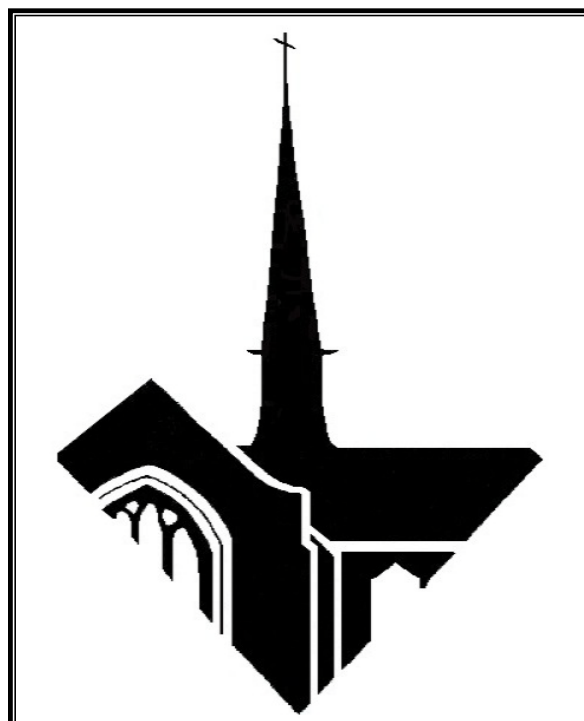


ARDMORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Ardmore, Pennsylvania



ANNUAL REPORT – 2014
February 8, 2015

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TO THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT 2014

Margaret Ellen Baird

Joseph Harry Miller

John (Jack) Gordon Straub

Fred C. Dauterich

Jane Gilbert

AGENDA FOR CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, February 8, 2015

After Worship

- I. CONVENING OF THE MEETINGS AND OPENING PRAYER
-James Hodsdon, Moderator

- II. THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
 - A. Appointment of Clerk – Bob Hoelscher, Clerk of Session
 - B. Approval of Minutes from 2014 Congregation and Corporation Meetings
 - C. Receiving the 2014 Annual Reports
 - D. The State of the Church 2015
 - E. Financial Report for 2014 and Presentation of the Budget for 2015
-Matt Taylor, Stewardship & Finance Committee

 - F. Approval of the Pastor's Salary – Bob Hoelscher, Clerk of Session

- III. CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

“The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.” *Ephesians 4:11-13*

MODERATOR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2014

2014 was a season of change, a time of transition, for Ardmore Presbyterian Church. The most significant changes are certainly the staff changes this last year. Rev. Nan Clarke retired after five years as associate pastor. Her wisdom and her pastoral care have truly been missed. Now in Virginia to be closer to her grandchildren, she remains in our hearts and prayers. Anne Foote retired as preschool director after twenty-seven years. Thankfully, she is still an important part of the congregation. Her love for the children, her creativity and wonderful energy are still making an impact. We also saw Rev. Marianne Unger's completion of her time with us as Coordinator of Children and Youth. She brought a passion for the gospel that we won't soon forget.

Perhaps inspired by these changes, the session in 2014 has entered a season of discernment. We have been asking some serious questions about worship attendance, our care for members, and our finances. These thoughts have brought us to ask even more fundamental questions like, "Who is God calling us to be as a congregation?"

The session has been rethinking our staffing model. In 2014, we developed a position of business manager to be filled in 2015. Its main function will be to manage the many tasks related to the building. This will free other staff and the senior pastor to focus on the ministry of the church.

The preschool is now being led by an interim director, Michelle Butera. Her optimism and hard work have already made an impact in the life of the preschool. She is joined by Beth Nierenberg, Kami Pulsifer, Elizabeth Rickenbach, and an outside consultant, Elisabeth Jochum, to discover a strategic plan for the future of the APC Weekday Preschool to be completed early in 2015.

Likewise, we see a need for renovation with our youth and children ministries. We invited Ministry Architects to help us discover our strengths and challenges in this area. We discovered that we have a thriving children's ministry thanks in large measure to the music ministry of Gary Garletts. We also discovered that we want even more for our children and youth. In 2015, we will begin an eighteen month plan to get a brand new infrastructure in place for this ministry.

2014 also saw some major renovations on the church campus. The Building and Grounds Committee led by Ben Yurchak has been very busy. The Parish House received a new heating system. Thanks to Elaine Giese's oversight, there is a new floor in Fellowship Hall. We also saw a new sound system in the sanctuary thanks to the leadership of Alan Abel. Walter Haenn led an effort to install a new phone system and Wi-Fi throughout the main building. Finally, thanks to Anne Toal and Walter Haenn, we have a brand new website at ardmorepres.org.

This last year also brought some exciting developments in the congregation's connection to the world. Thanks to the generosity of Winifred and Tom Cutler, we welcomed the Pre-Med Hospice Volunteer Ministry to APC. Rev. Graham Robinson acts as chaplain for this important and innovative program. We connect pre-med students as volunteers in hospices, and we come alongside to provide spiritual support for these students.

In July, we also welcomed to Philadelphia our friends from Puerto Rico, Iglesia Cristiana (Discípulos de Cristo) in Espinosa. Over 20 people came to be with us. As a group, we connected with our partners at the Welcome Church, the West Kensington Ministry, and the Matthew 25:35 Project. We also worshipped and fellowshiped together.

In the coming years, we will begin to see the fruit of the hard work begun in 2014. God will be with us as we move into the future. With God's grace, we will be a congregation that truly loves God, loves one another, and loves our neighbor.

Personally, I want to thank the many people who have supported my ministry in Ardmore. You are making me a better Christian and a better pastor. Finally thanks to Sara and Thomas. With their love, I can do so much more.

Soli Deo Gloria, Rev. James Hodsdon

APC Annual Report (2014) – Director of Music

Highlights of APC's Music Ministry during 2014 included:

- Spiritual Enrichment Retreat with violist David Wallace
- Youth/Children's Three-Church Choral Festival at Overbrook Presbyterian Church
- Grove City College Touring Choir in worship (Dr. Browne's final tour)
- Youth Choir Sundays "home and away" (Arlington, VA)
- Wednesday Lenten Vespers and Holy Week Services
- Chancel Choir Lenten cantata, Ferguson's *Christus*, with violist David Wallace
- Easter Youth Service; Festival Service with *QuintEssentially Brass*
- Music old and new for Vacation Bible School
- Ongoing success with Young Adult Choir and Youth Ringers
- Reformation Sunday with piper Charlie Rután and three-choir anthem
- Annual Advent Family Night Program (all choirs except Chancel)
- Chancel Choir Christmas cantata, Vivaldi's *Gloria*, with string quartet
- Christmas Eve Family Service; Lessons and Carols Service (2nd year at earlier times)

Chancel Choir (adults) provided excellent leadership at weekly worship services (September-June). On April 6 they sang *Christus*, a liturgical year cycle of six hymn arrangements for choir and viola. On December 21 they sang Vivaldi's *Gloria* with string quartet (not heard at APC for at least 20 years). While sorry to lose Chris Rowe, we welcomed Joe Blair, Dorothy Ramsay, and Mark Ramsay. I am very grateful for the work of section leaders Christine DeVault, Courtney Capriotti, Jim Longacre and Jeff DeVault.

Handbell Choir (adults) played periodically, including Sunday worship services and Advent Family Night. In the fall we welcomed Amanda Manning to the roster.

Youth Choir (grades 6-12) sang periodically in worship. Special activities included biennial three-church choral festival; annual Easter Youth Service; 14th annual Youth Choir Sunday with Trinity Presbyterian, Arlington; annual three-choir anthem; and Advent Family Night. Graduating seniors included Yao Sedzro, Mats Terwiesch, and Lilly Young; in the fall we welcomed Julia Spoelker.

Youth Ringers (grades 6-12) is in its third year of activity. They rehearse for a several-week segment, then play in worship. This year they played three times, including Advent Family Night.

Children's Choir (grades 2-5) sang periodically in worship. Singers who memorized all eight hymns-of-the-month played mini-golf in May. Special events included biennial three-church choral festival, annual three-choir anthem, and Advent Family Night. Fifth-grade graduates were Claire Morse and Andrew Yurchak; plus Caroline Burchette moved. Fall enrollment was 13 singers, with Lila Spoelker rising from Cherubs. I thank Elaine Giese and Connie Hoelscher for their faithful rehearsal assistance.

Cherub Choir (grades pre-K-1) sang occasionally in worship, and at Advent Family Night. Carol Shih marks her fifth year of directing, assisted by Emily Aman, Twila Garletts, Anna Poorman, and Holly Vicki.

Women's Chorus, Men's Chorus and Young Adult Choir continued their semi-annual contributions to worship. In December, Young Adult Choir set a record with 16 participants.

Wednesday Lenten Vespers featured music from the Taizé tradition. Assisting in leadership were singers John Banionis, Courtney Capriotti, Alex Kozak, Carol Shih, and Jess Yothers; and instrumentalists Elizabeth Mendoza, Chris Rowe, Yen Shih, Peter Subramanian, and Sarah Sutton.

Facilities and Instruments. APC's Steinway "M" grand piano (formerly in the chapel, then Mill Creek Room) returned in the spring from a most successful rebuilding. It now resides in my office.

Respectfully submitted, Gary P. Garletts

Ardmore Presbyterian Weekday Preschool (APWPS) Annual Report 2014

The weekday Preschool is in its 66th year and continues its emphasis on Christian love woven into a traditional preschool curriculum. Unique to our program are the creation story, the boyhood of Jesus, and life in biblical times with additional emphasis on Christian holy days and Christian values. Social, emotional, physical growth and cognitive development are fostered in a loving environment allowing for individual differences. Children's positive self-image is encouraged as they learn by experiencing, questioning, examining, and exploring in play and structured activities.

STAFF

Interim Director — Michelle Butera, **Administrator** — Pearlie Diesinger

Preschool staff are creative, loving, dedicated, energetic and loving teachers. With the exception of the -day and MDO teachers, all the staff is new as of August 2014. They are extremely qualified and devoted to our school.

Transitional 5 day class — Denise Peters — 14 students (one for only a half year)

4 year old, 5 days — Suzanne Scovill — 12 students

Aide for the 5 day classes — Laura Rossio (3 days)

3 year old, 3 days — Carolyn Mager and Jennifer Jackett — 8 students

3 year old, 3 days — Leigh Lignowski and Shannon Smith — 10 students

2 year old, 2 days — Danka Rauer and Michelle Bridge — 10 students

Mother's Day Out (MDO) — Laura Rossio and Leigh Lignowski with parent volunteers — 9 students

Total Enrollment 63, up from 58 last year. Please note that as of August the enrollment was down by 23 students. I am happy to inform you that we are now only under enrolled by 9 students. We have enrolled 14 students between August and December.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT STAFF

Music — Janet Abel comes weekly to sing and teach 3 day and 5 day children. She is the guiding force behind our presentations by the children at Thanksgiving and Spring "Sing Alleluia" programs and also leads our Christmas carol sings with parents. Jim Moore has musical talents which he shares with APWPS both for the Thanksgiving Program and at our "Book It" pizza Party to celebrate reading in our school.

Creative Movement Classes — Elizabeth Luff works with 2, 3 and 5 day children periodically throughout the year.

Art Classes — Suzanne Scovill teaches creative art activities to 5 day children after school hours on Fridays until 1:30 for two 8 week sessions. One in the fall and one in the winter.

Science Class — Denise Peters started a new class this year and taught one 6 week session after school on Tuesdays until 1:30.

Soccer Shots — A soccer program offered from an outside vendor for 8 weeks both in the fall and spring.

Librarian — Connie Hoelscher generously continues to catalogue, organize and shelve books. This year she has also been gracious enough to go through all the books and weed out the ones that are in disrepair.

Outside support for special needs children — 2 aides and 2 children

Please note Janet, Elizabeth and Connie are all APC Members and all volunteer their time for the betterment of our Preschool. We are so grateful for their time and talents.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Community Helpers: James Hodsden-Pastor, Gary Garletts-Music Director; Fireman - Merion Fire Company, Nurse-Beth Nierenberg, Dentist-Horowitz-Dondici-Chermol's office, Police Officer-Lower Merion Police Department.

Field Trips: Sugartown Strawberry Pumpkin Farms for 3 and 5 day children, Lower Merion Conservancy's Rolling Hill Park in Gladwyne for 3 and 5 day students.

Special Programs: World Day of Prayer, Book It reading and pizza program, Whale Watch program (3 and 5 day children). "Stars on the move planetarium" (5 day children).

Special Events: Pumpkin Patch on our Playground for 2 day children and parents; Halloween Parades; All School Gingerbread Bake; Thanksgiving Program; Christmas Nativity Plays (5 day); Parents and Children Christmas Carol sing; "Sing Alleluia" Spring/Easter Program; Classroom closing activities/picnics; Planting and harvesting tomatoes/peppers in the James Young Garden.

Book Fair: Us Borne Books and More — This event was run for the first time before and after the Thanksgiving program in Fellowship Hall. We raised over \$300.00 in books and materials for the preschool.

Mini Camp: Following the close of school with Denise Peters and Suzanne Scovill. A separate fee for this program for 15 children.

Mission Outreach: Canned and dry goods at Thanksgiving for the APC Food Cupboard. Christmas gifts for needy families through the Rosemont Children's Village (The Village) coordinated by Jen Andelin. Muscular Dystrophy, "Hopathon."

Parent Support: Parent Teacher Conferences with written narrative of child's progress; Parents' Nights November 10th and 11th; School Photographs (new photographer) October 2nd and 3rd; January 15th vision screening; Parent Handbook; Pictorial calendar; Eddie Kaier Scholarship-two families.

Parents Group-A group of enthusiastic parents who plan and provide programs, activities and fund raisers to benefit the children, parents and preschool.

2013-2014 chairs: Michelle Bridge, Bridget Shea, Jen Andelin

Events include but are not limited to: Greeting the parents and children at student orientation; Bulb Planting; Meet the teachers; Back to School Night refreshments; Planning Family Fun Day (our only fundraiser as of 2104); All School Appreciation Picnic; Refreshments for town hall meetings.

2014-2015 Chairs: Kami Pulsifer and Beth Mascio

2104-2015 Labels for Education: Run by parent Karen Tolbert — The Preschool receives points towards the purchase of educational materials.

Professional Development

October 7 all staff became CPR and First Aid Certified

Delaware County Early Childhood Education Association (DCECA) Conference in February

Members of DCECA

On September 21, 2014 an all-church luncheon was organized to commemorate Anne Foote's retirement and express gratitude for her 27 years of service as the Director of the Preschool. Subsequent to Anne's retirement, the leadership of our church felt that while we search for a new director, a study would be conducted. This study would serve as a fact finding expedition to help us understand what we do best and where can we improve. A consultant by the name of Elisabeth Jocum was hired. Four town hall meetings were held giving the staff and parents the opportunity to voice their opinions about the school. A focus group was formed of past preschool parents as well as current parents, Elisabeth Jocum, myself and Pastor James. From this a survey evolved. The survey is in and in a nutshell, it is very positive. APWPS is moving in the right direction. Our own APC member Ben Yurchak handled the entire survey process. We are grateful to Ben and thankful for his talents. This concrete information will help us to plan for the future of APWPS. This investment is well worth the time and efforts towards helping to make APWPS the best it can be.

As Interim Director, I am blessed to be part of such an important ministry here at APC. I am even more blessed to be working with such an amazing group of women. These devoted teachers share their amazing gifts with our children every day. The staff's dedication and enthusiasm to develop our preschoolers spiritually, academically and socially while maintaining our nurturing culture fills my heart with pride.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle W. Butera, Interim Director

Parish Associate Graham S. Robinson's Annual Report 2014

In 2014, Ardmore Presbyterian Church committed to partner with the Pre-Med Hospice Volunteer Program and reach out to undergraduate students at Eastern University, Haverford College and Bryn Mawr College. This unique program connects Pre-Med students with Hospices, and provides pastoral leadership that shepherds these students through a year-long program. They meet with patients who have been diagnosed with less than six months to live. Ardmore Presbyterian Church provided sacred space for student training and a Christian community to support them as they process the spiritual dimensions of death and dying. In 2014, 18 students participated from Eastern, Bryn Mawr, and Haverford. Under Ardmore Presbyterian's auspices, the program has grown from serving 17 students in 2013-14, to 56 students in 2014-15. The program also includes 38 students from Princeton University and Swarthmore College. As Ardmore Presbyterian Church's Parish Associate charged with overseeing the Pre-Med Hospice Volunteer Program, I have been encouraged by the program's growth, the student engagement, and the church's support.

Working with Hospice, it seemed appropriate for me to work with the Grief Care and Support Group that now meets on the first Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Blue Room. The group has been studying the book "Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart; How to Relate to Those Who Are Suffering." Monthly, I return home after our gathering, impressed by the depth of collective wisdom. The meeting continues to remain open to anyone who has suffered loss or is interested in caring for those who grieve.

Finally, I am thankful for Pastor Hodsden's and the Worship Committee's invitation to join you in worship. It is a great privilege.

Gratefully Yours in Christ, Pastor Graham S. Robinson

SESSION CLERK'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2014

The work and worship of Ardmore Presbyterian Church continued in 2014, as the Session continued to focus on the goals of growing in faith, building community, and witnessing in word and deed.

The year included changes in the church staff. Associate Pastor Nan Clarke retired in June and moved to Richmond, Virginia to be closer to her seven grandchildren. Preschool Director Anne Foote retired at the close of the school year after twenty-seven years of service. Michelle Butera, a highly experienced Preschool teacher, was hired by the Session to serve as interim director. Coordinator of Youth and Children's Ministries, Marianne Unger resigned in November, and the Session is focusing on potential changes in staffing for this ministry.

Senior Pastor James Hodsden completed his sixth year of service ok, and Music Director Gary Garletts completed fifteen years of service.

During 2014, the church gained eight new members, and lost four to death. There were three infant baptisms. The membership count as of December 31, 2014 was 366.

The Session met fourteen times during the year, including ten regular meetings and four special meetings. Donald Poorman and Christian Terwiesch completed six years of service as elders and, being ineligible for re-election, rotated off the Session. Brett Burchette resigned from the Session as he moved with his family to a new job in Illinois. The Session welcomes new and returning elders Carol Fritz, Gary Lovett, Peggy Shaver, and Bill Toal to the board for 2015. Under amended and restated Bylaws adopted by the congregation in 2012, the Session has reduced its numbers from fifteen ruling elders in 2012 to twelve in 2015.

A full reading of this year's reports will show that the hands-on work of this congregation is done through the standing committees of the Session. I encourage all members – especially newer members – to read this Annual Report with a view to discovering ways that your time and talent can be applied to this church's ministry and mission.

Robert J. Hoelscher, Clerk of Session

THE SESSION 2014

Class of 2015

Brett Burchette
Robie Lawlace
Gary Lovett
Don Poorman
Christian Terwiesch

Class of 2016

John DiNome
Laura Goetsch
Bruce Kozak
Mary Van Leeuwen

Class of 2017

Walter Haenn
Harry Hannigan
Bob Hoelscher
Susan Michaelson

The First Presbyterian Church of Ardmore

CLERK'S REPORT

January 25, 2015

For Session Action

Annual Statistical Report. The Session is requested to approve the Annual Statistical Report for 2014, which is as follows:

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ARDMORE, PA
SESSION ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 2014**

1.	Active Members as of December 31, 2013.....	366
2.	GAINS for 2014	
	a. Profession of Faith, Reaffirmation, Restoration (<i>17 years and under</i>).....	0
	b. Profession of Faith, Reaffirmation, Restoration (<i>18 and over</i>).....	7
	c. Certificate.....	0
	d. All Other Gains.....	0
	e. TOTAL GAINS	7
3.	Subtotal.....	373
4.	LOSSES for 2014	
	a. Certificate.....	0
	b. Death.....	5
	c. All Other Losses.....	2
	d. TOTAL LOSSES	7
5.	TOTAL ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP December 31, 2014	366
6.	Female Members.....	226
7.	Inactive Members.....	0
8.	Baptized Members.....	137
9.	Affiliate Members.....	0
10.	Total Adherents.....	503

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ARDMORE, PA

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Congregation (Part II) Sunday, February 9, 2014

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation (Part II) of The First Presbyterian Church of Ardmore, Pennsylvania was held on Sunday, February 9, 2014 in the Sanctuary following the worship service.

The Moderator, The Reverend James M Hodsden, having determined that a quorum was present, constituted the meeting with prayer at 11:37 a.m.

The agenda for the meeting was approved by common consent.

It was moved, seconded and passed that Robert J. Hoelscher be appointed Clerk of the meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of the congregation of February 10, 2013 and the meeting of the congregation and corporation of November 24, 2013 were approved as presented.

Rev. Hodsden then called attention to the reports of committees and others in the 2013 Annual Report.

Treasurer Matt Taylor presented a financial report for 2013 and the 2014 budget as approved by the Session. **By motion duly made, seconded, and passed**, the congregation voted to receive this report and the 2014 budget.

By motion duly made, seconded, and passed, the congregation approved the dissolution of its pastoral relationship with Associate Pastor Nan Clarke, effective mid-June 2014, so that she may relocate to Richmond, Virginia and seek the status of Honorably Retired.

The Clerk then presented the Pastor's annual effective salary of \$98,072 and the Associate Pastor's annual effective salary of \$31,083 to the congregation for approval as required by the *Book of Order*. **By motion duly made, seconded, and passed**, the congregation approved these salaries.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, **it was moved, seconded and passed that the meeting adjourn**. The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest:

Robert J. Hoelscher
Clerk of Session

James M. Hodsden
Moderator

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ARDMORE, PA
Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Congregation (Part I) and of the Corporation
Sunday, December 7, 2014

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation (Part I) and of the Corporation of The First Presbyterian Church of Ardmore, Pennsylvania was held on Sunday, December 7, 2014 in the Sanctuary following the worship service.

The Moderator, The Reverend James M Hodsdon, having determined that a quorum was present, constituted the meeting with prayer at 11:38 a.m.

The Moderator invited elder Robert Hoelscher, moderator of the Congregational Nominating Committee, to present the Committee's report.

Elder Hoelscher thanked the members of the Committee for their service this year. Serving on the Committee during 2013 were elders Hoelscher and Harry Hannigan, deacon Anna Poorman, and congregational representatives Elaine Giese, Theresa Haenn, Peggy Leneis, Viola Terwiesch, and Lisa Wolverton.

He then presented the Committee's nominations for church officers:

For elder, Class of 2018: Carol Fritz
 Gary Lovett (second term)
 Peggy Shaver
 Bill Toal

For deacon, Class of 2018: Elizabeth Luff
 Anna Poorman (second term)

For congregational representatives on the Congregational Nominating Committee in 2015:

Elaine Giese
Theresa Haenn
Peggy Leneis
Kami Pulsifer
Viola Terwiesch

There being no nominations from the floor, **by separate motions duly made, seconded, and passed** the nominations were closed and the Clerk was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot in favor of the slates.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and passed, the meeting of the congregation was adjourned and the meeting of the Corporation was convened.

Elder Harry Hannigan, President of the Corporation, requested that the elders just elected be designated to serve as trustees of the Corporation. **Upon motion duly made, seconded, and passed**, this action was approved.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, **it was moved, seconded and passed that the meeting adjourn**. The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest:

Robert J. Hoelscher
Clerk of Session and
Secretary of the Corporation

James M. Hodsdon
Moderator

Ardmore Presbyterian Church Board of Deacons Annual Report – 2014

Our Mission as Deacons: It is the duty of deacons, first of all, to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in need both within and beyond the community of faith.

The Ardmore Presbyterian Church (APC) Board of Deacon ministries include the following: **APC Food Pantry, Hospitality, Emergency Meals, Visitation to ‘home bound’ members**, contact and communication with members through **“These Days”** mailings and our church **“Hugs List,”** and **transportation** assistance. These particular initiatives were led and directed during the year by deacons Kevin Fowler, Ruth Rowe, Bonnie Cook, Lisa Spoelker, and Joanne Poorman. John coordinated transportation but counted heavily on deacons Bonnie Cook, Anna Poorman, Joanne Poorman, Kossi Sedzro, and Anne Warner for help. Church members Don Poorman, Isla Grant, Tim and Julie Patterson, Gren and Anne Foote among others also provide transportation on a regular basis.

Additional deacon ministries include **“Cookies for College Kids,”** ensuring fully stocked **First Aid Kits** are available throughout the Church, oversight of the **Eddie Kaier Fund, welcoming** visiting choirs or Mission partners and **Community Outreach**. Kate Brooks leads and has led for quite some time the **“Cookies for College Kids”** program. This year in addition to Kate, deacons Connie Hoelscher and Anne Warner played an important role in the program. All deacons are part of the oversight of the **Kaier Fund**, and participate fully in **Welcoming, Visitation and Community Outreach** efforts. Welcoming guests includes preparing and serving meals as well as finding rooms where visitors can rest. Deacon Alicia Templeton joined the Finance Committee during the year and has been an important part of that team.

During the year the deacons were pleased to enter into a collaboration with the *Food Bank at the Trinity Presbyterian Church* in Clifton Heights. That church has seen a marked increase in the use of their food assistance program during the year and they were very thankful for the assistance provided by the APC deacons. The deacons plan to continue this collaboration in the future.

Highlights during the year for the deacons included the initiation of the **Emergency Meals Program**; weekly fellowship through the **Lemonade on the Lawn** program, community outreach in the form of participation in the **Matthew 25:35 Heavenly Harvest Program**, a Presbytery funded collaborative among Ardmore, Overbrook, and Calvin Presbyterian churches held every Thursday; cooking and serving a meal for residents at the **Gift of Life Donor Program Family House**; and being a part of **‘National Night Out’** where informational pamphlets on APC programs were distributed.

2014 also found the deacons participating consistently in church-wide programs such as attending the Sunday Prayer Group meetings, the 2014 Spiritual Enrichment Retreat, being a part of **“Shine-Up Saturdays,”** assisting the Pastor after Worship, CROP Walk, helping serve Communion, and joining in APC’s Summer Mission Project with our friends from Puerto Rico.

Members of the APC Board of Deacons for 2014 were: *Kate Brooks, Bonnie Cook, Kevin Fowler, Connie Hoelscher, Anna Poorman, Joanne Poorman, Ruth Rowe, Kossi Sedzro, Lisa Spoelker, Alicia Templeton, Anne Warner, John Abrams, and APC Staff support from the Reverend Nan Clarke and the Reverend James Hodsdon.*

Our Mission was always foremost in the minds of deacons and without any hesitation they donated their time, talent, and treasury throughout the entire year to serve the congregation and community.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Abrams, Chairman

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2014

Mission Statement

We reviewed and re-wrote our mission statement in 2014.

Our Mission: *By the grace of God the Christian Education committee strives to equip members of Ardmore Presbyterian Church as disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ by providing excellent educational opportunities for all. Affirming the central role of Scriptures, we encourage the strengthening of our faith, our growing together as a community of believers, and our bearing witness to the good news of Jesus Christ to all people.*

Over the past year, the Committee has contributed to the following:

- The Spiritual Enrichment Retreat created in 2008 by a bequest from a church member was held for the sixth time, January 24-26, 2014. The first session was held on Friday evening; the second and third held on Saturday before lunch followed by a discussion period. The topic this year was: **Authentic Faith from True Love** with speaker Rev. Raymond Hylton and Musical Guest and: David Wallace. The Children's program was lead by Marianne Unger with Anne Foote and Anna Poorman. Eliza Brooks helped with Nursery care. The S.E.R. was well attended in spite of the weather with 83 attendees.
- Sunday morning church school for children and youth ran on a school calendar, with special Sunday Surprise programs during the summers. We ended using SPARK and "Living the Good News." After meeting with families, we decided to make a change. We are currently using Faith Weavers from Group Publishing. The teacher volunteers were recruited by Marianne Unger, Director of Children and Youth Ministries for the fall classes. Sunday school continued with a structure that reflects the worship service. Training of teachers was carried out by Marianne during the first two weeks of September. After Marianne left her position in the fall, James with the assistance of Sondra Dillon continued to work with the volunteers to insure that the program continued.
- The Confirmation Class: No class in 2014. 7th and 8th graders will be combined in 2015.
- Weekday Preschool was under the direction of Anne Foote, who retired after the 2014 spring term. Anne was honored at a luncheon following worship Sept. 21. The Preschool continues to be an important part of our church's mission and outreach to other Christians. A nominating committee comprised of members of the congregation began a search for Anne's replacement. Michele Butera is Interim Preschool Director during the search process.
- Vacation Bible School is a week long program that is offered annually and intended to coincide with the first week of summer vacation. This year, we held VBS June 23-27. VBS - Shine on Go Fish; Our VBS mission project was "Freedom Guide Dogs" and the children had a visitor from "Freedom Guide Dogs" who told the them about this wonderful program. We had about 90 attendees.
- Criminal background checks were required for all volunteer teaching staff as well as preschool teachers and staff for the preschool. It was processed for new volunteers and preschool teachers this year by Anne Foote and Marianne Unger who maintain the files associated with this policy.
- Wednesday PLUS is a weekday program for children in grades 2 – 5. It offers mealtime, fellowship and Christian instruction. An average of 13 children participated weekly in this program led by volunteers Sondra Dillon, Anne Foote, Lalitha Naveen, Sherina Poorman, and Laura Rossio and organized by Marianne Unger and James Hodsden.

- Middle High and Senior High youth fellowship meets on Wednesday evenings for a meal, fellowship and informal discussions about their faith, with volunteer leadership and staff support. Volunteers for the Youth Fellowship were Lisa Wolverton and Sam Schreiber with Marianne Unger as staff support. In the fall, Marianne took over the Youth Fellowship. The youth who participated in this program contributed beyond their fellowship to mission projects they selected, including: the Potato Project, feeding homeless at Broad Street Ministry, Philabundance and the Souper Bowl of Caring.
- Advent Family Night is an important part of the Christmas celebration. This year, as in the past, it was organized by Anne Foote. It was very well attended as always with wonderful music, crafts and fellowship.
- Adult New Member Class – Pastor James or an elder meets with potential new members to talk about their faith and potential involvement in the church. We also invite these prospects to a dinner with church leaders to learn more about us and the church. Connected to these efforts is a class that we offer every fall, “How to Spell Presbyterian.” On November 2, 2014, we welcomed five new members (four of whom took the fall class).
- Dive Deeper — We planned and executed a five week All Church Sunday School program during the Lenten season. The program was designed to create an opportunity for all members of the church to take some time during this holiest of seasons to truly contemplate, learn and grow in faith. The classes started at 9:00 am and ended at 10:00 am. The children also had Sunday School classes during this time, making it easier for families to attend. Worship followed at its usual time of 10:30 am and children were excused after the Children’s Moment to attend a children’s worship time. The two classes that were offered to the adults were a study of the book, **God Behaving Badly?** by author David Lamb, who taught the first class and presented the sermon two weeks prior. This class was well attended with over 25 attendees at each class. **Sacred Parenting** combined video study with the author, Gary Thomas and discussion with the leaders, Bill and Kathy Toal. This class was also well attended with 7-12 attendees each week. This five week program was designed to lead our members towards growth in their knowledge and faith.
- Adult Small Groups are as follows:
 - Morning Adult Small Groups;** Meets from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. before Worship.
 - Evening Adult Small Group;** Sunday Night Live 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.;;
Led by James Hodsdon and Sturge Poorman.
 - Wednesday Small Groups, Lunch 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.:**
 - Women’s Lunch: Isaiah;** Led by Elaine Giese.
 - Men’s Lunch;** Led by James Hodsdon.
 - Thursday Evening Women’s Small Group:**
Meets at member’s homes at 7:30 pm; Led by Mary Van Leeuwen.
 - Saturday Morning Men’s Small Group**
First Saturday each month: 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.; Led by James Hodsdon.
- Adult Summer Class: This past summer, a six-week Sunday morning class was organized called “**The Parables of Jesus: A Middle Eastern Perspective**” with a different leader from the congregation for each class. This new summer class was well received. Each week a different parable was studied, allowing for a focused discussion. Because each week focused on a different topic, participants were able to attend discussions that accommodated their vacation schedules. God bless our volunteer leaders.

July 20 The Good Samaritan; July 27 The Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin; August 3 The Lost Younger Son; August 10 The Lost Older Son; August 17 The Woman in the House of Simon; August 24 The Rich Fool.

Each session began with a video in which Kenneth Bailey leads the class through a parable. Since Bailey has lived and taught the New Testament in Egypt, Lebanon, Jerusalem and Cyprus for over forty years, he is well-equipped to help us get into the mindset of the Middle-Eastern people to whom Jesus told his parables. His knowledge of and insight into the culture of Jesus' day enriched our understanding of Jesus and the stories he told. There was time for discussion following the video.

- Communications: A *Christian Education Flyer* was produced by the CE committee to advise the congregation of the many educational opportunities available during the year. These flyers seem to be helpful and our intent is to continue producing them at least once a year. We also post banners for the Vacation Bible School and Spiritual Enrichment Retreat that are displayed on the front lawn of the church. We participated in Homecoming Sunday events and shared our materials and information about up-coming programs.
- The libraries are a great resource for all our members. We maintain a children's library and the William Faulds Memorial Library which houses the main library for adults. The materials also provide great resources for the Sunday School and preschool teachers. Connie Hoelscher continued in her role as a very able coordinator for the libraries.

2015 FUTURE PLANNING

- Spiritual Enrichment Retreat: We have the 2015 S.E.R. scheduled for January 31st and Feb 1st. Our subject is ***Recovering Our Creative Calling*** with Andy Crouch, author and executive editor of *Christianity Today*. We will be blessed to have David Wallace join us again as our musical leader. Our scriptures come primarily from Genesis. The S.E.R. is moving to a two-day format this year, eliminating Friday night but adding the third lesson to Sunday morning as well as a second luncheon and discussion opportunity. The children's program will be led by Carol Shih and Dan Del Duca focusing on creative prayer. An Art Show will be included in the program this year as it illustrates the creative contributions of many of our members.
- An All Church Sunday School will be planned for the Lenten season again this year as the 2014 program received very positive feedback.
- Confirmation Class with combined 7th and 8th graders.
- Vacation Bible School: June 22nd - 26th, with a Dr. Seuss theme: "Seuss on the Loose."
- Summer Adult Class will be offered.
- Search for a Director of Children and Youth Ministry and Preschool Director will continue.

Respectfully submitted, Kathleen Toal, 2013 Moderator

Committee members throughout the year: Jeff Barnes, Cathie Calkins, Pat Corl, Dan Del Duca, Bruce Kozak, Anna Poorman, Kathy Toal and Staff: Nan Clarke, Anne Foote, James Hodsdon, and Marianne Unger.

FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH ANNUAL REPORT 2014

The mission of the Fellowship & Outreach Committee is to offer hospitality, friendship, and connection among members of the Church and members of the community. We accomplish this by providing opportunities for hospitality and fellowship originated by the F&O committee to reflect our mission. We will also try to offer support for other committee events as we are able. Key areas of focus for the Fellowship & Outreach Committee include:

Encouraging all to get to know one another so that we can be supportive of each other as we seek to grow in Christ:

- Considering ways in which we can participate in the community and reach out to those seeking a church home
- Helping visitors, prospective members and new members to feel at home at APC and become familiar with the programs and service opportunities offered by the Church
- Engaging interested visitors, prospective members and current members in the life of the Church

During 2014, we offered a number of opportunities for fellowship to the congregation including our regular annual events and gatherings. These include:

- Soup lunches after worship to offer fellowship opportunities
- An agape dinner on Maundy Thursday to accompany the communion service
- The traditional Easter breakfast
- Receptions for new members and for the communicants class
- The Homecoming picnic held at Gladwyne Park
- Baby Boomers dinner gatherings
- Farewell Reception for Nan Clarke as she retired as our Associate Pastor

We rely on the church staff to help connect with visitors by sending a letter along with a copy of our Welcome brochure and the most current Corner-Stone newsletter. A personal call is made by the pastor to frequent visitors to invite them to attend the new members' classes. The new members' series is led by the pastors. The committee has assumed the responsibility of matching the new member Stewardship of Skills and Interest survey responses with the various committees and ministries of the church in an effort to get new members more engaged in the life of the congregation.

We support a bereavement ministry organized to serve the family and friends of the deceased in their immediate time of grief. This is our fourth year of having this service as a part of the work of this committee. Each event is different and in accordance with the wishes of each family.

A sub-committee to foster fellowship among the young families in our church community was formalized in 2011. The Fellowship and Outreach Committee continues to support this group in small ways. Additional funds have been requested to be included in the budget for the upcoming year to more fully support the activities of this group.

Anyone with a heart for hospitality is invited to join our committee. We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7 pm in the library.

Respectfully submitted,

Jody Brumbach

Fellowship & Outreach Committee members include Jody Brumbach, Tyler Flynn, Holly Frank, Carol Fritz, Walter Haenn, Connie Hoelscher, Sally Moore, Peggy Shaver, Adrienne Stark and Barb Wood with staff support from James Hodsdon.

KEENAGERS

The Keenagers are a group of people over 55 and other interested folks who are keen to go on excursions to concerts, theatrical productions, museums and special exhibitions, etc. In 2014, many enjoyed the following events:

March 16 - "All Shook Up" musical presented by The Narberth Community Theatre, coordinated by Sandy Foote to benefit The American Cancer Society.

April 14 – David Kim, Concertmaster of the Philadelphia Orchestra performed a violin concert and gave Christian witness at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church.

October 10 – Downton Abbey Exhibit at Winterthur in Wilmington, DE, Lunch at Winterthur Cafe

November 16 – Alan Abel's 85th Birthday Concert at Perelman Hall in The Kimmel Center

Suggestions are always welcome! Contact Anne Foote.

Mission Awareness Committee Annual Report - 2014

The Mission Awareness Committee, subject to the oversight of Session, acts on behalf of the Ardmore Presbyterian Church congregation to disburse benevolence funds to our mission partners, develop and grow awareness of the ministries which we support, and enable and promote opportunities for members to participate in various mission-related activities. Recognizing that we are all subject to the Great Commission, we seek to facilitate proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus through both word and deed in our community, in our nation and throughout the entire world.

The Committee continued its oversight of funds designated in the benevolence portion of the church budget (\$67,750) for distribution to our mission partners, which was neutral as to change from the prior year. APC's total benevolence giving to supported ministries was supplemented by an additional \$22,700 received from an estate bequest from a departed church member.

APC participated in three denomination wide offerings: One Great Hour of Sharing (\$3,142.45) which supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance; the Peacemaking Offering (\$1,472); and the Christmas Joy Offering (\$4,592) which provides for retired pastors living on fixed incomes as well as students at racial/ethnic colleges and universities sponsored by PCUSA.

The Committee, along with many volunteers from the congregation, was actively involved in hosting our visitors from Puerto Rico in early July. From host families providing lodging to coordinating transportation, from meal preparation to joining our visitors in activities with local mission partners – the APC family demonstrated in so many ways the sharing of God's love!

The Committee continued our prior expansion of activities at Christmas to provide congregation members with opportunities to support those in need and to raise awareness. The Mitten Tree was again decorated with hand-made and store-bought mittens, gloves, hats and scarves that were donated to the Maternity Care Coalition for distribution to children and families in need. The Committee also coordinated an Alternative Gift Fair on Advent Family Night and several Sundays after worship. Fair trade items were available for purchase as well as Christmas cards providing a donation to support Heifer International and items from The Welcome Church, a church without walls for people experiencing homelessness.

Arun and Shobha Massey visited APC in October and met with the Committee to provide an update on their Caring Hands Ministry and to thank APC for its continued generous support. Congregational members supported the Build-It-Bus and the Interfaith Hospitality Network by volunteering their time and talents. APC Youth collected funds for the Souper Bowl of Caring. The CROP Walk was supported by the congregation and by Committee members who walked as well as members who sponsored our walkers.

The Committee looks forward to 2015 as we work to increase and improve APC's awareness of the various ministries we support, and to foster deeper involvement with them. Stay tuned for information on quarterly gatherings in which we spotlight our partner ministries. Please, let any Committee member know if you have any questions or would like to be involved. God bless you and thank you for your generosity, which enables our Church to continue support of ministries in the community, the region and abroad!

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General Assembly	\$ 8,750.00
Presbytery Mission	\$ 18,000.00
St. Luke's Hospital, Nablus, West Bank	\$ 5,500.00
Camp Kirkwood	\$ 4,000.00
Eldernet of Lower Merion	\$ 1,200.00
Kuwadzana Presbyterian Church Hunger Relief Fund	\$ 3,000.00
Caring Hands Ministry - Arun & Shobha Massey/India	\$ 5,000.00
Medical Benevolence Foundation	\$ 6,000.00
Phila Presbytery Retired Pastors Fund	\$ 1,200.00
Presby's Inspired Life - Broomall Presbyterian Village	\$ 2,000.00
Presbyterian Children's Village	\$ 4,000.00
Siloam Eye Hospital - Korea	\$ 1,500.00
SNEHA - Dr. Reeta Rao -- India	\$ 3,500.00
Theological Education Fund	\$ 1,000.00
Welcoming the Stranger	\$ 6,000.00
Wycliffe Bible Translators (Denise Hoover)	\$ 2,800.00
Build-it-Bus	\$ 2,000.00
Welcome Church	\$ 5,000.00
West Kensington Ministry	\$ 5,000.00
The Word at Work -- Belize Ministry	\$ 5,000.00
Souper Bowl of Caring	\$ 941.95
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 3,142.45
Peacemaking Offering	\$ 1,472.00
Christmas Joy Offering - 2014	\$ 4,592.00
	<u>\$ 100,598.40</u>

ARDMORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship Committee

Annual Report

The goal of the Worship Committee is to encourage the people in the worship of God in order to strengthen and nurture the faith and life of the congregation. In pursuing this goal, the Committee endeavors to be guided by the Holy Spirit speaking in Scripture, the needs of our worshipping community, and the forms of our Presbyterian tradition. Understanding worship to be the grateful response of everyone to God's grace, the committee seeks to encourage the full and regular participation of all members in worship as a common ministry, and to encourage particular members and ordained officers to assist in leading worship.

Under our Presbyterian form of government, the Session's Worship Committee shares responsibility for worship with the Pastor and Associate Pastor. The Committee recommends the time and location for worship and the sacraments, and confers with the pastors regarding the order of service, and the use of music and arts in worship. Consistent with their special calling, the pastors are given full authority to select scripture and to preach the Word of God to the congregation.

As has been our tradition, the schedule of Sunday morning communion services follows the church year, with communion occurring in January, the beginning of Lent, Pentecost, August, October, and the first Sunday of Advent. In addition to Sunday morning worship, we continued with our recent tradition of Wednesday evening vesper services during Lent. The services are held in the Taizé tradition, which emphasizes music, contemplation and silent prayer. Scripture is read and communion is celebrated.

The Worship Committee is also responsible for our music, which plays an important part in our worship. Our music program is under the able direction of our Music Director, Gary Garletts. We are blessed by Gary's musical ability and his spiritual insight. We are also thankful for the dedication of all the choir members, soloists, and guest musicians who add to the beauty and depth of our worship experience. You are invited to read the Music Director's Report for a more detailed review of the music ministry.

We are thankful for the many other volunteers whose weekly assistance enhances our worship. These include our ushers, those who monitor the sound system, those who assist in the preparation of communion, those who decorate the sanctuary at Christmas and Easter, and those who routinely clean and care for the sanctuary. Worship is a group effort that extends well beyond the hour on Sunday morning, and we appreciate the dedication of all the individuals involved.

Respectfully submitted, Don Poorman, Chair

2014 Worship Committee Members:, Emily Aman, Betty Birdsall, Twila Garletts, Jane Gulick, Claire Hammonds, Connie Hoelscher, Barry Jeffries, Peggy Leneis, Susan Michaelson, Viola Terwiesch, and staff members James Hodsden and Gary Garletts

THE A.P.C. (Y)ARDFARMERS: A CHURCH GARDEN MINISTRY

The Mission of the (Y)Ardfarmers is to honor God through the cultivation of His natural resources; to reveal the beauty and bounty of God's creation to our surrounding community; to provide a place for fellowship and service for members and friends of Ardmore Presbyterian Church; and to show the love of God by freely sharing the food from our garden with those in need. The (Y)Ardfarmers will pursue their Mission by maintenance of a vegetable and herb garden, most of whose harvest will go to local churches or agencies serving people in need.

REPORT FROM THE 2014 GARDENING SEASON:

- The vegetable garden of two fenced, 6' x 25' beds, and several separate herb beds, was established in the spring of 2011, and is named the James K. Young Garden, after the late APC member who inspired its construction. This year thus represents the fourth season for the APC vegetable garden, and the second for the (slightly smaller) garden at Calvin Presbyterian Church in West Philadelphia, which was built with APC garden account funds in 2013. Due to an unusually cold and wet spring, harvest yields were somewhat smaller than in previous years, but still very ample. (See reverse side of this sheet for the 2014 harvest totals).
- Over a dozen volunteers of various ages worked from April through August to plant, weed, water, and harvest the vegetables and herbs at APC. We continue to receive free seeds from the Baker heirloom seed company in Missouri, which supports non-profit gardens. We also had leftover seedlings for a plant sale in May, which raised \$150.00 for future project expenses. In addition, we distributed 60 free tomato plants and 20 sweet and hot pepper plants to clients at Calvin Presbyterian Church.
- The bulk of the gardens' harvest also went to our sister church in West Philadelphia, Calvin Presbyterian Church. Along with Calvin and Overbrook Presbyterian Churches, A.P.C. is part of a Presbytery-supported mission called the Matthew 25:35 Project, which provides lunch, used clothing, and food staples once a week to residents of the Carroll Park neighborhood around Calvin Church. A \$12,000 grant from Presbytery was supplemented by a spring garden party and silent auction at APC, which raised about \$1,300.00. A total of about 2100 meals were served at Calvin church as a result of all sources of food and revenue, supported by volunteer labor on the part of APC deacons and others from APC, Overbrook and Calvin. APC church members also donated approximately 50 shopping bags of used clothing to the project.
- After four years of co-leading and leading the garden project, Mary Van Leeuwen is stepping down as a result of recently diagnosed health problems, and the possibility of a retirement move in the near future. Members and friends of APC can join the (Y)Ardfarmers by contacting the APC Mission Committee chair. You are welcome to participate at whatever level you wish, whether actively through your labor, by donating materials for the garden, or financially. (The APC garden has its own church account, but does not draw from the church general fund: simply indicate on your check or envelope that the donation is for the Church Vegetable Garden).
- The reverse side of this sheet lists the 2014 harvest totals for the Ardmore and Calvin church gardens.

THE 2014 YIELD FOR THE MATT 25:35 PROJECT (APC AND CALVIN GARDENS)

VEGETABLES:

6 GALLON BAGS OF SPINACH

25 GALLON BAGS OF SALAD GREENS

20 GALLON BAGS OF COLLARD GREENS

16 BUNCHES OF RADISHES

13 QUART BAGS OF YELLOW BEANS

14 QUART BAGS OF GREEN BEANS

13 BUNCHES OF GREEN ONIONS

28 ZUCCHINI

47 PINT BAGS OF LONG FRYING PEPPERS

12 PINT BAGS OF JALAPENO PEPPERS

16 BUNCHES OF CARROTS

51 POUNDS OF PLUM, BEEFSTEAK AND CHERRY TOMATOES

HERBS:

44 PINT BAGS OF BASIL

8 PINT BAGS OF CHIVES

8 PINT BAGS OF CILANTRO

20 PINT BAGS OF DILL

56 PINT BAGS OF MINT

68 PINT BAGS OF OREGANO

19 PINT BAGS OF PARSLEY

6 PINT BAGS OF ROSEMARY

17 PINT BAGS OF SAGE

11 PINT BAGS OF THYME

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Report to the Congregation for 2014

The Committee's Purpose. This Committee provides Session oversight of financial matters by developing and funding the annual budget; conducting the annual stewardship campaign in support of the budget; and monitoring church receipts and expenses.

Finances in 2014. The budget for 2014 anticipated a deficit of approximately \$15,300. This was driven by increases in budgeted personnel costs and a continued investment in our congregation's physical plant. During the course of the year, Reverend Nan Clarke retired, and her position was left unfilled. Our expenses came in below plan, driven primarily by the lower than budgeted personnel costs, as well as some improvement in our administrative costs, particularly our improved copier service.

Total receipts for the Church exceeded \$1,104,900. Of this amount, \$532,000 represented unrestricted donations and receipts to the church. The preschool revenue was \$166,947 in 2014, while our ARDPRES endowment and McCarty Trust provided over \$144,900 in revenues. The ending unrestricted cash balance for the Church was \$92,885, a decline relative to 2013, as some of our Mission Giving from bequests was accelerated in 2014 relative to the budget.

Stewardship and Budget. The 2015 Budget anticipates total giving will remain approximately flat. Increases from equity market appreciation will allow our endowment spending to increase by approximately 3%, even while the five year average spending rate continues to decline. In addition, the church facility usage fees, including the preschool, are anticipated to increase by approximately 5%.

Our church is going through a number of significant transitions. 2015 will be an important year in the life of the church. There will be a number of staffing changes, new faces, and changes in our ministry during the year. The Stewardship & Finance Committee works with Session to ensure that the resources of the Church are used in the most efficient manner to meet Session's plans for the year.

Outlook. Through the generosity of the estates of many prior members of Ardmore Presbyterian, the church has a cushion with which to absorb changes and surprises that come up, whether from staffing, facilities, or other needs, as they arise. While the final budget has not been proposed due to some staffing changes, the Stewardship & Finance committee anticipates a larger deficit this year as our program and staff aligns to our current available resources. This cannot go on forever, but the investment in future ministries of the church are critical to continuing APC's vital role in the community.

Serving on the Committee during 2014 were Robert J. Hoelscher, J. Randolph Lawlace, Tim Patterson, Matthew Taylor, Christian Terwiesch, Alicia Templeton, Walter Haenn, Don Tokash (Financial Office manager), and James Hodsden. Randy Lawlace will serve as Committee Chair and Treasurer for 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew H. Taylor, Committee Chair 2014

The First Presbyterian Church of Ardmore

OPERATING and FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR 2014

(Subject to Audit)

RECEIPTS	2014 Actual	2014 Budget	Notes
Offerings	\$492,449	\$507,475	1
McCarty Trust	\$22,273	\$23,500	2
ARDPRES Income	\$126,947	\$125,919	3
Other Income	\$39,788	\$49,200	4
Preschool	\$166,946	\$188,561	5
TOTAL	\$848,403	\$894,655	

DISBURSEMENTS

Personnel	\$424,247	\$452,888	6
Music and Worship	\$34,288	\$31,857	7
Ben'vnce/Pstr Discr	\$70,300	\$70,500	8
Administration	\$73,523	\$81,514	
Buildings and Grounds	\$47,282	\$50,900	
Utilities	\$57,353	\$56,650	9
Service Contracts	\$27,065	\$30,600	10
Christian Education	\$11,373	\$9,100	11
Preschool	\$120,577	\$125,946	
TOTAL	\$866,009	\$909,955	

RECEIPTS LESS

<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	(\$17,606)	(\$15,300)	
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GENERAL CASH BALANCES

Beginning	\$	131,044	12
Net cash activity		(\$17,606)	
Transfers to funds		(\$20,553)	
Year End	\$	92,885	

BUILDING PRESERVATION FUND

Beginning Balance	\$	(24,500)
Special Building Projects	\$	(111,841)
Net Designated Gifts	\$	350,898
Budgeted Bulding Fund	\$	10,000
Ending Balance	\$	224,558

This report excludes designated benevolences, special offerings, Preschool Par
other designated receipts and expenses, including contributions to ARDPRES, if :

See accompanying notes for additional information.

NOTES FOR FINANCIAL SUMMARY

1. Combined initial offering, plate, subscription/contribution income and church
2. Income from McCarty Trust distributed monthly by independent corporate tr
3. Includes income from ARDPRES Benevolence, Operating, Deacons and Unc
4. Includes interest and miscellaneous income, Parish House rent and facilities fund, certain Christian Education receipts, music program offerings and undesig
5. Preschool tuition is due on March, June and November 1. Other receipts refl and registration deposits and payments for extended days.
6. Includes salary and benefits for Pastor, Associate Pastor, Director of Music, Preschool Administrator, Sexton, Finance Administrator, and Director of Chris
7. Includes soloists, guest ministers, music supplies, and servicing of organ and
8. Benevolence budget comes from designated ARDPRES revenue plus operati
9. Includes gas, electric, and water/sewer charges for Church buildings, includi
10. Includes expenses for alarm systems, trash removal, lawn and tree care, and
11. Includes increase budget and expense of Spirtual Enrichment Retreat.
12. Includes balances in General Fund, Preschool Fund and Bequests Fund.

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1	The First Presbyterian Church of Ardmore											
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3	2015 OPERATING BUDGET (proposed)											
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5	SUMMARY AND HIGHLIGHTS											
6												
7												
8	RECEIPTS	2015 Budget	% chg	2014 Budget	% chg	2014 Actual	2013 Budget	% chg	2012 Budget	% chg	2011 Budget	
9												
10	Offerings	\$511,113	0.7%	\$507,475	1.1%	\$465,491	\$506,750	0.2%	\$505,880	11.0%	\$455,950	
11	McCarty Trust	24,250	3.2%	23,500	5.5%	23,394	23,000	-16.4%	27,500	-0.8%	27,728	
12	ARDPRES Income & Principal	166,488	31.1%	126,947	5.7%	125,207	124,125	0.2%	123,872	-7.4%	133,705	
13	Other Income	48,150	-2.1%	49,200	29.2%	41,483	41,725	5.1%	39,700	-16.4%	47,500	
14	Preschool	187,250	-0.7%	188,561	5.0%	175,000	178,505	5.4%	169,320	2.0%	166,000	
15	TOTAL	\$937,251	4.6%	\$895,683	3.9%	\$830,575	\$874,105	0.9%	\$866,272	4.3%	\$830,883	
16												
17												
18	DISBURSEMENTS										2012 Budget	2011 Budget
19												
20	Personnel	\$ 488,110	7.8%	\$ 452,888	6.8%	423,000	\$ 436,436	1.0%	\$432,079	4.4%	\$413,918	
21	Music and Worship	\$ 33,002	3.6%	\$ 31,857	-5.2%	33,830	\$ 30,880	1.3%	30,480	4.0%	29,304	
22	Mission and Fellowship	\$ 71,200	1.0%	\$ 70,500	-1.0%	70,000	\$ 71,250	-10.6%	79,700	-4.6%	83,500	
23	Administration	\$ 76,551	-6.1%	\$ 81,514	7.1%	73,000	\$ 77,650	5.0%	73,942	-2.7%	75,973	
24	Buildings and Grounds	\$ 50,150	-1.5%	\$ 50,900	64.4%	36,093	\$ 47,900	5.3%	45,500	18.5%	38,400	
25	Utilities	\$ 56,200	-0.8%	\$ 56,650	-0.4%	54,300	\$ 55,050	-1.2%	55,700	-9.4%	61,500	
26	Service Contracts	\$ 29,600	-3.3%	\$ 30,600	-18.9%	25,900	\$ 26,450	-6.2%	28,200	26.2%	22,350	
27	Christian Education	\$ 9,200	1.1%	\$ 9,100	36.4%	11,000	\$ 12,150	-15.0%	14,300	34.9%	10,600	
28	Preschool	\$ 122,196	-3.0%	\$ 125,946	3.6%	127,961	\$ 124,571	4.0%	119,750	1.8%	117,686	
29	TOTAL	\$ 936,209	2.9%	\$ 909,955	6.0%	\$ 855,084	\$ 882,337	0.3%	\$879,651	3.1%	\$853,230	
30												
31	Receipts less										Deficit as %	
32	Disbursements	\$1,042	0.1%	-\$14,272	-1.6%		-\$8,232	-0.9%	(\$13,379)	-1.5%	(\$22,347)	
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ARDPRES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Report to the Congregation for 2014

What is ARDPRES? It is the Ardmore Presbyterian Church's general investment fund, initially formed in 1973 to provide investment management for what is now a total of twenty-six funds of widely varying size and purpose. Because it is an important source of funds for both our benevolence and operating budgets, many APC members have used ARDPRES as a means of enhancing their support for ministry and mission during their lifetimes, and continuing their support after their deaths.

ARDPRES Governance and Management. Ultimate responsibility for ARDPRES is vested in the Session, which receives quarterly reports from the Advisory Committee. The portfolio is managed by Bryn Mawr Bank & Trust Company following the ARDPRES Investment Policy and Guidelines approved by the Session. The assets in the portfolio are held by a third party custodian in a separate account for ARDPRES. Monthly statements are generated by a third party and are sent to the Advisory Committee. Members of the Committee and representatives from Bryn Mawr Bank & Trust Company meet periodically to review the performance of the portfolio.

Since 1999 ARDPRES has utilized the "total return" investment approach pursuant to the Pennsylvania Nonprofit Corporation Law, which discards the historical distinction between *principal* and *income* in favor of using the *overall value* of the fund as a basis for determining amounts to be withdrawn.

As part of the annual budgeting process, the Stewardship and Finance Committee recommends, subject to Session approval, a "spending rate" between 2% and 7% of a five-year moving average of ARDPRES's year-end value, which then sets a ceiling on the amount of cash that may be withdrawn from the fund to meet operating expenses. The spending rate for 2014 was 4.9% generating approximately \$127,000 in distributions from ARDPRES to support missions of the Church.

The spending rate has declined in recent years, but remains above the longer term target of a 4.0% spending rate.

ARDPRES Value. The total value of ARDPRES at year end was \$3,100,322.82, which includes the distributions during the year, as well as changes in the value of investments and receipts of interest and dividends.

Respectfully submitted,
Matthew H. Taylor, Committee Chair 2014