



# *Annual Report 2015*

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF CHESTNUT HILL

## *Cindy's Year at a Glance*

My younger colleagues have taught me that people no longer read things with lots of words. This was tragic news to an English major. Nevertheless, as I do my best to age with an open mind, I offer bullet points instead of paragraphs to give you a sense of the life I am privileged to lead in your midst.

❖ Wednesday morning Bible Study and Sunday worship continue to anchor my week and my life. Now that we are basing Sunday's Scripture readings on the lectionary, my preparation to teach the lessons for Sunday on Wednesday and our lively discussions in the Harris Room ready me to spend Friday and Saturday at home writing from dawn to dusk and, on Saturday night, sometimes into the wee hours.

❖ Evening meetings dot my calendar from September through May: Session, Finance, Investment, Church Life, Stewardship, Social Witness, Personnel (plus Nominations and Music and the Arts on Sundays). I continue to be humbled by your commitment to the things that keep all of us keeping on. I am paid to do this; you do the church in addition to real jobs and real families.

❖ Pastoral care reminds me why ministry is worth my life. Sometimes we can go a month with no one in the hospital and then, suddenly, we are running from the city to the suburbs to be by your side. Then there are visits in the home before baptisms, pre-marital counseling, hands held for the last time in death and funerals to plan, serendipitous doors that open when I knock for no particular reason. Summer is the season when I exchange meetings for meals in your homes when invited (or uninvited!) and conversations that turn theological

as the sun sets.

❖ Ministry beyond the bounds of our congregation grows with every year I am here. I have just completed six years of service to the Presbytery on what used to be called the Candidates Committee. I now am a trustee of the Presbytery. I also am on the task force to make Philadelphia a site for Young Adult Volun-



teers in the PCUSA. I was elected as a commissioner to the General Assembly that meets in June in Portland, Oregon. I serve on a number of boards: The Interfaith Center of Greater Philadelphia board; The Crossing board; and the Lebanese American University board. I also am active in Presbyterian/Jewish dialogue, both here and nationally.

❖ Supervision of seminarians has been a shared and delightful addition to this year as Austin, Brian, Karen, Robert and I spent Wednesday afternoon reflecting on the church and our ministry. Also my relationship with each staff member is a gift that makes getting up in the morning a joy. I cannot remember a time when the "team" has worked so well together and enjoyed each other more. That said, when things hit a wall, being "head of staff" can take up the better part of a day!

I could go on and on, of course, but then there would be too many words! Suffice it to say, I continue to love the life God has given me to live with you. For me, faith is about relationships. I am one of those people who probably would not know God were it not for the very human gathering of believers that is the church. You mediate God's nearness to me in ways that words cannot contain. I am grateful to God and to you for another year together.

## *Youth Ministries, Senior Ministries and Adult Fellowship*

### **Theology on Tap:**

Since 2009 our numbers at Theology on Tap have grown from 4 on average to 12. We once had a high of 26, which admittedly, was too much of a good thing. We meet once a month from September through May in



the Upper Room at Campbell's Place on Germantown Avenue. We talk, debate and weave our way through conversations on War and Religion; The Modern Christian Family; Bio-Medical Ethics; and other important debates. This group has functioned as a gateway for new members to meet others in the congregation in an informal location yet over serious discourse.



### **High School Youth Group:**

The 2009 Youth Mission Trip was cancelled on account of having only 2 interested teenagers; additionally the 2009 Youth Group averaged 6 in attendance. Comparatively, the 2015 Mission Trip to New Mexico featured 21 youth and had 29 in total. Over the last several years the Youth Program has not only grown in number but also in outreach. We have recently partnered with West Kensington Ministry – our youth have joined theirs in worship, as well as in three dates of community service. We have also volunteered with Habitat for Humanity and have maintained our relationship with OHAAT. In house, you might find us eating pizza or painting murals, but you'll also occasionally see us at the Retirement Homes on Senior Adult Visits and annually in Widener Hall as we serve the entire congregation the best plate of Spaghetti and Meatballs your capital gains can buy. Moreover, we initiated a new and exciting group that meets under the moniker: Theology and Pretzels. Mirroring the format of the more-adult Theology on Tap, we meet once a month for brunch and discuss and debate current events, especially as they relate to the understanding of our faith and spirituality.

### **Junior High Youth Group:**

Like their older brethren, the Jr. High Youth Group travels to West Kensington for worship and service and occasionally joins Brian on Senior Adult Visits. They are known to play high-energy games such as Manhunt and Dodgeball, followed by brief yet substantive con-

versations on scripture and its relevance in young life in 2015-2016. They are key contributors in helping to organize the Warmth Drive; and two of the last three preachers for Youth Sunday came from the 8th grade.

### **Movie Night for Active Adults:**

Over the last several years, the Senior Adult Movie Night has seen a shift in its name (now "Movie Night for Active Adults"); its start time (now 6:45pm instead of 7:30pm); its day of the week (Tuesdays rather than Fridays); and its attendance (averaging 18 as compared to 12 just three years ago – the most we had were 57 for The King's Speech). No doubt much credit is due to the great success of the Center on the Hill and the publicity there offered, which in turn, has given way to a change in the demographics: moving from a 90% PCCH crowd to a 50-50% community split. What has not changed however has been the quality of the movies.

*Brian Russo*

## *Children and Families Ministries*

If pressed, I could recite statistics on the state of the church school—record church school attendance, a hefty church school offering given mostly in loose change from kids' piggy banks, sixty-six books of the Bible that our kids are learning through song. Instead, I'll share a story that richly illustrates the power of Christian education in the lives of the youngest members of our church family—a story that, better than any statistic, represents who we are and what we do as the people who are The Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill.



In the past few months, we've had a wave of new visitors in worship and church school. When new faces make their way from the sanctuary into the chapel for church school, I ask for "buddies" who will be friends to children who are unfamiliar with the school. Buddies



show visitors to their classrooms, help them make name tags, and walk them through our routines. Usually these buddies have been in our church school for quite some time. Just a few weeks ago, a child who had been a new visitor himself just a month earlier eagerly volunteered to be a buddy to the children who were new to his class. Before I could

even ask for a buddy, his hand shot up, and he nearly leapt from his seat: “I’ll do it! I’ll be a buddy! Jimmy and Joey were my buddies, so I know how to do it.” And he did. The one who had most recently been welcomed into the church school welcomed others, just as he had been welcomed.

Here’s the only statistic I’m including in this year’s annual report: the children of Israel are told 36 times in the Torah to welcome the stranger. “The strangers who sojourn with you shall be to you as the natives among you, and you shall love them as yourself; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.” Leviticus 19:34a

Our children are learning to open their arms in welcome—a reflection of the wide welcome of God. Thanks to our church school teachers, classroom shepherds, leaders of Church School Sings, and substitute teachers who model this welcome every week: Ken Lovett, Debbie Lambeth, Icilda James, Emily Camp-Landis, Joan Torello, Beth Lutz, Katie Foster, BrynneDiDonato, Lila Kushner, Alison and Matt Abernethy, Tommy Rebeck, Ali Watson, Julianne Watson, Kelly Baughman, Allison DeCaro, Barbara Olson, Julie and Steve Bishop, Kristen Webber, Kimberly Nye, Sandra and Tom McClintic, Martha Sarpong, Lisa Burns, Jeannette Quirus, Karen Bachman, Karen Kooman, Elizabeth Kooman, Shelli Katrina, Robert Galloway, Page Pendse, Anna Rebeck, Barbara and Jim Spause, Elise Hocking, Zachary Raphael, Mark Bernstein, Linda Amsterdam, Lyn Huertgen, Miller Huertgen, Virginia and Dom Rebeck, Karen and Bob Bausman, Becky Welsh, Amy Raphael, Brian Russo, Katie Connelly, and Pamela DiDonato. Thanks be to God for this vital ministry of sharing the story!

*Austin Crenshaw Shelley*

## Music

The church continues to maintain a vital presence in Philadelphia’s cultural world, with the Gallery Choir at the center of the music program. The choir, a combination of volunteers and professional singers, continues to grow and offers a wide variety of anthems, psalm settings, and hymns in worship each week. Our church is the home of several professional and community ensembles, including The Crossing, Piffaro, Tempesta di Mare, Pennsylvania Girlchoir, and Philomusica. We open our doors to guest musicians several times a year, recently hosting the Temple University Choirs, Chicago University Motet Choir, and the Merton College Choir (U.K.).

The Cantata and Chamber Music series was launched in conjunction with the opening of the refurbished Burleigh Cruikshank Memorial Chapel in October of 2013, and continues to draw a full house for virtuosic performances by our music personnel and guest artists. The beautiful chapel, with its ability to serve many functions for both liturgical and community use, has proved to be an ideal space to host these intimate Sunday afternoon concerts.

The Festival of Music and Art took place over the weekend of November 13-15, 2015, and featured two performances and an art show. A reading of the play “The Liar” was presented by members of the congregation and staff in the Chapel on Friday night, and the Gallery Choir and Orchestra performed Bach’s Magnificat alongside Handel’s Foundling Hospital Anthem in the Sanctuary on Saturday night in a concert to benefit refugees fleeing the conflict in Syria. An art show assembled by the amazing visual artists of our congregation was displayed in Widener Hall for one week after it’s opening reception that Friday.

*Dan Spratlan and Ken Lovett*



# Church Administrator's Report

## Change.

Every year comes with a predictable amount of things known and unknown and 2015 was no exception in the management and administration of PCCH.



Listed these items take up a small amount of ink and space, in actuality each one consumes countless hours from many of coordination, phone calls, emails, texts, follow up, and more.

A partial list:

- ❖ A new staff person for the Communications Coordinator position
- ❖ A new Pre-K Director
- ❖ A completely new financial system for the Pre-K
- ❖ A new Accounting / Bookkeeping Company for PCCH
- ❖ New Cloud based email, ending the hosting of our own email
- ❖ New Cloud based membership, contribution record keeping system
- ❖ New Quick Books program
- ❖ New Wi-Fi throughout the facility to create a private and guest network
- ❖ Every possible system in bookkeeping changed to an updated electronic version
- ❖ New heating plant
- ❖ New AC systems in most offices
- ❖ New windows, think contractors lovely as they are, everywhere
- ❖ The exit of two cell phone companies from our facility
- ❖ The largest upgrade to our existing cell phone company since their installation in 1997

Those were extra tasks accomplished around our regular jobs. We continue to cherish and nourish our long standing relationships with our resident music groups: The Crossing, Piffaro, Tempesta di Mare, The Pennsylvania GirlChoir, and the other members of the PCCH family: Scouting Troop 221, The Chestnut Hill Rotary, The Outdoor Gardeners, The Mt. Airy Learning Tree, Monday evening Yoga, Penn Medicine Mindfulness, The Swing Dance Society, and many others.

Each year I ask that we take a moment to give great thanks for the staff that help to make PCCH the remarkable Community of Faith that it is: Evelyn Carpenter, Leslie Lefer, Hannah Whitman, Felix Delgado, Owintier Charles, Icilda James, Debbie Lambeth, Joan Foster and her support staff. With deep thanks for your trust and support,

*Jo Ann West*

## Center on the Hill

The Center on the Hill, the place for active adults at PCCH, provides a variety of programs, activities, and resources to enrich the lives of seniors in the greater Chestnut Hill area. This past year has been a year of tremendous growth in the number of course offerings as well as the number of participants at the Center. In addition to our weekly classes like Golden Yoga, T'ai Chi, Soul Line Dancing, Folk Dancing, Zumba Gold, Super Bones and bridge play, local seniors enjoyed:

- ❖ Afternoon movies and film discussions
- ❖ Opera classes by an opera Diva (the understudy to Beverly Sills)
- ❖ Mindfulness and meditation series
- ❖ Health and wellness lectures
- ❖ Tips and tricks for your I-Phone classes
- ❖ Pray the Creative Way (led by our very own Austin Shelley)
- ❖ Estate planning and ID theft seminars
- ❖ Dementia awareness programs
- ❖ Travel and cultural programs featuring Cuba and Guyana South America
- ❖ Trips (using our church van) to Longwood Gardens, Winterthur, Grounds for Sculpture, Fonthill Castle, Morris Arboretum, Barnes Foundation and Bryn Athyn Cathedral
- ❖ And much more.

Our Speaker Series on the Hill (formerly the Men's



Luncheon) series continues to be a successful monthly (September – May) event for PCCH members and the surrounding community. Under the capable hands of Stan Elwell and John Lawton, the Speaker Series on the Hill has invited thought-provoking speakers including Lynne Abraham, Ray Didingar (Philadelphia sports writer), Paul Meyer (Executive Director of Morris Arboretum), Andrew Star, MD (Chief of Orthopedics at Abington Hospital) and our very own David Thornburgh. Our 2016 speakers are sure to not disappoint.

In 2015, we were fortunate to have the opportunity to engage in two new endeavors/partnerships. The first is an intergenerational program with PCCH's Pre-K. With the help of Pat Dennis, Director of the Pre-K, seniors from PCCH and Center on the Hill began a weekly reading program with the Pre-K children. It has been a huge success and has grown into seniors helping with other activities including arts and crafts projects.

Last but definitely not least, the Center on the Hill fashioned a fundraising calendar featuring PCCH and Center on the Hill seniors portraying classic movie scenes. This calendar would not have been possible without the photographic skills of Brian Russo and computer savvy of Hillary Mohaupt (former Communications Coordinator). Thank you to all the seniors for their willingness to help and their playful energy.



Seniors who come through our doors continue to impress me with their dedication to improving their health and wellbeing and their willingness to learn something new. They're a true inspiration. I feel truly blessed to serve our seniors. I also feel extremely fortunate to work with such a talented, compassionate and passionate set of staff here at PCCH.

*Leslie Lefer*

## PCCH Pre-Kindergarten Program: State of the School

This 2015 - 2016 school year has been an exciting one for me as I assume my new role as director of the Pre-K, having previously taught in our school for over 15 years. We have been working hard on updating our

accounting methods and making online payments possible, as well as affording the opportunity to download registration forms from the church website. We now have an Instagram account and are in the process of creating our own website.



Our staff remains constant. Many have been with our school for almost 10 years. They are the heart and soul of PCCH Pre-K. Their experience, creativity, enthusiasm and willingness to take on new challenges is inspiring.

Our children continue to grow and develop in their artistic expression, knowledge, social skills and independence. It is wonderful to walk down the hall and see the imaginative paintings and science projects. You can hear singing and colors spoken in Spanish. You will learn about polar bears and moose and ground hogs. If you visit around outdoor play time you can even see 2 and 3 year olds putting on their own coats!

The Pre-K has been working with Leslie Lefer and the Center on the Hill. We were invited to have our very own art exhibition in January. It was great fun to see the children's work bringing smiles to so many faces. We decorated a Christmas tree in the Center as well. Some of the guests from the Center have accepted our invitation to come and read to the children. The children love it and look forward to the next time!

I am grateful for this new challenge and look forward to the rest of 2016 with enthusiasm.

*Patricia Dennis, Director, Pre-K Program*



## The Session

### *Class of 2016*

Emily Camp-Landis  
Emilee Carr  
B. Graeme Frazier  
Barbara Olson  
Elizabeth Podraza  
Martha Sarpong  
Harry Spaeth  
Julianne Watson

### *Class of 2017*

Mark Bernstein  
Robert Greer  
Doreen Jones\*  
Kristen Lawton  
Anna McClafferty  
Laurie Menyo  
Matthew Ward  
Ali Watson

### *Class of 2018*

Katherine Connelly  
Landon Jones  
C. Thomas McClintic  
Daniel Pretz  
Kevin Raphael  
Dominick Rebeck  
Anne Standley



\*Resigned as result of her move back to Scotland

The following members of the Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill completed their journey on earth and now are in the eternal care of God:

Ann Simes  
Harry Williams  
Jean Wright

Shirley Leach  
Robert Johnston  
Harris Carr

Mary Dessureau  
Jean Hefline  
Ruth Beeghley

### *Highlights of Session activity in 2015*

- ❖ Developed and adopted the 2015 budget, including, income and operations as well as mission tithe expenses;
- ❖ Received 26 new members and reinstated 1 member from inactive to active status; removed 75 members from the active role (24 of which will remain on the mailing list), either at the member's request or as a result of many years of inactivity; approved the transfer of 5 members to other churches;
- ❖ Under the diligent guidance of Tom McClintic, monitored the projects and cash-flow associated with the capital campaign;
- ❖ Conducted a search for a new director of the Pre-K school;
- ❖ Sponsored an evening of "Melody and Comedy" under the auspices of the Music and Arts committee
- ❖ Held a Session planning retreat with Jeff Jarvis, focusing on ways to effectively use social media;
- ❖ Approved adding monthly communion services in the chapel;
- ❖ Approved the 2016 challenge budget;
- ❖ Expressed its sincere thanks to Harry Spaeth for his tireless efforts and leadership in reorganizing the finance reports and their management.



Much goes on behind the scenes to make a church work. We are blessed with an incredible staff, from ministers to sextons, who give tirelessly so that we may be the church we are. And in true Presbyterian fashion we are a church of committees. Stewardship campaigns, church brunches, play readings, ushering, and even communion, don't happen without the dedication of volunteers and the people who lead them. We are, indeed, blessed.

*Barbara Rubin, Clerk of Session*



## Deacon's Report

As stated 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.”

The Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill currently has 22 Deacons who continue to be led by Brian Russo, Director of Youth and Senior Adults. The Deacons visit assigned church members over age 85 years, several times during the year, and deliver flowers for Christmas, Easter and birthdays. In addition, they support families with newborns, those who have lost a loved one, and visit the sick. During the past year the Deacons have also been extending a helping hand by regularly providing driving service to two members for transportation to and from Sunday worship service.

The Deacons also provide a service as Greeters to welcome members and guests at the lower level rear entrance to the church on Sundays. Another activity is to help with hosting coffee hour and to provide some decoration of a plant or flowers for the refreshment table.

Although the Deacons meet less frequently as a group, they communicate via email, facilitated by Brian Russo and Evelyn Carpenter in the church office.

Lastly, one of the Deacons most popular activities is the Deacon's Brunch arranged and hosted annually in January. This is always a very successful event attended by a large number of the church family.

*Elsbeth Wrigley, Deacon*

## Church Life

The Church Life committee continues its commitment to encourage and welcome visitors, cultivate new members and nurture and involve current members.

In October, with the help of session members, staff and congregation members, the committee staffed a booth at the annual Chestnut Hill Fall for the Arts Festival. We featured the church's many music, arts and children's education opportunities as well as the programs offered by the Center on the Hill. While our table location was not ideal, it was easy to involve passers-by in conversation about the church as we offered

bookmarks with the PCCH website address, flyers for the Cantata series and brochures from both the Center on the Hill and the Pre-K.

The committee continues to explore how and why visitors to our church become members. What brought them through our doors, how we (as a community) helped them feel “at home” and what activities and aspects of church life they find most meaningful and worthy of their time and treasure. We also continue to welcome visitors at second hour on Sunday morning and follow-up with a note following their visit. We are exploring opportunities for members of the congregation to meet up with friends old and new beyond the church campus.

*Julianne Watson and Liz Podraza*



## Social Witness

Thanks to the congregation's “leap of faith” (as described by Cindy in her letter at the start of 2015) in increased pledges, our Mission Budget is now truly part of the annual budget. This means that in 2015, the Social Witness Committee and Session were able to focus our energy on mission works – doing our own, and supporting those of others – instead of fundraising. Below are individual descriptions of those activities.

### **Mission Partner Capital Grant Process**

The fulfillment of nearly all of the Capital Campaign pledges gave the Social Witness Committee a great task





to complete in 2015: request proposals from our mission partners for capital grants, review them, make site visits, and recommend funding decisions to Session. Once all the pledges are in, the Capital Campaign tithe is expected to allow us to fund capital needs for at least seven and possibly nine groups:

1. OHAAT – printers, computers, computer software, cell phone
2. West Kensington Ministry – indoor and outdoor (safety) lighting, new stove
3. Broad Street Ministry – new heating system
4. Whosoever Gospel Mission – new box truck
5. The Common Place – sanctuary repairs and painting
6. Roxborough Presbyterian Church – bathroom renovation
7. PIHN – renovation of family day center
8. (if funds available) Arch Street United Methodist/Grace Café – fire suppression equipment, cookware and serveware, food warming cabinet, plumbing
9. (if funds available) Centurion Ministries – computers and computer servers

**Philadelphia Interfaith Hospitality Network – Northwest Philadelphia (PIHN)**

In March 2015 our congregation supported PIHN’s sheltering of homeless families by being a buddy congregation to our neighbors at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church. We visited with the parents and children, cooked dinners, ate with the families, and were an overnight presence in case a need arose. Every year we have about 20-30 people who support PIHN in this way; without you, PIHN cannot function.

In August we supported PIHN’s families by donating nearly 35 filled backpacks for pre-K and kindergarten children. They were distributed at the annual back-to-school barbeque. The kids were thrilled, as always, and their parents were so happy to have the support.

In December our members also “adopted” two families working with PIHN, giving them wrapped gifts selected from the family’s wish list. One of our members drove Santa’s sleigh to the two families’ apartments to deliver them. The parents and children received sev-

eral gifts each. Our gift-giving allows the families to celebrate the holidays while still maintaining their tight budgets.

**ACHIEVEability**

In December our congregation continued its support of ACHIEVEability’s annual holiday gift drive for the children of the homeless and formerly homeless families who participate in their self-sufficiency program. Thanks to PCCH, twenty-five children received wrapped gifts from their wish lists.

*Emily Camp-Landis*

*The Flower Guild*

The Flower Guild, now in its second year, brings together eighteen talented and dedicated members who work in teams to create the Sunday chancel arrangements and the special Easter and Christmas floral displays. The Flower Guild’s ministry is to bring the beauty of God’s world into our worship space, while giving members of the congregation a meaningful way to remember loved ones or celebrate special events with flowers. Thanks go to all the church members and friends whose memorial contributions make the Guild’s work possible.

In 2015, FlowerGuild members enjoyed a Spring workshop demonstrating new techniques and design ideas. Special thanks go to Ken Lovett, our continuing source of creativity and expertise. Thanks also to these Flower Guild Members for their ongoing commitment and enthusiasm:

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| Sarah Alison-Kern | Dorene Jones        |
| Mari Bernhagen    | Jane Kaufman*       |
| Katie Connelly    | Cathy McKinney*     |
| Sandy Connelly    | Sue Shuchat         |
| Joan Demme        | Barrett Stewart     |
| Barbara Frazier   | Mary Ann VanBlarcom |
| Linnea Johnson*   | Susan White         |
| Sally Johnston    | Suzan Willcox       |

\*new members

We welcome new volunteers. For information, please contact Grace Stewart (glstewart1@verizon.net).

*Grace Stewart and Diane Cornely*

## The Stewardship Committee

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.” (Mark 12:29-30)

Our 2015 stewardship campaign, “Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Hands,” launched in October with a letter



to the congregation, a narrative budget mailer, and a series of faith testimonials delivered during Sunday services leading up to our November 22 Commitment Sunday. The campaign logo, designed by Laura Pritchard, featured a light-hearted sketch of a

chap dancing with hearts bursting out of his head reaching for a key to PCCH. We handed out PCCH logo key chains when the envelopes were brought forward and celebrated with a traditional pancake brunch.

We presented our proposed 2016 budget in a narrative format with a 4-page brochure that told the story of the ministry, Christian education, programs, music and arts, outreach, and mission giving. It also displayed 2 graphs with annual pledge amounts by giving household and by age group.

The 2016 total challenge budget, including ministry and mission goals, was \$1,092,050. Our projected income from pledges was \$640,828. This was our 2nd year to include mission dollars as part of our pledge dollars. We asked members to consider increasing their pledges by 1% of their total household income.

At the time of this writing, we have received 178 pledges totaling \$560,000 (\$22,000 less than the 2015 pledges). 68 were increased, 70 remained the same, 21 were decreased, and 19 were new. We still have 46 outstanding pledges; a phone and letter campaign is underway to secure them. If 50% of the remaining outstanding pledges come in, we will hit \$587,000 or \$5,000 more than last year.

On behalf of the stewardship committee (Dom Rebeck, Anne Standley, Katie Connolly, Mark Bernstein, and Mark Nottingham), I'd like to thank Cindy for her guidance, support, and encouragement.

*Laurie Menyo*

## Investment Committee Report

The Investment Committee comprised of David Nation, Harry Spaeth, Michael Elwell, Cindy Jarvis, Mark Nottingham, Matt Abernathy and John Lawton continued to faithfully oversee the Endowment Funds of our church. Our committee is responsible for investments that are managed by Merrill Lynch, PNC and the Presbyterian Foundation.

The 2015 Endowment Funds provided an income of \$126,653.01 to support the operating budget and \$114,026.18 to support the Senior Adult ministry of the church. Anyone who is interested in learning more about the Investment Committee, please contact John Lawton. We meet four times a year on the fourth Monday after Quarter End to discuss performance and set strategic direction.

*John Lawton*

## Finance Committee and Treasurer's Report

The Finance Committee and the Treasurer facilitate the adoption of the annual Operating Budget for PCCH. The Operating Budget is the financial roadmap for the church as we journey through the calendar year.

Once the budget is set early in the year, the Finance Committee meets monthly with our accounting firm, Main Line Accounting, to review our progress. Also discussed at these meetings are the finances relating to the restricted funds, e.g., Senior Adult Ministry, Capital Campaign, building maintenance, and the Pre-K. Management of the Church's cash flow is also reviewed with an eye to co-ordination with the Investment Committee

The Finance Committee's findings and recommendations are conveyed to Session at their monthly meetings for review and/or action when needed. You will see summaries updated in the Church bulletin throughout the year, for both the Capital Campaign and the Operating Fund.

We are blessed to have our endowment invested for today and for the future of PCCH, but remember that the majority of the Operating Fund and the success of our budget throughout the year is dependent upon our Congregational Response and the annual pledges PCCH receives.

If you have any questions, please contact any member of the Finance team: Harry Spaeth, Tom McClintic, Graeme Frazier, or Ned Mitinger. Thank you one and all for your dedication to stewardship for the Church.

*Tom McClintic and Harry Spaeth*

# Strengthen the Foundation, Transform the Future

Capital Campaign Update: As of December 31, 2015

Original Capital Campaign Goal:	\$1,500,000
Total Amount Needed for Revised Campaign:	\$1,222,480
Total Amount Pledged:	\$1,230,889

Total Amount Needed for Campaign w/ Boiler System: \$1,581,108

Pledge Receipts to Date:	\$1,129,153
Gifts Received to Date:	\$ 171,080
Total Sources of Funds:	\$1,300,275
Cash on Hand	\$ 31,681

Percentage of Pledges Received to Date:	92%
Amount of Pledges that have Not Been Received:	\$ 101,694

Phase 1 Tithe for Mission:	\$ 31,902
Phase 2 Tithe for Mission:	\$ 43,925
Phase 3 Tithe for Mission:	\$ 14,468
Total Tithe Amount for Mission YTD:	\$ 90,296

## Phase 1 Projects Completed in 2013:

- ❖ Architect and Consultant fees
- ❖ Repair of Sanctuary Ceiling
- ❖ Repair of Organ and Choir Room Floor
- ❖ Renovation of the Burleigh Cruikshank Chapel
- ❖ Renovation for new Handicap Accessible Restroom in Strouse
- ❖ Repair of the Chapel steps
- ❖ Youth Space Renovation in Strouse

## Phase 2 Projects Completed in 2014 and 2015:

- ❖ New Boiler System and Conversion (Phase 1 and 2)
- ❖ Installed New Energy Efficient windows (Harris/Offices/Kitchen/Melcher)
- ❖ Replace Gutters (Sanctuary and Strouse)

## Phase 3 Projects Completed in 2015:

- ❖ Boiler Final Conversion and Control System\*  
\*Approximate total for entire Boiler Replacement was \$412,000
- ❖ AC Replacement Systems for Offices
- ❖ Energy Efficient Re-Lamping for the Sanctuary and Widener
- ❖ Flagstone Repairs
- ❖ Driveway and Parking Lot Repairs
- ❖ New Refrigerator and Freezer for the Kitchen

## Projects yet to be Undertaken Pending Further Receipt of Pledged Funds:

- ❖ Widener Restroom Addition and Kitchen Renovations
- ❖ Replace Windows for Strouse Classrooms with Energy Efficient Windows
- ❖ Corridor Improvements/ Melcher Skylight /Rear Covered Walkway



