

WESTERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH & SOCIETY
PALMYRA, NY
2014 ANNUAL REPORT

Following God's Light...Sowing, Growing and Celebrating!



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We are Christ-centered, Nurturing, Caring, Welcoming, and Generous.
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meaningful community and global involvement;
worshipping and serving God with energy, intelligence, imagination and love.*

Christian Education Annual Report 2014

At WPC, Christian Education is sowing, growing and celebrating.

At WPC we Build Faith, Family and Fellowship.

This fall we have been averaging 16 children (20 are registered) and 12 adults in Sunday School. That's a lot of sowing and growing. Teachers during 2014 included Kelly Babcock, Aby Teeter, Jody Pruitt, Irene Fadden, James McFarlane, Lynette LaBerge, Paul Powell, Vicki Powell, and Chris Mitchell.

Vacation Bible School was attended by about 40 children each of the 4 days it was held in August. Cim McFarlane and Lisa Premyslovsky coordinated the event held at WPC. 32 adults and youth volunteered to make the week a success. Children learned that Jesus loves them, no matter what. Kids loved the songs, crafts, stories, games and snacks. After VBS, kids celebrated VBS during Sunday worship at both WPC and Palmyra Reformed Church.

A Middle School Fellowship has been started again at WPC. Lynette LaBerge has provided opportunities for youth to be together in fellowship. There are 6 youth in the group and they have been bringing friends to the group's activities.

WPC has 14 women, 2 youth, and 1 man faithfully serving in the toddler room during worship. Our youngest members get a chance to stay in worship through children's time and then play together with a loving and caring adult.

Children and youth celebrated during worship. Children led Worship for Pentecost and Joy Sunday in Advent. Children sang "All God's Creatures Got a Place in the Choir," "This Little Light of Mine," and something else. Children are now serving as candle lighters and greeters. Three 2nd and 4th graders received Bibles this year, and 3 college freshman received blankets.

For Easter, Christmas, and Valentine's Day, children worked together to make greeting cards for the shut-ins. This has allowed children and older members of the congregation to become better acquainted.

Canal Town Nursery School continues strong. The Universal Pre-K has 16 students. There are also 3 or 4 Mom and Tots, 23 3-year olds in 2 classes and a class of four 4-year olds. We should have another full UPK class in the fall of 2015.

The 2014 CE ministry team includes: Lynette LaBerge, Lou Callerame, Courtney Marr, Donna Callerame, Jody Pruitt, Irene Fadden and Cim McFarlane SSD as a non-elected member. With Rev. Nancy, the committee seeks ways that allow children to feel welcome and encouraged to learn more about God's plan at WPC.

Submitted by Irene Fadden

Report of the Canaltown Nursery School for 2014

It is my pleasure to report to the congregation of Western Presbyterian Church that CTNS had one of its most successful years. Before I start, I have to thank all the people of the congregation, session, my excellent board, and the Christian Education fellowship committee for their stalwart support. Our teachers and aides are the best, bright, and so kind. The happy children show it. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, the halls are filled with laughing children. I also wish to thank our school director, Kate Pentland, who is always ahead of the game in providing excellent curriculum and planned events. The year started with 8 students in UPK and 17 in the 3's. The Mom and Tot program was successful with 3 to 7 families participating. We even started a baby sign and play session. In January, we received a Walmart grant which went into the scholarship fund. In February, the annual Pasta Dinner was wildly successful with over 150 dinners served. Our grill raffle was won by the Goodwins. We applied for UPK and asked for 16 spots, double what we had last year, which we were granted. The annual Easter Bunny Breakfast was very successful making the school \$836. Dial assessments were done for the UPK students in April by Jody Pruitt. And finally, the upstairs bathroom received a new larger faucet. Sometimes it is the small things that make a difference. Graduation and a quiet summer gave forth to a full nursery school. The UPK maxed out at 16 and we signed 21 three years olds into two classes. We even had 5 four year olds in a three day a week class. With our increased numbers, we marched in the parade, had our class pictures taken, visited the library, Marks Pizza, and had a visit from Nature Phil with his ferret guinea pig and a tortoise. Mr. John Antonassio, a very experienced teacher, and Jessica Ramos, his aide, are a real asset to the school. Mrs. Jody Pruitt and Mrs. Lisa Perry are our wonderful capable 3 yr. old teachers. We have a steady stream of aides and substitutes who joyously help to keep everything running. At the end of the year, we had a joint board and Christian Ed. meeting at Reverend Nancy J's home to better get to know one another and where we were heading. Santa appeared near Christmas much to the glee of the children and the art show was well received by all. It is my hope that in God's good light, we can continue to provide a good school for the children of Palmyra.

Respectfully submitted: Philip Opdycke

Canal Town Nursery
Profit Loss
July through December 2014

Jan - Dec 14

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

Donations	200.00
Fund Raising Income	
Book Fair	5.39
Easter Bunny Breakfast	
50 50 Raffle	169.00
Donations	150.00
Silent Auction	136.25
Easter Bunny Breakfast - Other	613.00
Total Easter Bunny Breakfast	<u>1,068.25</u>
Pasta Dinner	
Donations	315.00
Pasta Dinner - Other	842.00
Total Pasta Dinner	<u>1,157.00</u>
Total Fund Raising Income	2,230.64
Field Trip Income	20.00
Pre-registrtrion Fee	505.00
Tuition	
Tuition	39,037.83
Total Tuition	<u>39,037.83</u>
Tuition Discount	-170.00
Total Income	<u>41,823.47</u>

Expense

Fund Raising Expense	
Advertising	
Pasta Dinner	162.37
Total Advertising	<u>162.37</u>
Fund Raising Expense – Other	<u>120.00</u>
Total Fund Raising Expense	282.37
Bank Service Charges	82.00
General Operation	
Advertising	594.05
Background Checks	160.05
Cleaning Supplies	116.35
CTNS Classroom Expenses	1,722.43
Field Trips	73.50
Telephone	490.45
Total General Operation	<u>3,156.83</u>
Gratuities	
Donation for facility	600.00
Gratuity Gift Miscellaneous	2,342.00
Total Gratuities	<u>2,942.00</u>

Canal Town Nursery
Profit Loss
July through December 2014

Jan - Dec 14

Payroll Expenses	
Director	1,994.08
Treasurer	1,739.77
Payroll Expenses - Other	<u>24,676.58</u>
Total Payroll Expenses	<u>28,410.43</u>
Payroll Taxes	5,855.42
Professional Fees	
Payroll Service	791.00
Tax Prep	<u>450.00</u>
Total Professional Fees	1,241.00
Scholastic Books	38.93
US Postal Service	
Postage - Other	46.00
P.O. Box	<u>180.00</u>
Total US Postal Service	<u>226.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>42,234.98</u>
Net Ordinary Income	-411.51
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Store Refund	8.63
Interest Earned	<u>1.55</u>
	<u>10.18</u>
Total Other Income	<u>10.18</u>
Net Other Income	<u>10.18</u>
	<u><u>-401.33</u></u>
Net Income	

Deacons Ministry Team 2014

Your 2014 Deacons Ministry Team was dutifully served by Barbara Bucknam, Eugene Bucknam, Terry Goodwin, Sandra McMenamin, Linda Pulcini, Katharine Smith, Nancy Talma, and Mary Wordingham. The weekly prayer lists in our Sunday bulletin reflect their call for prayer and visits.

We fulfilled daily prayer requests for congregation members and many others. Our published list is very fluid, with weekly additions and removals. We pray for lost loved ones and those who grieve. We pray for God to be at the side of those serving our military. We pray for those among us who are expecting to give birth to God's wonderful creations. We joyfully pray at their birth. There is a continual need to pray for the acutely and chronically ill, those for whom age has taken its toll, and for God's care and the safe return of those who travel afar. It's very uplifting to read cards and letters we receive in response to our prayer ministry.

Deacons ministered to those who are shut-in and hospitalized. It's truly an awesome and yet humbling feeling, knowing how grateful they are for our visits. When I ask if I may return for future visits, I've never been denied. During the course of the year, we delivered flowers that had served their purpose in our church, to uplift spirits and hopefully bring a smile. Your poinsettias served that purpose too.

At each monthly meeting, we added scripture and notes to greeting cards, provided by Barb Bucknam, to send out to those on our extended care list. And, throughout the year, Linda Pulcini mailed cards to congregation members and others, in celebration and to offer comfort.

Our Sunday School children offered their talents too, by creating beautiful greeting cards in celebration of Valentine's Day and the birth of Jesus Christ. They were delivered to our shut-ins and others. During Advent, we stuffed gift bags with various items to accompany those beautiful cards.

Deacons are responsible for preparing the elements for communion each month, and for special liturgical occasions. They then clean up and put away the silver pieces and communion cups afterward. The communion counts are shown in the accompanying activity table.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Goodwin, Chairperson

Deacons Activities 2014

Month	Date	Communion	Visits	Cards	Notes
January *		119			
February		105	39	40	18
March		101	50	34	18
April	4/18	45	50	62	19
	4/20	180			
May		100	51	34	20
June *		61			
July *		88			
August **		69			
September		90	49	98	18
October		89	31	34	18
November		86	23	13	17
December	12/24	119	17	24	20
Total		1252	310	339	148

* Misplaced minutes for Jan., June and July prevented insertion of visits, cards, and notes.

** No meeting in August, but visits, cards, and notes were made.

Deacons Committee

Treasurer's Report 2014

Balance on Hand January 1, 2014	\$ 377.49
Deposits for Year	<u>\$1,723.83</u>
Total	\$2,101.32

<u>Disbursements</u>	
Cards, Monthly Notes, Tape Program, Bread, Grape Juice, Postage, Donations, and "These Days"	
	<u>\$1,313.16</u>

Balance on Hand January 1, 2014	\$788.16
Checkbook Balance	\$788.16

Respectfully Submitted,
Treasurer,
Barbara Bucknam

Fellowship Ministry Team's Annual Report 2014

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The Fellowship Ministry Team set up monthly activities for the congregation to participate in.

Some Highlights of 2014:

On Sunday, January 5th, we celebrated Epiphany with a pot luck luncheon.

In February, we had a Chili Cook Off. What a great turn out! We had two excellent judges, Alicia Lynch and Patti Griffin. Everyone got to sample the various chilies from hot to mild, red and white with different types of meats.

In March, we celebrated Sweet and Treats with a Mardi Gras theme. This could be the congregation's favorite activity. Everyone brought such wonderful dishes.

We also handed out jelly beans with the prayer to the members at Easter.

On April 5th, we had our annual game and card night. We played euchre and tried this new game, banana grahams that everyone liked.

June 8th was our church picnic. Members brought a dish to pass, while the team provided hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks and ice cream sundaes.

On August 24th, some of the congregations headed out to the Red Wings Stadium for an afternoon of baseball. It was a very hot day! However the WPC fans cheered the home team on to victory.

On September 21st, our team sponsored a coffee hour. The team talked to our members about what they would like us to do for the following year.

In October, invitations were sent to all of the congregation who have been members for 50 or more years. We had three new members: Ethel Mae Johnson, Carol Campbell, and Elaine Hassler. A wonderful example and affirmation of faith for us all. Each new member received a beautiful corsage. We then had a pot luck luncheon in their honor.

On November 24th, we had the Hanging of the Greens.

On behalf of the Fellowship Ministry Team, I would like to thank you for attending the various activities that our team provided. We are always open for new ideas or new members who would like to provide these activities. Fellowship in Faith helps to bond us to each other and strengthens our ties as a Christian Community. If you have not as yet participated in the activities, please join us and make 2015 a banner year.

Yours in Fellowship,

Deb Trombino

Chairman

Finance Team Year-End Report - 2014

The faithful financial support of our members remained strong throughout 2014 enabling us to continue valuable programs in Worship, Christian Education, and Mission Outreach to both the local and extended global communities. As shown in the chart below, the **importance of member donations** cannot be overstated. Without the faithful and generous contributions of our members, the important work of our church would not be able to move forward. In 2014 there were **123 members who donated \$144,880** to the work of the church. A sincere thanks you to each and every one.

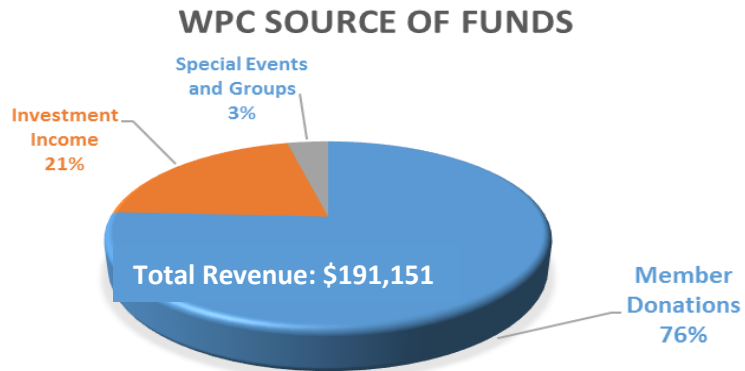
For our operating results, income exceeded expenditures by over four thousand dollars. And after considering one time gifts and beneficial timing of other expenses we finished the year in the black by \$11,293.

Financial advisors Howe and Rusling charted a steady course through increasingly volatile and churning investment waters to increase our overall endowment balances by 7.5% while at the same time earning important income at a rate averaging close to 4% that we use for church operations and to pay for maintenance and improvements to the edifice.

Many thanks to members of the finance team who have been diligent, persistent, and caring in their oversight of matters financial for the church: Randy Kennard, Dick Kirchoff, Rena Haigh, Lois Daniels, Dave Lyon, with particular thanks to retiring Co-Chair Patti Griffin - together with ex-officio members Val Gendron, Bookkeeper, and Eric Chapman, Treasurer. In addition to on-going financial care-taking, the team has collectively:

1. Supported numerous detailed inquiries from the auditor.
2. Worked through several planning sessions for the 2015 budget.
3. Coordinated the 2015 pledge campaign and mailing.
4. Recommended to Session a motion for investing the Cloyd Estate in a better way.
5. Coordinated the reinvestment of Nancy's full repayment of the housing fund.
6. Approved a new practice for quarterly reporting of the miscellaneous funds.
7. Re-deployed edifice income accounts to new investment vehicles with higher potential.
8. Processed an additional signer for the Community accounts.
9. Coordinated endowment information request from a donor's attorney.

Respectfully Submitted,
William Bush
Co-Chairman, Finance Team



2014 Mission & Social Concerns Team Annual Report

Committee Members: *Edie Chapman, Chair; Janet Barager, Lou Callerame, Sally Chase, Fred Coffman, John Cook, Lois Daniels, Ruth Dantz, Cassie Hughes, Sheila Koeberle and Jan Taylor*

We as a Team had a very busy year. January was spent making sure that our 3 grant applications were being submitted by the January 31st deadline of which we are very pleased that Presbytery approved all three of them. \$1,000 a piece was given to the Food Pantry and to Home Meal Service. They also approved a grant for \$5,000 for the Victim Resource Center in which Presbytery paid \$3,335 and we paid \$1,665.

Food donations were plentiful, with us providing meals to the NW Neighborhood Center (GUM). In January, we provided a meal and then we took up leftover food from the Ox Roast in September for them to use for either lunch or dinner. Valentine cookie boxes were shipped to our college students with a card and a cookie tray to the ARC staff.

Our Red Cross Blood Drive in April helped 57 patients with our donations of 19 people. We would love to see more people at our next drive as the need is always there!

Our congregation has provided this year over 300 hours for the Food Pantry and over 30 hours for the Clothing Cupboard. Alicia Lynch is a blessing to us all for what she does! Be sure to thank her for her hard work. Home Meal Service also has volunteers from our congregation hard at work. We have a very giving congregation to thank for their countless hours serving our community.

Financial donations this year were mostly concentrated to our local area for the Food Pantry, Good Neighbor Fund, Home Meal Service, and Victim Resource Center. Of course, we also do our commitment for Presbytery of Geneva.

In addition, we made a donation to Qholaqhoe Mountain Connections which was established by the Shade family from Palmyra to help provide what is best needed for this community which is in Lesotho, South Africa. This started as a result of a sister who had served in the Peace Corp. They typically go every year to see how the children and families are doing and any other needs that they can help with from their organization. We have members of our congregation also helping to pay for the annual fee for the higher education of High School for many of these students. If there is an interest, Pic Shade is willing to give a presentation.

I have been very fortunate to have a "Team" working together to serve God in the needs of our Community and beyond. There is no "I" in teamwork. We all have a voice to bring to the table and there a discussion starts. As I move from being a Chair to a Co-Chair with John, I look forward to continuing that "Team" effort.

Edie Chapman, Chair

Nominating Committee Report

January 2015

Ruling Elders are elected for 3 years. The numbers in parentheses are the final year of their term. Other members of the ministry teams are for 1 year terms. Thank you to everyone who signed the sheets to serve.

Ministry Teams

Fellowship: **Deb Trombino** (2017), **Roxanne Kachel** (2017), Sue Pringle, Norm Underwood, Ray Marr, Terry Gendron, Val Gendron

Property: **Doris Chriswell** (2016), **Amie McMullin** (2017), Steve Kennard, Phil Opdycke, Don Dantz, Ed Plesa, Dave Pinkney, Cory Trapiss, Bob Kirchhoff

Finance: **Bill Bush** (2015), Dick Kirchhoff, Wilma Redman, Lois Daniels, Rena Haigh, Randy Kennard, Irene Fadden

Worship: **Sue Leonard** (2016), Sharon Marr, Courtney Marr, Mary Beth LaBerge, Carol Sloan, Kelly Babcock

Social Concerns and Mission: **Edie Chapman** (2015), **John Cook** (2017), Sally Chase, Lou Callerame, Ruth Dantz, Jan Taylor, Janet Barager, Lois Daniels, Fred Coffman

Christian Education: **Irene Fadden** (2015), **Jody Pruitt** (2016), Lou Callerame, Lynette LaBerge, Phil Opdycke

Deacons: **Terry Goodwin** (2017), **Sandy McMenamini** (2017), Linda Pulcini, Barb Bucknam, Gene Bucknam, Nancy Talma, Madelyn Jagger, Sara Bush, Katharine Smith

Canal Town Nursery School Board: Chair: **Phil Opdycke**, Vice Chair: Sara Bush, Carol Sloan, Andy Sloan, Betsy Goodwin

Nominating: **Lynn Malboeuf** (2015), **Irene Fadden** (2015), Carol Campbell, Lois Pratt, Ray Marr

Property Committee 2014 Annual Report

Committee members:

Robert Kirchhoff	Don Dantz	Doris Chriswell	Ed Plesa
Stephen Kennard	David Pinkney	Cory Trapiss	William Hassler

Property Committee 2014 budget was \$18.2K. Spending for 2014 was about \$16K.

The major items in 2014 were:

- Our parking lots needed sealing and restriping in 2013, but with all of the other tasks that year the committee decided to do this in 2014. The cost was \$1,300.
- Electric and gas spending was about \$7.0K.
- Furnace and plumbing repairs for 2014 was \$1,152.

Other notable 2014 activities:

- Although not seen by many in our congregation, the choir loft floor was in serious need of renovation. The old flooring was removed and new carpeting was installed. The cost was \$552.
- WPC is fortunate to have Larry as our custodian.
- \$900 for repairing the Sanctuary roof around the west chimney. About this same time, the Village of Palmyra paid for trimming tree branches overhanging the Sanctuary roof.
- The flag pole was painted by Gary LaBerge and remounted.
- For 2015 the committee is expecting that the Fellowship Hall roofing will need replacement. Cost is not known at this time but expect the cost to be significant.

Church Use

Western Presbyterian Church has a process where members can request use of our facilities (rooms) or borrow tables/chairs. This process is not for the Ox Roast, wedding or memorial/funeral services. The expectation is that the user will restore the facilities or borrowed items in the same condition before use. There is no fee but any offering is graciously accepted.

In 2014 there were 24 requests (21 facilities & 3 tables/chairs).

2014 Facilities Use:

Contained in the 21 facilities requests were: Fellowship Hall (21), Kitchen (9), Classrooms (2) and Sanctuary (21) Sanctuary use required session approval.

2014 Borrowing (Tables/Chairs/etc): Tables (4) & Chairs (115)

Many in our congregation volunteered time in 2014 and the committee would like to give special thanks to all who helped throughout 2014.

Respectfully submitted,
Property Committee

Worship Committee Annual Report for 2014

The Worship Committee's primary focus is to provide support to the worship services of our church. We also strive to make decisions that enhance the worship service for all of our church members and visitors, and to provide opportunities for non-committee members to volunteer their gifts and time. Our 2014 members are: Mary Beth LaBerge, Courtney Marr, Sharon Marr, Carol Sloan, Kelly Babcock and Sue Leonard. We will continue to serve on this committee in 2015.

Specifically, we take care of:

- The scheduling of ushers, readers and communion elders.
- The orders for poinsettias, lilies, palms and candles.
- Decorating the sanctuary for Christmas and Easter.
- Assisting with special services and events such as the Lenten evening services, Christmas in July, Canal Town Sunday Hymn Sing, Advent Choral Fest and the Christmas Eve services.

New in 2014:

- National Day of Prayer- On Thursday, May 1st we opened our doors to anyone in the community who wanted to come into the sanctuary anytime during the day to offer their prayers. Committee members and volunteers were available as greeters, and to provide handouts. The Rev. Nancy J. led worshippers in a lovely prayer-filled evening service. Our intention is to participate in this national event again in 2015.
- Thanksgiving Pie Extravaganza- In recent years, we have provided a casual Thanksgiving worship service and breakfast. But over time, it has become more difficult for many of our church members to attend. So this year we decided to do the Extravaganza after church on the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving. Many people volunteered to provide delicious pies and many, many more volunteered to eat the pies! And as we said many times, it really wasn't about the pie. We took time to give thanks and praise for our many blessings.
- Three new Christmas trees were purchased for the sanctuary, to replace the old ones that had started to fall apart. The expense was approved by the Finance Committee, but volunteers came forward to cover most of the cost, as a gift to the church.

Going into the new year, we would like to thank those who volunteer to be ushers, readers, communion elders, candle lighters, pie makers, sanctuary decorators, and whoever else we may have forgotten to mention. And if anyone else would like to volunteer for a particular task, please let us know. It's all for the glory of God.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Leonard

Church Statistics - Report of the Clerk

Active Membership as of January 1, 2014 **183**

Additions

By Profession of Faith, Restoration, Reaffirmation	6
By Certificate of Transfer -	
Other- moved from inactive back to active	<u>2</u>
Total Additions -	<u>191</u>

Losses

By Certificate of Transfer	2
By Death -	10
By Removal to Inactive Roll -	26
Removal from the Roll -	
Total Losses	<u>38</u>

Total Active Membership as of December 31, 2014 **153**

Baptisms

Nolan Emmy Oliver	6/29/2014
Nicole Sturm	6/01/2014

Marriages

The Session

Class of 2015

William Bush
Edith Chapman
Irene Fadden
Lynn Malboeuf

Class of 2016

Doris Chriswell
Susan Leonard
Phil Opdycke
Jody Pruitt

Class of 2017

John Cook
Terrence Goodwin
Roxanne Kachel
Sandra McMenamin
Amie McMullin
Deborah Trombino

Clerk - Janet Manktelow
Treasurer - Eric Chapman

**The Rev. Dr. Nancy J. Farrell, Pastor
Western Presbyterian Church**

2014 Annual Report

It was just a few years ago that Session met and agreed that Christ's cross, the sunflower and our church steeple were our visual inspiration for the Western Presbyterian Church vision statement: "Following God's Light...Sowing, Growing and Celebrating!" The first depicts our theology of the cross, the steeple conveys our rich tradition anchored in history and reaching for the sky and the sunflower, the organic hope of consistent reseeding. From a single flower, hundreds of seeds can be spread into the world. These seeds are seeds of hope spreading grace and compassion in our community and beyond. From one small act of kindness, mission or ministry can come many great results with God's grace.

Session continues to work at identifying ways for us to work together and to practically live out our vision for the twenty first century. Progress seems slow but we have been steadily at it.

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God with energy, intelligence, imagination and love!

We recognize that navigating change is not easy. As with death, change can be shocking to the system. Because we are creatures of habit, intentional change is tough. This past year our Communications Task Force has systematically provided three formal opportunities to gather and share. While we are changing, we need emotional support, information and opportunities to gather together. Still, some folks may dig in their heels refuse to let go of elements of the past, retreat or criticize current leadership. Do not fear, for every member matters!

It is a joy to note that many members are more actively engaged than ever. Session affirms that plans, directions and communications need to be reinforced and repeated (at least seven times!) before some hear or understand. So, we are working at it. We are on Facebook; utilizing our website; e-mail messages weekly; enjoy face to face contact in coffee hour and our newsletter has been distributed regularly. Church Assistant, Kathy Barr has anchored our office with grace and love. New and recycled leadership has stepped up to the tasks at hand, realizing that one does not have to be young to be energized by the Spirit. And, indeed it is God's Holy Spirit that has held us together these past few years as we buried and memorialized some of the great saints and guiding lights of our congregation.

2015 is a year for more risk taking. Session is looking at new ways to do things involving membership in exploring options for the future. We are changing our Session meeting agenda to include an appointed time for an open forum when we invite any member to come and raise concerns with leadership. Standing committees no longer do all the work; we have begun working as teams, a framework that assists to develop and execute activities/plans and include others. Our teams are embracing changes, listening to your suggestions, recycling old ideas and working together to engage each of our members in mission and leadership.

We affirm our great traditional organ and choir programs and Sunday morning worship service! Currently, we are thankful for the gifts and stability of our great music staff, Heather Trapiss, Jack Moak, Sharon Condit and our great choirs. As we adapt our traditional patterns to accommodate new generations, we shall risk renewing our ways of worship and education. We may add other opportunities for worship that are stylistically different. We are a community of faith, interested in sharing the Good News in new ways for today and tomorrow.

As I think back over the course of the past few years, I gratefully remember the lives and destinies of many persons who are being changed by the grace of God, through the mission and ministry of Western Presbyterian Church. Thank you for your generosity and your giving.

Thank you all for remembering that we are generous because of who we are and Whose we are. As a people created and being transformed in the image of God, we remember that who we are is not solely of our own making. There is no cause for foolish pride or haughty ego. We are who we are because of God's generosity. God is at work here.

Dear friends and faithful givers, thank you for showing up for God, for serving and loving in Christ's name, for writing a check, stamping an envelope and for honoring your membership vows. Our faithful custodian, Larry Sprague; our Sunday School Director, Cim McFarlane; our Financial Secretary, Val Gendron; our music staff; and office anchor, Kathy Barr as well as the pastor are all very grateful for our positions and for the love and service of this great congregation. Thank you all for participating in the ongoing creation of Christ's church in 2014-2015. Let us continue in the faith, hope and love of our Lord. Soli Deo Gloria!

The Rev. Dr. Nancy J. Farrell

The Good Neighbor Fund Report

40 Families were assisted by the Good Neighbor Fund in 2014. We distributed \$19,078.

We raised \$17,180 with the 2014 Advent Choral Festival offering equaling \$1,734.

Special thanks to Wilma Redman for working on a second accounting of income and outgo so that we know we are accurate. Wilma and Kathy Barr both have been a God-send to our good neighbors. Thanks to Western Presbyterians who out did themselves in consistent mission and individual giving.

Annual Report Projects and Financials for 2014

Women's Association
Financial Report
January 1 - December 31, 2014

Receipts

Balance on hand January 1, 2013 \$ 3,009.57

Rummage Sales \$ 2,544.57

RADA Cutlery Sales \$ 610.50

Donations \$ 70.00

Least Coin \$ 8.77

Total Receipts \$ 3,233.84

Disbursements \$ 6,243.41

Supplies for Memorial Services \$ 115.70

Food Pantry \$ 108.00

WPC Utilities \$ 3,000.00

Home Meal Service \$ 200.00

Stamps for Summer Tea \$ 58.80

Purchase of additional checks \$ 52.86

Christmas Gratuity \$ 200.00

Kitchen and coffee hour Supplies \$ 179.88

RADA cutlery and supplies, deposit for space at craft sales \$ 635.10

Total Disbursements \$ 4,549.64

Balance on Hand December 1, 2014 \$ 1,693.77

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Pringle

Treasurer

ANGEL TREE PROJECT

This year gifts were provided to 99 families with 257 children which was actually down from last year. In addition to the locally placed trees, Garlock, JRLON and the Interact Club of the Pal-Mac School District adopted several families. We would never be as successful without these three organizations.

It was another year of great success as far as donations. Garlock gave a cash donation of \$2000 - AGAIN. Thanks should also go to the King's Daughters, Lions Club, Women of the Moose and several church members. The cash is used to purchase gifts for angels not selected, wrapping paper for each family and postage. Some of the outstanding balance will be used to pre-buy for next year. We are truly blessed to live in such a generous and giving community.

The deliveries were made by the Lions Club on Saturday, December 6th and they were joined by the Mayor and his wife. It went very smoothly with very few deliveries having to come back to the church. Thank you Kathy for handling all the phone calls and pick-ups. Thanks to my personal assistants, Wendi, Samantha and Sydney Gagliano, Page and Sara Sapienza, and Pat Lynch for their help with delivery, loading, and sorting. Please forgive me if I've forgotten anyone.

As always, if your workplace is somewhere that you think may like to participate in this way next year, please let me know. Even if you and your coworkers are only able to adopt one family – every little bit helps.

If you're interested in helping out or would just like more information, contact Alicia Lynch at 585-749-3296 or the church office at 597-9171.

Respectfully submitted,
Alicia Lynch
Angel Tree Project

WPC Ox Roast Report 2014

1 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Primary Committee Members

James McFarlane Overall Coordinator
 Lynn Malboeuf Lead for Kitchen
 Randy Kennard Lead for Take out

Support Committee Members

Sandy Kelly Donation Coordinator
 Bill Hassler/Don Dantz Beef Roasters
The committee was created July 20th, 2014

2 40TH ANNUAL OX ROAST DINNER

Even with the inclement weather which significantly reduced overall attendance at the Canaltown Days festival, there were over 53 Church and community members that came together for the common goal of supporting the Church event. There were others as well that donated both food and funds. The event is always a great contribution of time, talents and treasures of the church.

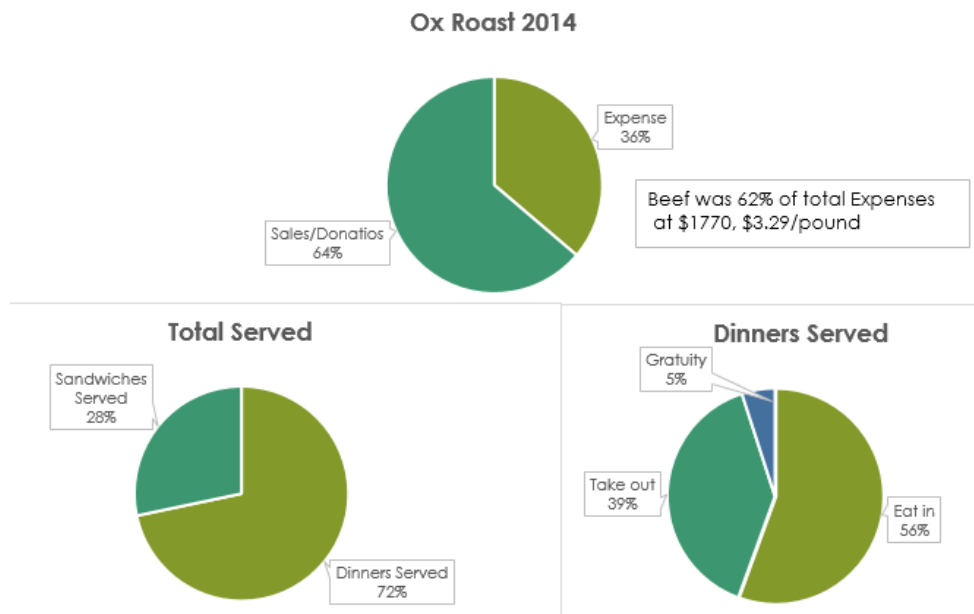
Up front, less beef was ordered, 458 pounds. Due to the poor attendance, less than 200 pounds of beef was served. Less was served also due to slicing the beef thinner. The beef price was increased by \$0.40/ pound over 2013 pricing. Since the price increase was anticipated, ticket pricing was increased to reflect the increased market value. The increased cost of the meal was not in line with other food stands at the festival further reducing sales. Some of the left over beef was re-purposed to the GUM dinner served in October 2014 and also for church functions.

3 FINANCIAL REPORT

Below Charts illustrate the expenses, sales/ donations for the Ox Roast.
 (Re-purposed beef sales is not reflected in the financial report below.)

Ox Roast Profit **\$2432.78**

Dinners Served – **261** Sandwiches Served – **103**



4 FUTURE OF WPC OX ROAST AS HELD DURING CANALTOWN DAYS

Fundamental question the congregation needs to answer before proceeding with any future planning:

**Is the purpose of the Ox Roast to be a fund raiser
with the benefits of fellowship as an added bonus?**

OR

**Is the purpose of the Ox Roast to bring people together
with fellowship with financial benefits secondary?**

Evaluation Feedback

Item	Suggestion	Comments
1	Set a Hard-stop date to identify committee members and direction of Church to establish if alternate options should be considered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Establish mid-end of May as decision time for holding 2015 Ox Roast – identify committee members ● Have solid commitment from Church ● Need up front planning
2	Alternative to Ox Roast is Spud Bake	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Potato topping ● Lower up-front financial commitment ● Less volunteers needed
3	Look to reduce beef order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Order 250-300 pounds of Beef ● Discontinue pre-sale tickets to ensure all customers get meals ● Entertain possibility of price increase? ● With reduced beef for meals, reduce donation quantities
4	Discontinue offering price reduction of Senior discount	Reason is that most of congregation qualifies as seniors
5	Acknowledge that meal could be run with less servers and beverage refill volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Three servers were needed in serving line along with meat slicer (<i>cut back 2014 & worked well</i>) ● Have one person overseeing the beverage table refilling supplies and customers get their own drinks
6	Reduce dinner hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This year serving ended at 7 pm rather than 8 pm. This gave more time for clean-up. ● There is less member participation and more monetary donations with aging congregation
7	Evaluate the donation tickets given to Canaltown committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Determine if all of booth fee could be paid in tickets ● Understand equity of practice relative to other churches and food booths

It is the opinion of the Primary Committee Members that the Ox Roast cannot be considered as a reliable source of fund raising going forward.

SUMMARY OF WPC FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS
Endowments/Operations

12th month of 2014
December 31, 2014

SUMMARY OF WPC FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS				12th month of 2014		
		Endowments/Operations		December 31, 2014		
		Value 12/31/13	12/31/2014	YTD Variance	December Income	YTD Income
Church Endowment		219,160	227,555	8,395	1,540	8,797
Davidson-Pastor Salary		161,238	167,144	5,906	1,132	6,462
Milligan Family Fund		109,272	113,137	3,865	766	4,374
Helen T. Smith Endowment		503,227	521,284	18,057	3,530	20,153
Mertz Family Fund		17,253	17,718	465	120	685
Housing Loan Fund		49,914	58,063	8,149	393	2,245
Operations Total		1,060,064	1,104,901	44,837	7,481	42,716
ENDOWMENTS - EDIFICE						
Henry W. Griffith Endowment	Unrst Edif	783,391	811,812	28,421	5,497	31,385
Davidson - Edifice	Extr Edif	29,782	30,739	957	208	1,188
Helen T. Cloyd	Extr Edif	38,739	38,412	-327	0	475
Walter P. Smith	Extr Edif	180,751	187,210	6,459	1,268	7,238
Edifice Total		1,032,663	1,068,173	35,510	6,973	40,286
Endowment Total		2,092,727	2,173,074	80,347	14,454	83,002
Miscellaneous Funds						
Cash Reserve	Ops	39,640	41,174	1,534	513	1,967
Mary Coe Fund		13,296	13,820	524	172	660
Organ Fund		7,916	7,881	-35	98	377
Women's Assoc.		6,138	6,746	608	85	323
EDIFICE-INC-AM CENTURY		9,990*	10,019	29	**1,077	1,077
EDIFICE-INC-RIDGEWORTH		10,000*	9,828	-172	**867	878
Miscellaneous Funds Total		86,980	89,468	2,488	2,812	5,301
Total Investment Accounts		2,179,707	2,262,542	82,835	17,266	88,303
		* Purchased 12/1/2014		**Dividends reinvested in shares of fund		
Respectfully submitted,						
Eric Chapman	Revised 1/29/2015					

WESTERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

31-Dec-14

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

<u>Value of Investments</u>	<u>31-Dec-13</u>	<u>12/1/2015</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Operations	1,060,064	1,104,901	44,837
Edifice	<u>1,032,663</u>	<u>1,068,173</u>	<u>35,510</u>
TOTAL	2,092,727	2,173,074	80,347

MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS

	<u>Account Description</u>	<u>Dec. 31, 2013</u>	<u>13-Jan-15</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Value of Checking Accounts		162,067	176,268	14,201
Community Bank Acct. #2862	Checking	71,835	82,582	10,747
Community Bank Acct. #2897	Women's Association	3,255	1,694	-1561
Community Bank Acct. #2942	Memorial Edifice (Designated Funds)	79,310	85,992	6682
Community Bank Acct. #9285	Good Neighbor Fund	4,706	3,383	-1323
Community Bank Acct. #4102	Chancel Choir	2,961	2,617	-344
Community Bank Acct. #4129	Good Neighbor Fire Fund	Closed	Closed	Closed

***Designated Funds**

E. Chapman

1/14/2015

Edifice Exterior Fund

Edifice Interior Fund

Memorial Fund

Other Miscellaneous Funds

		2014	
Budget Item		Budget	Actual
Receipts			
			1.5%
Operating Pledges/Offerings		\$132,179	\$144,880
	Pledged		\$124,679
	New Members		\$1,500
	Loose Offerings		\$2,000
	Per Capita Donations		\$4,000
Other Donations		\$6,400	\$6,765
	Weddings, etc.		\$0
	Ox Roast		\$3,200
	Women's Assoc.		\$2,000
	CTNS		\$1,200
Special Mission Initiative			
Other Fundraising		\$500	\$0
	Pancake breakfasts		\$500
	Other		\$0
Income from Investments		\$40,000	\$39,506
Total Receipts		\$179,079	\$191,151
Expenditures			
Administrative		\$5,200	\$5,984
Christian Education		\$2,000	\$1,403
Finance		\$4,830	\$2,736
	Other		\$1,180
	Insurance		\$2,000
	Financial Review		\$1,650
Membership Development		\$500	\$250
Personnel		\$127,721	\$127,924
Staff			\$31,910
	Maintenance		
	Sexton		
	Bookkeeper		
	Secretary		
	Sunday School Coord.		
	Staff FICA ER		
Music Ministry			\$12,900
	Organist/Accompanist		
	Substitute Organist		
	Chancel Choir Director		
	Bell Choir Director		
	Youth Choir Director		
	Youth Choir Accompanist		
Pastor			\$82,911
	Pastor Salary		
	Pastor Housing		
	Pastor Pension & Medical		
	50% FICA		
	Auto		
	Continuing Ed.		
	Business and Prof. Exp.		
Pulpit Supply - 6 weeks (now in Worship)			
Property		\$18,236	\$19,665
	Other		
	Snow Plowing		
	Utilities		
Social Concerns/Mission		\$12,000	\$11,818
	Other		
	Mission		
Worship		\$1,600	\$1,586
	Pulpit Supply		
	Other		
Per Capita		\$8,492	\$8,492
Total Expenses		\$180,579	\$179,858
Net Receipts/Expenses		(\$1,500)	\$11,293