chester, visiting the children at Saint Edmunds in Rosemont, and collecting food for those in need both locally and by our participation in the Thanksgiving Day Parade, in which we collected food from those in attendance and marched along with the Acme Float

The Troop also participated and donated service hours to events at our church such as the fall and spring clean-ups, Rise Against Hunger events, the Strawberry Festival, and the Halloween Trunk or Treat event.

During the year, Earl Kufen, Alex Viera, Liam Walker, Harrison Kracht, and Reese Graham attained the coveted rank of Eagle and provided community service by constructing outdoor seating areas at Strath Haven Middle School and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, constructing a walking trail at Furness Park, and collecting books for schools in the area with limited resources.

This past May, our Troop hosted Boy Scouts from Canada and participated along with them at the Scope Olympia Event at the Musser Scout Reservation in Marlborough Township, outside of Quakertown.

Our Troop also enjoys spending time with Cub Scout Pack 228, including them in some of our activities and assisting with some of theirs.

We have been very busy during the year going on camping trips and participating in various events as listed below:

- Pinewood Derby
- Camp Hart Snow Adventure
- Valley Forge Pilgrimage
- Washington DC Museums
- West Point Visit
- Scope Olympia with US and Canadian Scouts
- Hibernia Park
- Resica Falls Summer Camp
- Pennsylvania Renaissance Fair
- Wilmington Blue Rocks Sleep-Over
- Delco Field and Stream
- Hawk Mountain
- C.O.P.E. Teambuilding Adventure

We wish to thank our wonderful leaders including Scoutmaster Dr. Curt Lehman, Assistant Scout Masters Jerry Rafter, David Johnston, and Paul Schwartz, and Committee Chairman, Brian Tipping for donating so much of their time and making all of this possible.

We also wish to thank the parents who have participated in scouting activities and volunteered their time. We look forward to an exciting and productive 2018!

Submitted By Teresa Ahern-Sawyer
Chartered Representative

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

Wallingford Presbyterian Church
Wallingford, Pennsylvania
29 January 2017

The Moderator, the Reverend François Lacroix, called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. He reminded those in attendance that only members can vote. The clerk certified that there was a quorum present. There being no new business, the agenda was approved. The minutes of the January 31, 2016 annual meeting was approved and the congregation dispensed with the reading of the minutes.

The Reverend Lacroix made a few remarks about the ongoing work of the APNC, the increasingly unchurched population, planning to try a few new things with adult education, the proposed sign which is on hold, and the fact that he is looking forward to the remainder of the celebration of the 125th anniversary of our church.

Associate Pastor the **Reverend Robert Ross** noted that this had been his first full year of being part-time at the church as he is going to school full-time. He serves as the behind-the-scenes coordinator for the youth program. He thanked Kate Callahan and Holly Harrison who do youth fellowship and the confirmation class, Meghan Hawkins who works with the Sprouts, the Education Council chaired by Mark Morton, and Pam Mattote, Pat Whitaker and Sally Flemer who do Sunday School.

Nominating Committee Chair Helen Picher thanked the outgoing committee members: Walt Kaminski, Barry Brown, Judy Leet, Chris Darr, Sally Clyde, Roger Demos, Jenny Montague and Wynne Edelman. She then presented the names of the proposed five at-large members: Kristine Mulhorn, Val McAdoo, Shirley Rudd, Mike Meloy and Brian George, Jr. Mort Bell and June Tolomeo will serve as alternates. There being no nominations from the floor, the nominations were approved.

Elder Kevin Switala, Chair of the **Associate Pastor Nominating Committee**, updated the congregation on the committee's work.

Reports from Personnel, Worship, Music, Education, Youth Ministry, Deacons, Stephen Ministry, Care Outreach, Strawberry Festival Committee, Mission and Service, Fellowship of Friends, Learning through Scripture, Women of Wallingford, Stewardship, Memorial, Vision 250, Wallingford Cooperative Nursery School, TCDN After School, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts may be found on pp. 7-33 in the Annual Report.

The Congregational Meeting was arrested so that the Meeting of the Corporation could be held.

Trustees President Robert Gerlach called to order the Meeting of the Corporation. The clerk certified that there was a quorum present. There was no new business. Mr. Gerlach thanked the and also thanked the Scouts and their parents for assistance in cleaning up the outside of the church.

The Meeting of the Corporation was adjourned and the Meeting of the Congregation re-convened.

Treasurer Andy Yost reviewed the financial report for 2016 (Appendix A and B) and the Benevolence Report (Appendix C). He reviewed the 2017 Budget which had been approved by Session. He also thanked the Financial Secretary and the Church Secretary for their assistance,

Elder Frank Noyes of the Personnel Committee reviewed the Terms of Call for pastors Lacroix and Ross and noted that there is a minimum increase for both pastors.

Auditor's Letter

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

January 25, 2018

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, 2017 through December 31, 2017. 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 Evan Ernest Jim Oetinger

The Audit Committee

2017 Treasurer's Report

Income Statement

When 2017 started, we were looking at a "Faith Budget" (the shortfall of Pledges vs. budgeted Offering Receipts) of \$134,000 and a prospective budget deficit of just over \$9,100. The \$134,000 was the largest "Pledge Gap" we had faced in years, and there was some question as to whether we would be able to close such a large gap. As it turned out, total receipts for the year were \$4,000 below budget at \$480,610. However, our expenses came in \$30,000 below budget at \$464,000. The primary sources of savings were the fact that we didn't hire a full-time associate pastor until later than projected and the fact that cleaning service costs had been overestimated. For the first time in several years we didn't have to have a special December appeal, yet we were

able to maintain the Benevolence level at 11% of Total Income, a level we haven't always been able to sustain.

Balance Sheet

Year-end assets were up \$167,000 to \$941,000. Total equity was up by \$16,600 at \$62,100. The biggest elements in the asset growth were \$60,000 of investment returns to our endowment funds, and a \$47,000 increase in prepaid contributions for the subsequent year. In addition, we added \$90,000 in as yet unexpended donations to the Capital Campaign.

2018 Budget

Session has adopted a tight budget for 2018, with total anticipated receipts of \$486,464 but with anticipated positive net income of \$168, a major change from recent years in that it is positive. Deficit budgets have been the norm at Wallingford, primarily because not everyone who gives pledges. The average budgeted deficit for the 10 years prior to 2017 was a bit over \$(17,000), and the average net income for those 10 years was \$6,000+, 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, Kate Callahan, Barbara Meahl, Pat Tillson, Chris Darr and Harold Floyd and to the counters and auditors for their dedication.