



THE PRESBYTERIAN NEWS



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Dear friends,

Many of you know how important it is to our Session that we maintain transparency regarding our congregation's annual budget. Your Treasurers and your Session are dedicated to using all of our resources – financial, property, time, staff, and volunteers – in service to God's Kingdom. It can be quite challenging to reflect that commitment in a line-item budget. So this year, we are trying something new.

In this Newsletter, you will find a "Narrative Budget" for the upcoming year. This is an attempt to show the many ways that our resources are used. The light bill, for example, is more than a light bill. It powers the kitchen so that our neighbors can enjoy a warm meal each day at Daily Bread. It powers the sanctuary and the organ so that we can glorify God each week.

I hope you will take the time to read the Narrative Budget. Special thanks to our Treasurer, Barry Long, for his hard work on explaining where our financial resources go. If you would prefer to receive a traditional line-item budget, that is always available. Thank you for your consistent giving among First Presbyterian Church, as we strive to share the good news of God's love in Pulaski and beyond!

In Christ,

Melissa McNair-King

NEWS FROM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

From Day Circle by Phyllis Vice:

Day Circle will meet on Monday, February 13th, at 11 a.m. We will be on the fifth lesson, *Who Is Jesus? According to Paul*. Background scripture is I Corinthians 2:1-2; 2 Corinthians 5:17-20; Philippians 2:1-4 and Acts 18. Bring a sack lunch and stay for fellowship after the meeting.

From Night Circle by Dianne Wallace:

Night Circle will meet on Monday, February 13th, 6 :30 p.m. in the Manse. Please bring scissors and \$3 for the February project, *Project Linus Blankets*, and loose change for Presbytery Women's Mission. Our February meal's theme is *Share the Love*. Bring a dish made from a recipe handed down from previous generations to you or your family. Drinks will be provided.



Presbyterian Women –
Praying, Studying, Loving, Serving

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS

BOY SCOUT SUNDAY will be observed on February 5th.

COMMUNION will be served on Sunday, February 5th.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING: A simple prayer: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat" is inspiring a youth-led movement to help hungry and hurting people around the world. On Sunday, February 5th, our Youth Group will lead us in taking a special offering as part of the national Souper Bowl of Caring. This is a day when youth across the country take action to eliminate hunger in their own communities. Come to worship prepared to give generously! Every cent collected will be given to the Daily Bread, so that they can continue to provide warm and healthy meals to anyone who comes.



THE HANDBELL CHOIR AND CHIME CHOIR (3rd grade & up) will begin rehearsals again. Chime Choir meets on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. on the third floor and the Handbell Choir meets on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. also on the third floor. If you haven't joined us before, this is a good time to begin. No previous experience is necessary. First rehearsal for Chimes is Sunday, February 5th, and Bells is Tuesday, February 7th.

PLEASE SUBMIT ITEMS to the church office for the March newsletter no later than Thursday, February 16th.

NEW CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Kim Webster will update information when she is settled.



CHECK IT OUT!



Did you make a New Year's resolution to slow down, manage your money better, to live healthier, to be more caring, to become more involved, to be a better friend? Are you finding your resolve slipping away? The following books are from a series called *The Spirit of Simple Living* by Sharon Hanby-Robie. These books will be on display in the church parlor. Check them out.

248.4 HAN Healthy Living by Sharon Hanby-Robie - We all want to live healthier, happier lives. By helping you discover godly patterns for your whole self, and showing how even just a few small steps can eventually bring real results, this book will serve as your personal guide to a fresh, new beginning.

248.8 HAN Simply You by Sharon Hanby-Robie - Instead of cowering from the mirror, learn to look right at yourself and love what you see. This book will help you to celebrate not only your unique, carefully designed outer appearance, but your spirit as well.

302 HAN Simple Friendships by Sharon Hanby-Robie - Love and Friendship. What more could we want? This book will start you on your way to experiencing all you can from the circle of friends with whom the simple things in life mean so much.

307 HAN Kinship and Community by Sharon Hanby-Robie - There is so much to be gained - and so little to lose - in positively influencing those around us. This book will point you in the right direction and, even amidst life's troubles and turbulence, help you be a person of integrity and harmony.

331 HAN Simple Retirement by Sharon Hanby-Robie - Whether you are already retired or planning for later years, let this book inspire you to embrace this chapter of your life with a sense of purpose and optimism.

332.02 HAN Managing Your Money by Sharon Hanby-Robie - The less your worry about money the better. By showing you how to be a good steward, this book will help you be content with God's blessings and remember the real Source of your joy.

362 HAN Simple Caring by Sharon Hanby-Robie - Caring is the heartbeat of God's love, and it creates a life-giving cycle for which even the giver becomes the recipient. This book draws you into this love and will inspire you in your lifetime of caring.

381.1 HAN Simple Shopping by Sharon Hanby-Robie - From buying groceries and clothes to big-ticket items and gifts, you too can become a savvy shopper. Let this book show you how, and help you simplify your shopping so that you store up on both material necessities *and* spiritual treasures.

640 HAN Finding the Time by Sharon Hanby-Robie - Time is a precious gift. By showing you how to accept its limitations and embrace your true priorities, this book will help you to slow down, simplify and live a life of purpose.

747.01 HAN The Simple Home by Sharon Hanby-Robie - Whether you're just starting out in homemaking and needing guidance, desiring a truly stress-free home, or downsizing your possessions to those that give you the most joy, reading this book will help you discover a life that is better connected with our Creator.

If there is a book you would like to read from our church library but are unable to get it, give Phyllis Vice a call (980-3106) and she will be happy to get the book to you. To check out a book write your name and the date you are taking the book on the card that is in the pocket in the back of the book. Place the card on the black and white spotted box (the card catalog) on the shelf nearest to the windows.

Join us for Wonderful Wednesdays!

6:00-7:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

Each Wednesday night, we enjoy a home-cooked meal and Bible study or activity together. We rely on donations to cover the cost of the meal – please give as you are able, but do not let it be a barrier to participation. A suggested amount is \$4 per person, or no more than \$15 per family.

Thank you to those who are serving in February:

Date	Cooking Team	Clean-Up Team	Program
February 1	Bruce & Dave	Larry, Ashley, Barbara	Genesis 32-33: Jacob & Esau Reconcile
February 8	Barry, Violet, Carla	Andy, Mary, Bonnie	Genesis 37: Joseph's dreams
February 15	Potluck!	Ernie, Barbara, Mardia	Fun and Games
February 22	Barry, Violet, Carla	Robbie, Jessie, Carla	Birthdays and BINGO

Potluck time!

For the potluck on **February 15**, our theme is “taste the rainbow.”

You will be assigned one color of the rainbow – please bring a dish of that color.

Let's see how creative we can be, and then enjoy an evening of fun and games as we share in God's gift of friendship.

In case of snow...

We follow the Pulaski County School system's decision for snow days. If schools are closed, Wonderful Wednesdays will not meet. In case of severe weather that occurs later in the day, please check the TV stations or call the church office when in doubt.

We will always post cancellations (for either Wednesday or Sunday activities) on WDBJ, WSLS, and Facebook.

Church Financial Update (1-20-2017)

1. Review of December 2016 Financial Reports

General Fund Donations for December were \$11,700 versus expenses of \$16,000 representing a shortfall of \$4,300. For the year ended December 31, 2016 overall church assets in all accounts declined by roughly \$35,000.

2. Stewardship Campaign – 43 Pledges for 2017 have been received totaling about \$144,000. This is a level higher than received for about three years. 2016 pledges received were about \$128,000 just above the anticipated amount of \$127,000.

3. The 2017 Line-Item Income and Expense Budget was approved by the Session on January 15, 2017. Mission support proposed by Outreach Committee was approved including continued commitment for one year to Chase and Audrey Arndt, Kenya missionaries and new commitment for one year to Bradley and Jessica Long. Both are funded at \$1,000 per year. Support for the Warming Station is set at \$3,600 for 2017. Other organizations including the Free Clinic, Emergency Needs Task Force, YMCA, and Boy Scout troop #249 are continued funded at previous year support levels. The overall mission budget is \$17,200. The 2017 Line-Item Budget projects income and use of funds at \$199,320 and expenses of \$221,762 for an overall shortfall of \$22,400. This 2017 budget will be available for review at the January Congregation meeting.

4. A Narrative Budget for our church for 2017 has been included in this newsletter. This new way of presenting and understanding a church budget will be discussed briefly at the January 22, 2017 Congregation meeting. Terms of call for our pastor will also be reviewed at this meeting.

5. New church telephone system—Verizon telephone service (now consisting of five incoming lines and internet service) is being reduced to one line for the church fire protection system. The Verizon DSL internet service is being replaced with Comcast internet and Magic Jack for telephone service through the Comcast internet, saving the church about \$2,500 per year. These changes are in progress and will be completed by January 24.

6. Preschool Report – Stacey Utt advises the preschool is continuing to go well and is full for the next school year!

7. Review of church financial records for 2016. Sue Snow, treasurer of the Fairlawn Presbyterian Church has agreed to review our records while we review theirs. Two “volunteers” are needed to work on this review planned for February 2017. This “free” review will be comprehensive and useful in maintaining appropriate financial records and procedures. It avoids the expense of a similar review by a professional accountant which could cost \$3,000 or more.

8. Volunteers are also needed to serve on the Finance Committee + to help document donations each week.

**First Presbyterian Church
Pulaski, Virginia
2017 Narrative Proposed Budget**

This "narrative budget" is an effort to show how our resources are allocated, in support of the mission of the church. Toward this end, rather than group the administration, personnel, and property costs into separate categories, they are distributed throughout the budget, as a way of seeing that those costs are not "overhead", but are integral to the implementation of the work of the church.

This budget focuses on the ministry of our church. The amount that is allocated to each different aspect of ministry that is listed below is an estimate of our costs to be able to do the work God has called us to do. A more traditional "line item budget" is available upon request.

Congregational Care:

We are the church Jesus envisioned when we know and love one another. Much of our care focuses on those with particular and specific needs – we focus on caring for those with illness or chronic disease, those who are grieving or who have had an accident, or anyone who God has led to this congregation who may be hurting or in trouble. We are able to provide a reception after a funeral or light lunch for a family when someone passes away. We regularly share Communion with those who are confined to home or hospital. We send cards and prepare meals for those going through challenging situations. In the coming year, we hope to invite everyone associated with our congregation to grow closer to Jesus by getting to know and care for one another in deep and meaningful ways.

Congregational Care: <\$25,022> (This includes 100% Congregational Care Budget, 15% Admin. Budget, 5% Property Budget, plus 25% Minister, and 10% Office Manager)

Christian Education:

The Christian nurture of our congregation is vitally important for our spiritual health and maturity in becoming better disciples of Jesus. Our goal is to provide Biblically grounded, theologically sound training for our entire church family. We have Christian Education (CE) opportunities for children, youth and adults including Wonderful Wednesday Night where we average 40 in attendance, evening and morning Women's Circles, Sunday School, and Sunday night youth group. The Church Preschool provides an exceptional Christian learning experience for 3 and 4 year old children and is fully funded by the fees for its operation. Preschool is also an outreach program as most children enrolled have other church homes. For over twenty years members of our church have participated in the annual summer Music and Worship Conference at Montreat. The Hickory Lodge is rented for use of our pastor, organist, chancel and choir directors as well as choir members and others who attend each year for a special week of music and spiritual renewal.

In the coming year we are hoping to grow even more both in the numbers of folks we are able to disciple and in the quality of our learning together. Knowing Jesus means learning about who Jesus is and what he means to each of us as part of God's family. We look forward to becoming more like Jesus as we study God's word together!

Total Christian Education: <\$45,000> (This includes 100% CE budget, 30% Admin. Budget, 10% Property Budget, plus 20% Minister, 10% Office Manager, 10% Organist. (Preschool Operation expenses - Director Salary and supplies - are offset by registration fees)

Fellowship: The Gospels in the New Testament are filled with stories of Jesus spending time with his followers and eating with them and others. We are fortunate to live in a place where we are free to gather together and enjoy each other's company. Fellowship in our church is what draws so many of us in. Our Wonderful Wednesday meals are a special time of sharing with all who come – young and old. During the summer our *after church on the porch* is also special time to share food and fellowship. We also host several Relay for Life after church lunches and other fellowship events throughout the year.

In the coming year, we are hoping to have even more fellowship opportunities. We will continue to gather together often and to have fun as a reflection of the deep love God has for us in Jesus. **Total Fellowship: <\$14,968>** (This includes 100% Fellowship Ministry Budget, 15% Admin. Budget, 5% Property Budget, plus 10% Minister, 10% Office Manager)

Outreach Mission/Evangelism: The church has been described as a unique organization in that it exists primarily for those who are not its members – Jesus calls us to not only become disciples, but to invite other to follow Jesus as well. First Presbyterian church has a long history of not only supporting but organizing and establishing several community service organizations that provide vitally needed assistance for Pulaski County. Pulaski Daily Bread, the Emergency Needs Task Force, and the Free Clinic of Pulaski County were each established through our church. These organizations serve literally hundreds of people each day and the Daily Bread and Emergency Needs continue to operate in the church and the Jones building rent free. We also support the local Warming Station serving homeless people in the winter months, our international mission partners (e.g. Audrey & Chase Arndt in Kenya, and Peaks Presbytery and the PCUSA) through an annual Covenant of Intent. In addition, members of this church have consistently shown a willingness and an eagerness to volunteer and serve with the Daily Bread and Emergency Needs and other community organizations. The YMCA and church sponsored Boy Scout Troop #249 are also supported.

In the coming year, our mission, evangelism and outreach will focus more on involving First Presbyterian folks in the work of God's Kingdom as we seek new ways to serve our community. Most of all, we hope we can get better at sharing the love of Jesus with everyone around us.

Total Outreach: <\$70,660> (This includes 100% Mission Ministry Budget, 10% Admin. Budget, 70% Property Budget, plus 15% Minister, 10% Office Manager)

Worship: At the very heart of our life together is our worship of God. As we worship, we are reminded of the majesty and the grace of God, and we rediscover our true identity and true calling. As we worship together, we listen for the preaching of God's word, we are nourished by sacraments and we are inspired by music offered to the glory of God. This part of the budget purchases music for our chancel, hand-bell, and brass choirs, keeps our musical instruments tuned and well-conditioned, and provides for guest musicians and preachers on special occasions. We also make a tape each week of our Worship Service that is shared with folks who aren't able to be with us on Sunday Morning. As part of this budget we enable our organist and both our volunteer chancel and hand-bell choir directors to attend the annual Worship and Music conference at Montreat.

In the coming year, we plan to continue to emphasize the importance of worship in the life of our church. We hope to continue to be creative and energizing in worship by finding more ways to invite all who are worshipping to respond to God' love and grace in our lives. As Jesus followers, we believe that our main purpose in life is to glorify God – what a wonderful experience it is for us to glorify God in our worship together!

Total Worship: <\$64,650> (This includes 100% Worship Ministry budget, 30% Admin. Budget, 10% Property Budget, plus 30% Minister, 60% Office Manager, 90% Organist.

Total 2017 Budget: <\$220,752>



DATE:

2/5/17

2/12/17

2/19/17

2/26/17

LAY READERS:

Scout Sunday

Chris Stevens

Phyllis Vice

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