



2018 Annual Report
The First Presbyterian Church of Northport, NY
Founded 1785

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The First Presbyterian Church of Northport
Annual Congregational Meeting
February 10, 2019
11:00 AM
Docket

1. Call to Order and Determination of Quorum—Rev. Rachel Vione, Moderator
2. Opening Prayer
3. Approval of the Docket
4. Review of the 2018 Finances---Peggy Denniston, Finance Ministry Chair
 - a. Overview of 2019 Budget
5. Report of the All Church Nominating Committee—Elder Cindy Mies, ACNC Co-Chair
 - a. Election of Ruling Elders
 - b. Election of Deacons
 - c. Election of the 2019 All Church Nominating Committee
6. Review of the 2018 Annual Reports
7. Pastors Remarks
8. Delegate Reading and Approval of Minutes to the Session
9. Prayer and adjournment to Fellowship Hall for Pancake Breakfast

Dear Friends,

What an exciting year it has been at the First Presbyterian Church in Northport! I would like to highlight a few of the things that we have accomplished together in the life and ministry of our church.

1. Our Weekday Nursery School is thriving and growing by leaps and bounds! We are thankful to God for all the little ones who are enriched by our wonderful programs and loving staff. Due to the growing number of two-year olds in our program we have had to add an additional 2's classroom. My thanks to the Session and Property & Maintenance Ministry for approving the construction project that allowed us to add an additional classroom on the lower level of the building.
2. We have implemented a spiritual component to our Weekday Nursery School program. On the first Wednesday of the month I am privileged to lead a chapel service with the three and four-year old children. Since there are 65 students who participate, we meet in the sanctuary instead of the chapel. Our time together includes, lighting candles, singing songs, a short message and giving thanks to God for our many blessings. It is the highlight of my week to see these little faces in the pews and to have them recognize me when I see them in the building during the week.
3. Another highlight for me is meeting weekly with our Pioneers for chapel, conversation and lunch. This group of amazing seniors is so vibrant and fun! They love to sing hymns (all the verses!), and worship together every Wednesday. The Pioneer's chapel service is the longest running mid-week worship service at FPC! One of the best parts of my job is being able to worship with all the generations on the first Wednesday of each month! The age range is from three to 100! Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
4. We are a church in transition. To that end, our Mission Study Review Team successfully completed their work (the first step in calling a new pastor), in April. The Committee on Ministry approved the Mission Study in May. My thanks to the MSRT for their hard work and diligence in this important task.
5. The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) was elected by the congregation at a special meeting in November. At the time of this writing, the PNC has met weekly and are busy working on the next steps in calling a new pastor. Please keep the PNC in your prayers as they continue in this important job.

As you can see, it has been an eventful year at FPC! I would be remiss if I did not thank the wonderful members of session, deacons, assorted ministries and committees, and all the committed staff members with whom I have the privilege to minister. I can't wait to see what God will do next in the life and ministry of the church!

With much joy in serving as your Interim Pastor!

Rachel

Clerk's Report

2018 saw another active year in the life of our Northport Church Family. We have been blessed to still have Pastor Rachel serving as our interim pastor during this time. We welcomed in Elders for three year terms: Bill Heuer, Lisa Nikrant, Fred Mosher, Joan Armet, Christine Spiller; and Katie Yoskowitz as youth elder for one year. For Deacons for three year terms: Melissa Barasch, Marjorie Sundquist, Elizabeth Coleman, Richard Lambert, Tiffany Thomas; and Renee Lee as youth Deacon for a one year term. We shared in the baptisms of 8 children and 1 adult and welcomed 15 new members. We were saddened, however, to lose long time members Ed Edmunds, John Michels, Carol Day, Carol Trentadue, Janny Bijkersma, Robert Browne, Barbara Kruse and Charles Skarda.

Session meets one time per month except during the summer months. Each Elder takes a turn opening our meetings with a prayer and devotion. Many of the devotions shared this past year were taken from Don't Sweat the Small Stuff, A Guide to Prayer for All Who Seek God, Led by Love based on scripture from John, Recovering the Sacred Center, A Letter of Martin Luther King, Jr., Lay Leaders of the Church, These Days Daily Devotions, a poem entitled "God's Promise" from the Hymnal for Youth.

In March your Church Officers met for their annual retreat here at Northport. The theme of the retreat was "Getting to Know Each Other" with varied activities. Pastor Rachel led the discussions. Also discussed was "What does it mean to be a Deacon or an Elder?"

In the meantime, beside their monthly meetings your Session members are remaining active in all aspects of our Church life: Worship, Finance, Property and Maintenance, All Church Nominating Committee, Pastoral Nominating Committee, Membership, Choirs, Sanctuary Guild, Mission, Peacemaking, Presbyterian Women, Weekday Nursery School Board, Personnel, Sunday School, Youth Groups, Stewardship, Adult Education, Ushers, Communion Servers, Liturgists, Fellowship Hour hosts, to name a few!

Please continue to hold our Pastoral Nominating Committee in your prayers as they begin this next phase of our search for a new pastor. We know that God will guide us in the right direction.

Here is to a new and blessed year in the life of the First Presbyterian Church of Northport.

Blessings and Peace to all,

Marcia Mercer, Clerk of Session

Adult Education Ministry

Our members include Christine Spiller, Jack Fink, Audrey Van Deusen, Bob Van Deusen and Tim Gladding.

We continue to support and utilize the Parish Resource Center for program materials and networking as we strive to offer a variety of content in the areas of Scripture, theology, spiritual life and practices, and Christian ethics.

Lively discussions and early morning fellowship are offered to a number of members interested in sharing their spiritual journey.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Spiller, AE Chair



BOARD OF DEACONS

The Board of Deacons is a ministry of compassion, care and service to our church and community. Thanks to the generous financial support of this congregation, the Deacons are able to minister to those in need. We appreciate your generosity as we receive donations through the Deacons' pew envelopes. Your support enables us to reach out to others in so many ways.

This year we were able to:

- Give support to members of the congregation. We make calls and visits, send cards and provide transportation and emergency meals as well as financial support when needed.
- Visit members who are in the hospital, rehab facilities, long-term care facilities and at home recovering from illnesses.
- Send Caring Cards to members who are not able to join us each Sunday. It is important for these members to know that they are still connected to our church family.
- Supported several Pioneers programs
- Host receptions following funeral and memorial services.
- Provide College Care packages to our college young people. These care packages are sent to our college youth each year to remind them that they are a vital part of our church community.
- Support the work of the Ecumenical Lay Council. A member of the Board of Deacons serves on the Lay Council.
- Support several struggling food pantries on Long Island as well as our own.
- Donate to a Good Samaritan Fund that allows the Pastor to help quickly with small donations to church or community members who have financial emergencies.

- Donate to Iglesia Presbyteriana Evangelica Nueva Vida in various ways to support their ministry.
- Support the work of the Long Island Council of Churches
- Help support the Dawn Hill home for people, primarily veterans, with mental health issues
- Support the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund (this year for wildfires in California and hurricanes in several states).
- Host two blood drives each year.
- We are responsible for the set-up, clean-up and serving (along with the Elders) of communion to the congregation and shut-ins along with the pastor.

The members of the Board of Deacons serve this congregation with a joyful spirit and tender compassion. They are always ready to volunteer when needed. It has been a blessing working with them.

Susanne Haffner, Moderator
Sue Ebert, Recording Secretary
Sharon Noonan, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report – Deacon Fund

Opening Balance:		\$2,066.99
<u>Income:</u>		
Donations: Loose plate, communion offering, Pew envelopes and gifts:		<u>7,030.00</u>
TOTAL:		<u>\$9,096.99</u>
<u>Disbursements:</u>		
Communion Bread:	\$	10.64
Coffee hour supplies		462.03
Students for 60,000 (Grace Contino):		500.00
College care packages postage:		253.29
Pioneer program (Yoga instructor for seniors):		50.00
Iglesia Evangelica Presbiteriana N. Vida		500.00
<u>Miscellaneous:</u>		
Presbyterian Diaster Fund (Hurricane Florence):		750.00
Presbyterian Diaster Fund (Indonesia):		750.00
Presbytery of Sacramento Campfire Fund (California fires):		1,000.00
Reception for John Michels (celebration of life):		205.05
Soup for Pioneers' lunch:		36.40
Presbyterian Disaster Agency (NYC fire in the Bronx):		500.00
Dawn Hill Adult Home (clothing):		300.00
Community need:		500.00
Supplies for Easter baskets for Pantry:		84.74
Pioneers brunch:		39.01
Communion Supplies:		17.98
Total Disbursements:	<u>(-\$ 5,959.14)</u>	<u>(-5,959.14)</u>
Balance – December 31, 2018		<u>\$ 3,137.85</u>

Respectfully Submitted, Sharon Noonan, Deacon Treasurer

Annual Financial Report

Fiscal Year 2018

Budgeted Accounts

Summary

Income	2018 Budget	2018 Actual
Pledged Giving	\$386,500	\$389,663
Other Income	\$36,000	\$37,258
Gifts and Bequests	\$15,000	\$30,100
Total Unrestricted Income	\$437,500	\$457,021

Operating Expense Disbursements	2018 Budget	2018 Actual
Payroll and Insurance	\$240,738	\$228,124
Property and Maintenance Expense	\$98,000	\$94,083
Benevolence	\$49,589	\$47,907
Administrative Expenses	\$13,810	\$13,341
Ministries	\$14,300	\$7,458
Total Operating Expense	\$416,437	\$390,913

Restricted Accounts

Account	Balance 12/31/2017	2018 Income	2018 Disbursements	Balance 12/31/2018
Meet the Mortgage	\$42,463	\$87,796	\$112,000	\$18,259
P/M Capital Fund	\$15,000	\$1,400	\$3,240	\$13,160
Memorial Fund	\$10,502	\$4,535	\$0	\$15,037
Music & Ministry	\$4,569	\$1,545	\$1,400	\$4,714
Memorial Garden	\$1,916	\$4,747	\$2,233	\$4,430
Rambo Endowment	\$7,395	\$4,655	\$4,425	\$7,625
Joy Offering	\$1,890	\$2,245	\$2,090	\$2,045
Congregational Dinners	\$1,558	\$3,409	\$4,231	\$736
Youth ministry	\$1,187	\$100	\$757	\$529
Peacemaking	\$2,994	\$1,616	\$3,669	\$941
Pentecost	\$1,265	\$2,625	\$2,840	\$1,050
Sanctuary Guild	\$908	\$973	\$1,950	(\$68)
Pioneers	\$108	\$0	\$45	\$63
One Great Hour	\$0	\$2,959	\$2,954	\$5
Other Restricted	\$17,931	\$22,500	\$17,476	\$22,955

Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program Mortgage

	Amount
Outstanding Loan Balance 12/31/2017	\$284,892
2018 Scheduled Principal Payments	\$23,270
2018 Additional Principal Payments	\$112,000
Outstanding Loan Balance 12/31/2018	\$149,622

2018 Total Interest Paid	\$8,371
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Account Balances

Account	Value 12/31/2017	Value 12/31/2018
TD Bank Checking	\$253,122	\$214,228
Bank of America Checking**	\$38,740	\$0
TD Ameritrade	\$0	\$92,087
New Covenant Funds	\$107,256	\$101,881
PayPal Account (credit cards)	\$139	\$389
Total Unrestricted	\$296,968	\$317,104
Total Restricted	\$102,289	\$91,482

*Please note that the year-end balance does not include deposits or outstanding disbursements in transit. If you would like further information, please contact Bill Doremus.

** Account Closed

Respectfully Submitted, Kevin McKerr, Financial Manager



Comparative Budget 2018/2019

	2018 Budget	2019 Budget
Income		
Pledged Giving	386,500	376,000
Bequests/gifts	15,000	30,000
Unpledged	15,000	16,000
General Use of Building	10,000	8,500
Weekday/Food Pantry Expenses Share	0	11,600
Shared Denominational Support	5,000	4,000
Loose Plate Giving	4,800	4,500
Investment Income	1,200	3,000
Total Income	437,500	453,600

Expense

Total Payroll & Insurance		
Salaries & Benefits	229,688	234,517
Employer FICA/Medicare	7,750	6,418
Payroll Processing Expenses	1,500	1,750
Worker's Comp & Disab. Ins.	1,800	2,000
Total Payroll & Insurance	240,738	244,685

Property & Maintenance

Church Building

Utilities

Electric	16,000	16,000
Gas	7,500	8,000
Telephone/Fax/Internet Access	2,500	2,500
Communication Repair/lease	3,500	2,000
Water	800	1,250

Total Utilities	30,300	29,750
Liability Insurance	19,750	20,750
Church snow removal	12,000	14,000
Repairs (Discretionary)	7,500	7,500
Required Inspections	5,130	5,130
Miscellaneous Expenses	3,500	3,500
Supplies / Consumables	3,000	3,500
Church refuse collection	2,200	2,400
Landscaping	2,000	2,100
Fire Alarm System	420	420

Total Church Building	85,800	89,050
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Fuel Oil	3,500	4,000
Cable/Phone	1,500	2,000
Electric	1,650	1,850
Water	150	200

Total Utilities	6,800	8,050
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Repairs/Supplies	4,400	10,000
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Lawn Maintenance/Pest Control	1,000	1,000
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Total Woodhull Manse	12,200	19,050
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Total Property & Maintenance	98,000	108,100
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Mission / Benevolence***Mission Committee**

Mission-Local & Global	8,600	8,600
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Iglesia Presbiteriana Hispana	6,000	6,000
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Nueva Paz, Cuba	1,500	1,500
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Total Mission Committee	16,100	16,100
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Basic Mission Support	20,800	20,800
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Per Capita Expense	12,689	12,518
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Total Presbytery	33,489	33,318
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Total Mission Committee-Benevolence	49,589	49,418
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Ministries**Worship****Substitutes**

Substitute Preacher	2,500	2,500
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Substitute Organist	1,100	1,100
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Substitute Choir Director	700	700
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Total Substitutes	4,300	4,300
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Organ/Piano Repair & Tuning	3,540	3,540
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New Music-Chancel choir	600	500
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Sanctuary Supplies	250	250
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Copyright Insurance	210	0
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Robe Cleaning	100	100
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New Music-Youth choirs	100	100
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Total Worship	9,100	8,790
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Christian Education

Sunday School		
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Supplies/Resource	1,200	1,200
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Youth Ministries	600	600
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Baptism/Confirmation	400	400
Adult Education	300	300
Celebrations	300	300
Family Ministries Events	200	200
Total Christian Education	3,000	3,000
Pastor Nominating Committee	1,200	1,200
Stewardship	400	400
Memorial Garden	200	200
Church Officers	100	400
Membership	100	125
Peacemaking	100	100
Pioneers	100	100
Total Ministries	14,300	14,315
Admin Expenses		
Office hardware/software		
Copier Lease	2,150	2,150
Copier Usage	2,350	2,000
Hardware/Software	1,500	1,500
Total Office hardware/software	6,000	5,650
Subscriptions & Prof. Svc. Fees	3,000	3,000
Supplies-Office	1,700	2,000
Postage & Handling	1,500	1,200
Web/ Church Management software	800	1,100
Total Admin Expenses	13,000	12,950
Required Mortgage Payments		
PILP Loan - Interest Expense	10,044	5,760
PILP Loan - Principal Expense	14,936	25,880
Total Required Mortgage Payments	24,980	31,640
Banking		
Credit Card Trans fee	750	750
Returned checks and fees	60	60
Total Banking	810	810
Total Expenses	441,417	461,919
Difference	-3,917	-8,319

* The Mission expenses are exclusive of the "Donated Space" and utilities for the ELC Food Pantry, YDA Program and Weekday Nursery School.

Mariners

Year ending December 31 2018

Checking Account

First National Bank of Long Island

Opening Balance January 1, 2018	\$1664.82
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Disbursements

Village of Northport Park Reservation	50.00
Surf and Turf	1253.26
Office Supply Calculator	34.99

Total	1338.25
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Receipts

Surf and Turf	1505.00
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Total	1505.00
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Closing Balance December 31, 2018	\$1831.57
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Submitted by

Faye Michels Treasurer Mariners

Mariners activities include all adults of our church. We are a social ministry. This year we sponsored the Surf and Turf Clambake. We were pleased to go back to Scudder Beach for a great evening. Thank you all for making this a memorable event! Special thanks to Diana Montusi!

Membership Ministry

We have continued to grow at First Presbyterian Church under the leadership of Pastor Rachel and have added 15 new members to our church family. Those who joined in 2018 are:

Natalie & Daniel Mackey
Mary & Craig Meyer
Melissa & James Beyer
Brian and Alison Troy
Alan Schorn
Kimberly Curcio and Gordon Lewis
Thomas MacKenzie
Lindsay Ostrander
Dennis and Janeen Crowley

This fall we organized a ministry fair and thank all the ministries for their participation in sharing what is available for people to get involved in. We urge you to find a way to participate in a ministry and support the work of this church.

This spring our chefs have “retired” from preparing our congregational dinners to our regret. We are grateful for the time and talent they gave to us and the wonderful food they spoiled us with. After 2 summer barbecues, (one graciously attended by the Northport Fire Department), we have hosted 2 events this fall using Vernon Valley Deli and plan another dinner in March. Thanks to Tim Gladding, Mike Hodson and Glenn Baldwin for providing music for these events. We also appreciate the support of the congregation in attending and in helping to clean up. Remember to bring friends and family who may not be associated (yet) with First Presbyterian.

Our current members are: Marilyn Barker, Peggy Denniston, Deidre Gehrke, Suzanne Haffner, Barbara Healy, Jody Horton Semeraro, Nancy Hogan, Carolyn Louis, Diana Montusi, Claire Newman, Chris O’Shea, Shelley Pierce, Barbara Sanderson, Suzanne Wells and Libby Yoskowitz.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hogan
Membership Ministry Chair

Members on 12/31/18. 328



Local/Global Mission Ministries

The 2018 discretionary funds received by Local/Global Mission Ministries were disbursed as follows:

Donations were made to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) in response to the devastation caused by Hurricane Florence in the Carolinas, by the earthquake & tsunami in Indonesia, by a volcanic eruption in Guatemala and in support of PDA refugee relief efforts in Syria.

Due to our continued interest in relief aid for Puerto Rico, a mission donation was sent directly to the Presbytery of San Juan to assist individual congregations move forward with their clean-up efforts. In September, we sponsored a PDA “Restore Puerto Rico” mission work week, which will take place in March. Five members of our congregation have volunteered to participate. They will be staying at the La Casona guest house of the Miraflores Presbyterian Church and will spend their daytime hours with other PDA volunteers working to help restore homes in the Santurce neighborhood of San Juan.

Acting locally, donations were made to the Northport-East Northport Drug & Alcohol Task Force, to the New Church Development “Take the Mission Challenge” fund, and to the fund for Miles Lerner. As in the past, Mission Ministries sponsored four HHIH dinners for homeless people staying at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Huntington. Northport volunteers purchased the food, cooked it, served it to the guests and helped clean up afterwards. It's wonderful to see how many folks want to help out.

“Sharing the Warmth and Love of Christ” - At the Mission Fair in September, the “Afghan Project” was introduced. The response was overwhelming. Several large boxes were filled with hand knitted blankets, scarves, and ponchos. In December, all the items received were donated to the Misión Emanuel Presbiteriana in Center Moriches and to the food pantry of the Moriches church.

As in the past, Mission Ministries sponsored three special PCUSA offerings: the One Great of Sharing, the Pentecost Offering, and the Christmas Joy Offering. Gifts to these offerings totaled \$7,879.

Forty percent of the money received by the Pentecost Offering (\$506) was given to the Iglesia Evangélica Presbiteriana Nueva Vida (IEPNV) College Scholarship Fund in memory of Joan Phelan.

Responding to the mission opportunities listed in the *Presbyterian Giving Catalog*, funds were donated to purchase goats, a family of chickens and a cow to help provide a source of food for struggling farmers in Africa and elsewhere; donations were made to provide spiritual and emotional care for those affected by gun violence; to provide winter heating fuel for refugees, and to help fund urban farms.

Partnering with the Western Springs Church (Ill.), our donation of \$500 to the Nueva Paz Church in Cuba last year made it possible for that congregation to install a water purification system on church grounds. (Living Waters for the World). After a recent visit there, Rev. Church Carey (Southampton) stated that he was impressed by “how effective and helpful the water filtration system is to the church and community.” People walk long distances to the church to receive free, clean drinking water.

The members of Mission Ministries would like to thank you for your generous support in 2018 – both financially and “hands on”. We hope you will continue to do so in 2019. Please join us at our planning meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at 10 AM in the library. Help make mission happen!

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
Marilyn Fox, chairperson

Peacemaking Ministry

Peacemaking has been busy this year. We have donated funds to organizations working with youth in our community, the Ecumenical Lay Council Food Pantry, Bread for the World, the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund, funds that help the homeless, organizations that combat gun violence, and organizations that help our environment. We have donated to organizations that help immigrants with legal issues, and those that help poor children go to college.

We have presented a Children's Sermon on the importance of the Presbyterian immigration initiative "Choose Welcome" to the congregation, to teach our children, and remind all of us, that almost everyone in that sanctuary each week had ancestors who were once immigrants in this country. This spring we hope to present a speaker from Long Island Jobs with Justice, an interfaith organization that helps new immigrants.

Several of our members spoke with Senator Flanagan's chief of staff and with his Assistant Counsel in Albany to encourage the Senator to bring to the senate floor the Climate and Community Protection Act, a bill to phase out various forms of air pollution that harm public health, invest in communities vulnerable to environmental impacts and ensure green jobs are good jobs.

We also attended the Audubon Society's annual Long Island Climate Conference November 10th, which discussed Coastal Resilience in a Warming World, with emphasis on conservation and mitigating sea level rise due to global warming.

We are meeting monthly, currently after church. We discuss topics such as choosing to welcome new immigrants, gun safety and gun violence, and what each of us can do to improve our environment. All are welcome. Please contact me if you are interested in joining us.

Cathy Coleman
Chair, Peacemaking Ministry

2018 Members: Pat Reeves, Alan Schorn, Bob Shevlin, and Audrey Van Deusen,

Pioneers

Pioneers are a group of retired people who meet at church to enjoy Fellowship, Programs, Worship and Lunch.

Our programs include reflections, games to keep us alert, interesting modern topics, music and art. We welcome speakers and those who share their talents. Celebrations of holidays and birthdays help to round out the year. This year we even put together a time capsule to be opened in 25 years!

Chapel is led by Pastor Rachel Vione with the help of Doris Black and Sonia Padgett on the piano. Singing hymns as well as hearing the Word each week gives us a support system to carry through the week.

A special thanks to all who presented programs as well as the Deacons who support us to make them possible. Thank you, also to those who have provided soup and desserts each week for our luncheons. They warm our hearts and bellies.

We mourn the loss of our good and faithful friends who have passed this year.
Rest in Peace Ed Edmunds, John Michels, Bob Brown, Barbara Kruse and Charlie Skarda!

Join us on Wednesdays. Have an idea for a program. See Faye Michels or Sharon Noonan

Submitted by Faye Michels

Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian Women's organization of the church (fondly known as PW) had a very good 2018. In November we had our annual fundraiser with the Fellowship Events Sale, made possible by the generosity and creativity of members' offerings, and by fellow church folks' purchases. We are therefore once again able to make multiple donations to needs, both here and around the world.

PW is a self-supporting ministry within the church, dedicated to worldwide women, children, and families' assistance. Mission is at the core of PW's purpose and we prayerfully follow God's direction as to where we can best help others. We are very grateful to have been able to raise almost \$6,000.

Some of the monies donated this past year went to:

Our sister church Iglesia Evangelica Presbyteriana Nueva Vida
Christmas YDA family adoptions. FPC Memorial donation.
Heifer International and Church World Services
Birthday Offering (to supplement monies raised at the Spring Luncheon)
Thank Offering (to supplement monies raised at the Christmas Dinner)
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (earmarked for California fire victims and families)
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (earmarked for Hurricane victims and families)
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for hygiene and school kits
Cornucopia for Thanksgiving Communion Table – contents to Pantry
Tree of Life Synagogue. UNICEF Kids in Need of Desks.
Presbytery of NYC for Bronx fires. Presbyterian Church USA Women Empowerment.
Eastminster York PA Presbyterian Church Backpack Program (feeding kids on weekends)
Baptism gifts and Cheer. Meet the Mortgage donations.

As you can see, "your" money goes far and wide, always with loving help in mind. The Events Sale each year is a fun fellowship way of doing good – for others – and for yourselves.

In December, we hosted the annual Ladies' Christmas Dinner in the Hart Room. Dozens of women attended and enjoyed good food, fellowship and singing. In the Spring we enjoyed a Ladies' Day luncheon at a local restaurant and also had several lively book discussions at various homes throughout the year.

PW is a wonderful part of FPCN, attended by women with the common goal of helping others to wherever the Lord leads us. It would be great to have you join the meetings. We would enjoy your input. We meet the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Library.

Respectfully submitted, Diana Montusi, Chair

Presbyterian Women Income Statement - 2018

Balance

-	General Fund as of January 1, 2018	6,438.25
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Receipts

Lifeway Bible Study	230.00
Donations	135.00
PW Event Sale Fund Raiser	5,825.00
PW Birthday Offering	208.00
PW Spring Luncheon tickets	240.00
PW Christmas Dinner tickets	670.00
PW Thank Offering	477.00
Voided checks	538.49

Total Receipts	8,323.49
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Disbursements

Mission

Church World Service	304.26
Eastminster Presbyterian Food Program	500.00
Heifer International	500.00
Iglesia Evangelica Pres Nueva Vida	400.00
Presby Church USA Women Empower	500.00
Presbytery of NYC - Bronx Fire	500.00
Presby Disaster Assistance - CA Fires	500.00
Presby Disaster Assistance - Hurricanes	1,000.00
PW USA Birthday Offering	500.00
PW USA Thank Offering	700.00
Tree of Life Synagogue	250.00
UNICEF Kids in Need of Desks	550.00
YDA Christmas families	290.31

6,494.57

Home Church

Horizons Magazine	24.95
Baptisms & Cheer	173.07
Lifeway Bible Study	365.77
Meet the Mortgage donation	300.00
FPC Memorial donation	250.00
Thanksgiving Table	52.67
PW Spring luncheon	301.95
PW Christmas dinner	620.60

2,089.01

Total Disbursements	8,583.58
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Balance

-	General Fund as of December 31, 2018	6,178.16
	First National Bank of Long Island	

New Covenant Balanced Growth Fund

Balance as of Dec 31, 2018	\$2,164.69
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Respectfully Submitted,

Peggy Denniston, PW Treasurer

Property and Maintenance

The mission of the Property and Maintenance Committee (P&M) is to keep all church buildings and grounds in good repair and appearance, and to provide budget oversight for utilities and all other services required to ensure that our buildings support the mission of the larger church. Church property is similar to our homes (only bigger) and requires attention to all the same issues and little details we deal with ourselves, including keeping costs within budget. The 2018 P&M budget was \$98,000 of which \$78,600 was for utilities and fixed annual obligations. The remaining \$19,400 was for supplies and repairs. We spent \$94,000 of the budget. Additional funds of \$37K were donated for special projects. In total Property and Maintenance expenditures for 2018 were slightly over \$131,000.

During 2017, P&M considered replacing the church street sign and replacing our church building interior lighting with LEDs. Proposed costs were \$4,600 for the sign and approximately \$24,000 to replace 600 bulbs. Because of the high cost estimates, the committee decided to make a new church street sign, and planned to replace the bulbs ourselves. Donations of material for the sign were obtained from Kleet Lumber and the manufacturer of AZEK, and \$9,600 in donations were received for the LED project.

In 2018, P&M members fabricated and erected an illuminated sign. In addition, 600 lightbulbs or florescent tubes were replaced with LEDs throughout the church buildings. LEDs will lower future electric bills by approximately \$3,000 per year. In addition to these carry-over projects, new major projects were also completed. The committee hired and directed contractors to remove the large diseased oak tree on Church Street, to rebuild the cement walkway and stairway between the memorial garden and Church Street, and to repair the roof area over the western entrance to the Narthex.

The committee managed or performed everyday planned or unplanned tasks that constantly arose. Typical tasks were painting, minor electrical repairs, replacing batteries in thermostats and automatic faucets, repairing roof leaks, over-seeing plumbing repairs, repairing broken toilet fixtures, cleaning out various closets and storage areas of old unwanted items, changing furnace filters, addressing the gardens and lawns at the church and manse, providing snow removal and cleaning out various drain pipes. The committee also arranged for safety inspections of the Fire Alarm system, fire extinguishers, water pressure safety equipment, elevator system, kitchen fire safety system, and furnace system.

New unscheduled projects were also accomplished. Funds, donated by Weekday Nursery School (WNS), supported hiring contractors to reconfigure the Youth Room and adjacent meeting room on the lower level of the school building into a new nursery school classroom for two year olds. WNS and the Food Pantry also contributed funds that offset a portion of the cost to install security cameras throughout the church and school buildings. External cameras are being considered as a 2019 project. During September P&M members met with Northport Village officials to discuss traffic control that would eliminate Main Street traffic from blocking the entrance onto Sea View Terrace (our driveway). As a result, the Village has implemented a new traffic pattern with new traffic signs and markings on Main Street.

Submitted by your Property and Maintenance Committee: Harold Armet, Jim Denniston, David Dickman, Carole Gandy, Steve Keller, Fred Mosher, Harry Newman, Steve Siegmann, Bob Van Deusen, James Zima.

The committee wishes to acknowledge and thank our retiring chairman, Elder Lou Schmidt, for his tireless effort for the past six years. Lou retired from P&M in March 2018. Well done!

Stewardship Ministry

Acting on Faith

We have moved into the 2019 church year not only facing our normal operating costs but we continue to deal with the financial burden of a large mortgage. Current pledge information shows that we have 96 pledging units giving an amount of \$380,374 for 2019. This compares to 93 pledging units for 2018. Our goal is to reach \$405,000 in pledges to plan for 2018. We recognize that additional income will come from non-pledged giving and other sources. However, the Finance Ministry faces great difficulty in preparing an annual budget when adequate pledges are not made and they have to deal with estimated income sources.

The Stewardship Ministry is working to develop additional means of communicating with all elements of our congregation. We recognize that continuing information regarding how the church is both receiving its revenues and how it is spending its money is not only meaningful but necessary.

We urge each member of the congregation to accept his or her personal responsibility in providing the income necessary to permit our church to continue its work in our community as well as the world. Our ministry and mission calls for us to do this both joyfully and spiritually. We must all accept this responsibility seriously. All that we have is from God. This is a way for us to say "Thank You". We need to commit to the fact that giving to our church must be a part of our spiritual growth in response to the gift of Grace we receive from our God. Giving of our time, talent, gifts and service is a way to serve our Lord.

You can now make your donations by text (text "fpcnpt" to 73256 click the link and complete the gift) or on line (<https://www.fpcnorthport.org/give>).

We urge all of our fellow church members to increase their generosity in supporting our church's work by giving of your financial resources, time and talent. Consider participating in a group you haven't worked with before. Not only will you be assisting others but you will feel in your heart the reward of giving time as well as giving money.

The Stewardship Ministry is not only involved in the yearly "estimate of giving" campaign, we also encourage giving of time, talent and money throughout the year. In addition, we have articles in Highlights and Happenings and Minutes for Mission.

The Stewardship Ministry wishes to thank Barbara Kaifler, Administrative Assistant and Kevin McKerr, Financial Assistant for their assistance in carrying out our work.

Our group meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. and we invite you to join us in our work.

Members of the Stewardship Ministry in 2018 are Jeff Barasch, Jane Hudson, Christine Spiller, Bob Spiller, Jack Coleman and Rachel Vione (*ex officio*).

Respectfully submitted by
Jack Coleman, Chair

Sunday School

The Sunday School program kicked off on September 16 and we welcomed back the preschool and elementary children with their favorite, the Holy Moly curriculum. The mid high program returned with the Re:Form curriculum and continues to meet in the Library. This year we are trying a “one-room school” model, where we keep the elementary kids together in one classroom. This allows for less time moving from the video to classroom, since we stay in the same room. We’ve also incorporated singing most weeks, so children learn some favorite Christian songs. Several parents of preschoolers requested a separate class for the younger children, so most Sundays, the preschool and Kindergarten children move to their own classroom after songs and the Holy Moly video. We continue Family Sunday on the first Sunday of the month where children stay in worship with their families and share in the sacrament of communion.

A highlight of the Sunday School year is always the annual Children’s Christmas Pageant, which took place on December 16 during the morning worship service. Approximately 25 children participated in the pageant, which was a traditional version of the Christmas Story. We used a familiar script that we have performed before, and it was rewarding to see so many of this children step into new roles. We had an especially talented musical cast, with four soloists: Sophia Achee, Maia Kramer, Frankie Dentrone, and Jillian Heuer. A very special element was the number of mid high and even high school students who wanted to participate in any way they could. They filled large and small parts and enthusiastically joined the cast of younger performers. Special rigging was done to accommodate a tall Ruby Fontaine into a very small Inn! It was a true joy to see such a wide range of ages working together on the performance. A special thank you to John Kennedy, as always, for his behind the scenes work, to Nancy Hogan for directing the Carol Choir, Marge Margolf and Brenda Clark for accompanying the children on the piano and organ, and Tony and Jake Bruno for setting up the sound system. Many thanks also to Carole Gandy, Robin O’Neil-Gonzalez, and Johannah Kramer for helping with costumes. And thank you to all parents who stepped in to help with Saturday rehearsal and on pageant day. The Senior High classes are meeting in Fellowship Hall, in the Youth area on the stage and at tables. They continue to be led by Jeff Barasch, in his 29th year, after his retirement was loudly rejected by the youth two years ago. We appreciate his commitment and the kids continue to enjoy his class every week.

Although nursery attendance has been sparse, we continue to provide volunteers most weeks in the nursery for infants and toddlers.

Thank you to all the Sunday School teachers and volunteers who help make our Sunday School program run smoothly each week.



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Weekday Nursery School

2018 was a year of amazing growth for Weekday Nursery School. We began the calendar year with 68 students. We had two full classes of 7 two year olds, one on Monday and Wednesday and the other on Tuesday and Thursday. We also had one three year old class and two four year old classes.

We had enrichment activities for our students two times a week with Music and Movement for all of our students and Fine Art for our three and four year olds. We brought in a lot of special events to enrich the education as well. We had a presentation on fog and bubbles by Mad Science and Green Meadows Farm at Weekday for all of our students.

We held a couple of successful fundraisers to support the school further during the 2017-2018 school year. We began by having a Pancake Breakfast with the Church on February 11th. It raised money both for Weekday Nursery School as well as the ELC Food Pantry. Our next fundraiser highlighted our students "athletic" prowess during the Jumping Jack Challenge Fundraiser. Students secured pledges from friends and family, and then completed as many jumping jacks as they could in one minute. This effort was a huge success! We raised \$3600 dollars for our playground fund.

Our playground enhancement was completed in March with the final addition, a fixed commercial play structure installed in the middle of the space for all of our students to enjoy for years to come. We also enhanced the space of our two year old classroom by completing construction in the summer to combine the current twos classroom with the youth room next door, allowing Weekday to have 12 two year olds at one time, instead of 7.

The fall of 2018 became our largest year of enrollment growth to date. We increased our enrollment to over 100 students, coming from four two year old classes, on Monday, Wednesday, Friday or Tuesday, Thursday, two three year old classes and three four year old classes.

We were able to add an enrichment class during the school day every day for our three and four year old classes. We currently offer Fine Art, STEAM, Music and Movement, Yoga and Spanish classes. We also offer a Chapel class, run by Pastor Rachel one time a month for a half hour for our three and four year old students. We have had wonderful special events for our students and families, including a performance by the Circus Guy, Native American Music specialist Darius Kaufman and a visit from none other than Mrs. Claus!

We are very grateful for the guidance of the Weekday Nursery School Board, as well as the continued support and encouragement of Pastor Rachel and the church members and look forward to wonderful years to come!

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Mulholland



Worship Ministry

The Worship Committee has had another busy year preparing for our services. We continue to make sure that our beautiful organ is maintained and the pianos (5) are being tuned at least twice a year. This is important to the life and care of the instruments.

Updates:

Special worship services this year included: the reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday Service of Tenebrae, Good Friday, Palm Sunday (Palm processional), Easter Sunday (flowering the cross), The William TP Rambo Spiritual Enrichment Service, Youth Sunday, Annual Christmas Pageant, and Christmas Eve Services.

- Pastor Rachel did two sermon series during the year. The first was based on her trip to the Holy Land and the second was on the Book of James.
- Pastor Rachel and the Chancel Choir participated in a joint Good Friday service at Union United Methodist Church.
- The Music and Ministry Committee sponsored the Young Artists Showcase in June (revitalized by Brenda Clark and Nancy Hogan after a few years absence). Change of start time to directly after the coffee hour was well received by the congregation. Music and Ministry Committee members also provided a special coffee hour of sandwiches and treats on that Sunday.
- Summer music series included various instrumental soloists during the months of July and August in addition to the Summer Choir – Chancel Choir outreach this August led by Dana Warren.
- Our Advent and Christmas worship services were very well-attended this year. The 4:30 PM Christmas Eve Service was a family-friendly service, featuring the Carol & Westminster Choirs as well as a Baptism.
- The 8:00 PM Christmas Eve worship Service was a traditional Candlelight service with a trumpet player and included a special musical prelude and the celebration of The Lord's Supper.
- Our youth choirs have provided music in conjunction with the church year and support the singing at the Christmas Pageant in addition to leading the 4:30 pm Christmas Eve service. This year they filled the choir loft!
- Lessons and Carols service was presented by Chancel Choir in December for the first time since 2015. Five carols, two anthems, and congregational singing made for a fully participatory service as outreach to readers from across the congregation was made.
- Along with new anthems, introits, and choral benedictions, our choirs have been singing and instrumentalists have been playing throughout the year. We continue to be a musically generous and talented congregation.

The members of the Committee are: Vicki Field (chair), Joan Armet, Barbara Healy, Bob Shevlin. Director of Music & Organist, Brenda Clark and Pastor Rachel Vione serve on the Committee as well.

Vicki Field

Youth Ministry

The FPC youth group (grades 6-12) began the year by preparing and serving dinner for the HIHI guests in Huntington. The group met at the manse to prepare the meal and have hot chocolate together. The senior high youth then brought the meal to the UUC where they served dinner and had conversation with the guests. This is a popular event for our youth as they reach out to those in need and build community within the group.

Another popular event is the “Gather Around the Campfire” time. We have moved from the parking lot to the patio and the kids like to talk around the fire pit and reflect on the devotion and scripture of the day. The kids enjoy the warmth of the fire, the warmth of friendship and the warmth of God’s presence in their midst.

The youth also lead the Sunday morning worship service in June. The kids did a fantastic job in organizing the service and leading the congregation in worship. There were three youth who volunteered to preach! They all did a fabulous job!

The group participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring in February, shopped for Adopt-a-Family in December and ended the program year in June with the senior high Lock In at the church. They are looking forward to participating in Midnight Run again in 2019.

A big “Thank You” to Elder Kim Gilbert for her continued leadership of the youth group!



Ministry Leadership

Clerk of Session – Marcia Mercer

Assistant Clerk – Carole Gandy

All Church Nominating Committee – Bob Shevlin

Board of Deacons Co-Moderators – Cathy Coleman and Susanne Haffner

Corporation Officers

President – Marcia Mercer

Corporate Secretary – Carole Gandy



Meaning of Membership in the Presbyterian Church (USA)*

Membership in the Church of Jesus Christ is a joy and a privilege. It is also a commitment to participate in Christ's mission. A faithful member bears witness to God's love and grace and promises to be involved responsibly in the ministry of Christ's Church. Such involvement includes:

- proclaiming the good news in word and deed,
- taking part in the common life and worship of a congregation,
- lifting one another up in prayer, mutual concern, and active support,
- studying Scripture and the issues of Christian faith and life,
- supporting the ministry of the church through the giving of money, time, and talents,
- demonstrating a new quality of life within and through the church,
- responding to God's activity in the world through service to others,
- living responsibly in the personal, family, vocational, political, cultural, and social relationships of life,
- working in the world for peace, justice, freedom, and human fulfillment,
- participating in the governing responsibilities of the church, and
- reviewing and evaluating regularly the integrity of one's membership, and considering ways in which one's participation in the worship and service of the church may be increased and made more meaningful.

*From *The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Part II. Book of Order*, 2013-2015.

2018 MINISTRY TEAMS

Finance

Peggy Denniston (chair)
Harold Armet
Kyle Waldhauer (elder)
Bill Doremus (elder)
Steve Nikrant
Kevin McKerr (staff)

Memorial Garden

Carole Gandy (chair) (elder)
Harry Newman (elder)
Jim Denniston
Jane Hudson
Steve Keller
Gerry Walford
Krista Mellinger-DeRoma
Jennifer Paterson
Peggy Denniston

Memorial Fund

Jane Hudson
Carole Gandy (elder)
Art Shaw

Personnel

Carole Gandy (chair) (elder)
Bob Corso (elder)
Richard Huntley
Diane Lobaugh
Marcia Mercer

Property & Maintenance

Lou Schmidt (chair) (elder)
Harold Armet
Jim Denniston
David Dickman
Carole Gandy (elder)
Steven Keller
Fred Mosher
Harry Newman (elder)
Steve Siegmann
Bob Van Deusen
James Zima

Stewardship

Jack Coleman (chair)
Jeff Barasch
Jane Hudson
Bob Spiller
Christine Spiller (elder)

Adult Education

Christine Spiller (chair) (elder)
Jack Fink
Tim Gladding
Audrey Van Deusen
Bob Van Deusen

Children's Ministry

Lisa Schilling (staff)
Lisa Nikrant (SS Director)
Anita Stambouly (elder)

Youth Ministries

Kim Gilbert (chair) (elder)
Jody Horton
Chris O'Shea
Grace Contino (Youth)
Libby Yoskowitz
Rachel Vione (staff)

Mariners

Marcia & Ron Mercer
Faye Michels

Membership

Nancy Hogan (chair)
Marilyn Barker
Peggy Denniston
Susanne Haffner
Barbara Healy
Carolyn Louis
Diana Montusi
Barbara Sanderson
Libby Yoskowitz

Pioneers

Faye Michels (chair)
Sharon Noonan

Presbyterian Women

Pat Bell
Diana Montusi

Local & Global Missions

Marilyn Fox (chair)
Jane Hudson
Claire Lindner
Florence Ogg (elder)

Peacemaking

Pat Reeves (chair)
Cathy Coleman
Barbara Healy
Anne Mateer
Bob Shevlin (elder)
Gloria Valsamis
Audrey Van Deusen

Weekday Nursery School

Amanda Carnesi
Peggy Fox
Kim Gilbert (elder)
Dana Laughlin
Cindy Mies (elder)
Christine Mulholland (Director)
Melissa VonSalzen

Music & Ministry

Deidre Gehrke
Nancy Winkler
Doris Black
Cathy Coleman
Jack Coleman
Brenda Clark (staff)

Sanctuary Guild

Cindy Mies (elder)
Sharon Noonan

Worship

Linda Dickman (chair)
Joan Armet (elder)
Barbara Healy
Bob Shevlin (elder)
Vicki Field
Brenda Clark (staff)
Rachel Vione (staff)

Nominating

Christine Spiller (chair) (elder)
Bob Shevlin (elder)
Bob Van Deusen
Diana Montusi
Barbara Healy
Melissa Barasch

Mission Study Review

Dennis Hartin (chair) (elder)
Christine Spiller (elder)
Florence Ogg (elder)
Harold Armet
Lisa Nikrant
Anne Mateer
Betsy Radecki
Rachel Vione (staff)

Congregational Dinners

Nancy Hogan
Ron Mercer
Diana Montusi
Paul Schrader (elder)

Clerk of Session

Marcia Mercer

Assistant Clerk of Session

Carole Gandy

Board of Deacons Co-Moderators

Cathy Coleman
Susanne Haffner

Pastor Nominating Committee

Dennis Hartin (Chair)
Phil Cotsonas
Carole Gandy
Kim Gilbert
Ethan Louis
Diana Montusi
Anita D'Amico Stambouly



Our Mission Statement

*First Presbyterian Church of Northport is a welcoming community
that invites all people to learn and live as Jesus teaches:
feed the spiritually and physically hungry,
care for the sick and lonely, nurture children,
experience the joy of sharing with our local and global communities,
honor God through worship, music and the arts,
and forge an ethical and just society.*