

2011 Annual Report

First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown

February 5, 2012 @ 12noon

AGENDA

OPENING PRAYER

Moderator Chip Low

READING OF THE CALL TO CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Clerk Gordon Braudaway
“*The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of the First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown will be held on Sunday, February 5, 2012, at 12 noon in Fellowship Hall: to elect four Members-at-Large to the Nominating Committee; to receive the Annual Reports; and to conduct any other business which may properly come before the Meeting.*”

REPORT OF MINUTES READERS FOR 2011 CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

Minutes of February 6, 2011 Annual Meeting

Ian Spence, Cal Weber

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Mark Linehan, Ann Timmons

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Rev. Chip Low

REPORT OF THE PASTOR

If 2010 centered around the word “connect” as we began our ministry together, 2011 has been about “transition”. As I reflect on the second year of our ministry together, I sense that we are in a time of transition as we let go of the past and look forward toward the future God is inviting us to enter. Transitions are difficult at times, especially when we have done things a certain way for a long time. We get used to our routines, our views, how we operate and what we expect church to be. Transitions are also times for new beginnings and new experiences and new ministry. Both have been present in the past two years, letting go and looking forward, and both have been opportunities to grow into the people God is calling us to be.

Transition bookended 2011. We began the year by celebrating the lives of five of our members who died. January was a hard month for many in our church, including me. That was an extraordinary amount of grief in a short amount of time, but I am thankful for the faith and strength in you all to walk through that time with hospitality for the many families and friends we supported, and I am grateful for the care I received from many of you as I tried to be present to many in their grief and plan services of resurrection and celebration that we might know God’s good news for us. God was very present to us all during that time, and in every other death in 2011.

On the other end of 2011, we went through the transition of our office staff and office. We celebrated Barbara Darragh’s 18 years of ministry as our administrative assistant and her faithful work for the church. It was clear from all that you said to her at her retirement luncheon that you have appreciated her ministry. I too am grateful for her presence over the past two years as I have settled into this new call and for her gracious welcome to our next administrative assistant, Kim Wertz. We welcomed Kim Wertz, thanks in no small part to Frank Hodgkinson, Ellen Miles and Jeff Kephart, who sifted through over 300 resumes. I believe we have hired the right person to help us move in new directions in an ever-changing world where the church needs to be clear about its message and how it shares it. A welcoming office and one that can organize our ministry is vital to our continued ministry. During this same time, our office space went through a major transformation thanks to Dick Seymour, Jose Sandaval, the 275th Fund (from our congregation) and the estate of Jim Harper.

In between these two significant transitions, we have continued to grow in our relationship as pastor and people and to discern our ministry together. That is not always an easy transition to make as we seek to learn from one another and understand the past as well as discern the future. However, I continue to be grateful for your welcome and your support, your openness and your wisdom, your faith and your devotion. I don’t know too many places where we can give up God for Lent, talk about Freud, Nietzsche and Marx to face idols in our faith, eat cake in the sanctuary on Pentecost, use video in worship, have a Harry Potter worship service, turn ideas about mission into concrete actions like a water filtration project, actively discern our relationship with ministry and advocacy in Peru by our lifestyle here, share testimonies of God’s work in your lives, and host wonderful music concerts, just to name a few. Your openness to try new things and grow your faith in a multitude of ways reveals to me how healthy you all are as a church. I feel invited to grow in my faith so that together we may express our faith in so many creative ways for our church family, community and world.

As we continue our transition to be pastor and people and create faithful ministry together, I would invite you to consider the questions that I put before the Session at their retreat. What has God been doing over the last two years in our ministry together? How has the last two years prepared us to go to the next level of what God wants us to do? The first can be answered in part in this annual report, but it is answered more fully in our lives. Lives that are open to God's Way, healed of brokenness, grounded in God's love and grace, renewed in relationships with one another and ready to go where God leads. God has been changing our lives. The second question invites us to listen more deeply to God's directions for our future. With so much going on, I'm hoping that we can build and grow our ministry further to reach our youth in meaningful ways, to grow our membership, to build a staff that supports our leadership and church, to expand our use of technology, to look for ways to partner with other churches, and to reach our community and world with the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ. I believe all of that is possible because God has already done so much among us. The ground has been built to head into God's future for us. I can't look at what has happened without seeing a vision for what is yet to come.

One final thought, I want to thank you again for your warm embrace of me and my family. Yortkown has become our home, and your hospitality and love for us is the reason for that. Thank you for the way you share your lives with us that we may build a home and family among you.

Thank you for the multitude of ways you all have made this ministry possible in 2011. Thank you for the depth of your faith and for heading into the future God has for us with courage and trust. We may be in transition, but we are living into God's Vision for us, and I look forward to the ways we can know and experience God in 2012.

Serving God together.

REPORT OF THE SESSION

2011 STATISTICS

Meetings	Regular	Special	Board of Deacons	Session Advisory Consideration By e-mail	Total
Session	9	3	1	3	16
Congregation	1	1			2

Active Members as of December 31, 2010: 348

<u>Gains</u>		<u>Losses</u>	
Confession of Faith	11	Deaths	4
Reaffirmation of Faith	1	Placed on Inactive Roll	22
Letter of Transfer	1	Letter of Transfer	0
Other	<u>1</u>	Other	<u>0</u>
	14		26

Active Members as of December 31, 2011: 336

Baptisms:	Infant:	7
	Adult:	0

Gordon Braudaway, Clerk of Session

MEMBERS RECEIVED BY CONFESSION OF FAITH

Gabrielle A Beyer #2685	James J. Giglio #2689	Jenna N. Shulman #2693
Jalen Buckhout #2686	Marcel D. Legros #2690	Logan A. Talbot #2694
Justin T. Corpolongo #2687	Liam D. McAuliffe #2691	Jack J. Wanamaker #2695
Lucas G. Eliasson #2688	Kristin N. O'Connell #2692	

MEMBERS RECEIVED BY REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Linda Lund Swift #2684

MEMBERS RECEIVED BY LETTER OF TRANSFER

Donna Bress Giglio (#2683) from the Peekskill Presbyterian Church, Peekskill, New York

INACTIVE MEMBERS REACTIVATED

Janis Chao-Tsun Fang (#1648)

BAPTISMS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Officiating Minister</u>
Jan. 9, 2011	Ryan Golden Lodewick	Chip Low
March 20, 2011	Paige Marie Baddeley	Chip Low
May 15, 2011	Trevor John Cordone	Chip Low
May 22, 2011	TJ Chin	Chip Low
	Ryan Casey Chin	Chip Low
	Kasey Morgan Chin	Chip Low
December 25, 2011	Adam Jose Leach	Chip Low

WEDDINGS PERFORMED

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Officiating Minister</u>
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DEATHS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>		<u>Officiating Minister</u>
January 2, 2011	Anne Pendleton Matthews	#1749	Chip Low
January 15, 2011	Thomas Annacone	#2438	Chip Low
January 24, 2011	Clark Nelson Strang, Jr.	#125	Chip Low
May 22, 2011	Miriam Long Huibregtse	#555	Chip Low
December 4, 2011	Stanley H. Gilbert, Jr.	inactive	Chip Low

INACTIVE ROLL

Beverley Arthur	#860	Kaitlyn Partenza	#2525	William Talbot	#2603
Maria Cribari	#2493	Jennifer Pepe	#2652	James Terhune	#2339
Christopher de Jong	#2518	Douglas Ramage	#2557	Jennifer Ward	#2640
Dylan Fraser-Gilbert	#2519	Alex Ryysylainen	#2497	Samuel Ward	#2641
Betty Grebe	#1398	Leslie Ryysylainen	#2420	Ryan Wynne	#2526
William Herman	#2494	Logan Talbot	#2654	Ruud Zwolinski	#2501
Andrew Lodewick	#2418	Patti Talbot	#2602		

MEMBERS TRANSFERRED

OTHER

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Elders

Class of 2011

Pam Darreff
Karen Gerth
Bill Herman
Frank Hodgkinson
Ian Spence
Kyle Monk*
Carolyn Blaney*
**youth elder*

Class of 2012

Ellen Miles
Carol Myers
Lynda Spring
Barbara Santagata
Ann Timmons
John Winget
Jalen Buckhout*
Lucas Eliasson*

Class of 2013

Kathy Anderson
Ruth Deemer
Ellen de Jong
Jeff Kephart
Mark Linehan
Michael Stewart

Class of 2014

Tricia Dineen
Christie Herman
Peter Marsh
David Monk
Dick Seymour
Nance Thompson

Clerk of Session: Gordon Braudaway

Board of Deacons

Class of 2011

Ryan Mulcahy
Jill Pagliettini
Chuck Radke
Mable Seymour
Mallory Eliasson*
Julia Kelly*
**youth deacon*

Class of 2012

Katharine Frase
Terri Froehlich
Barbara Humphrey
Sue Nelson
Liam McAuliffe*

Class of 2013

Angelyn Forbes-
Freeze
Matt Hager
Dorrit Nelson
Walter Oudheusden

Class of 2014

Kathy Winsted
Karen Mack
Jane Amato

Moderator: Jill Pagliettini; Vice-Moderator: Chuck Radke;
Secretary: Sue Nelson; Financial Secretary: Dorrit Nelson

Action Item:

Nominating Committee nominates Heidi Haring to the Board of Deacons for the Class of 2014.

DESIGNATION OF THE TITLE PASTOR EMERITUS

Name of Former Pastor: Charles R. Barton

Years served: 25

Name of Church: The First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown, Yorktown Heights, NY

1. What are some of the personal attributes that your former pastor brought to his call at your church that distinguish his/her service and support a designation of Pastor Emeritus?

- Was able to match skills needed for a job with a person who would be most effective and appropriate; organization skills superb.
- Had an outstanding memory for names; recall of names on second meeting: this was a recurring theme among people who returned after visiting FPCY for the first time.
- Knew who attended worship services, helping in not letting people fall through the cracks
- Possessed the unique ability to be both leader and follower
- Was a complete pastor, both as an administrative and as a congregational leader 24/7.
- Diffused difficult situations with negotiation skills
- Has always expressed faithfulness to the Lord, Word, and tradition through compassion, mercy, forgiveness, and patience

2. Discuss some of the lasting contributions that the pastor has made to your church.

- Created leadership within the church
- Was able to match skills needed for a job with a person who would do it well (as noted above)
- Encouraged many to take leadership roles. There is a large proportion of membership who have served in various leadership roles
- Led special campaigns and providing guidance and leadership during times of transition or challenge
- Championed a Capital Fund to preserve the church structure and create an addition which has facilitated not only our own activities but also our activities and availability to support the greater community
- Was a force in transitioning us into a More Light Church
- Created programs that encouraged participation (of the congregation as a whole and various groups within it)
- Changed Sunday School to separate time so children and teachers would be able to attend church.
- Supported and encouraged moving the Healing Service to a separate time so that all could be included
- The list is endless

3. Have there been any particular stages of the churches life, including times of transition or challenge, when your pastor provided exemplary leadership or other important pastoral skills?

- Helped to facilitate, manage and support our needs, as a member of the Presbytery Crisis Team, during a very tumultuous time in our church's history. He was elected permanent Pastor in large part due to his care and love in transitioning our congregation
- Introduced and supported the More Light initiative
- Exercised a creative approach to conflicts, never letting conflicts fester

- Supported and negotiated American Flag debate and Affordable Housing Initiative
- Negotiated policy and program, always with a way of transforming problems into solutions
- Handled his retirement gracefully.

4. In what ways was your pastor involved in the larger church (including Presbytery, Synod, GA and ecumenical activities) during his/her years with you?

- Supported our Food Pantry, the Jan Peek/Noon Unity/PAPA/Ministry, Midnight Run
- Encouraged our Church to support and provide facilities for AA, Alanon, Boy Scouts, Hospice, Stepping Stones, Caring Circle, Mommy and Me
- Supported the More Light initiative
- Forged a relationship with Antioch Baptist Church
- Supported an affordable housing initiative
- Was an active member of the Yorktown Clergy Group
- Developed and supported our Church's Saturday Night Service, for the purpose of reaching out to the "unchurched"
- Served Presbytery of Hudson River in many capacities; to name a few:
 - Moderator of Presbytery
 - Chair of Committee on Ministry
 - Chair of Congregation Transformation Committee
 - Chair of Budget, Finance and Property Committee

5. What is your former pastor's relationship with the larger community and how have his ties to or activities within the community helped to strengthen the church in the world?

- Helped church to have a vibrant and significant reputation in community
- Opened doors to outside organizations
- Sponsored Early Education Pre School (Yorktown Presbyterian Preschool)
- Was the face of our church in the larger community: Interfaith Services/Clergy Organization
- Assumed a leading role when the need for affordable housing was being discussed in the community
- Was active in helping to increase the Church's membership

6. Are there any other attributes or achievements that should be taken into consideration?

- Our membership rolls surged during Charles' tenure.
- Our membership has been and continues to be vibrant and involved, following Charles 25 year lead.
- He was the living model of the living word.

Prepared by : Gordon Braudaway, Judy Chessa, Pam Darreff, Ruth Deemer, Ian Spence, Cal Weber,

The above-named representatives were designated by the Session on December 6, 2011

The above nomination recommended to the Congregation on January 28, 2012

MISSION COMMISSION

Members: Ellen de Jong and John Winget, Co-Chairs; Stephanie Hare, Heidi K. Haring, Carolyn Blaney, Kathy Blaney, Squeegie Mills, Kyle Monk, Carol Myers, Connie Knapp, Lynda Spring, Jean Post Winget, Nicole Mulcahy, Carol Cornish

Our Dreams

During this past year, the commission continued discussing our biblical imperative to care for our world and its inhabitants. **Jean Post-Winget** continues to work with other members of the Hudson River Presbytery in our outreach to brothers and sisters in Peru. One aspect of this Peru mission was to support a youth managed radio station in Peru which supports local mission and concerns. We also continue to focus on the situation of those in Peru, living in the shadow of a plant that pollutes the water, the air, and causes the children to develop lead poisoning and shortens their lives.

We completed our **“Challenge to Change”** grant from the Presbytery. The funds were utilized to facilitate outreach to our gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) neighbors. With the suicide of Taylor Clementi of Rutgers; we continue look specifically to reach out to GLBT youth.

The Mission Commission continued our focus on several hunger and housing ministries and continued discussion of the growing issue of hunger in our world and very clearly, in our local community.

Late in 2011, we established the Pastor Relief Fund. This fund is earmarked to support our congregants in need a it relates to economic hardship experienced in the wake of the economic downturn which has caused hardship for so many of us. These funds are to be disbursed by our Pastor at his discretion.

We have also initiated a project of home rehabilitation through cooperation with Homefront and will be seeing more of this project in 2012. Jean Post-Winget and Matt Hager are spearheading this project and will be working in cooperation with the Operations and other commissions.

Our Work

Thanks and acknowledgement to all the willing workers who make so many ministries happen.

Noontime Meal Volunteers:

Pam Darreff, Ruth Deemer, Tricia Dineen, Jan Gunther, Dick Hunter, Bruce Johnson, Cheryl Lodewick, Priscilla Lucas, Mary Lou McArdle, Dick Mills, Squeegie Mills, (Mission Liaison), Emily Monk, Jerrie Pospisil, Florence Ross, Fran Schiel, Ken Sherman, Lynda Spring

Knit Together

Verena Baumgartner, Pauline Bernauer, Louise Fang, Terri Froehlich, Kay Lieberman, Priscilla Lucas, Carol Myers, Lois Ostling -- co-chair, Pat Prauda, Norean Radke--co-chair, Fran Schiel, Maxine Travis
This year the group knitted 195 items which were given to Bethel Assisted Living, Bethel Nursing and Rehabilitation, Birthright, Deacon's Food Pantry, Sky View Rehabilitation Center, and Wassaic.

Prayer Shawl Ministry:

Marianna Sherman, chair; Renee Brown, Terri Froehlich, Aloha Hicks, Gail Roell, Fran Schiel.

God Uses Your Gifts

This congregation has been clear about the importance of mission and outreach to the life and heart of this church. Our Commission has continued to deliberate mindfully and prayerfully about how we can do mission in our community and the world. Our congregation continues to budget for the General Mission of the Presbyterian Church USA, the Synod of the Northeast and the Presbytery of the Hudson River, sent monthly for the programs the larger church supports. (www.pcusa.org) In addition, we dispersed over \$80,082 to organizations and programs we support.

We also opened our doors to organizations that provide helpful and healing ministries to members of our community.

More than 3,000 people walk through our doors each week.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Boy Scouts

The Caring Circle of Hospice

Al-Anon

Cub Scouts

The Children's School

Families Anonymous

Daisy Scouts

Yorktown Presbyterian

Nar-Anon

Girl Scouts

Preschool

Narcotics Anonymous

Recovery Inc

Presbytery of Hudson River

Noon Unity

SPARC

Yorktown Clergy Group

Spirit of Sobriety

Our building allows many miracles to happen in people's lives.

Westchester: New York:

Bridge Fund

Noontime Meal-Peekskill

C.H.O.P., Inc.

Northeast Counseling Center

Children's Center at Bedford Prison

N. Westch. Ctr for Domestic Violence

Chaplaincy at NWCH

Women's Resource Center

Food Bank

Midnight Run

Hospice of Northern Westchester

Rural Migrant Ministry

Jan Peek Dinners

Presbyterian Conference Center at Holmes

"My Second Home" Adult Day Program

National: More Light Presbyterians & PC USA programs

International: Bridges to Community, Amnesty International, Living Water

Special Mention

Alternative Giving Market for Heifer International

In November, our church school held our fifth Annual Alternative Giving Market for Heifer International. The purpose was to raise money by selling shares of Heifer Animals and to also support communities around the world by selling fair trade products, coffees and teas and crafts from Africa and South America, along with items handmade by our children. We sold Fair Trade goods and the kid's sachets. We netted hundreds for Heifer International. In addition to raising money, we tried to raise awareness of Christmas materialism by offering an alternative way to shop and help others at the same time.

Amnesty International.

Thanks to the continuing leadership of **Carolyn Blaney** we have an active participation and commitment to the social witness of Amnesty International. Through financial support and monthly letter writing initiatives, we lend our voices in support of victims of conscience and victims of human rights abuse who are brought to our attention by A.I. as "urgent action" cases in need of immediate vocal support.

Children's Center at Bedford Prison

Heidi Haring continues as our liaison to this program. Toys were purchased and donated by Church School children so that incarcerated mothers could give them as Christmas gifts to their children.

C.H.O.P., Inc.

This is an umbrella organization that oversees the Jan Peek Shelter in Peekskill and a breakfast program, The Sunny Donut, also in Peekskill. In addition to financial support, members of our congregation prepare a dinner on the 4th Saturday of each month. Residents and staff are touched by the generosity of food and friendship extended to them. The shelter houses 19 single adult men and women. The shelter has also recently reinstated a food pantry in order to help to address the incredible increase in hunger in the Peekskill area. The Sunny Donut serves breakfast Monday-Friday to people of all ages at the Salvation Army site. **John Chessa** currently serves on the CHOP Board of directors.

Living Water

This program helps to provide clean water in many countries around the world.

Midnight Run

This program takes food, clothing, and blankets to and human interaction with the homeless folk of New York City. Youth runs and an adult run were generously supported by this congregation. A Midnight Run happens because of a community of efforts and contributions of time, energy and things.

More Light Presbyterians

We have continued our financial support of the More Light Presbyterians and have worked this year to make our More Light position more visible in our community. That is, making it very apparent that we strive to be an openly welcoming and loving congregation. MLP works through education and outreach, to reduce prejudice and support lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender equality within the Presbyterian Church USA. www.MLP.org

My Second Home

The commission has identified the area of support for the caregiver as a great area of need within our community and congregation. More and more people find themselves struggling to find ways and means to care for aging and infirm parents and other relatives while also caring for a job and children. My Second Home is a social model adult day program located on Radio Circle in Mt. Kisco and run by Family Services of Westchester. It provides a compassionate, cost efficient, community based and intergenerational alternative to assisted living or nursing home care to seniors in need of individual attention during the work day. Our support goes to a scholarship fund to make the program even more affordable.

Noontime Meal Program-Peekskill.

The Peekskill Area's Pastor Association (PAPA) sponsors a noontime meal program at the Salvation Army in Peekskill. Volunteers from our church shop, prepare and serve lunch for 10 months and purchase lunch in July and August. We have done this for nearly 20 years. These dedicated people continue to be remembered in prayer by Director James McNair.

Rural and Migrant Ministry

RMM advocates for farm workers and rural poor families through education and Youth Empowerment Programs. Check the RMM website www.ruralmigrantministry.org and hope@ruralmigrantministry.org.

White Gift Sunday

For the 50th year we shared Christmas gifts with the 2000 clients of the Taconic Developmental Center. Our donations make it possible for the residents to each receive gifts during the holidays. This worship service in December always moves me with the generosity and thoughtful giving of our congregation.

Fair Trade Coffee

We serve fair trade coffee. This Presbyterian Coffee Project program pays farmers a fair price so they can support their families and obtain affordable credit. **Donna Gresh** has made this possible.

Northern Westchester Chaplaincy Fund

“This pastoral care program is available to patients and family members struggling with emotions of grief and fear, with issues of spirituality and with ethical issues. Having the availability of onsite dedicated chaplaincy services has provided the possibility not just for the patient but for many others to renew themselves in their faith, to reinforce their faith and even sometimes discover faith they didn't know they had.” From a letter by Joel Seligman, President, Northern Westchester Hospital

On behalf of the Mission Commission thank you for your involvement and generosity. YOU do the mission of this church every day in countless ways.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen de Jong, Co-Chair
John Winget, Co-Chair

TOTAL OUTREACH DOLLARS

Mission Commission Support

Bridges to Community (from 275th Campaign)	19,000.00
Food Bank of Westchester	763.00
Jan Peek Meals	27.65
Midnight Run Inc	290.91
My Second Home (Mt. Kisco) <i>(Easter Offering)</i>	1,023.00
N. West. Hospital Chaplincy Program	1,000.00
NoonTime Meal (Peekskill)	1,419.06
Northeast Counseling Center	1,000.00
Pastor's Relief Fund	1,050.49
Radio Station, Peru	490.40
Rural Migrant Ministry <i>(Easter Offering)</i>	1,023.00
U.N. General Assembly	300.00

Mission Commission Other Benevolence

Health Fair	224.00
Islam Event	65.00
Japan Relief	323.07
Living Water	515.00
Mosquito Nets for Mothers	775.00

SubTotal 29,289.58

To Savings 7,532.52

Presbyterian Church USA

Per Capita	10,179.00
General Mission Giving	
General Assembly (30%)	9,098.70
Synod (2%)	606.58
Presbytery of Hudson River (68%)	20,623.72
Christmas Joy Offering (PCUSA 100%)	2,925.00
One Great Hour of Sharing (PCUSA 100%)	2,452.20
Peacemaking (Presbytery 75%)	1,314.75
Pentecost (Presbytery 60%)	1,226.00

SubTotal 48,425.75

Deacons

Deacons' Fund including School Supplies	2504.00
Food Pantry	23,612.86

SubTotal 26,116.86

Church School

Living Water Project	1,080.25
Vacation Bible School	200.00

SubTotal 1280.25

Total Giving 112,644.96

2011 STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

Members: Dick Seymour, Barbara Darragh, Tom Travis, Judy Chessa, Marianna Sherman, Ellen DeJong, Carol Meyers, and Pam Darreff

Stewardship is the way we actively and financially take care of God's gifts to us. We are blessed to have many loving caregivers that help with this work. Our success has been based on the many ways our congregation gives of their time, talents, and treasures (financial resources). The Stewardship Commission endeavors to celebrate the good works of our church family, reach out to visitor and community help organizations, and plan diligently for the financial health of our congregation.

This commission is responsible for the July Mission Celebration, the annual stewardship campaign, new member classes, visit-the-visitor program, and the annual review our membership list. As a commission this year we worked to improve stewardship communication by continually updating our web page, by including numerous articles and news items in the Disciple, by writing stewardship letters, by sending email announcements and postcards noting upcoming events, by creating financial updates letters, and by putting announcements in the bulletin.

Mid-year Celebration of our Giving and Living Mission

We took time during the summer to celebrate the work of our commissions and the numerous ways we as a community of faith reach out to others. This half-year celebration highlighted the many ways our congregation gives of their time and talents to ensure that God's blessings are shared. Personal testimonials told stories of how mission experiences impacted their lives and the lives of others. This year we asked the outside groups that use our facilities weekly and serve our community in countless healing ways, to share their stories. What powerful, heart-rending, and hopeful stories we heard. We are indeed active stewards of God's love! With God's spirit alive and radiating, we celebrated like good Presbyterians, enjoying banana splits and fellowship after the service. Thanks to Ellen DeJong, Carol Myers, Judy Chessa, and Dick Seymour for their help in the organization of this celebration.

Fall Stewardship Campaign

The theme for the Fall 2011 Stewardship campaign was "Share Abundantly In Every Good Work". It was our hope to inform, enlighten, and positively present the messages that, as we share abundantly, we will reap abundantly. FPCY is a church of cheerful givers who have a history of sharing God's love and grace with all who walk through our doors and all we go out to meet with good news. This theme seems to be perfect for us both financially and spiritually. In 2011 we continued to share abundantly!

In an effort to inform we tried to answer for the congregation the following questions: What do we mean by Stewardship? What exactly is our Mission? How can I step up to share abundantly in every good work? What do others in our congregation give? How do I decide what to give? What do I need to do? Many thanks to Dick Seymour who envisioned and created the bulletin inserts that were extremely helpful in answering these questions. During different worship services, the following people reflected on why they give: Marianna Sherman, Mark Linehan, John Watkins, Christie Virtue-Herman and Gordon Braudaway. We were blessed to have Bob Baum and Tami Seidel as guest stewardship preachers. They touched all of us with their enlightening stories and wisdom. We give cheerfully because we believe in the work of this church and God's mission for us.

To help communicate our theme and goals, several letters and postcards were sent to the congregation and updates appeared in the Disciple and on our website. In the beginning of October an informational letter with pledge cards was mailed to all members. As we received responses, thank you letters were sent to those who pledged and responded with their intent to help live our mission. Follow up phone calls were made. The October snowstorm caused us to cancel our Oct. 30th dedication of our commitments for 2012. Many thanks to Judy Chessa and Ellen de Jong for planning and dealing with the cancelled brunch.

The Stewardship goal to share abundantly in every good work was realized. Despite the economy putting financial stress on many families and Mother Nature's storms we had a very positive increase in giving. This year 147 pledgers gave more than last year's 157 pledgers. This is sharing abundantly. Many thanks to Barbara Darragh, whose financial knowledge and continual effort to update our database was a key to our success. Thank you all for your commitment to share in FPCY ministry.

Membership

With the help of Barbara Darragh we have updated our membership lists as required by Presbytery. We are in the process of creating a better method of identifying members who may be not active for a variety of reasons. We created new letters and hope to improve communication with our young adult members.

Visit the Visitor

Under the guidance of Marianna Sherman we reviewed the procedure for our visit the visitor program. When someone comes to visit us for the first time and they fill out a visitor card, they are visited after the 10:45 service. These visits have proven to be very successful over the past 16 years. We celebrate the volunteers who have made this visit over the past year. We hope you all will be on the lookout in a welcoming way for the newcomer in our midst.

Thank you to Dick Seymour, Barbara Darragh, Tom Travis, Ellen de Jong, Marianna Sherman, Carol Myers and Judy Chessa for their work on this Commission.

Thank you all for your faithful giving as we live and give to build a strong ministry together of God's love for all.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Darreff, Chair

EDUCATION COMMISSION

Overview

The Education Commission is responsible for the development, implementation, and administration of educational programs that address the needs of our church family from the youngest child to our seniors. During the past year, the Commission members have included: **Robin Corpolongo, Shawn Cribari, Heidi Haring, Aloha Hicks, Kathy Hodgkinson, Alice Chin, Michele Mosca, Carol Jensen, Suzy Rishel, Nicole Mulcahy, Kathy Anderson, Lynda Spring.** We want to say thank-you to Ken Shulman who served as chair of this commission for several years. The commission is presently co-chaired by Lynda Spring and Kathy Anderson.

Yorktown Presbyterian Pre-School

After 25 years of dedicated service, our beloved director, Connie Stringer has announced that she will be retiring at the close of the 2011-12 school year. We are grateful for her many years of loving direction that has made the YPP into the well-respected program that it is today. A search committee comprised of church members and parent representatives has been formed and the search for a new director is underway.

The YPP program is a child centered, play based co-operative model which requires the participation and active involvement by parents in both the classroom and in various supporting activities. The program provides morning and afternoon sessions for 3 and 4 year olds with extra classes available on Fridays for parents who choose this option. In addition to the Director, the YPP staff includes two teachers, **Sue Davies** and **Lisa Eliasson.** The YPP is governed by a Board comprised of the Director, **Connie Stringer,** four parent representatives and five members from our church. **Rita Child (Chair), Emily Monk (Treas.), Alice Chin (Liason to Education Commission), Melissa Shaughnessy and Gloria Coccodrilli.**

The "Mommy and Me" program is offered through our preschool in collaboration with the Westchester County Early Intervention Program. This program provides a socialization experience as well as other early intervention services for two-year old children with special needs. The Childcare Room is used for this program on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Childcare Room

Consistent and dependable childcare during the Sunday services is an important consideration for parents of young children. The name of this program has been changed from the "Crib room" in order to better express the availability of care for children from birth through kindergarten age. All are warmly welcomed here. Our thanks and appreciation goes to **Michele Mosca,** our Childcare Room Coordinator, for all her efforts to provide a safe, nurturing environment for the youngest members of our church family.

Church School

The Church School program continues to be a signature ministry of FPCY, offering a unique educational experience to children from pre-school through middle school. This year, our Superintendents **Amy Coccodrilli and Beth Coccodrilli** were responsible for the smooth running of the Sunday School program. We want to express our deep appreciation to **JoAnne Marsh** who completed her commitment in 2011 and enriched our church school with her dedication and wisdom.

The Church School Committee shares responsibility for recruitment of teachers, curriculum selection and provides leadership and guidance in policy decisions. The Church School Committee members for 2011 included **Suzy Rishel (Chair), Kathy Anderson, Robin Corpolongo, Beth Gruber, Heidi Haring, Aloha Hicks, JoAnne Marsh, Amy Coccodrilli, Emily Monk, Ken and Lynn Shulman and Lynda Spring.**

The Church School is composed of three sections to best serve the educational needs of the various age groups. These are: Pre-school; K through 5th grade; and 6th through 8th grade. The pre-school teachers use a program from Cokesbury called Rock Solid that includes story telling combined with creative activities appropriate for preschool children.

K-5 teachers utilize a rotation- model curriculum from Cornerstones. Under this model, children rotate through the following areas from week to week: Art, Cooking, Faith Today, Media, and Moved by the Spirit. A special feature of our program is our gifted storytellers who bring a special excitement to the gathering time that begins each church school session! This season's K-5 curriculum was entitled, "The Covenant". The lessons included: Noah's Ark; The Ten Commandments; Messenger of the Covenant; The Prodigal Son; Kingdom Parables; Crucifixion/Resurrection; and Early Church as the Body of Christ.

The 6th through 8th grade class utilizes a lectionary-based program called Seasons of the Spirit. While students no longer rotate, the class includes many different activities that enable the middle school student to gain a fuller understanding of the scriptures. They have also done several service projects, such as making seasonal decorations for the deacon's to distribute to the people they visit.

We kicked off our Church School year this fall with a mission focus entitled, "Clean Water for All God's Children". This program is produced by Living Waters for the World, a mission organization of the PCUSA. Our Children gained an important awareness of the global need for clean water. We have been collecting money to purchase the materials for a clean water system to be installed in an area in need of this technology. We ended this study with a water walk to Downing Park, whereby we walked back to the church carrying as much water as we could. What an amazing event!

The Church School Staff for the 2011-2012 program year are:

Church School Superintendents: Amy Coccodrilli and Beth Coccodrilli

Pre-K Teachers: Debbie Flynn and Liza Placido

Assistants: Julia Kelly and Rebecca Amorese

Shepherds:

Kindergarten and 1st grade : Jocelyn Fontana, Alice Chin (back up)

2nd Grade: Michele Mosca, Jane MacDonald and Sue Nelson

3rd Grade: Beth Gruber

4th Grade: Joanne Leftwich and Maura Delaney

5th Grade: Debbie Bernardini, Alice Chin (back up)

Center Leaders:

Art: Rita Child (K-2) and Noelle Legros (3-5)

Moved By the Spirit: Heidi Haring, Kathy Blaney (back up)

Cooking: Donna Giglio, Peter Marsh (back up)

Faith Today: Suzy Rishel and JoAnne Marsh

Media: Dave Monk and Ken Shulman Assistants: Kyle Monk and Jessica Shulman

6th, 7th & 8th Grade: Kathy Anderson

Gathering Time: Katharine Frase

Music (Gathering Time): John Winget and Beth Gruber

Storytellers: Bill Herman (assisted by Liam McAuliffe and Hannah Anderson)

Snack Coordinator: Melissa Shaughnessy

Substitutes: Lynn Shulman, and Lisa Tomeny

An eight week Bible Study Skills course, taught by **Tricia Dineen and Barbara Humphrey**, is also given to third graders. During the Children's Sunday service in June, these students were presented with a copy of *The Children's Illustrated Bible* or a traditional Children's Bible, as requested.

Alternative Giving Fair/ Moved by the Spirit: Thank you to **Heidi Haring** for coordinating the Alternative Giving Fair once again. Heifer International was especially successful with \$1,385. This year, in conjunction with the church school's Living Waters Mission project, cards were made available that raised \$350 towards the purchase of the Living Waters water purification system. It was a great fair with a lot of unique gifts which made for fun holiday shopping!

Vacation Bible School 2011

For over 40 years the Yorktown Cooperative Vacation Bible School has been organized to run the first two weeks of July by the combined efforts of the First Presbyterian Church, The Yorktown United Methodist Church and St. Andrew's Lutheran Church. This year, St. Andrews Lutheran Church hosted VBS. 78 campers attended along with 43 teens and 26 adult teachers and helpers.

VBS could not exist without the significant contribution of parents, grandparents and older siblings who serve as teachers and assistants. Our thanks to **Barbara Santagata, Debbie Amorese and Nicole Mulcahy** for serving as the coordinators from our church. **Liz Gilbert, Heidi Haring and Amy Savino** were teachers. **Rebecca Amorese, Brian Kelly, Jackie Rainieri, Jenna Shulman, Jessica Shulman, Amanda Monk, and Adam Santagata** donated two weeks of their summer vacation to serve as teen helpers. In July 2012, we will be hosting VBS at our church.

Confirmation Class

Confirmation is a young person's initiation into the life and ministry of our church. The students are being lead on this important journey by **Nicole Mulcahy, Pam Darreff, and David Monk** under the direction of **Rev. Chip Low**. Eleven young people were confirmed by the Session in June 2011, and seven more began their confirmation journey in the fall of 2011 and will complete their work in April 2012.

The curriculum is designed around an examination of the seven parts of the Presbyterian Church (USA) seal. The class learned about the Presbyterian Church: its ministry, leadership and decision-making process. They also attended services in different Christian traditions as well as visiting a mosque and a synagogue. The group participated in outreach ministries of our church, went on a retreat, enjoyed some group building activities and attended weekly worship.

Youth Ministries

While we do not currently have a Youth Group, our youth continue to be very involved in all aspects of our church. Some of these include shepherding and teaching Church School, singing with the Choir, and participating in the Youth Bell Choir. We also have youths that volunteer in our Food Pantry, act as teen helpers at Vacation Bible School, and work on Church Cleanups. There have been youths that help prepare the supplies for the Midnight Run and others that actually go on the Midnight Run. On Shrove Tuesday, the youth cook and serve the traditional Pancake Supper. Lacking a formal youth group, an effort has been made to incorporate service projects as part of the Grade 6-8 Church School experience. We also have youth that serve in leadership positions within our church. This past year, **Carolyn Blaney and Kyle Monk** served as Youth Elders. The Youth Deacons for this past year were **Mallory Eliasson and Julia Kelly**.

Adult Education

“ . . . when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways.” (1 Corinthians 13: 11b)

We started our Adult Education program for 2011 with two clear mandates from our community —

- **to provide opportunities to study the basics of our faith.**
- **to provide a safe place for us to explore our doubts and questions.**

In response to our mandate for the basics, we continued our “Presbyterian 101” study that had begun in Fall of 2010. To give space to doubts and questions we “Gave up God for Lent.” Or rather, we opened ourselves to the possibility of giving up self-serving ideas about God by exploring Marx, Nietzsche and Freud's critiques of Christianity.

We also sought to celebrate and share in Worship what we learned in our readings and conversations. Adult Ed participants partnered with Chip and the Worship Commission to offer Sunday morning services focused on our Presbyterian heritage, on “Giving up God for Lent” and on our Sunday morning Lenten study on the sacredness of food – food as nourishment, as a gift from the earth, and as sacrament.

A new tradition at FPCY, “Sermon for Lunch” (or “Sermon for Brunch” in July and August) has become very popular. On the third or fourth Sunday of each month, we gather in the lounge over sandwiches and coffee after the 10:45 worship and Chip guides a discussion of whatever faith issues are on our minds (which may or may not pertain to the morning’s sermon!).

Adult Education Programs in 2011 included the following:

PRESBYTERIAN 101. What distinguishes Presbyterianism from other branches of Christianity? How do Presbyterians understand and interpret the Bible? *January, February, and March.* Our study culminated in two special Sunday worship services: One on the Presbyterian Church Today, led by Rev. Dr. Susan Andrews, General Presbyter of the Hudson River Presbytery, and one on Our Presbyterian Heritage, featuring a visit from the founder of Presbyterianism, John Calvin, played by Bill Herman.

WOMEN’S CIRCLE – Journeys through Revelation: Apocalyptic Hope for Today. Led by Rev. Tami Seidel. first Wednesday of the Month, 10:30 am; continued through June from fall 2010.

GIVING UP GOD FOR LENT Book Study led by Rev. Chip Low. Using the book *Suspicion & Faith* by philosopher Merold Westphal, we took Marx, Freud and Nietzsche’s critiques of Christianity seriously enough to hear their arguments about self-serving functions of religious belief and practice. Westphal, a Christian in the reformed tradition, argues that the atheists’ call to repentance is just what the Church needs! Two study groups, one on Wednesday evenings and one on Thursday mornings wrestled with this challenging book. Merold Westphal joined us one Sunday, to preach on the Prophet Amos at both services and to lead Adult Ed discussions during the 9:30 education hour and at “Sermon for Lunch.”

JUST EATING? PRACTICING OUR FAITH AT THE TABLE. Drawing on Jesus’ story and the rituals of the Christian faith, this study examined four aspects of our lives with food: the health of our bodies; the access others have to food; the health of the earth and how our food choices affect it; and the ways we use food to extend hospitality and enrich relationships. We met on Sunday mornings in Lent, and culminated our study with a special communion service celebrated in Fellowship Hall.

FILM: “For the BIBLE Tells Me So” and BIBLE STUDY: “This I Know.” In May we screened an award-winning documentary about how five Christian families come to accept their gay and lesbian children unconditionally, and followed it with a four-week study of the specific Biblical texts about homosexuality and the cultural context in which they were written.

WOMEN’S CIRCLE - Bible Study: “Confessing the Beatitudes,” led by Rev. Tami Seidel meets the first Wednesday of the month, 10:30 am. The study continues through Spring 2012.

LIVING WATERS: SCRIPTURE AND THE WORLD WATER CRISIS. In September and October, we kicked off the school year by exploring the Church School’s opening theme in Adult Bible Study on Sunday mornings. We learned that the most precious natural resource on earth isn’t gold or oil. It’s clean water.

FINANCIAL SANITY: LINKING MONEY CHOICES WITH YOUR VALUES On Wednesday evenings in October, this study by Nathan Dungan gave practical tools for families to articulate their values and then live them through the day to day choices they make with their money. Some participants expressed a wish that more families in the congregation have an opportunity to engage in this study; some participants are interested in a different money study, geared to the needs of individuals and families without children.

ADVENT BOOK STUDY. *The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem.* Book and study by Adam Hamilton. This book and study draws on insights from historians, archeologists, biblical scholars and theologians to help us discover (or rediscover) the true meaning of Christmas. We offered the study at three different times during December: Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings and Thursday mornings.

Other educational events included:

Harry Potter and Christian Spirituality: On Sunday, November 6th, Rev. Danielle Tumminio led us in worship and joined us for the Adult Education hour to talk about the intersection of the Christian faith with the Harry Potter series.

Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations: On Sunday, November 13th, Rev. Mark Koenig led us in our annual Peace and Justice Worship, and joined us for Adult Education to talk about his work as Director, PC-USA UN Ministry. He also joined us for Sermon for Lunch following the 10:45 worship.

Nurturing a Grateful Heart: On Sunday, November 29, we explored the role of thankfulness in the Christian life and learned about habits we can develop to nurture a grateful heart.

Heartfelt thanks to . . .

- The Adult Education Committee: **Shawn Cribari, Rev. Chip Low, Rev. Tami Seidel, Kathy Anderson, Lynda Spring and Jean Post-Winget.**
- Our pastor, Chip Low, for challenging us to move beyond our comfort zone and leading many of our studies.
- **Tami Seidel**, for volunteering her expertise as a dynamic teacher to help us expand the depth and breadth of our Adult Ed offerings.
- **Bill Herman**, for his wonderful portrayal of John Calvin, the founder of Presbyterianism, in our worship service celebrating our Presbyterian heritage.
- Study Leaders: **Dick and Squeegie Mills, Connie Knapp, Jean Post-Winget, and Shawn Cribari**

Church Library

The Church Library is a valuable resource for our church members. **Carol Jensen** continues her service as our Church Librarian. In addition to books on Bible study, theology, and the Presbyterian Church, the library has many titles on examining and nourishing personal faith. There are also books about social issues, children's books, and a small collection of videos and DVDs. The Library now has at least one copy of recent adult education study titles. You can access the catalogue on-line at the church's website, as well as read reviews of recent acquisitions. Additionally, each month a brief review of new items appear in the "Disciple."

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Anderson and Lynda Spring

WORSHIP COMMISSION

Members: Jane Amato, Gordon Braudaway, Judy Chessa, Deanna Collins, David Cruikshank, Lisa Eliasson, Louise Fang, Katharine Frase, Bill Herman, Christie Herman, Rev. Chip Low, Sara Mann, Pat Prauda, Ann Timmons (chair), Cal Weber, Barbara Wilkens.

Responsibility

This Commission oversees the needs of our faith community as it gathers for worship. This includes reviewing the content and order of worship, planning and implementing special services, scheduling ushers, greeters and lay leaders, making arrangements for the serving of the Lord's Supper, and planning for appropriate decoration of the Sanctuary (such as banners, candles, flowers, and greens). Additionally the Worship Commission oversees the musical life of our congregation, including service music, the Adult Choir, the Adult and Youth Bell Choirs and the Sunday Afternoon Concert Series.

Special Services

In addition to the regularly scheduled Sunday Worship, the following special services/events were conducted this past year:

- Ordination/Installation of Officers
- Dedication of the Harpsichord
- Ash Wednesday
- Maundy Thursday (Seder)
- Good Friday (Tenebrae)
- Easter Sunrise Service (at Wilkens' Farm)
- Boy Scout Sunday
- Children's Sunday
- Confirmation Sunday
- Graduate Recognition
- Mission Celebration
- Parish Day Service and Picnic
- Blessing of the Backpacks
- Blessing of the Animals
- Peace and Justice Sunday
- Celebration Sunday (snowed out this year)
- All Saints Day/Harry Potter Theme
- Longest Night Service
- Christmas Eve Services (4pm Children's Service and two Candlelight Services)

Highlights of the Year

Our second year with Rev. Chip Low has continued to be a time for meaningful worship experiences including creative approaches, new ideas, and inspiring services. We are grateful to have Chip and his family with us as we continue to explore our faith and expand our relationship together.

The theme for Lent was "Giving up God", a phrase which no doubt raised some eyebrows when viewed on our sign at the corner, but had great meaning as we explored the concept further. The rustic cross created by **Michael Stewart** was used in Lent with our messages tied in black ribbons, later to sprout signs of new life as garlands of flowers were added. The Christian Seder was held on Maundy Thursday, with thanks to **Lisa Eliasson and Katharine Frase** for organizing the event, and the traditional Tenebrae service was conducted on Good Friday. In Advent, the theme focused on finding our way using the points of our spiritual compass as we made the journey toward Christmas and the arrival of Jesus. We added a new Longest Night Service this year to acknowledge the bittersweet aspects of the season and to offer prayers for healing and wholeness as we welcomed God's light into our darkness. With thanks, we acknowledge the many children who participated in our Christmas Eve Children's worship and to the leaders **Lisa Eliasson and Katharine Frase**, plus their team of many helpers.

Another new service was added this past fall, namely the Blessing of the Animals. Held outdoors in the afternoon, **Chip and Tami** blessed over 50 animals of all shapes and varieties, welcoming many visitors who came for this special event. There was also a Blessing of the Backpacks as our children began a new school year in September.

Several of our special worship services have been enhanced with sanctuary decorations, with themes ranging from the fall harvest to Harry Potter, with thanks to **Christie Herman, Lisa Eliasson**, and others who have helped enrich our experience of worship. Additionally, two small crosses, envisioned by **Gordon Braudaway** and made to scale by **Michael Stewart** to match the large cross, were carefully installed in the sanctuary by Dick Seymour. This ensures that the cross will be present in our sanctuary, even when a banner is hung over the large cross in the center.

Under the talented leadership of **Simona Frenkel**, our Music Director and Organist, the music program of the Church continues to be a vital aspect of our worship. Simona deserves our gratitude for sharing her exceptional musical gifts with us all. Our Youth Bell Choir, now in its eighth year, provided wonderful bell music for us during services. Our special thanks go out to **Eric and Carol Jensen** for setting out the bells for all rehearsals and performances and assisting in rehearsals of both the Youth and Adult Bell Choirs. Last but not least, we thank the members of all our choirs and our many instrumentalists for their dedication, many hours of practice, and the resulting beautiful music that adds to our worship experience.

The Sunday Afternoon Concert Series celebrated its tenth year with five varied programs during 2011, each drawing many visitors from the larger community. Thanks go to the task force members **Kathy Anderson, Gordon Braudaway, Ted Crockett, Rob Dreher, Louise Fang, Katharine Frase, Simona Frankel, Stephanie Hare, Christie Herman, Christine Lazarus, and Ann Timmons**, and a host of others who have ushered, baked, decorated, set up, cleaned up, sung, rung, narrated, played, advertised, or sponsored the series with financial support. Every concert was followed by delightful receptions that have come to be a highly anticipated aspect of our programs. The Concert Series consisted of the following in 2011:

March 6, 2011	The Bob January Swing Orchestra
April 3, 2011	The Yale Whiffenpoofs
May 15, 2011	The Spring Concert featuring our Adult Choir directed by Simona Frenkel
November 6, 2011	Eclectic Jazz by The Cary Brown Trio
December 11, 2011	The Christmas Concert featuring Our Adult Choir, soloists, and chamber orchestra directed by Simona Frenkel

In February, there was a special service of dedication of our new harpsichord, a gift from the **Kathy Weber Memorial Fund**. This beautiful instrument has been used at concerts and to enhance our service music. We are most grateful to the Weber family for this generous gift.

Pat Prauda has faithfully and cheerfully continued to schedule ushers primarily for the 10:45 service, and after several years of service, **Lisa Eliasson** has stepped down from arranging for ushers for the 8:30 service. We thank both Pat and Lisa for their service, and this fall, welcomed **Terri Froelich** as the new coordinator for the earlier service. Another behind-the-scenes role added this year was that of Worship Coordinators who are present before each service to help with any special needs and to be sure that the sanctuary is prepared for worship. **Jane Amato, Cal Weber, and Bill Herman** have been most helpful in this role, and Bill has also continued to take the lead with our lighting, sound, and visual aids in the worship services.

We also express our gratitude to **Gordon Braudaway** (for the 10:45 service) and **Louise Fang** (for the 8:30 service), with some additional help from **Terri Froelich and Jocelyn Ramage**, for providing the communion elements and preparing them for our celebrations of the Lord's Supper.

Additional Words of Thanks...

All of the above could not have been accomplished without the dedication and commitment of the Commission and Concert Series Task Force members, plus the leadership, support, and spiritual gifts of **Chip Low and Simona Frenkel**. For most of the calendar year, **Barbara Darragh** continued to provide help in innumerable ways including the thoughtful preparation of all the bulletins. We benefited from her organizational skills and her total dedication, and we wish her well in her “retirement.” At the end of the year, we welcomed **Kim Wertz** who stepped right up to the challenges of her position, and we look forward to working with her in 2012. We also thank the **Wilkens, Pratt and Dineen** families for their generous donation of the festive Christmas trees, wreaths and roping, Judy Chessa and Christine Lazarus and many helpers for the “greening of the sanctuary” for Advent and the subsequent removal of the decorations in January, and to **Fran Proceller and Cal Weber** who have served as “greening” coordinators in recent years. Our gratitude is also extended to **Barbara Wilkens and family** for the design, creation and coordination of the beautiful banners in the sanctuary as well as the arrangement of the Easter and Christmas flowers.

Lastly, the Worship Commission offers a sincere word of thanks to all who have ushered, served the Lord’s Supper, provided lay leadership, or have stepped in to assist in countless ways, all of which contribute to the meaningful worship experiences with which we are so blessed. There is no doubt that there has been much to celebrate in 2011, with many new experiences to anticipate in the new year as we continue our journey in faith together.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Timmons, Chair

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMISSION 2011

Members: *Karen Gerth and Ruth Deemer, Co-Chairs; Debbie Bernardini, Nancy Caswell, Rita Child, Ann Everingham, Louise Fang, Lisa Eliasson, Lisa Graham, Barbara Humphrey, Sue Mintzer, Pat Prauda, Jocelyn Ramage, Melissa Shaughnessy, Barbara Wilkens*

Purpose

This commission is responsible for the care and nurturing of our church's members and visitors. We plan and organize events and activities that will give our church family opportunities to socialize, meet new people and unite our two services. We want to use all of our times together to practice hospitality.

2011 PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Coffee Hour

After each worship service our church members can gather for fellowship and refreshments. Coffee hour is often a place where we celebrate milestones in our church.

You help make this happen by signing up for set up, hosting, baking and cleanup. Thank you to all who volunteered in 2011. There is always a need for more volunteers to set up the coffee hour. This is really a mission of hospitality.

There is a new instructional video available on-line re: "How to Set Up Coffee Hour". A big thank you to Karen LaBonte and Stephanie Hare for this creative initiative.

In conjunction with Mission, we serve Equal Exchange Coffee. Our purchase helps small farmers earn a fair price for their products thus helping communities invest in education, health care and agricultural improvements.

Annual Congregational Meeting Pot Luck Meal: February

Commission members organize and serve at the Annual Congregational Meeting.

Swing Dance Refreshments: March

Commission members provided refreshments during an evening of great music and dancing.

Talent Show Refreshments: March

The Talent Show was a fun, family friendly event with something for everyone. Hosted by Ken Sherman and coordinated by John Winget, with punch and cookies coordinated by Marianna Sherman, Pat Prauda and Jill Pagliatini after the show. "Thanks" for a job well done.

Christian Seder: April

The Eliasson family and Katherine Frase coordinated a beautiful Christian Seder for all those in attendance. It was a solemn yet joyful experience.

Easter Sunrise Breakfast: April

The annual sunrise service was held at the Wilkins Farm this year. It was a cool and breezy morning. Following the service, Ruth Deemer and Marianna Sherman and Lisa Eliasson prepared breakfast for all to enjoy in the barn. Thank you to the Wilkins for the use of their facilities.

Dinner for Session: May

On May 5th the CLC commission provided dinner to the Session when the COM met with us to speak about Chip's first year at YPC.

Children's Sunday Breakfast – June

Between the two worship services, a buffet breakfast was provided for the youth of our church and their families.

Progressive Dinner – June

The annual progressive dinner was a wonderful time for fellowship with about fifty people in attendance. After meeting for drinks and appetizers in Fellowship Hall, everyone progressed to a host home for the main course and then reassembled for dessert by candlelight at the Church.

Parish Picnic – September

The annual Parish Picnic was held at Downing Park this year. It was again a special service and a joyful time of fellowship. Many thanks to all those who helped and especially to Ann Everingham for her direction.

Blessing of the Animals Refreshments: October

The first ever “Blessing of the Animals” was held in October. CLC members provided snacks for our four legged (and two legged) friends! Thank you to Deb Bernardini for coordinating our volunteers and treats.

Consecration Sunday: October

Typically the CLC committee supports the Stewardship Committee in the execution of the post 8:30 service brunch and the post 10:45 service luncheon. This year was cancelled due to a snow storm that took out power in the Tri State area.

Pot Luck Lunch Celebration for Barbara Darragh: December

Session requested that CLC organize a celebration to mark the milestone of Barbara Darragh’s retirement. A joyful Pot Luck celebration was held after the 10:45 am service on Dec. 4th.

Nametags

When we wear nametags it makes greeting each other easy and strangers quickly become friends. To place an order contact the office. Nametags are \$5.

Seniors Lunch Bunch

This is an active group that meets monthly. They enjoy gathering for lunch and planning other activities and trips. Fran Proceller and Florence Malcomson help to make this happen.

Morning Women’s Circle

This group meets the first Wednesday of each month at 10:30AM for Bible Study and discussion. We meet for bible study and discussion and coffee and dessert. New members are always welcome.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

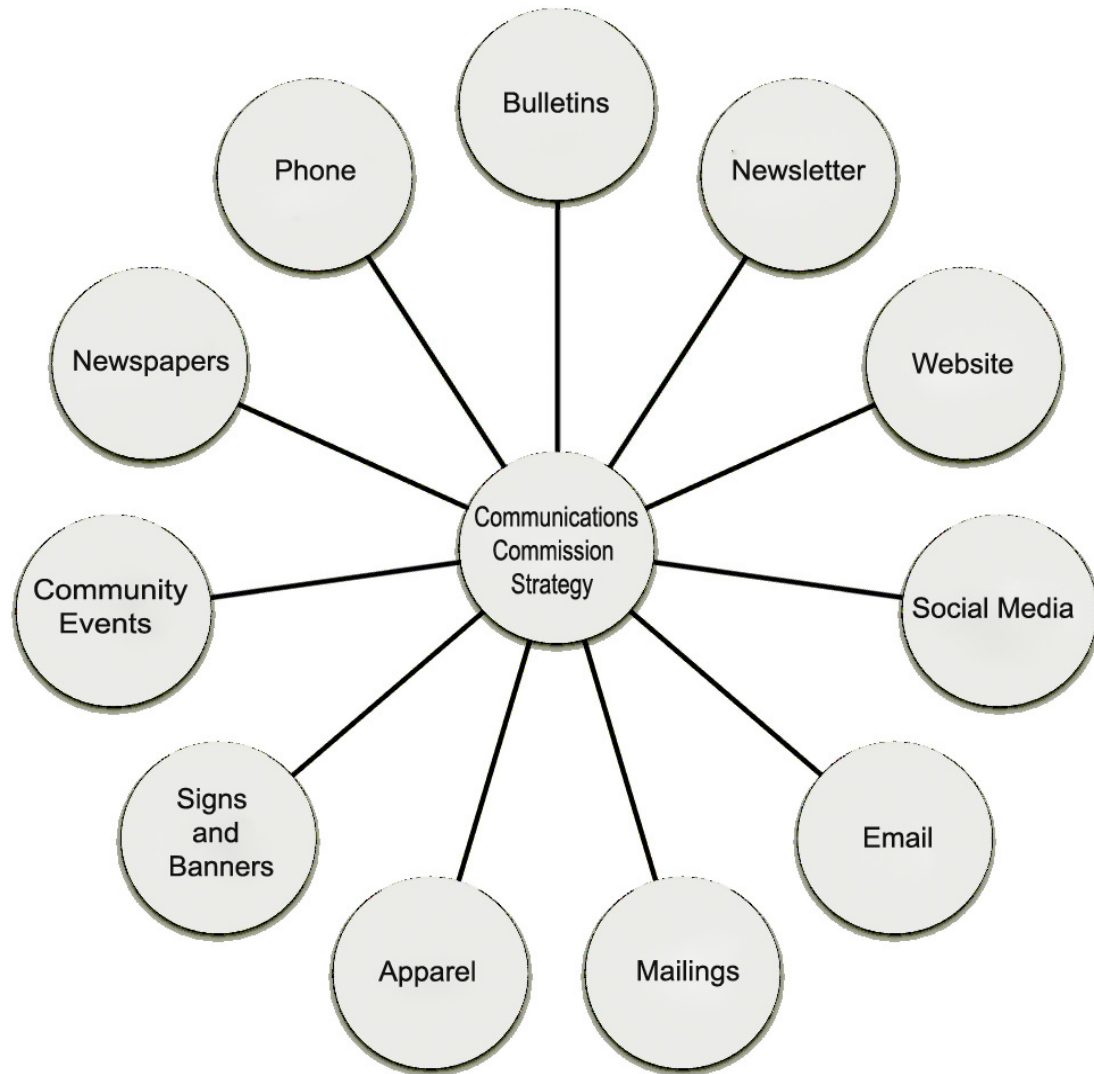
Five women from the church (Teri Froelich, Aloha Hicks, Fran Schiel, and Gail Roell and Marianna Sherman) meet to knit shawls which are given on an as needed basis. We come together the first and third Wednesday of the month. Also, crib blankets are knitted and given to our babies who are baptized as a welcome to our church family. Anyone who would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact Marianna Sherman. This is a special opportunity to give to others.

A big thank you to all of you who have made these successful programs happen. We appreciate your time and effort. A special thank you to the members of this committee who have come to our aid so many times. This is a wonderful place to worship and work out our faith in fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Gerth, Chair

COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Members: Barbara Santagata, chair; Carl Anderson, Judy Chessa, Ted Crockett, Barbara Darragh, Stephanie Hare, Jeff Kephart, Mark Linehan, Michael Stewart



Overview:

The Communication Commission's task is to strengthen the connections within our congregation and between our Church and our community. In 2011, the Communications Commission conducted a number of activities towards these goals:

1. In 2010 we applied for and received close to \$20,000 from the **Challenge to Change** grant fund of the Hudson River Presbytery. These funds allowed us to hire a professional web design firm to reevaluate and redesign our web site, purchase a retractable screen and a projector to be permanently installed in the sanctuary, and have the entire church wired for Wi-Fi access. In 2011 we completed our website design and launched our new website. We also completed the installation of our Wi-Fi system throughout most of the building and multimedia equipment in the sanctuary. In 2012 we intend to use the balance of the funds for better marketing strategies and have hired professional services to help us with that project.
2. Our church web site, **www.fpcyorktown.org**, is a key communications method both for our congregation and for the public at large. We are creating a tool that is interesting and informative as well as something we can use to organize our events, our meetings and our classes. The new set up for the website allows for key members of the congregation to design and update their own information pages.

We also have included a rotating graphics screen that highlights current church events and features a click through feature to provide viewers with more information. We owe many thanks to those who make the effort to keep our website information interesting and up to date with special thanks to **Mark Linehan**, who has spent a tremendous amount of time this year fine tuning, perfecting and teaching others about the use and structure of our website. He was aided in the graphics depart by **Barbara Santagata and Michael Stewart** and with design direction from **Chip Low**. Something to look forward to in 2012 will be instruction videos produced by **Karen LaBonte and Stephanie Hare** on how to perform various tasks in the church such as ushering and hosting coffee hour.

3. Our use of **Facebook** has become a significant source of information, connection and outreach for our congregation. **Stephanie Hare** helps to maintain our presence with updates and photos.
4. **Announce Email** is a list of congregation members' email addresses and is used solely by the pastor to keep the congregation informed of important current events. These may include prayer requests, death announcements, special worship service updates and weather related problems.
5. **Email lists**: The church operates a variety of email lists – for the Session, the Deacons, the adult choir, the bell choir, the Communications Commission, and the congregation at large. These support internal coordination and working discussion for groups like the Session, and announcements to church members. **Mark Linehan** supports these lists.
6. **The Disciple** is one of the most important ways we maintain connections within our congregation. **Stephanie Hare** has been a dedicated and creative editor of *The Disciple* for many years and we were sad to see her retire in 2011. We are very grateful to **Barbara Darragh and Judy Chessa** for taking on the responsibility of keeping us informed with the printed word. We rely on our regular volunteers to help produce *The Disciple* every month. We are fortunate to have many church members that contribute articles and information. **Barbara Santagata** prepares the pullout church calendar. **Pat Prauda** is in charge of printing production. Regular collators include **Ray and Jan Gunther, Dick Hunter, Sally Martin, Carol Myers, John Prauda, Fran Proceller, Fran Schiel, Chuck and Norean Radke, Cal Weber and Barbara Wilkens**.
7. **Advertising**: the Commission places Public Service Announcements in local newspapers & online calendars. Thanks to **Mark Linehan, Barbara Santagata and Ted Crockett** for keeping postings up to date.
8. **Brochures**: the Commission maintains a number of information folders and cards targeted to visitors, members, and building users. Titles include "Welcome to our Church", "Children's Welcome", "Share our Facilities", and "I Wish". Commission members supporting these brochures include **Stephanie Hare and Barbara Darragh**.
9. Thanks to **Barbara Santagata** for taking photographs of the Elders and Deacons, the new members, and the Confirmands for the bulletin boards in the Gathering Space hallway
10. **Barbara Darragh** specifically, and the **Communications Commission** in general, provides general supervision and space allocation for the bulletin boards found throughout our buildings.
11. As the Commission's Chair, I found the Commission members to be responsible about their commitments and responsive to the ongoing needs of the Church. The Communications members devote a remarkable amount of time to improve and update our capabilities for **"Connecting to God, One Another and the World"**. Our thanks to Chip Low for his encouragement and guidance as our church continues to explore its 21st century version of Communication.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Santagata, chair

OPERATIONS COMMISSION 2011

Members: Ian Spence (Chair), Dick Seymour (Facilities Coordinator), Jack Shaughnessy, Barbara Darragh, Fran Proceller, Ed DeJong, Walter Oudheusden, Deanna Collins, Cal Weber, Tom Travis, Tricia Dineen, Pastor Chip Low

Overview

The Operation Commission, in its capacity as caretaker of the Sanctuary, adjacent buildings and grounds, faces a considerable amount of work each year as we continue to keep pace with and prevent deterioration of the structures and premises as well as embark on new projects aimed at improving the usefulness and appearance of our facilities. All with an idea and those who are handy with tools (not mutually exclusive) are invited to join and participate.

The achievement of this Commission's works is dependent upon the efforts, financial support and dedication of many volunteers, both within the Church family and the community groups using our facilities. We continue to thank Dick Seymour who in dedicating more and more of his own time per week has identified, responded to, and rectified many problems and provided upgrades relating to our structures. Dick and Mable have contributed in many more ways and we gratefully acknowledge that as well. Many words of thanks must also be offered to Craig Hibben who continues to nurture the many plantings surrounding the Sanctuary and our main campus. Members of our Commission have dedicated time over the course of the year to special "work parties" for specific projects and thanks to the efforts of Deanna Collins, they and many others within our community have been recruited. The Boy Scouts, led by Scout Master Wayne are also to be thanked for their efforts in keeping up the premises. Our Memorial Garden, previously tended to by Barbara Wilkins, will now be cared for by Tricia Dineen. Thank you both. Thanks to an Eagle Scout project initiated and overseen by Kyle Monk, our outdoor tool shed has been completely refurbished and expanded upon.

MAJOR PROJECTS, IMPORVEMENTS AND CHANGES

Steeple

The final two phases in the upkeep of the Steeple, both designed to staunch any further leakage were implemented at a cost of \$6,700 by Tom Clemmons who generously donated some of his labor costs to the effort. The Steeple has survived numerous rain storms including Irene, and an early snow storm. We are pleased. Additionally, the base of the Steeple was rubberized with new flashing installed to prevent any leakage into the organ pipes

Sanctuary Exterior

The Sanctuary exterior was completely repainted by Clemco at a cost of \$26,000. This project was funded from Maintenance Reserve. At the same time, adjustments were made to the gutters to forestall further icing problems on the ramp and on the North side.

Sanctuary Interior

- The audio cabinet project at the rear of the Sanctuary was successfully completed.
- Significant cracks that had developed on various interior walls were successfully attended to due in large part to an intensive period of work by Dick and Jose.
- A new light was installed in the sanctuary ceiling to illuminate the Altar.
- Existing carpet areas that had become frayed were patched and new carpet was installed in the Narthex as well as the Chancel.
- Two new Crosses were installed directly above each hymn listing board.
- Another cable was run between the audio board and the Pulpit to allow control from the Pulpit.
- We continue to monitor bat as well as beetle populations. Things appear to be under control.

Facilities

- Annual waxing of floors.
- Complete painting of the interior.
- Leakage corrected in Fellowship Hall
- Several fixes to the boilers and various other plumbing issues
- Maintenance of sump pumps
- Installation of new Food Pantry cabinets
- Hallway ramp refurbished
- Complete refurbishing of the office

Grounds

- Spring Cleanup was a complete success although there were parking conflicts
- Many separate work parties were scheduled to address damage from various storms
- The shed was refurbished
- New bluestone was laid at the South end of the Sanctuary leading to Rte. 202
- The Memorial Garden was refurbished including installation of downspouts
- Lawton Adams performed scheduled remedial work on gravel lots
- General and continuing work on our various plantings

Manse

Various issues remedied including water on the grounds and in the basement during our frequent rainy spells

Maintenance Reserve

It was noted that over the course of the next 15 years or so, it will be necessary at one point or another to

1. Replace the furnaces
2. Re-carpet the Sanctuary
3. Repaint the Sanctuary
4. Pave the gravel driveways when given approval by various agencies
5. Reroof the premises

Therefore we have initially budgeted \$13,000 for Maintenance Reserve for 2012 with further increases in coming years anticipated.

CUSTODIAL SERVICES

We continue to be more than pleased with the work of Jose Sandoval who is not only very dedicated to the Church and its various programs, but who is also very accomplished in and possessed of the skills necessary for the job.

FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT

The Treasurer's sub-committee kept us aware of the budget relative to spending on a monthly basis and despite the usual ups and downs, we anticipate that 2011 will have provided a surplus relative to budget.

Respectfully submitted,
Ian Spence and Dick Seymour

PERSONNEL COMMISSION

TERMS OF CALL

	<u>2012</u>
Effective Salary	\$83,461.50
Pension	\$26,916.00
Other Compensation	
FICA (7.65% of Effective Salary)	\$6,385.00
Medical Deductible	\$2,000.00
Group Life Insurance	\$213.00
Other Life Insurance	\$1,300.00
Dental Insurance	\$1,200.00
Professional Expenses	\$2,000.00
Study Leave	\$1,250.00
Auto Expense	\$4,500.00
Total Other Compensation	\$18,848.00
Total Compensation	\$129,225.50

Action Item:

Session recommends approval of Pastor's Terms of Call 2012.

Annual review of manse purchase agreement for the period ending December 31, 2011

As specified in the Manse Purchase Agreement between The Pastor Charles "Chip" Low and the First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown: "The Manse Purchase Spreadsheet shall be reviewed jointly by The Pastor and a member of FPCY's Finance Committee each year, both shall document their approval of all amounts recorded from the previous review as well as the current equity levels, and the completion of the review shall be documented in the Annual Report to the Congregation."

This required annual review of the Manse Purchase Agreement and Amendment I thereto, along with the incorporated Amended Manse Purchase Spreadsheet, was completed on January 26, 2012. Equity ownership percentages of the Manse as of December 31, 2011 are: Church's Equity Share of 97.220%, and Low's Equity Share of 2.780%. Low's Monthly Payments to the Church for Manse Purchase remain unchanged at \$1459.48 for the year 2012. Approval of all amounts recorded from the previous review as well as the current equity levels were agreed to and signed by Pastor Low and Jack Shaughnessy, the Session's Designated Signer, and witnessed by Gordon Braudaway, Chair of the Finance Committee.

REPORT OF THE DEACONS 2011

Class of 2011	Class of 2012	Class of 2013	Class of 2014
Jill Pagliettini	Katharine Frase	Angelyn Forbes-Freeze	Kathy Winsted
Ryan Mulcahy	Terri Froehlich	Matthew Hager	Karen Mack
Chuck Radke	Barbara Humphrey	Dorrit Nelson	Jane Amato
Mable Seymour	Sue Nelson	Walter Oudheusden	Liam McAuliffe *
Mallory Eliasson *			
Julia Kelly *			

**Youth Deacons*

In the Book of Order: *“The Office of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of sympathy, witness and service after the example of Jesus Christ. It is the duty of deacons, first of all, to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress both within and beyond the community of faith.”*

Contact to the homebound

Chuck Radke coordinated the efforts to make the contacts and Chuck Radke and Mable Seymour often as a team visited the thirty-one persons that were on the visitation list this year. That list included those at their own homes, assisted living facilities, care facilities, rehab units, and hospitals. The numbers given here represent the numbers that were recorded. Other Deacons made visits as did many in the congregation who may have made unrecorded visits. Congregation members are encouraged to visit those either at home or at facilities. Many hesitate to be visited but once the contact is made the satisfaction of both the visited and the visitor is very rewarding. In most cases the care givers, if there is one, are also very pleased with the visits. They really made a difference in many lives, and for that we should all be very grateful. They did an amazing job and they will be missed on Deacons as their term is up, but as we say often in our meetings, *“once a Deacon, always a Deacon”*, and I know they will both continue to make a difference.

Six members or friends of members who died this year we had visited before their passing either at the hospital or at their homes. Others on the visitation list we had seen at hospitals or at rehab facilities before their return to their homes.

In total over fifty calls were made to check on persons either directly or with their relatives, over 195 visits were made, over eighty flowers were distributed, over sixty packages of banana bread or cookies were handed out and over thirty-five items such as valentines, palm crosses, or nativity scenes made by the 6th, 7th, and 8th graders of the Sunday school were delivered. In most cases the little breads and cookies were made by Mable Seymour. The flowers given were the service flowers, Easter flowers, or Christmas poinsettias.

Home communion was given to five of the homebound members by the Minister with the help of the Deacons. At Christmas church carolers with choir members sang Christmas carols to a number of the homebound.

It has been a busy year but what a pleasure the contact to the homebound has been. Again thanks go out to all the Deacons and members of the congregation who assisted in visiting those at facilities or at home.

Transportation

Barbara Humphrey coordinated a total of 15 rides, for individuals to and from church and for other functions such as rides to doctor appointments. This is a wonderful support ministry and we are so grateful to those who contributed their time in this way.

Loaves and Fishes

Sue Nelson, Mable Seymour, Angelyn Forbes-Freeze and Matt Hager arranged for 15 meals and coordinated the volunteers from our congregation who are willing to make a meal for a church member and their family during temporary times of need, for example during a medical emergency. This year's numbers decreased significantly from 2010 when we arranged for 78. Many thanks to the Deacons and the members of the congregation that enables us to support one another in this way.

Card Ministry

Terri Froehlich mailed our 180 cards and several letters in 2011. Cards were for the birth of a baby, weddings, anniversaries, significant birthdays, graduations and sympathy, as well as concern and prayers for those who were ill. Thank you cards or letters were sent to those who contributed to the Food Pantry. Terri also sent Easter and Thanksgiving cards to members who were either homebound or in nursing homes, which is very much appreciated.

Hat & Mitten Tree

Terri Froehlich and Sue Nelson coordinated the new Hat & Mitten Tree. This was something new we started and would like to see it continue. The concept of the tree came from Jill Pagliettini who had one in her childhood church. You would have a beautiful unlit tree in the sanctuary where people can come up and decorate the tree with donated hats, mittens, gloves & scarves. This year the Knit Togethers were very generous by donating 56 hats, mittens, scarfs as well as 29 donations from the congregation. When the items are collected from the tree we have them ready for the next Food Pantry so we can give them out.

Bereavement

Barbara Humphrey coordinated four receptions for memorial services in 2011, with help from a number of volunteers from the congregation. The families found the receptions to be a wonderful way to share memories with friends while reducing the stress for them of making arrangements.

Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is open the second and fourth Saturday of each month from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m., and serves clients across a 10-mile radius from FPCY. In 2011 this effort was led by **Katharine Frase**, with support from a large team from the congregation and the community.

The FPCY Food Pantry in 2011 tracked very closely to 2009 and 2010, suggesting some stabilization in the client community. We added support (about 25 bags per week) for the Beaver Ridge senior living center in Yorktown, which took our averages to 170 bags of groceries for 130 families at each pantry, for a total of 4100 bags of groceries for the year. We continue to introduce as much nutrition and variety into the operation as possible, providing new meat and dry goods choices for our clients. We were successful in obtaining grants to cover new cabinets, paper goods and some of our delivery / unloading expenses. In general we were very lucky with grants this year, both those that we apply for, and those that the Food Bank pursues on our behalf. In addition, the community has continued to be generous with monetary, food and labor support, including the Lions, the Jewish Center, the Boy and Girl Scouts, the Yorktown postal carrier's food drive, our local high school students and numerous local companies and individuals. The congregation's support is vital to all that we do, and we were able to fully utilize our matching grant for 2011, giving us a healthy budget outlook for 2012.

We have also many extra help from our pantry customers who are packers and assist in sorting. We have ten food runners who assist with helping people carry things to their cars and also people who will bring in gently used clothing for the pantry customers to help themselves to. We have also helped someone get a job. We are also fortunate to receive many outside donations from local businesses and families not affiliated with our church.

Our total 2011 operating cost for the pantry was \$40,000 exclusive of cabinets or delivery charges. Our net expenses were \$18,000, which shows the dramatic effect that the grants have on our ability to support this mission. Truly, without the support of the congregation (whether in turkeys or bag-loading or financials or prayers), we could not support our neighbors.

Thanks for Katharine for all her hard work. She is truly an amazing woman and we are very lucky to have her work on this very important ministry.

Toys For Tots

Ryan Mulcahy chaired this year's distribution of toys provided by the generosity of the United States Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program. We gave out around 1,000 toys to 380 children. Many thanks to the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and adult helpers who helped in the preparation and distribution of toys.

School Supplies

We gave out 100 school supply kit this year for grades Kindergarten through 5th. Terri Froelich organized with School Kidz a branch of Staples to order our school supplies. This lessened the burden of going out and shopping at our local stores, with whom many put restrictions on quantities, so this would result in numerous back and forth trips and very time consuming and exhausting. With School Kidz, we were able to give a representative what our needs were and they put together individual boxes that looked like brief cases for the children. Needless to say the children were so excited to get their own box. We look forwarding to maintaining a relationship with School Kidz and having them supply us with our school supplies for our Food Pantry children.

Young Adult Volunteers

The three Young Adult Volunteers are Rebekah Wadsworth in Miami; Hannah Schonau-Taylor in Peru; Austin Langley in Guatemala. Terri Froelich has been sending them holiday E-cards to keep in contact with them.

Health Care Racks:

Jill Pagliettini filled these racks with pamphlets containing information on health-related issues. The racks are in the West Hall and in the East Hall near the fire door. If there is an organization that you would like to have added to the Health Care Racks, please let us know and we will contact the organization for information to be added to our wall.

Blood Drive

Ryan Mulcahy coordinated our blood drive this year. We collected a total of 30 pints at our November 5th drive.

All the donated blood is used in our local area by those in need. We thank all the donors, as well as the many volunteers who helped register and cared for the donors. Our church will host another blood drive in spring, 2012. We will continue to work with the blood bank to schedule our drives at a time to encourage higher participation.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Dorrit Nelson has been our financial secretary, preparing monthly reports and providing analysis of deposits, expenses and fund balances, with great support from our church treasurers and secretary.

Below is a summary of account activities for year ending December 31, 2011:

Accounts	Bal-1/1/11	Donations Rec'd	Expenses	Bal -12/31/11
1. Deacon's Fund	\$9,754.44	\$1,692.00	\$1,770.50	\$9,675.94
• School Supplies	543.05	500.00	733.50	309.55
2. Food Pantry	28,521.81		20,196.94	8,324.87
• Grants & Other Receipts		12,695.27		12,695.27

The Deacons Fund supports the operation as described by the Deacons throughout this report, excluding Food Pantry.

Thanks And Farewell

This was an extremely difficult year for me personally as I suffered from the unexpected death of my Mother. I want to thank Chuck Radke for filling in for me while I took some time off from my Moderator duties. Special thanks also to Sue Nelson, our Deacon Secretary and Dorrit Nelson for maintaining our Finances, they did an amazing job as well as Angelyn Forbes-Freeze who kept the congregation informed with our Deacons' Corner in the monthly Disciple. We had an amazing group of Deacons and I am so very proud of each one for all their hard work and dedication.

We bid a fond farewell and express our appreciation for the work and assistance of **Chuck Radke, Mable Seymour, Ryan Mulcahy, Jill Pagliettini, Julia Kelly and Mallory Elliason**. We welcome and extend our prayers and best wishes for the new class of Deacons: **Kathy Winsted, Karen Mack, Jane Amato and Liam McAuliffe**. Best wishes are also extended to the new **Deacon Moderator, Walter Oudheusden and Co-Moderator Terri Froelich**.

The Board of Deacons would also like to thank you, our CONGREGATION, for your continued support, prayers, love and generosity. Only with your support, along with the dedication of the Deacons, were we able to carry our ministries to those in need.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Pagliettini, Moderator

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