

Trinity Presbyterian Church
Louisville, Kentucky

2016 Annual Report



Trinity's Vision Statement

*"We are a welcoming church family, developing disciples
who joyfully minister to others in the name of Christ."*

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THE SESSION

Betty Muse, Clerk of Session

2016	2017	2018
Becky Douglas	Tim Barnum	Andy Cannava
Brad Harville	Cathy Dawson	Elizabeth Latham
Betty Muse	Lucie Fulmore	Jack Wheat
Jeannette Priebe		

THE DEACONS

Carol Hartmann, Moderator

2016	2017	2018
Janet Husband	Emad El-imam	Mardi Crosser
C.R. Redcorn	Kay Nolan	Deb Kelly
Carol Hartmann	Glenna Ogle	Kathy MacDonald

Staff Ministry

Reverend Steven Jewell - Pastor
Ted Webb—Seminary Intern
Elizabeth Bodine - Preschool Director
Doug Harville—Children & Youth Handbell & Choir Director
Janice Kim—Christian Education Coordinator
Hyunjin “Jinny” Kwak—Organist Accompanist
Bob Phillips - Maintenance/Custodian
Deanna Smith - Church & Financial Secretary
Melissa Weaver—Director of Choirs
Candy Wheat - Director of The Trinity Center for Faith & Art

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE (“FC”) 2016 Annual Report (continued)

Movie Night

On July 23rd, the fellowship committee hosted a movie night in fellowship hall. The movie War Room was played for the adults in fellowship hall. There was a separate movie played for the kids in the Men’s Sunday School room. This was well attended.

On November 12th, the fellowship committee hosted a movie night in Fellowship Hall. The movie, “In the Heart of the Sea” was played in Fellowship hall. There was a separate movie played for the kids in the nursery. This was not well attended.

Trinity Golf Tournament

On June 25th, 4 groups of TPC golfers attended the annual TPC golf tournament held at Wessinger Hills Golf Course in Shelbyville. What a fun event!

Sisters Tea Luncheon

On June 25th, while the men of TPC attended to the golf tournament, several ladies of the church attended a summer tea party at Sisters Tea Parlor.

Janice Kim Reception

On Sunday, August 20th, with assistance from the worship committee, the fellowship committee organized a reception honoring our new CR director, Janice Kim. The reception was well attended.

Trinity Dart Ball League

Under the leadership of Steve Conn, TPC joined a dartball league this year. This was well received by the congregation. Games were held every Monday.

Science Hill Outing

The fellowship committee organized a lunch event at Science Hill outing on November 19th. This event was well attended.

TPC Fall Festival

The fellowship committee was responsible for the cooking and serving of the food during the annual fall festival. We kept it very simple and cooked hotdogs. In addition, we provided chips. This was very well attended and the food was a big success.

Christmas Dinner

On Sunday, December 11th, the committee organized a Christmas Dinner for the congregation. The committee provided the meat and the rolls, which the rest of the congregation provided a side for a potluck. The committee organized a special visitor for the children.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE ("FC") 2016 Annual Report

Submitted by Elizabeth Latham, Chair

Members: Brenda Miller, Glenna Ogle, Carol Hartmann, Larry Hartmann, Phyllis Santos-Sauer, Kay Nolan, Jackie Morrow, Maria Hall, Dottie Watson, Nathan and Jessica Lankford.

Wow Dinners

During the 1st "semester" of WOW, the committee organized a dinner on each Wednesday (except the 1st Wednesday due to committee night) from January thru May. These were potluck dinners.

April 20th the fellowship committee invited the families of Trinity Preschool to attend the WOW Dinner. The committee cooked a spaghetti dinner. This was well attended with about 100 attendees. Following the dinner, the preschool students had a program which included singing and a bible lesson.

During the 2nd "semester" of WOW, the committee organized a dinner from September thru December with a meal on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. We tried something different this year and started doing a catered meal on one for one of the dinners (the other meal was the traditional potluck). The meals were \$6.50 per meal. The attendees really liked these meals. On average, about 40 members attended these dinners. The fellowship committee decided to survey the congregation to see if they would be interested in doing the catered meals every week. After the survey, the decision was made to use the catered meals for all WOW meals starting in 2017.

Lunch Bunch

Several times during the year, the fellowship committee organized a group of people to get together and go to a restaurant for lunch after the 11:00 a.m. service.

Dinner for 8

Members of the congregation that were interested were randomly split into groups. Five participants volunteered to host this event in their homes. Everyone who attended these dinners contributed something to the meal. This was well received by all who attended.

Ainsely Herrick Reception

With assistance from the worship committee, the fellowship committee organized a reception honoring our intern, Ainsley Herrick. The reception was well attended.

Trinity Softball League

TPC joined the church softball league at Watkins Methodist Church. The team included about 22 members of the congregation. Games were held on Wednesday nights. The team finished 6th out of 8 teams in the league and won the award for best Christian fellowship.

Ice Cream Social

The U of L Community Concert Band performed a concert in the sanctuary on June 26th. The concert was followed by an ice cream social in the fellowship hall.

BATS Baseball Game

About 15 members of TPC attended the BATS game together on August 20th. The seats were covered and that was perfect since there was rain.

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Pastor's 2016 Annual Report

Reflecting on 2016

"I, Paul, planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow."

1 Corinthians 3:5-6

Farming is a vocation built on and blessed by faith in God. Whenever I've interacted with farmers, they've always talked about how little control they really have over the crops they manage. Countless hours and immense energy is invested in readying the soil, planting the seeds, as well as watering and weeding and waiting. Amazingly, farmers have an innate appreciation for the "hidden hand" that moves the seed to germinate and grow and give the wonderful crops we enjoy.

Following this image from farming, who we are as believers and as the body of Christ can be seen in the way crops grow and produce. No matter how hard we work, no matter the right and good things we do, no matter the harsh or hindering conditions we might face, God steadily and faithfully grows us as His people.



Throughout the year of 2016, God has been good and faithful to care for and grow us at Trinity Presbyterian Church. The visible, measurable things like worship attendance, stewardship and giving, and our ministry calendar reveals an active, dynamic, and growing church family. We have been blessed by God!

Perhaps even more revealing are the invisible, immeasurable things about Trinity Presbyterian Church. There is a real and palpable sense of God's presence in this place and in us as God's people. Through us an increasing passion for serving and loving others is experienced and expressed. Our warm and welcoming demeanor has enabled many to begin calling Trinity their church family. Increasingly we are hungry to love God more, to know God more closely, to study Scripture more deeply, and live out our faith in Christ more clearly.

God has been faithful to grow us and increase us as a blessing to one another. Having a perfect track-record, we ought to look with anticipation for God to continue and complete the good work He has begun in us (Phil. 1:6 and Phil. 2:13).

In the grace of our amazing God,
Pastor Steve



New Members: 8
Member losses: 7 (deaths)
Infant Baptisms: 1

**TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
2016 Budget & Actual and 2017 Budget**

	<u>2016 Actual</u>	<u>2016 Budget</u>	<u>2017 Budget</u>
INCOME			
Contributions			
Donors	60,626.87	49,000.00	60,000.00
Plate Offering	4,795.95	6,000.00	6,000.00
Pledges	<u>203,606.67</u>	<u>231,000.00</u>	<u>213,305.00</u>
Church School	<u>824.65</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Contributions			
Other			
Building Use	9,130.00	10,000.00	8,000.00
Miscellaneous Income	1.00	0.00	0.00
Investment Inc	2,045.44	0.00	0.00
Transfer from Parlor Fund	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>281,030.58</u>	<u>297,000.00</u>	<u>292,305.00</u>
EXPENSE			
Core Costs			
Salaries	183,060.07	190,000.00	193,400.00
Support Services/ Maintenance	10,113.57	18,000.00	18,000.00
Utilities	30,272.01	28,000.00	30,000.00
Insurance	12,149.78	12,000.00	10,000.00
Office Supplies	7,864.29	5,500.00	6,840.00
Misc Expense (bank charge)	29.50	0.00	0.00
Interest Expense	<u>2,709.33</u>	<u>3,300.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	<u>246,198.55</u>	<u>256,800.00</u>	<u>258,240.00</u>
Committees			
Childcare	0.00	0.00	6,075.00
Christian Education	6,200.09	7,500.00	4,000.00
Evangelism	1,312.72	2,350.00	2,260.00
Faith & Art	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Fellowship	742.34	1,200.00	1,500.00
Mission & Benevolences	11,264.03	11,300.00	5,000.00
Stewardship	373.85	600.00	500.00
Worship	2,940.26	6,400.00	3,730.00
Presb. Per Capita	<u>5,983.70</u>	<u>5,500.00</u>	<u>6,000.00</u>
	<u>33,816.99</u>	<u>39,850.00</u>	<u>34,065.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>280,015.54</u>	<u>396,650.00</u>	<u>292,305.00</u>
NET INCOME FROM OPERATIONS	<u>1,015.04</u>	<u>350.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>

FINANCE COMMITTEE ("FC") 2016 Annual Report (continued)

September 2016 (moved from August due to Labor Day): Financials not yet available for August. Financial receipts for July were above projections but we still remain below budget by around \$20k. There was a contribution of stock last December that will be allocated as a donor receipt for August. Stewardship will be based on 2 scriptures: Philippians 4:10 rejoice greatly in the Lord, ...; and 1 Timothy 6: Command those who are rich, ... Credit card approval has been accomplished and is in the works. Lawsuit is in the process of being resolved. There was discussion of abandoning the idea of a financial review as unnecessary, particularly since no one can be found who will agree to do it.

October 2016: Pledges received to date following Consecration Sunday amount to approximately \$150,000, which is not substantially less than this time last year (~\$154,000). Number of pledging units is unknown. Hopefully this will increase before year's end. Last year we received 10 more pledges by year's end and budgeted a total of ~ \$220K. Differential this year between budget receipts and projections has decreased. Support services has deferred about \$7,000 in capital expenditures for budgeted items; e.g., cracked sidewalks, sealing the parking lot, railing in the front of fellowship hall. Reserve account balance is around \$54,000. Currently owe around \$75K on the HVAC. This is the only debt service we have currently. Larry says he has received most of the budget projections from the church committees. He is not informed as to what church salaries are. In past years the treasurer was given this information. FC feels this is necessary for accurate budget information. Fall festival was a great success with many neighbors in the Blue Ridge neighborhood attending. There was also discussion was had about prospective membership and those who are no longer attending. Financial review is permanently tabled unless and until someone comes forward. The lawsuit against the encroaching neighbor has been resolved by way of a lease allowing him to maintain his landscaping while the church retains clear property rights as the owner.

November 2016: Discussion centered on budget projections for 2017. The last available number for amount of pledges was \$175,000 as of mid-November. To our knowledge no additional pledges were received in the last 2 weeks of November. Last year at this time pledges were ~ \$183,000. Donor contributions are always speculative. 2016 actual contributions were ~ \$60,000. Only \$40,000 has been projected for 2017. The hope is that new members will pledge. Larry asked Deanna to pull together what people pledged vs. what they actually gave for 2016. Last year more pledges were received in December through February. Total pledges for 2016 amounted to ~ \$231,000 (one individual pledged \$10,000 but later said this was in error and his or her actual pledge was \$1,000). Support Services could narrow down to 2 most needed projects and defer others, which would reduce its 2017 budget from \$42,000 to \$18,000. FC would also propose reducing the remaining Mission budget from \$10,000 to \$5,000 as overall the church is still tithing for Missions. FC also felt that staff raises should be capped at 1% under current financial circumstances. Even with these adjustments, the church is looking at a very substantial projected deficit of nearly \$60,000. It is hoped that additional pledges in December may improve the current outlook.

December 2016: No meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE ("FC") 2016 Annual Report

Submitted by Brad Harville, Chair

Members: Larry & Carol Hartmann, Tom & Cathy Dawson and Michael Stevens

January 2016: Projected budget numbers appeared positive. As of January 25, Deanna reported a total of \$241,143 pledges for 2016. FC agreed to present a revised budget to Session for approval. Projected donations were decreased as this line item was somewhat overestimated in 2015. There was also discussion of improving livestreaming, audio sermon issues, and a review of church finances.

February 2016: No meeting.

March 2016: Collections to date have been poor compared to projections for the first 2 months. Donations have been good compared to estimates but unlike last year Pledge contributions have been lagging. There are a number of restricted accounts that represent obligations to specific entities or projects. We want to utilize those restricted funds to the extent that we can. TPW is investigating credit card capability and it is hoped that the church will also be able to utilize this technology. Consecration Sunday this year is scheduled for October 16. There was discussion of hiring another media company to manage the church's website. No progress on obtaining a financial review. There was discussion of upgrading and distributing the church's newsletter as a means to raise stewardship awareness. There was also discussion of a yard sale in June.

April 2016: Pledges are still lagging but our current information is about 3 weeks behind since we have to meet at the end of the month due to Session meeting the first week of the month. Through March we were behind about \$15,000 in pledges but committee expenses are being held in check. Consequently, net income is under budget approximately \$10,700. No update on credit card contributions or a church financial review. There was discussion of unbudgeted costs with the revised newsletter for distribution in the surrounding neighborhood.

May 2016: No meeting.

June 2016: No meeting (no Session meeting).

July 2016: There was discussion of our current budget shortfall and the need to identify exactly how much we are behind and the need to provide a revised budget. The FC believes we should continue putting our budget numbers in the bulletin on a weekly basis. Based upon anonymous data provided by Deanna it appears there may be 1 or 2 pledges of a significant sum by members who reportedly no longer attend. Regarding stewardship, based upon a projected Consecration Sunday date of October 16, we felt that Cathy should address the congregation concerning the church's financial affairs on September 18, and Brad would speak to the congregation perhaps a couple of weeks later. TPW reported that the credit card equipment should be linked to the TPW bank account instead of the TPC account and FC agrees with this proposal, which we agreed to recommend to Session. The Yard Sale has been shelved for this year. No further word on an auditor. The lawsuit against the encroaching neighbor is in the process of being resolved.

SUPPORT SERVICES 2016 Annual Report

Submitted by Jack Wheat, Chair

Members: Larry Ogle, Tom Dawson, Steve Conn, Bill Husband, Bill Hambleton and Mike Stevens

Our Support Services Committee is charged with overseeing the maintenance of Trinity's physical plant, including the physical structures, as well as the grounds. The Committee supervises routine cleaning and maintenance of the structures, facilitating regular professional inspections of the elevator, fire department examination of our emergency lighting systems, inspection and repair of our heating ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems; and care of our grounds including developing a schedule of volunteers to mow the grass, overseeing work days to spruce up the facilities and the flower gardens, arranging periodic treatment of the Ash tree in the playground to prevent infestation by the Ash Borer insect pests which are wreaking havoc on forests, farms and lawns; and in 2016 we again sponsored a mulch sale.

Thankfully, 2016 was a fairly uneventful year for the committee. We did determine that the flower gardens and shrubbery were becoming a bit unwieldy and in need of professional treatment and care, and we obtained a donation to fund a considerable portion of the expense of same.

We did develop a list a few major projects needing tending to in due course including sealing and stripping our parking lots, repair of the steps and railings located at the Shelbyville Road side entrance to the Fellowship Hall and replacement of the aged, rotting, leaky windows located around the Fellowship Hall, a replacement which will result in a reduction in energy costs associated with heating and cooling the Fellowship Hall. The committee considered seeking funding for the window replacement last year, but the project was bumped over to 2017. The committee is currently in the process of procuring donations to fund at least a major portion of the window replacement.

DEACONS 2016 Annual Report

“For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.” (I Timothy 3:13)

Submitted by Carol Hartmann, Moderator

Members: Janet Husband, C.R.Redcorn, Glenna Ogle, Kay Nolan, Imad El-imam, Mardi Crosser, Deb Kelly, and Kathy MacDonald

New Class of 2019 – Anuji Abraham, Susan Bauer, Vivian Smith

Number of Meetings: 6

Summary of Accomplishments:

- Approved officers for 2016: Carol Hartmann, Moderator; Glenna Ogle, Secretary; Imad El-Imam, Treasurer.
- Visitation – Each deacon took the name of one or more members to keep in touch with either by visits, cards, phone calls, etc.
- Hospitality – Carol Hartmann and other deacons to assist, as well as help from church members.
- Card Ministry – Janet Husband, Kay Nolan, Imad El-Imam
- Bulletin Board/Communication – Carol Hartmann; Obituaries were posted on the bulletin board.
- Updated the list of shut-ins/homebound members and contact information re: hospitals/rehab facilities/retirement communities pertinent to the above.
- Exchanged frequent emails/phone calls regarding business, receptions, and projects.
- At each meeting, discussed accomplishments during the past two months, concerns/needs regarding our congregation and decided what action should be taken.
- The task of scheduling and training ushers for worship services was given back to the Worship Committee which had this responsibility before the interim pastor changed it to Deacons.
- Receptions/food following funerals and at visitations for church members were given as requested. These were scheduled when possible so Deacons could attend the services. This year receptions were given for Sybil Ottman, Tony Koukola, Marjorie Malzahn, Aleyamma Chetty and Larry Hartmann.
- Lemonade, sweets, and garden produce were provided after 11:00 a.m. worship service during June, July and August. Donations were used for receptions and expenses.
- Ten Christmas bags full of useful items were prepared and delivered to shut-ins in early December.
- An effort to provide transportation to church was discussed and the list of volunteers was read.
- Kay Nolan volunteered to serve on the Nominating Committee for new elders and deacons.
- A “How To” guide is being prepared for incoming Deacons. This guide will provide helpful procedures and instructions for Deacons to carry out their duties and responsibilities. It is recommended that this guide be updated annually as needed.

TPW 2016 Annual Report (continued)

Our premier event, the annual Christmas Sale, once again featured incredible holiday confections and beautiful crafts. Total sales ranked as one of the top since we added crafts back into the mix from the prior “Cookie Walk” event some ten years ago. We acknowledge the diligent leadership of Sandra Hollensead and Glenna Ogle in making the Christmas Sale fun and memorable for our guests, and favorable for our benevolence giving.

FUNDRAISING

TPW raises money by selling our crafts, baked goods and asking for contributions or pledges. During the year, TPW raised upwards of \$7,200. A small portion of the funds has been used for Bible study books, sewing supplies or general operational costs.

\$6,900 was distributed to a number of ministries and charities during 2016:

Dare to Care	Eastern Area Christian Ministries	Family Scholar House
Fellowship of Least Coin	Healing Place, The	Home of Innocents
House of Ruth	LifeHouse	Louisville Seminary
Necole’s Place	Salvation Army	Supplies Over Seas
Wayside Christian Mission	PC/USA Missionary Funds	PW Birthday Offering

Additionally, \$860 was earned by the Pala Village Weavers of Guatemala through the sale of their hand-loomed scarves at some of our fundraising events.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTATIONS

We were pleased to celebrate the 100th birthday of a long-time participant and past Circle leader in May, Dorothy Southard!

Several subcommittee meetings for special events, especially for the Birthday Lunch, Middletown Family Festival and the Christmas Sale were held.

Please read about TPW events and projects in the Sunday bulletins and in most editions of the church newsletter *Trinity Times* throughout the year.

“*These Days*” devotional booklets are provided to the congregation by TPW. Please take one each quarter from the narthex for your use.

In the fall, TPW opened a “merchant” credit card account in order to accommodate craft payments at the Middletown Family Festival and the annual Christmas Sale. We are still evaluating the effectiveness of such an enterprise. Special thanks to TPW Treasurer Brenda Miller for her assistance with this endeavor.

None of our efforts would be possible without the ongoing generous support and prayers of Trinity’s gracious congregation. Thank you for helping us bake cookies, volunteer to serve in our booths, provide gifts in kind for special mission challenges, contributions of fabrics and notions, even for shopping at our events. As we are now the body of Christ on earth (Romans 12:1-8), our mutual endeavors are bringing blessings and aid to women, children and families in ways we couldn’t manage alone.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE 2016 Annual Report

TPW 2016 Annual Report

Submitted by Virginia Kozak, Moderator

**Submitted by Co-Chairmen Cathy Dawson and Lucie Fulmore
Members: Sheri Bushue, Josh Latham, Phyllis Santos Sauer, Harper Davis,
Vito and Ghyll Simoneschi, and Rev. Camille Williams-Neal**

Trinity Presbyterian Women (“TPW”) is an association of Trinity members and friends. Each woman at Trinity is a part of our organization and encouraged to participate as and when she is able.

Our call is “to be the hands and feet of Jesus” by using the talents and gifts given to us.

LEADERSHIP

The TPW Board of Directors consists of faithful, caring, and capable women. Working on a school year basis, new officers begin in August. Please join me in thanking them for their steadfast service.

Officers	(Jan. – May)	(Aug. – Dec.)
	Mardi Crosser	Mardi Crosser
	Sandy Koukola, Moderator	Virginia Kozak, Moderator, Secretary
	Virginia Kozak, Secretary	Jan Larsen
	Brenda Miller, Treasurer	Brenda Miller, Treasurer
	Lynne Wood	

GROUPS: CIRCLE – The traditional structure of TPW centers around the “Circle” – a monthly gathering of women. Objectives at Circle include enriching Bible study, prayer and fellowship. Brief reports are given regarding business and mission projects.

Tuesday Morning Circle meets throughout the school year on the second Tuesday of each month. February through May saw the completion of the study book *The Wisdom of God: Seeing Jesus in the Psalms & Wisdom Books* by Nancy Guthrie. From September through December we began the study book: *Luke – LifeChange Bible Study* with 27 books distributed. Lessons are facilitated by our own members. Circle did not meet in January due to snow. Circle met eight times with an average of 14 attendees per meeting.

GROUPS: SEW ‘N SEWS – Facilitated by Glenna Ogle, Sew ‘n Sews meets twice a month throughout the year as a mission group of TPW. Talented mostly in needle crafts, items are made for fundraising or give to charities. 2016 had several improvements to our meeting room with two new shelving units installed, plus our group grew from eight to twelve active members!

Items created by Sew ‘n Sews that were distributed to those in need during the year:

Trinity family and friends	Healing blankets	16
Wellstone Behavioral Hospital	Best Buddy Dolls	106
Wellstone Behavioral Hospital	Pillowcases	100

EVENTS

TPW held several special events during the year, each attended by a variety of participants from within Trinity’s congregation and with guests. In most cases, an element of fundraising occurred in support of the topic or TPW’s missions in the form of an offering or selling crafts.

- PC/USA Missionary Meet & Greet Coffee, April 23
- Women’s Birthday Lunch, May 14
- Middletown Family Festival, September 9-10
- TPC Fall Festival, October 23
- Christmas Sale, December 3
- Women’s Advent Fellowship, December 13

- welcomed eight adults (with 1 child) as new members
- recruited three members to the Evangelism Committee
- greeted visitors and presented them with Visitor Bags, which include a gift and church information
- reviewed and tracked visitor logs weekly so that the Pastor could call those who were visiting; used contact information for various post card mailings to events and services throughout the year
- hosted a Bring-A-Friend Sunday/Visitor Reception in March; mailed invitations/made flyers available to recent visitors, Center for Faith & Arts participants, Preschool families, and neighborhood residents
- coordinated the compilation of an updated church pictorial directory, periodically adding new members
- Recognized new members at the last WoW dinner of the month for any members who have joined during that month
- promoted and participated in the Fall Kick-Off in September
- worked with the Fall Festival Committee in promoting/organizing the Fall Festival in September; efforts included various forms of advertising, an inflatable, Dairy Queen Dilly Bars, and an information table where TPC logo apparel was sold
- sold TPC logo apparel at various times throughout the year in order to foster church unity and promote the church in the community; sold totes and baseball caps in addition to shirts; provided shirts and caps for the TPC softball team
- funded advertising for the *Courier-Journal* churches section for the Easter and Christmas Eve/Christmas services; submitted information to the free C-J Velocity and Neighborhoods sections for these services as well as for the Lenten and Advent events and services and the Fall Festival.
- coordinated the Shepherds Program, which connects current church members with new members to help them become better acquainted with others and with the various programs and activities
- distributed Welcome Folders to new members, which include a pictorial directory, a pledge card, and information on classes/programs/events
- periodically reviewed the updating of Facebook and the website so that members and prospective visitors could access church information
- coordinated efforts to periodically change the church sign throughout the year
- Sent welcome letters from the Pastor to 87 households of new residents in the 40223, 40243, and 40245 zip codes; mailed post cards to those addresses for Lenten/Easter and Advent/Christmas events and services and for events such as the Fall Festival
- coordinated the advertisement and promotion of many church events and services throughout the year using the website, Facebook, the Trinity Times, congregational emails, bulletin and bulletin board announcements, neighborhood post cards, etc.
- Distributed over 1,600 copies of Trinity Times to five neighborhoods (Blue Ridge Manor, Plainview, Douglass Hills, Owl Creek, & Polo Fields) between April and December

MISSION COMMITTEE 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

“You did not choose Me but I chose, you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.”

John 15:16

Submitted by Lois Bringhurst

**Members: Jeannette Priebe, Candy Wheat, Max & Sheryl Oyler,
Kathy MacDonald, and Lois Bringhurst**

The purpose of the Mission Committee is to share the good news of the Gospel by promoting mission opportunities in our community and throughout the world. To educate our church family and community of the outreach programs and mission needs that are available to us. To investigate and participate in new outreach and mission opportunities.

CENTER for FAITH & ART – under the direction of Candy Wheat continues to be a wonderful Mission outreach. Reaching many of our brothers and sisters with special needs. Some of the highlights:

- Average of 70-100 clients participate in the various programs
- Candy served as Artist in Residence @ Montreat Conference Center (May 28-June 19) & taught classes during the Montreat Fall Craft Week (Oct2-7)
- Candy continues to work with Webber Gallery (Disability Council's Art Gallery) to showcase our students work in various shows.
- Creation Art Camp was held in July, and was well received.
- The Preschool children joined Candy a few times to make gifts to take home
- Donated 20 soup bowls to the Empty Bowls fundraiser of Highland Community Ministries
- Donated 2 items for the Coalition for the Homeless – “Give-A-Jam” (Dec 20th)
- Fall Festival – pumpkin painting also had F&A items available for sale.
- Participated in the Christmas & Angels display @ Block Party
- J. Harrods held a fundraiser for the Center for Faith & Art (Raised \$ 400)

EACM – The Mission of Eastern Area Community Ministries is to partner with people in need or crisis and to equip and support them in leading lives of stability and dignity. Some of the ways Trinity assist EACM:

- Quarterly financial support
- Food Pantry – donations may be place in the EACM Barrel at anytime
- Spring Fundraiser –“Barn Party for the Pantry” ~ Donated 3 Gift Baskets for auction
- Back to School Drive – Donated 45 Filled Backpacks
- Thanksgiving Meals – Donated 16 Complete Meals
- Hispanic Mom's Group – Meets at Trinity each Month, we provide child care
Volunteers needed for child care.
- Jersey Mike's – Month of Giving (March)
- Meijer's - Simple Give Campaign

PC/USA – We support PC/USA with quarterly financial support

- Special Offerings throughout the year (One Great Hour, Christmas Joy Offering, etc.)
- David Cortes-Fuentes and Josey Saez Acevedo, serving in Cuba
- Brian & Sandi Thompson-Royer, serving in Guatemala
- Presbyterian Disaster Relief – We donated 30 completed Emergency Hygiene Kits
- Supporting Ainsley Harrick during her time in Colombia as a Young Adult Volunteer

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE 2016 Annual Report (continued)

June-July-August: Pastor Steve Jewell taught Summer Sunday School for grades 1 thru 5, focusing on God's Creation in Genesis. Tim Barnum and Andy Cannava taught Youths during the summer months focusing on God's Creation using curriculum in the “Kids Connection”.

In June, High School and College graduates were recognized by the congregation.

In July, Vacation Bible School took the form of Creation Camp focusing on Biblical Creation for the five (5) day program. Many people from the congregation were involved with teaching classes, running programs, etc. for the duration of the program. It was highly successful in that many people from the local neighborhoods came and participated.

In August, Pastor Steve Jewell taught/lead a workshop for Sunday School teachers and volunteers which lasted for one afternoon.

During July & August, Pastor Steve Jewell taught an outdoor class in the Grove called “Lawn Chairs and Lessons”.

September: Sunday School “Fall Kick-Off” was on September 11th during the Sunday School hour outlining each of the class opportunities for children, youths and adults to the congregation. Sign-ups were available at the “Kick-Off”.

Janice Kim started teaching Grades 1 – 5 from the “Kid Connection” curriculum.

Tim Barnum started teaching Youths from the “Feasting on the Word” curriculum.

“Young Explorers” started meeting Sunday afternoons.

Janice Kim and Bob & Mary Grey started Youth Group meetings on Friday evenings, providing dinner, sometime movies, teaching classes, music, etc.

Jeanette Priebe (and others) organized and taught the Women's Sunday School class for adult women.

Bob Williams-Neal taught the Koinoina Sunday School class for adults.

Betty Muse taught the Adult II Sunday School class.

Pastor Steve Jewell and Andy Cannava went to see Dr. Bruce Ware at Southern Theological Seminary in Louisville concerning possible teaching seminars, Men's Bible study teachers, etc. opportunities for TPC.

The CE committee is renewing their focus on Sunday School attendance records; Janice is tracking attendance.

October-November-December:

October 23rd was the Fall Festival from 4:00 pm until 6:00 pm outdoors in the Grove at TPC. This is an out-reach program into the surrounding neighborhoods with games, programs, rides and entertainment for adults and children. This was a very successful program is attracting a great number of neighborhood people, but produced no new members.

November featured the “Chili Cook-Off” which is a fund raiser for Youth programs at TPC, and features testing many different chili recipes from members of the congregation. Many cooks participated and recognized for their culinary skills. The event earned \$456.00 for the Youths.

December-- brought Advent gifts to the preschool students and Children in the congregation.

December—a winter VBS for the children occurred, with the theme “*The Gift of Hope*”

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE 2016 Annual Report

Submitted by Andy Cannava

Members: Becky Douglas, Tim Barnum, Ann Douglas, Bob Williams-Neal,
Jennifer Hacker, Steve Jewell, Janice Kim, Andy Cannava

Committee meetings were held monthly throughout the year with at least five (5) committee members present at each meeting. Becky Douglas and Tim Barnum served as co-chairpersons, with Becky running the meetings, taking notes and writing and publishing the minutes of each meeting. The CE committee meetings were usually held on Wednesday evening from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm at Trinity Presbyterian Church.

The year 2016 was a very active year with many changes to the CE committee, CE programs, and CE salaried and unsalaried personnel. It is important to note that although many changes occurred with the usual confusion that afflicts most humans, we all were re-familiarized with God's grace, guidance and love; calmness and re-direction did occur with a new balance and course setting.

I will try to weave the educational, personnel changes, and events of the CE functions in a chronological order so we can have some idea and example of the 2016 course direction.

Jan-May: 2016 Confirmation Class of three (3) students were taught by Pastor Steve Jewell and Elder Andy Cannava each Sunday during Sunday School hour, basic Christian education, biblical based theology, Presbyterian based polity. In June these three students were Confirmed publically in front of the congregation. Garrett Bushue, Ali Elder, Patrick Jewell were the 2016 Confirmands.

February: Christian Education Director Linda Kennedy was separated from TPC employment. Valentine's gifts were sent to college students

March-April-May: Resume's were explored and gathered for a new Christian Education Coordinator by Steve Jewell and Jeanette Priebe. Several interviews were conducted with final candidates by Jeanette Priebe, Steve Jewell and Andy Cannava, with a recommendation going to Session in May for hiring **Janice Kim** in June as Christian Education Coordinator. Terms of call were outlined in her offer agreement.

Mary Charnes who was intimately involved in CE programs, particularly youth and children educational programs, left TPC during this time frame creating another gap in the educational program.

The annual Easter Egg hunt was held in March.

Youth Sunday Bake Sale and the Preschool "WOW" dinner were held in April.

Wednesday evening "WOW" dinners were held for the congregation featuring choir practices, adult education, youth education, with one Wednesday being designated as a committee meeting night. The "WOW" dinners were held from January until May, took a break for the summer months and then continued from September until mid-November.

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Operation Christmas Child – Each shoe box gift is a Gospel Opportunity to share Christ with a child and their families. In many of the countries where shoeboxes are distributed, the children are offered the opportunity to participate in "The Greatest Journey" a discipleship program that teaches the children more about Christ, the way to Salvation. Trinity disciple 48-50 children through "The Greatest Journey".

Trinity hosted an Operation Christmas Child Prayer Breakfast in June

In April Trinity was recognized for 15 years of participation and service as an Area Relay Center.

In 2016 Trinity collected and boxed 3,957 shoe box gifts. The Louisville Area collected 38,956.

WaterStep Project we partnered with the Trinity Preschool in collecting used shoes that in turn are used to provide safe drinking water around the world. **Blessings in a Backpack** – Trinity sponsored 10 children, in providing food for school age children each weekend. **Open Hand Kitchen @ St.Vincent DePaul** – A group from Trinity volunteered in serving Lunch. **Operation Warm Feet** during the month of December we collected men's socks, to be distributed through **Jesus Cares @ Exit O**. Donated to **Samaritan's Purse** – Gatlinburg Disaster Relief.

The fall of 2016 brought about some changes, and we implemented



Showcasing a variety of New Mission opportunities during the First Wednesday Mission WOW programs and general announcements.

- Encouraged our church family to visit our homebound; sharing scripture boxes with them
- Collected towels & washcloths for the Coalition for the Homeless – Stand Down event in October
- Offered 40-Day prayer guide for our nation – "If My People..."
- First Impression Suit Closet - Collected men's business attire for the underserved.

WOW Programs:

- **Burrito Riders** – enjoyed a meal of Breakfast Burritos as we heard about this unique program
THANK YOU to all who prepared burritos - PLEASE HELP STOCK THE FREEZER
- **Operation Christmas Child** Packing Party once again Sheryl & Max Oyler provided the church family an opportunity to join in fellowship as we packed shoeboxes for children throughout the world

Quarterly there is a **Good News Luncheon with the Coalition for the Homeless**, where representatives from many different groups get together and share ideas & concerns. It is a wonderful way to learn what is happening in our community. All are welcomed

The Mission committee has some interesting programs planned for 2017. Please make plans to join us, to see if there is something that will spark your interest.

We would love to have you join the Mission Committee to help explore ways to engage our church family to be the Hands & Feet of Christ in our small corner of the world.

"The He said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few, Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out worker into His Harvest" **Matthew 9:37-38**

We are a welcoming church family, developing disciples who joyfully minister to others in the name of Christ.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE 2016 Annual Report

Submitted by Betty Muse, Chair

Members: Judith Bloor, Cathy Conn, RoseMary Hambleton, Bert Lundstrom, Betty Wilborn, Melissa Weaver, Steve Jewell and Ted Webb, a seminary intern from the Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, started in the fall of 2016 and we look forward to a good year with him.

The Worship Committee met monthly, ten times in 2016, with the exceptions being June and December.

Trinity's excellent music programs, under the leadership of Melissa Weaver, Music Ministry Director, include Adult and Youth Handbells and Adult and Children's choirs. This year, Trinity accepted the resignation of Shelley Shumate from her role as Music Associate. With a job change, Shelley needed more time with her children and after many, many years of church music service, also deserved a much needed break. During the interim of Shelley's resignation and employment of new staff, we were blessed to have the assistance of Martha Clark and Lynn Steeves. As the Lord would have it, Jinny Kwak joined Trinity as Music Associate/Accompanist and Doug Harville as Youth Handbell Director. Doug also works with some of our youth church musicians, serves as a worship instrumentalist and arranges music for the youth handbells and our youth musicians.

We are grateful for the many who give their time and talents to the choirs at Trinity. Our members who share their musical talents are a blessing to our congregation.

Trinity continues to have a 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday mornings and many special services throughout the year. The Lord's Supper is served at every 9:00 a.m. service and monthly at the 11:00 a.m. service along with other special services. Other seasonal services include:

- Lent and Easter season services:
Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday services
Thursday Evening Sanctuary Meditation and Prayer time during Lent
Palm Sunday and 2 services Easter Sunday – 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., with an Easter Bread Fellowship coordinated by the Worship Committee and Fellowship Committees between services.
- Our All Saints Day service was celebrated November 6th 1, with special music honoring those passed away in this past year was incorporated in the 11:00 a.m. service. The individuals were honored by sounding of a handbell and candle lighting.
- Advent and Christmas services began with the "Hanging of the Green" service at the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services, Sunday, November 29th. The sanctuary and other areas of the church were decorated by a group of folks from the congregation and coordinated by Cathy Conn. This year was a bit different in that Christmas Eve was on Saturday and Christmas Day Sunday and led to much discussion concerning the best time for worship services. In early 2017, the attendance at both services will be considered in assessing the service times for 2017.

The Committee came in under budget again for the year in expenditures and had a long overdue, complete overhaul of our handbells. This was long overdue. Finally for the last several years the deacons had been recruiting ushers and the Worship Committee has taken on that responsibility. Thanks to all who serve in that capacity. We look forward to continued and increasing member and non-member participation in worship at Trinity.

PRESCHOOL COMMITTEE 2016 Annual Report

Submitted by Lois Bringham

Members: Elizabeth Latham, Bonnie Mullin, Kathy Schuler and Sandy Koukola, Chair

Trinity Presbyterian Preschool was established to be a service to the community while providing children with the opportunity to learn and grow in a Christian atmosphere. It provides a quality multi-cultural, early childhood program for children ages two, three and four.

The philosophy of Trinity Preschool is to provide a loving and nurturing Christian environment where children can develop physically, emotionally, socially, spiritually, and intellectually. An age-appropriate curriculum reflects this philosophy, and maintains the flexibility necessary to acknowledge the different rates at which each child develops.

Meeting: 10 – (No meetings held in January or August)

The Year in Review:

- Mission Projects: participated in the WaterStep Project & held our annual Hat & Mitten Party.
- Fundraisers: Chuck-E-Cheese was held in March. ~ Kizito Cookie Dough was sold in Oct/Nov. **THANK YOU** to the Trinity Family for supporting the Kizito Cookie Dough Sale.
- Preschool / April WOW Program was well attended.
- The Chapel Program is very successful
Winter 2015/Spring 2016 ~ Chapel Program was led by Mary Charnes & Linda Kennedy
Fall 2016 – Chapel Program was led by Candy Wheat & Pastor Steve Jewell
THANK YOU – Mary, Linda, Candy & Pastor Steve—As a thank you a Donation to purchase Chicken & Fish from Heifer International was made in their honor
- The children love having Pottery Classes with Miss Candy – again **THANK YOU** Candy
- Received Grant Money (\$1,700) to purchase instructional materials & equipment from the Kentucky Race to the Top Program
- Hite Junkyard Hawks did a Program for the children in March
- Held a week long Summer Camp program in June
- Preschool families joined the Church participating in the Creation Art Program in July
- Preschool families were invited to the Fall Festival.
- Appreciation Dinner for the Board Members, volunteers and their spouses.
A donation was made to Blessing in a Backpack in Honor of the Preschool Board
- State Inspections; Suggested better implementation of Medical Forms. & Attendance Sign-in/out forms
- New State Regulations: New Early Childhood Standards, started to implement in 2016/2017
- Enrollment continues to be a challenge.
- 2017/2018 Tuition was raised \$10/month and Registration Fee raised \$15
- Changed Credit Card processor to FatMerchant
- Fourteen \$50 cash gifts given to staff for Christmas.
- A Teacher Appreciation Committee has been formed
- Policy on Vacation time for staff was better defined.
- In House Improvements: Playground Equipment: Swing Supports have been replaced.
Replace old Gateway Laptop / new shelving built for additional storage / Repaired linoleum area in the Blue Room / Replaced cabinet in the Music Room / Replaced refrigerator

For 2017:

- We are looking into ways how we can better relate to our International families.
- Looking for someone to Audit of the Preschool books.
- Will implement Credit Card user/convenience fee of 3% of tuition