

WESTERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH & SOCIETY
PALMYRA, NY
2017 ANNUAL REPORT



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*Western Presbyterian Church is Building Faith, Family & Fellowship.
We are Christ-centered, Nurturing, Caring, Welcoming, and Generous.
Western Presbyterian Church nurtures spiritual growth, joyful fellowship,
meaningful community and global involvement;
worshipping and serving God with energy, intelligence, imagination and love.*

Annual Report 2017 Christian Education Ministry Team

Building Faith, Family, and Fellowship WPC nurtures spiritual growth, joyful fellowship, meaningful community and global involvement: worshipping and serving God with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love.

The 2017 CE Ministry Team included: Kelly Babcock, Lynette Cogan, Jody Pruitt, and Cim McFarlane, Sunday School Director, as a non-elected member. The ministry team seeks ways that allow children and adults to feel welcomed and encouraged to learn more about God's love and grace at WPC. Sunday School averaged fifteen participants weekly working together to learn about God's word directed by Cim McFarlane. The program continued joint class worship at the end of Sunday School time and two Children Lead Worship services. The youth continued to make holiday cards for WPC shut-ins three times a year: Valentine's Day, Easter and Christmas. They also designed bulletin covers twice a year for Christmas and Easter worship.

Cim keeps in touch with the Splash families each month - families with children ages birth to 3 years.

The children light the candles weekly before the service, lead the Palm Sunday parade which includes all Sunday School participants shouting, "Hosanna in the highest!", as well as ring the bell before the Pentecost service.

One second grader received a Bible, seven blankets were prepared for graduating High School seniors and WPC had one Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAADs) attend 'Come to the Table', this fall for Synod.

The Sunday School mission project was helping our Green Angel representative collect sunscreen for children in need in the Palmyra area.

2017 Vacation Bible School's (combined sponsor's Palmyra Reform Church and WPC) theme was 'Maker Fun Factory' by Group, 'Created by God, Built for a Purpose'. There were daily inventions such as an oversize sling shot, musical instruments from PVC pipe and a robot named Rosie. The daily verses God Made You, God is for You, God is Always with You, God will Always Love You and God Made You for a Reason guided the children through the week. Children and adults both loved the songs, crafts, stories, games and snacks. After a week of VBS, kids celebrated VBS during Sunday worship at both WPC and Palmyra Reformed Church.

The new Sunday School year started with the traditional Kick-off Breakfast, "Whoooo Loves Me ~ Jesus". They are working with new curriculum for the 2017-18 "God and Church" and "God and Life". Kyle held a January Bible Class titled *Spiritual*, had a Lenten series and an Advent Book Study on *Joseph*.

The Middle School SS Class cleaned and redecorated the Nursery for their Fall mission project. Fifteen dedicated members continued to provide child care during the 10:00 am worship hour.

2017 brought a few new ideas to the WPC Sunday School program. Two parties were planned: Christmas Eve and Epiphany. The Christmas Eve party was a Children Led Worship focusing on Pastor Kyle's Advent Theme "Do Not Be Afraid" and the telling of the Christmas Story. After worship during Coffee Hour, the newly organized Church Band played, along with cookie decorating and fellowship. The Epiphany Party included the entire congregation during Fellowship time engaging in activities to celebrate the Three Kings reaching the Christ Child. Also new this year, the team provided Children's time the last Sunday of each month.

The CE Team struggles with numbers, but they are mighty. The team provides Christian education, leadership and mission opportunities for both adults and children in a loving and caring way – God's way.

Respectfully Submitted by Jody Pruitt

CTNS 2017 Annual Report

This is the 44th year of CTNS at Western Presbyterian Church. This again was a year of change. The school's UPK program was moved to the elementary school. As a result, we worked very hard to establish the mixed class of 3's and 4's. There were two three-year-old classes.

The year opened with meet the teacher night where every parent received a CTNS shirt for their child, the school calendar, and all the rules. With our smaller numbers and classes mainly for the three-year olds, CTNS cut back on out of school visitations. Instead, the classes became much more creative in classroom activities. For example, the students have been taste-testing fruits and dips like hummus and guacamole. They then learned how to properly react when they didn't like the taste. Just recently they made their own plaster mix for a mold for their feet. The molds were baked and then they compared the differences. With the three-year olds learning colors, tactile sensory experiences have been stressed.

There have been visits by Phil Opdycke who brought in his pet guinea pig, Siberian tortoise, and his corn snake to touch and watch move. Santa Claus stopped by and the Easter bunny appeared at the Easter Bunny breakfast. Our two big fundraisers have been strongly supported by the church family and parents. There was a Thanksgiving and Christmas Feast Day.

The school follows the Pal-Mac calendar and snow day cancellations. The CTNS Board consists of Sara Bush, and Phil Opdycke as chairpersons, ably assisted by Treasurer Irene Fadden and board members Betsy Goodwin, and Andy and Carol Sloan.

The Board would also like to thank the tireless work of our new director, Stacy Denniston. Our three-year-old teachers are Robin Lindstrom and Lisa Perry. Our aides Keri Devlin, Cim McFarlane, and Stacy Denniston help with all the classes for a fun educational time.

The Board would also like to thank the Session, Property Committee, Roxanne Dobson for her culinary expertise, Christian Education Committee, and Pastor Kyle Delhagen for all their support.

Respectfully submitted:
Phil Opdycke

Canal Town Nursery School Financial Report

INCOME

Scholarship	\$ 500.00
Donations	\$ 100.00
Fund Raiser	
Easter Bunny Breakfast	\$ 712.00
Spaghetti Dinner	\$ 1,847.00
Yankee Candle	\$ 873.74
Wreath	\$ 120.00
Tuition	\$ 44,300.00
Tuition from Scholarship	\$ 202.50
HSBC Settlements	\$ 60.23
Interest Earned	\$ 0.53
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 48,716.00

EXPENSES

Payroll to Staff	\$ 30,595.25
Payroll Preparation	\$ 1,034.48
Payroll Taxes	\$ 6,900.35
Total Payroll	\$ 38,530.08
Background checks	\$ 103.00
Advertising	\$ 20.00
Classroom Expenses	\$ 589.72
Snacks	\$ 215.99
PO Box	\$ 79.50
Telephone	\$ 624.92
Office Supplies	\$ 215.99
Donation to Church	\$ 2,400.00
Substitutes	\$ 600.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 43,379.20

The Deacons Ministry Team Annual Report for 2017

Your 2017 Deacons Ministry Team was dutifully served by Sara Bush, Terry Goodwin, Sandra McMenamin, Linda Pulcini, and Nancy Talma. 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 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 receptive they are for our visits. We are typically invited for return visits. During the year, we repurposed and delivered flowers that had served their purpose in our church, to uplift spirits and hopefully bring a smile. Your poinsettias and Easter lilies served that purpose too.

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

Potted lilies and poinsettias beautified our sanctuary at Easter and Christmas respectively. Any that remained in the sanctuary following those occasions were distributed by the Deacons for others to enjoy. There were 25 poinsettias delivered following Advent.

Our Sunday School children offered their talents too, by creating beautiful greeting cards in celebration of Valentine's Day, Easter and the birth of Jesus Christ. They were delivered to those on our special care list, that currently numbers 22 individuals, and to others. During Advent, we delivered gift bags with thoughtful items to accompany those beautiful cards.

The Deacons do not have a budget supported by congregation pledges. We rely on free will donations to finance our annual endeavors. Deacons Fund envelopes are placed in the pews for that purpose. We were blessed in 2017 to have enough on hand to assist a homeless individual referred to us by The Good Neighbor Fund, that had no funds of their own to offer.

Deacons are responsible for preparing the communion elements each month and for special liturgical occasions. They then clean and put away the silver pieces afterward. The communion counts, another responsibility, are shown in the monthly minutes kept in the binder outside the office. Many individuals who cannot attend our worship services were served communion by Pastor Delhagen, with Deacons in attendance.

As mentioned, Deacons minutes are available for all to see outside the office in a 3-ring binder. There, you'll see our record of visits, cards distributed, etc.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Goodwin, Chairperson

**Deacons Ministry Team
Treasurer's Report 2017**

Balance on Hand January 1, 2017	\$1,319.11
Deposits for Year	<u>868.01</u>
Total	\$2,187.12

Disbursements

Cards, Monthly Notes, Postage, Christmas Items	\$ 582.65
Prayer Shawl Items	106.19
Communion Supplies	57.01
These Days Devotionals	99.00
Two Special Requests for Assistance	<u>207.30</u>
Total	\$1,052.15

Balance on Hand January 1, 2018	\$1,134.97
Checkbook Balance	\$1,134.97

**Respectfully Submitted,
Sandra McMenamin
Treasurer**

Fellowship Ministry Team's Annual Report 2017

Western Presbyterian Church: Following God's Light.....
Sowing, Growing and Celebrating!

The Fellowship Ministry Team set up activities with the goal of engaging our congregation in more personal, and enjoyable interaction.

Some Highlights of 2017:

At our January meeting much thought and discussion went into planning. Below are the activities we sponsored.

On February 26th, we celebrated Sweets and Treats.

This is one of the favorite activities that we sponsor and its theme was Mardi Gras.

On April 29th, our team hosted a Family Game night. Fun was had by all who attended.

With all the activities happening with the 200th committee, we scaled back some of our normal activities.

In July, we had a real nice gathering at the Newark Pilots baseball game.

In October, invitations were sent to all the congregation who have been members for 50 or more years.

We had two new members: Alicia Lynch and Lois Pratt. They are wonderful examples and an affirmation of faith for us all. We then had a pot luck luncheon in their honor with cake.

On November 26th, we hosted a Trim the Tree party and a pot luck luncheon. We asked every family to bring an ornament for the tree. It was truly beautiful!

The Fellowship Ministry Team is an important and worthwhile endeavor. It helps to cement the bonds of fellowship and Christian values within our congregation. We on the team wish to thank all who participated and helped make the activities successful. It is our hope that we can expand the activities, with your help and suggestions, and make 2018 a banner year! God bless you all.

Yours in Fellowship,
Roxanne Dobson

Finance Team Year – End Report For 2017

For 2017, Western Presbyterian Church continued full financial support for our ongoing programs in Worship, Christian Education, and generous Mission Outreach to both local and extended global communities while maintaining our operating budget in the black.

The source of funds for the church that is shown below underscores the importance of member donations. Without the faithful and generous contributions of our members, the important work of our church would not be able to continue. In 2017, there were 147 active members who donated \$123,738.00 to the work of the church. This amount represents 67.8 % of the church's total receipts. A sincere thank you to each and every one. Also in addition, our endowment funds provided 28 % (\$51,607.00) for upkeep and improvements to the internal and external edifice of our church. The balance of 4.2% or \$7,203.00 came from special events, other donations and groups.

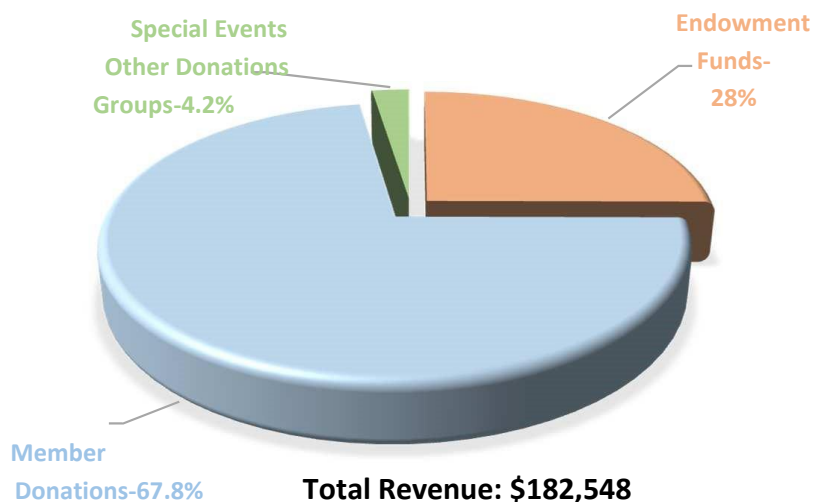
The year 2017 was not without its financial challenges. Last year, too many of our faithful seniors were called home to be with the Lord, leaving a large financial hole to fill. Due to one generous member who donated \$5,000 to the general fund and moving the \$3000.00 budgeted for family promise in 2017 to 2018 and advice from our financial advisers, we finished the year with \$12,018.00 in the black.

In a year which saw increasing volatility and challenges in the financial markets and at WPC, our financial investment management company, Howe and Rusling, professionally allocated and diversified our endowments to provide our portfolio capital to an extra 6% income to help fund the church operations as well as maintain and make improvements to the edifice.

Many thanks to the following individuals of the finance team, Bill Bush, Irene Fadden, Gary Haigh, Jerry Kelly, and Dick Kirchhoff, together with ex-officio members Eric Chapman, Treasurer and Val Gendron, Bookkeeper.

Respectfully Submitted,
William C. Hassler
Chairman, Finance Team

WPC SOURCE OF OPERATING FUNDS



2017 Mission and Social Concerns Team Annual Report

Committee Members: Rena Haigh and John Cook, Co-chairs, Janet Barager, Lou Callerame, Edie Chapman, Sally Chase, Lois Daniels, Ruth Dantz, Jonnie Fontaine, Cassie Hughes, and Jan Taylor

The Mission and Social Concerns Team met regularly and prayerfully to decide best how to serve Jesus and our community. We increased our contribution to the Presbytery of Geneva because we are grateful for the grants they have provided to augment our donations to area causes.

The following table shows how Western Presbyterian Church has been serving our neighbors:

Local Mission	Monetary Donations *	Grants	Donations of Goods	Volunteer Time
Pal-Mac-Food Pantry	X	X Presbytery	X	X
Victim Resource Center	X	X Presbytery	X	X
Home Meal Service	X	X Presbytery		X
Good Neighbor Fund	X	X Bullis		X
Summer Library Lunch Program				X
Weekend Wellness	X	X Presbytery	X	X
Clothing Closet			X	X
ARC Group Home Residents	X			
Family Promise (in development)	Deferred until 2018			X
World Mission				
Qholaqhoe Mountain Connection	X			
One Great Hour of Sharing	X			
Delhagen Adoption Fund	X			

*** Monetary donations include donations made by the WPC congregation.**

As you can see, in all our local missions we have found ways to get personally involved. The team is committed to all the projects and welcomes suggestions for improvement.

Good Neighbor Fund – 2017 Annual Report

The Mission/Social Concerns Team of the Western Presbyterian Church has been the overseers of the Good Neighbor Fund since its reorganization in October 2015. The following volunteers represent four local churches:

John Cook	Coordinator	Calvin Bucknam	Interviewer
Mary Jo Coleman	Interviewer	Mary Ann Holden	Interviewer
Cindy Platteter	Interviewer	Lisa Premyslovsky	Interviewer
Kathy Barr	Office Administrator	Wilma Redman	Treasurer

January – December 2017

Donations Received: \$15,707.84 with a match of \$10,710.84 from the Richard Kirchhoff Matching Fund. Matching for the \$4,997.00 in December: donations will come from the new Bullis Fund Grant. We have a total of \$1,875.61 remaining in the Richard Kirchhoff Matching Fund. These monies will be held in reserve until we have matched the entirety of the new Bullis Fund Grant (\$15,000.00).

Amount Disbursed: \$24,568.97

Families Assisted: 52 **# Adults:** 82 **# Children:** 79

Declined: 1

We are grateful for the services of all our volunteers and the generosity of area churches and individuals. We are especially grateful for the caring support Kathy Barr provides in phone screening the applicants and helping them fill out their applications. We have also cooperated with the St. Katharine Drexel Social Ministry Fund in Macedon, The King's Daughters in Palmyra, and The Salvation Army to augment what we are able to provide.

Our application to the Bullis Fund was successful and we have been awarded a \$15,000.00 grant. This will be used as a Matching Fund for donations made from December of 2017 through November of 2018. Once again, your donation of \$50.00 will become \$100.00 in our working fund!

We ask for your prayers and support throughout the coming year so that we can continue to be good neighbors to those in need.

Western Presbyterian Church: Property Ministry Team Annual Report 2017

Commemorating 200 Years as an Active Congregation

Your 2017 Property Team Members

Don Dantz	Steve Kennard	Gary LaBerge
Lynn Malboeuf	Amie McMullin	Phil Opdycke
Dave Pinkney	Pat Pinkney	Ed Plesa (prior to moving)

In addition, we continue to be blessed by the service of Larry Sprague as our church sexton.

Dedications to Ascended Past Property Members

The March meeting was dedicated to Bob Kirchhoff, with gratitude for his life and service.
The July meeting was dedicated to Fred Alderman, with gratitude for his life and service.

Purview of the Property Team

“...I have consecrated this house which you have built by putting My name there forever, and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually.”
I Kings 9:3

The property team is responsible for ensuring the safety and well-being of all who use our facility. We maintain and sustain our tangible assets in a way that protects people and contents, keeps pace with changing needs, and furthers the longevity of our building and grounds in service to God.

Our oversight alternates between short-term and long-term needs. Tactically, we manage routine maintenance and repairs. Strategically, we consider the replacement and upgrading of systems as an investment for greater cost effectiveness, capacity, performance, or lifespan.

Approved and Actual Budget

2017		2016		2015	
Approved	Actual	Approved	Actual	Approved	Actual
\$13.6k	\$12.5k	\$13.6k	\$9.5k	\$13.6	\$13.5

Significant Activities and Notes

Safety

Emergency systems: Several updates were made to emergency systems (lighting, fire door labels, detectors) based on the annual code inspection.

Significant repair to north stairway

Cleaned and updated all exterior lighting

Installed several GFI outlets

Ladies room: Toilets were replaced with one standard height and one “comfort” height (taller) lavatory. This is a particular “universal design” consideration for our older congregants.

Maintenance and Repair

Repaired broken storm windows, replaced aged storm window clips (also a safety concern)

Repaired falling/loose gable molding on south façade of sanctuary (also a safety concern)

Updated failing gutters

Installed a window in pastor’s office door

Replaced kitchen faucets

General ongoing clean up and space use: on several occasions, we cleared and cleaned clutter from areas within the church. We added a fall clean-up day focused on the interior to complement our outside spring clean-up day. We respectfully request your help maintaining the tidiness of our beautiful facility – clutter was noted in the safety inspection report as a safety hazard.

Grounds

Yard clean-up: Thank you to our many volunteers who worked cheerfully in the spring. We maintained the grounds throughout the year by periodic trimming and tidying.

Repairs were made to the electrical box on southwest corner.

Repairs were made to the photocell that lights the front sign.

Facility Investment

Hot water furnace: In early October, we replaced a very old unit that provides hot water to taps and heat to the two-story building. We conducted four walkthroughs with recommended vendors and considered three proposals. A task force compiled our questionnaire data and proposal comparison spreadsheet. Property recommended Crossfield as our vendor of choice and Session approved. Edifice funds were exercised for this project.

123 Main St. house (next door): A task force was convened by Session to consider uses and possible purchase of the house adjacent to the church on the east. We commissioned an inspection, solicited congregational input, and answered questions. The task force and property team recommended against purchase, and Session concurred. Thank you for the dialog.

Audio-Visual system: While this is still in the final stages of completion, property exercised edifice funds at the direction of Session to install a multi-use AV system.

Family Promise: While this is still in process as an approved mission of the church, property team is discussing how best to accommodate our FP guests, safely and with Christian hospitality.

Administration

The name and contact information for the monthly property team contact is published in the Sunday bulletin, newsletter, and on the property bulletin board by the north parking lot door.

Labeling and documentation: We focused on better labeling (circuits, zones, etc.) and documentation (location of extinguishers, emergency lights, etc.) We are using the 1971 blueprints to create an updated facility map indicating systems for our use and the use of vendors. We received a donated flat drafting file cabinet to maintain printed facility maps in the archive room.

Sign-in sheet: We implemented a process where visitors sign in and out on a sheet outside the office. This helps track vendor time and other visitor traffic.

Billing audits: We undertook an exhaustive analysis of 6 years of snow removal and ice abatement, and confidently decided to continue our current arrangement. This is also a safety issue. Likewise, we undertook a 1-year analysis of gas and electric use, having switched to a new vendor last year. We decided to continue with the vendor and re-assess data in the future.

Facility Usage

The table below captures usage requests from the form available in the office. Some forms request multiple assets. Notice the decreasing number of requests during the last three years.

	2017: 16 requests	2016: 22 requests	2015: 28 requests
Sanctuary*	1	3	4
FSH	12	17	18
Kitchen	8	12	6
Other	2 (muscle room, whole bldg.)	6 (lot, piano, parlor)	2 (muscle rm, parlor, class)
Tables & Chairs	6 (T=66, C=100)	4 (T=25, C=80)	10 (T=52, C=274)
Microphone	1	N/A	N/A

* Sanctuary use approved by Session. Does not include weddings, approved outside the building use form.

Worship Committee—Annual Report—2017

Members: co-chairs Sue Leonard and Sharon Marr, Jane Culver, Mary Beth LaBerge, Courtney Marr, Carol Sloan, (Kyle Delhagen)

The Worship Committee meets the second Tuesday of each month. We procure Sunday worship readers, communion elders, and ushers. We work closely with Kyle with his worship plans and provide any other assistance he may need for any special service especially at Easter and Christmas.

National Day of Prayer---May 4—we participated with hundreds of other churches by opening our sanctuary from 7 am to 6 pm. for person prayer and reflection.

Christmas in July—July 23—Fellowship Hall was festive with a special coffee hour. Donations for the food cupboard from the congregation were appreciated.

Pie Sunday—November 19—Kyle led us in a litany for Thanksgiving before pie and all the trimmings were enjoyed. We had an appreciative group!!!

Sanctuary decoration—November 25—trees, wreaths, and swags were hung, mangers placed, and the sanctuary again looked beautiful for Advent and Christmas.

In between our committee hosted special coffee hours for our outgoing choir director and organist (Robin Lostetter), and our new choir director (Rayvon Moore).

Many thanks to all our committee members for their planning and implementing of our obligations and events. They are a blessing. We have a good time and accomplish much!!!

Thanks to Gary LaBerge for his help with the new sanctuary piano carriage and for the myriad of other things he helps us with.

Special and heartfelt thanks to Sue Leonard for her many hours of work involved in procuring summer/fall substitute organists. We are pleased to have Jack Moak and Sue Petura now sharing the job.

Continued thanks to Mary Beth LaBerge for ALL the work she does to make our sanctuary and Sunday worship services beautiful and meaningful for the entire congregation.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Marr

Church Statistics - Report of the Clerk

Active Membership as of January 1, 2017 **147**

Additions

By Profession of Faith, Restoration, Reaffirmation	5
By Certificate of Transfer -	
Other- moved from inactive back to active	
Total Additions -	5

Losses

By Certificate of Transfer	1
By Death -	8
By Removal to Inactive Roll -	
Removal from the Roll -	3
Total Losses	12

Total Active Membership as of December 31, 2017 **152**

Baptisms

Riley Elizabeth Coyle	6/25/17
William Jeffrey Trombino	10/22/17

Marriages

Benjamin Dlugosh (m) and Lauren Dunkle (n/m)	6/24/17
Roxanne Kachel (m) and John Dobson (m)	7/21/17
Sean McTigue (m) and Whitney Blocher (n/m)	8/19/17

The Session

Class of 2018

Sara Bush
Lynette Cogan
Rena Haigh
William Hassler

Class of 2019

William Bush
Jody Pruitt

Clerk - Janet Manktelow
Treasurer – Eric Chapman

Head of Corporation - William Hassler

Annual Report, 2017
Rev. Kyle Delhagen, Pastor

Where are we going? That is the question on my mind as I reflect back on 2017 and ahead to the year to come. Over the past year, we have celebrated 200 years of ministry in Palmyra, which had many highlights: a vibrant 200th Anniversary worship service, memory minutes in worship, a timeline in the sanctuary, as well as many other times to reflect on who we *have* been. All of this has been exciting and rich, but now we are in our 201st year of ministry, which begs the question: what next?

Who we have been is a congregation committed to service (see our Mission Team report!). Who we have been is a congregation that disciples and teaches (Christian Ed). Who we have been is a congregation who holds to our traditions, but is willing to try new things. For example, our Finance and Property teams have done amazing work over the year to maintain the financial and physical integrity of our life together, being intentional stewards of the gifts, we have been blessed with. At the same time, we have seen the fulfillment of a year's long dream in our new Audio-Visual system, which will serve to enhance our worship and expand our abilities to teach and fellowship together. We recognize the value of our past, while remaining open to the needs of our future.

While my role as your pastor has many facets, one of my main responsibilities is in our worshipping life. We must remember that our primary purpose is to gather together to honor and worship our Triune God. If we do not keep that in the forefront, we are simply another social club. Our worship of God sets us apart as a beloved community who loves and serves Jesus.

Last year saw many changes in the faces of those who lead us in worship. I am excited to have welcomed Rayvon Moore to the position of Choir Director. He has a passion for worship and for music that is inspiring and always focused on God. Additionally, we welcomed Sue Petura to our organ, as well as welcoming *back* Jack Moak! Between the three of them, we are richly blessed with a music ministry that will help us in lifting our voices in praise.

But worship is not *all* that I am called to do. In my report last year, I noted that my role was seen in three distinct areas, Preaching, Pastoral Care, and Empowerment. After a full year (and almost a half) as your pastor under my belt, I'd like to revise this to four areas: Preaching (Worship), Pastoral Care, Teaching, and Empowerment.

Having already addressed worship, let me move to Pastoral Care. In the past year and a half, we had more than a dozen funerals. In any church, this is a number that is difficult to process. While many of these saints led long, full lives, it doesn't serve to lessen our pain, and it reminds us how fragile our lives are. Yet also in the last year and a half, I have had countless opportunities to sit with, get to know, and grow to love, this family of God. While our Deacons and I pray for and serve those who are in most need, we should remember that we are all called to the love and service of care-taking for each other. In the coming year, I want to encourage each of us to continue to grow our relationships with one another, but most particularly, to find someone in the church you do not know quite so well and get to know them! God's love flourishes when ours does, too.

Teaching may seem like an obvious part of my role, and this is one I thoroughly enjoy. Beyond Bible/Book Studies, though, I welcome the opportunity to talk one-on-one or in small groups about things that are present in our lives and our world. Any teacher will tell you that the role of teacher does *not* mean they know everything. In fact, as a teacher, I find that I learn just as much as those being "taught" sometimes. These are times and opportunities I look forward to and cherish.

Finally, empowerment. As I noted last year, this might seem a strange one, but it is incredibly important. The ministry we do together cannot be dreamed up in a back room by one, two, or even three people. In fact, I could argue that the ministries we engage in should *not* come from Session, either. Don't get me wrong, some really good ideas come from that group! However, for a ministry to truly succeed, it should have behind it the vibrancy and passion of the congregation.

So, my question to you is this: what are you passionate about? How do you want to see your faith be put into action? No idea is too big *or* too small. We are not a humongous congregation, but we are not small, either. Numbers aside, we are strong in our commitment to one another, and realizing one another's hopes and dreams is something we can, and do, do well.

It is a joy to be your pastor, and I am excited about our 201st year of ministry together.

Grace and peace,

~Pastor Kyle

Annual Report Projects and Financials for 2017

Women's Association Financial Report January 1 - December 31, 2017

Receipts

Balance on hand January 1, 2017 \$ 4,643.52

Rummage Sales	\$ 2,643.76	
RADA Cutlery Sales	\$ 1,008.75	
Donations	\$ 105.00	
Bake Sale for Triennium (Cheyenne Lane)	\$ 474.10	
Least Coin	\$ 9.35	
Total Receipts	\$ 4,240.96	
		\$ 8,884.48

Disbursements

Supplies for Memorial Services	\$ 30.22	
Blanket Fund	\$ 200.00	
Camp Whitman Camperships	\$ 200.00	
Triennium	\$ 505.00	
Deposit for Woman Conference	\$ 300.00	
Snack Program	\$ 100.00	
New dishes	\$ 2,056.00	
New Linen Tablecloths	\$ 276.19	
Utilities for the Church	\$ 1,500.00	
Kitchen and coffee hour Supplies	\$ 57.13	
RADA Cutlery and supplies, deposit for space at craft sales	\$ 1,113.23	
Total Disbursements	\$ 6,337.77	
Balance on Hand December 31, 2017		\$ 2,546.71

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Pringle

Treasurer

ANGEL TREE PROJECT

This year gifts went out the first Saturday in December to 80 families with just over 200 children. We once again welcomed our partners, Garlock, JRLON, and Interact. They were an integral part of this program. This year, Angel Tree enforced the deadline for the return of the participation forms; five families had to be left out but were sent a consolation of a Walmart gift card.

There are so many people to thank.... Lions Club and the community volunteers that deliver, JRLON and Garlock employees, Interact Club, tree sponsors at Community Bank, Palmyra Community Library, Western Presbyterian and the Macedon Town Hall, Garlock Corporate for their kind donation as well as the King's Daughters, Tom Lynch, Wendi and Sydney Gagliano for their sorting expertise and above all Kathy Barr for the hours she spends answering questions and reminding families to pick up their gifts. I'm so very fortunate to work with all of you and to be part of such a caring community.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia Lynch
Angel Tree

SUMMARY OF WPC FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

12th month of 2017

Endowments/Operations

December 31, 2017

Howe & Rusling-Schwab-6217		12/31/2016	12/31/2017	YTD Variance	December Income	YTD Income
Church Endowment		228,669	247,870	19,201	950	8,681
Davidson-Pastor Salary		167,939	182,041	14,102	698	6,395
Milligan Family Fund		113,567	123,103	9,536	472	4,313
Helen T. Smith Endowment		523,548	567,510	43,962	2,176	19,878
Mertz Family Fund		17,978	19,487	1,509	75	681
Housing Loan Fund		<u>58,537</u>	<u>63,453</u>	<u>4,916</u>	<u>243</u>	<u>2,222</u>
Operations Total		1,110,238	1,203,464	93,226	4,614	42,170

ENDOWMENTS - EDIFICE						
Henry W. Griffith Endowment*	Unrst Edif	825,663	894,994	69,331	3,432	31,343
Davidson - Edifice	Extr Edif	30,694	33,271	2,577	128	1,165
Helen T. Cloyd	Extr Edif	37,709	40,876	3,167	156	1,432
Walter P. Smith	Extr Edif	<u>188,109</u>	<u>203,905</u>	<u>15,796</u>	<u>782</u>	<u>7,142</u>
Edifice Total		1,082,175	1,173,046	90,871	4,498	41,082

Endowment Total		2,192,413	2,376,510	184,097	9,112	83,252
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Micellaneous Funds-Schwab 7897						
Cash Reserve (TRP Spectrum)	Ops	106,977	114,469	7,492	1,088	4,383
Mary Coe Fund (TRP Spectrum)		14,501	15,516	1015	147	594
Organ Fund (TRP Spectrum)		8,208	8,783	575	83	336
Women's Assoc. (TRP Spectrum)		7,113	7,612	499	73	292
EDIFICE-INC-AM CENTURY**		31,183	37,999	6,816	3,186	3,564
EDIFICE-INC-RIDGEWORTH**		<u>31,376</u>	<u>33,568</u>	<u>2,192</u>	<u>154</u>	<u>1,776</u>
Miscellaneous Funds Total		199,358	217,947	18,589	4,731	10,945

Total Investment Accounts		2,391,771	2,594,457	202,686	13,843	94,197
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Respectfully submitted,

Eric Chapman

01/10/2018

\$60,00 added to TRP Spectrum Cash Reserve 3/24/16

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WESTERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS**Dec-17****ENDOWMENT FUNDS**

<u>Value of Investments</u>	<u>31-Dec-16</u>	<u>12/31/2017</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Operations	1,110,238	1,203,464	93,226
Edifice	<u>1,082,175</u>	<u>1,173,046</u>	<u>90,871</u>
TOTAL	2,192,413	2,376,510	184,097

MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS

	<u>Account Description</u>	<u>10-Jan-17</u>	<u>1/02/2018</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Value of Checking Accounts		161,847	152,980	-8827
Community Bank Acct. #2862	Checking	34,256	34,619	363
Community Bank Acct. #2897	Women's Association	2,491	5,565	3074
Community Bank Acct. #2942	Memorial Edifice (Designated Funds)	102,175	99,530	-2645
Community Bank Acct. #9285	Good Neighbor Fund	13,714	5,638	-8076
Community Bank Acct. #4102	Chancel Choir	2,178	1,706	-472
Community Bank Acct. #5919	Weekend Wellness Fund	5,684	4,787	-897
Community Bank Acct. #4849	Deacons	1,349	1,135	-214

DESIGNATED FUNDS (Specific List printed Quarterly)

E. Chapman Edifice Exterior Fund
1/10/2018 Edifice Unrestricted Fund
 Memorial Fund
 Other Miscellaneous Funds

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
Operating and Mission Funds 2017

	2017	2017	% of
<u>Category</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>
RECEIPTS			
Operating Pledges/Offerings	\$123,738	\$113,500	109.02%
Per Capita	1,409	1,700	82.88%
Other Donations	5,794	5,300	109.32%
Income from Investments	<u>51,607</u>	<u>50,250</u>	<u>102.70%</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	182,548	170,750	106.91%
EXPENDITURES			
Session Committees			
Administrative	\$6,277	\$5,200	120.71%
Christian Education	1,043	2,000	52.15%
Finance	4,122	4,830	85.34%
Fellowship	102	500	20.40%
Personnel	125,099	126,621	98.80%
Property	12,447	13,600	91.52%
(Utilities \$8,030)			
Social Concerns	12,000	12,000	100.00%
Worship	2,540	1,500	169.33%
Family Promise	0	0	0.00%
Per Capita	<u>6,900</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>86.25%</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE	170,530	174,251	97.86%
NET RECEIPTS/EXPENDITURES	\$12,018	(3,501)	

Approved by Session 10/24/2017		Prior Years		2017		2018		
Budget Item		2016 Budget	2016 Actual	Approved 2017 Budget		Approved 2018 Budget		
Receipts								
Operating Pledges/Offerings		\$114,900	\$112,223	\$115,200		\$116,700		
	Pledged	Note 5	\$109,000		\$110,000		\$110,000	
	New Members		\$1,500		\$1,500		\$1,500	
	Loose Offerings		\$2,000		\$2,000		\$3,500	
	Per Capita Donations		\$2,400	\$1,604	\$1,700		\$1,700	
Other Donations		\$6,300	\$7,245	\$5,100		\$6,400		
	Building Usage		\$1,000		\$1,000		\$1,000	
	CanalTown Day Sales		\$2,000		\$800		\$1,500	
	Women's Assoc.		\$1,500		\$1,500		\$1,500	
	CTNS		\$1,800		\$1,800		\$2,400	
Special Mission Initiative								
Other Fundraising		\$500		\$200		\$0		
	Pancake breakfasts		\$500		\$200		\$0	
	Other		\$0		\$0		\$0	
Income from Investments		\$49,566	Note 4	\$49,022	\$50,250	Note 4	\$53,000	Note 4
Total Receipts		\$171,286		\$170,094	\$170,750		\$176,100	
Expenditures								
Administrative		\$5,200		\$5,309	\$5,200		\$5,200	
Christian Education		\$2,000		\$1,804	\$2,000		\$1,500	
Finance		\$4,830		\$3,941	\$4,830		\$5,850	
	Other		\$1,180			\$1,180		\$1,350
	Insurance		\$2,000			\$2,000		\$2,000
	Financial Review		\$1,850			\$1,850		\$2,500
Fellowship Team		\$500		\$416	\$500		\$500	
Personnel		\$120,186		\$113,936	\$136,021		\$139,838	
Staff		\$33,521			\$33,521		\$36,160	
	Sexton		\$8,600			\$6,600		\$7,260
	Bookkeeper		\$8,500			\$6,500		\$7,150
	Secretary		\$8,500			\$8,500		\$9,350
	Sunday School Coord.		\$8,280			\$8,280		\$8,280
	Staff FICA, PR Taxes ER		\$3,641			\$3,641		\$4,120
Music Ministry		\$14,400			\$20,500		\$20,500	
	Organist/Accompanist		\$5,700			\$10,000		\$10,000
	Substitute Organist		\$400			\$500		\$500
	Chancel Choir Director		\$5,000			\$10,000	Note 7	\$10,000
	Bell Choir Director		\$2,500			\$0		\$0
	Youth Choir Director		\$600			\$0		\$0
	Youth Choir Accompanist		\$200			\$0		\$0
Pastor		\$72,265	Note 3		\$82,000		\$83,178	
	Pastor Salary		20000			32500		32500
	Pastor Housing		30000			17500		17500
	Total Board of Pension		6250		Note 6	18250	Note 6	19428
	50% SETA		2000			3250		3250
	Auto		5500			4500		4500
	Continuing Ed.		5000			3000		3000
	Business and Prof. Exp.		3515			3000		3000
Pulpit Supply - 8 weeks (now in Worship)								
Property		\$13,600		\$9,503	\$13,600		\$5,600	
	Other		\$2,600			\$2,600		\$2,600
	Snow Plowing		\$0			\$0		\$0
	Utilities		\$11,000			\$11,000		\$3,000
Social Concerns/Mission		\$12,000	Note 2	\$11,797	\$12,000	Note 2	\$15,300	
	Mission		\$11,300			\$11,300		\$11,600
	Family Promise							\$3,000
	Other		\$0			\$0	Note 2	\$700
Worship		\$1,500		\$1,855	\$1,500		\$1,650	
	Pulpit Supply		\$600			\$600		\$750
	Other		\$900			\$900		\$900
Per Capita		\$8,052		\$6,732	\$8,000		\$7,350	
PNC Expenses		\$2,500		\$5,341	\$0		\$0	
Total Expenses		\$170,368		\$160,604	\$183,651		\$182,788	
Net Receipts/Expenses		\$918		\$9,490	(\$12,901)		(\$6,688)	

Note 1 - Difference due to payroll timing - rates were exactly as budgeted.

Note 2- Based on member donations;

Note 3 - Based on Robin's TOC with special pension provisions

Note 4 - From approved Endowment Distribution Policy

Note 5 - Based on actual 2015 receipts through 9/30/15 / 0.75

Note 6 - Medical, Pension, Disab.

Note 7 - Includes Bell Choir Director for 2018