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USA



Today's Challenge, Tomorrow's Legacy

2017 ANNUAL REPORT

Celebrating the ministry of
the congregation in 2017.

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Dear Friends:

As you read all the individual reports contained within this Annual Report, as you celebrate the encouragements we have seen in the life of our church, and as you devote yourself to the continuing mission and outreach of Faith Presbyterian Church, I would invite you to reflect with me upon 2017 as a year in which we expressed all that was meant by and all the possibilities inherent in the theme of our Building Campaign, **“Today’s Challenge, Tomorrow’s Legacy.”**

In 2017 thanks to the generosity, commitment and participation of all who share in the life of our congregation we continued to “walk the talk” in service to God and our neighbors, by our ongoing and faithful service to a large number of local, regional, national and international mission efforts; by means of our engagement in the overall life of the Presbyterian Church(USA) through Cherokee Presbytery and by mean of our partnership with our Mission Co-workers, Charles and Melissa Johnston in Zambia and in the preparation of a initial plans and conducting a Capital / Building Campaign that has moved us closer to the start of construction on our new facility at Hwy 515/Bluebird Road.

All of this was possible in 2017 because we kept our focus on the Lord whom we trust and worship, the Lord who calls us together as the Body of Christ.

As we look to the incoming year the Session are resolved to remain focused on building the entire life of the Body even as we anticipate building a physical building. All four of our Planning Teams look to plan, enable and offer a wide variety of programs, activities and events that together can help connect us to one another, to God and to the needs of our neighbors. Your active engagement and participation in every effort is what allows us to continue to grow and grow together. We will continue to highlight the work we look to do to people across the community. We do this not to seek recognition for ourselves but to invite yet others to come be part of this work so

needed in Fannin county. We welcome and include people who were first impacted by our service in the community and by our re-telling of such service in the local newspaper, online or via Facebook.

Thank you all for being the people you are and for everything you are and do that strengthens God's work here at Faith. I look forward to working with everyone for continued progress and to face future challenges. With you I am trusting that in celebrating progress and overcoming challenges we will continue to become the Faith Presbyterian Church that God needs in our time and community.

On a more personal note I record my gratitude for the congregation's hosting of a celebration in May last year of the 30th anniversary of my ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament. To have people present from or messages from all the congregations in which I have been called to serve was a reminder of all that the Church as the Body of Christ means and of God's faithfulness to me, my family and to all. Also, during last summer and again towards the end of the year, your prayers and support and concern meant so much to the entire Simpson family as we supported my father, James, in his ill-health and eventually his death. This note of genuine care was and is a mark of Faith Presbyterian Church. **Today's Challenge, Tomorrow's Legacy** does and always will demand much of us all and means so much to those assisted and helped.

God bless you all!

Jim Simpson
Pastor

Faith Presbyterian Church

Mission Statement:

By God's love and grace, we are Called, Committed and Led.

Vision Statement:

Called by God to be Faith Presbyterian Church of the North Georgia Mountains, we welcome all to join together to worship God. Committed to following Jesus' example, we joyfully share God's love, grace and gifts with all in our church family and community. Led by the Holy Spirit, we invite all to grow spiritually in this community of Faith.

Priorities for Faith Presbyterian Church for 2018: *(as adopted by the Session of Faith Presbyterian Church 11/7/17):*

- Increase membership and participation through connecting with and serving those who reside in our community
- Be a viable, spiritual place of worship by the sharing of our time, talent and treasure.
- Equip and encourage all to follow in Jesus' footsteps and to show God's love, grace and care.
- Develop effective church leaders
- Develop effective communication to include appropriate use of technology
- Secure congregation-approved financing and start construction of our new church facility
- Prepare for the transition to our new church facility



Rev. Simpson's 30th Ordination Anniversary.

Mark McLain, Spencer Hardee, Rev. Simpson, and Dave Fleming are our handsome models. The Scottish heritage of Presbyterians is clearly in evidence.

2017

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

Prepared by Bob Goodyear, Financial Secretary

The members and friends of Faith Presbyterian choose many ways in which to demonstrate their commitment to serving God's people. Hours of volunteer service, witness through participation in community missions, sharing the message of Christ through personal witness and the sharing of their earthly wealth through financial gifts. We do this because we know it is the right thing to do. Giving a "report" of the financial support of the church seems inadequate, but we should be pleased with the generosity shown in 2017.

- 57 families made pledges to the general operational fund of the church that totaled \$175,254. 98% of that amount had been received by year's end.
- Even before the church asked for commitments to the new building project, \$58,602 had been contributed for that purpose.
- The capital drive for the new building resulted in commitments by 65 members and friends totaling \$926,286.87.
- In addition to cash contributions, members contributed \$1,622 worth of "in-kind" supplies and other goods needed for the operation of the church.

Indeed, as positive as they are, these are only numbers. What is most gratifying is that this is a congregation that doesn't just give from its wallet, but a congregation that gives with its entire being.

We can be proud of 2017 and excited for the opportunities to support and serve in 2018 and beyond.

Faithfully submitted,

Bob Goodyear
Financial Secretary

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF **INCOME AND EXPENSES**

JANUARY 1, 2017 TO DECEMBER 31, 2017

Prepared by Nancy Goodson, Church Treasurer

INCOME (\$)

Pledged Offerings	172,333
Non-Pledged Offerings	29,344
Loose Offerings	3,839
Restricted Receipts (Including Building Fund)	163,117
Direct Public Support	2,557
Investments	8,435
Other Income	1,467

TOTAL INCOME

381,091

DISBURSEMENTS (\$)

Personnel (Pastor, Dir. of Music, Other)	109,581
Spiritual Development expenses	4,885
Mission/Outreach	25,608
Congregational Care	3,554
Facilities/Administrative/Other	43,828
Future for Faith (F3) Fund	52,908
Transferred to Building Fund	139,866
Capital Purchases	862

TOTAL EXPENSES

381,091

NET INCOME

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Prepared by Nancy Goodson

With the retirement of Carl Bender, who was Treasurer for many years, it was decided by the Administration Committee to divide the duties among three people. Bob Goodyear was appointed to be the Financial Secretary, Nancy Goodson was appointed Treasurer and Brenda Scruggs assumed the duties of Accounts Payable. As Financial Secretary, Bob is responsible for the income side, which includes weekly deposits, maintaining the records of pledges and donations and the financial investments. As Treasurer, Nancy is responsible for the expense side, which includes approving the bills, producing the monthly financial statements, maintaining the budget and filing the quarterly/annual tax statements. As the Accounts Payable person, Brenda is responsible for recording and paying the bills on a weekly basis.

We have continued on a strong financial footing in 2017. Our total income (including Building Fund proceeds) was \$381,091. Total expenses (including the Building Fund) were \$196,782. We were able to transfer \$52,908 to the Future for Faith (F3) Fund and \$139,866 to the Building Fund. The Building Fund Campaign was very successful and in addition, we have continued to support our local mission projects both financially and with volunteers.

Looking to the future, we will need the continued commitment from all members and friends, not only to help and fund our new building but also to support our current and future church operations and mission projects. With God's grace, we will continue to see further dedication and generosity displayed by our congregation.

Annual Report for 2017

Prepared by Debbie Peterson, Clerk of Session

Membership	January, 1, 2017	110
Additions		15
Losses		7
By Transfer to other churches	6	
By inactivity	0	
By Death	1	
Membership as of December 31, 2016		118

Sylvia Goodyear, Patty Morris and Doris Riggs were ordained and installed as elders on January 15, 2016 for the class of 2019

Upon receiving the resignation of Allan Edwards as elder, on June 18, 2017, the congregation elected Ann Rand to complete his term. Ann was installed on July 23, 2017.

2017 Ministry Planning Teams and Team Chairpersons

Ministry Planning Team	Chairperson	Elder Class
Administrative Team	Jim Reich	2018
Administrative Team	John Thompson	2017
Congregational Care	Doris Riggs	2019
Congregational Care	Allan Edwards	2018
	(Through June, 2017)	
Congregational Care	Ann Rand	2018
	(Beginning July 23, 2017)	
Mission and Outreach	Sylvia Goodyear	2019
Mission and Outreach	Dick Schmus	2017
Spiritual Development	Frances Young	2017
Spiritual Development	Patty Morris	2018
Clerk of Session	Debbie Peterson	2018

Administrative Ministry Team 2017

Prepared by Jim Reich and John Thompson, Co-Chairs

The Administrative Ministry Team is responsible for the care of the building, the personnel of the church, and publicity as well as the finances of the church.

- **Facilities:** We have been very fortunate to have dedicated volunteer crews (typically two person teams) to aid in the cleaning of our church facilities. We had nine Merry Maid crews during 2017. Thanks to all who contributed especially to Bud and Treva Wheatley who do a sizeable portion of the work.
- **Treasurer/Finance:** Carl Bender started off the year as sole treasurer and financial manager for the church. Carl and Carolyn relocated to N.C. in May and our team was tasked in locating someone to replace Carl. The end result was a duo approach with elevated responsibilities for the offering counters and office volunteers. Nancy Goodson agreed to serve as Treasurer, Bob Goodyear agreed to serve as Financial Secretary, and Brenda Scruggs agreed to pay the bills. The revised system not only shared responsibilities among three people but also provided a balance and separation of accounts payable and accounts receivable. This new financial team is commended for the job they have done in properly accounting for the church's income, paying bills expediently, and managing the resources our church receives.
- **Communications/Technology:** Doug Morris was instrumental in maintaining and updating our website and **Facebook** page. He has done an excellent job keeping the website fresh with periodic upgrades as needed. Peggy Reich has done an excellent job crafting and publishing our church newsletter each Monday. She has done a great job communicating Faith happenings, celebrations, and events.
- **Stewardship:** Our Stewardship team for 2017 was led by Mark McClain. The *“Caring and Sharing Faithfully Forward”* theme was continued with good results based on increased membership and giving. It was decided to run the Stewardship and Capital campaign for the new church building at the same time. The end results for both campaigns were amazing thanks to

the generosity of our congregations and friends of Faith. As we prepare to build a new church building in 2018, it was important that funding be provided for our ongoing missions of the church in the community and our regular operating cost. We were blessed in that our members and friends accepted the challenge to provide for both our ongoing operating cost and providing more than anticipated funds for our new church building. What was accomplished and the commitment from our faithful and generous members has allowed Faith to do what it does best:

Doing God's work in the community.

- **Church Office Support:** Our church office staffing was coordinated by Janice Cary. We had an excellent and regular group of volunteers who worked in the office Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Church Directory:** Doug and Patty Morris did an excellent job maintaining the church directory. It is posted on the website with a hard copy available in the office upon request.
- **Publicity:** Faith newspaper ads are posted each week along with annual participation in the Chamber of Commerce publications. All ads have to be approved by the Session, so if you have an outlet for publicity, let the Administrative Team know.
- **Personnel, Procedures, and Insurance:** Chuck Huckleberry served as Chairperson of the Personnel Committee. He and the Personnel team completed an evaluation of the pastor and music director with salary recommendations made to the Session.
- **Activities:** Rivers Alive, Trout Festival, Founders Day Celebration(float and parking lot party)

To all who served on the Administrative Planning Team and for all the time and talents on this team, we thank you. Let's continue to do God's work and see where God leads our church in Fannin County.

Congregational Care Report 2017

Core Tasks: Caring and Connecting

Prepared by Doris Riggs and Ann Rand, Co-Chairs

2017 Team Members: Judy Evans, Candy Frank, Jamielee Green, Kim King, Paula Morris, Carl Riggs, Treva Wheatley, Elaine Whitley

Your Congregational Care Team is responsible for caring for and serving the Faith community. We do this in various ways throughout the year as we strive to equip members to follow in Jesus' footsteps and to show God's love, grace and care.

Our Shepherd Program – Caring Connections at Faith: The goal of Faith's Shepherd Program is to connect people to God in worship, fellowship, and service and to connect people to each other in the life of the congregation and its mission in the world. Shepherds in each Flock strive to foster connections for all so that every member belongs, matters, and is cared for, and discovers how they can make their contributions. Throughout the year, we have shared in joys and sorrows, offered help, assistance, and comfort in the good days and in the difficult days by providing meals, transportation, cards, calls, visits, and support. If at any time, you have a concern or a need, please know you may and should contact your Shepherd. Your Shepherd wants to encourage you in your Christian life and in your life as a member of Faith. Sincere and heartfelt thanks to each of our faithful shepherds: Sally Crawford, Candy Frank, Hilda Giles, Lynn Hayes, Beth Huckleberry, Maggie March, Chris Martinez, LouAnn Potito, and Ann Rand (Shepherd to the Shepherds).

An important component of Congregational Care is prayer. Through the use of email and our weekly *Faith Happenings* newsletter, the congregation is made aware of the needs of members to pray for specific cares and concerns. There is peace in knowing that others are praying with and for you in your time of need and showing God's love to one another.

Prayer Shawls/Prayer Blankets is another quiet but important ministry of caring offered by our church to people in need. Each shawl is started with prayer and prayers are continuous as the items are completed. They are made with love and God is love, so the Lord



***Blessing of Prayer Shawls 11-12-17.** Prayer shawls are knitted with faith and love by members of FPC.*

Himself lives in every thread of every item. The hope is that each recipient will feel the love of God as they wrap or cover themselves with the soft yarn. Recipients can be those who need strength through a medical procedure, those in need of comfort after a loss, those in need of peace/patience during an illness/recovery, those celebrating a graduation, a marriage, or the birth of a child. All items are marked with the date the item was blessed.

Our Faith, Hope and Hammers program is a very worthwhile service for our church family, based on ability and skill sets available. Volunteers cheerfully undertake small projects that might otherwise go undone--projects intended to improve quality of life--where we can lend a helping hand. This includes such things as minor electrical work/troubleshooting, minor plumbing repairs, computer technology services, church maintenance and painting, landscaping, etc., minor home and deck repairs, small painting jobs, moving the occasional (and relatively small) piece of furniture, hanging pictures. This year we have transported boxes, small furniture and miscellaneous home furnishings to storage units, assembled various desks/bookcases, trimmed bushes, repaired a split rail fence, removed small trees, cut and stacked firewood, picked up home improvement supplies from local suppliers, coordinated driveway grading/repair with a local

contractor, trimmed and cleared brush/shrubs, helped with packing for moves, and provided transportation to various places.

We gathered in fellowship and friendship throughout 2017 in many ways:

- Monthly 2nd Sunday lunches following our worship services and Easter lunch at Harvest on Main
- Numerous special receptions, celebration of the 30th anniversary of Rev. Simpson's ordination, a Quilt of Valor presentation event, Capital Campaign kickoff dinners for leadership and the congregation, a baby shower, soup lunch for visiting Northminster Presbyterian women, and dinners for Habitat for Humanity volunteer teams
- Group outings to the Blue Ridge Community Theater
- Graduates Recognition Sunday
- Blessings of prayer shawls at Sunday worship services
- Remembrances on Father and Mother's Day
- Cookout and total eclipse viewing at our new church property
- Shepherds' Recognition/Commissioning; publishing a Faith Shepherd Program brochure

We enjoyed offering several important health-related and other seminars this year:

- Heart Healthy Fannin mini health fair
- CPR/AED Training/Refresher



Heart Healthy Fannin mini health fair open to the community on 2-13-17. The event was well attended and supported by local health agencies of Fannin County and the surrounding area.



Eclipse viewing & cookout at our new church property 8-21-17

- Fall-Proofing Seminar for Boomers and Beyond
- Techie 101 training class for smart phones and portable electronic devices

It was truly a joy and a blessing to serve our Faith family and community throughout the year.



Techie 101 class graduates proudly posed with their mastered state-of-the-art electronic devices. Taught by our own pastor in training Michael Gable.

2017 Mission and Outreach Report

Our goals for 2017 included to increase membership and participation through connecting with and serving those in our community and be a viable, spiritual place of worship by the sharing of our time, talent and treasure. The Mission and Outreach exemplifies the sharing of our time, talent, and treasure through the work we do in the community. We also work to communicate all our activities through newsletters, bulletins and outside publicity.



*Yea, watermelon day for Seamless Summer was very popular with the kids.
Thanks to Chattanooga Food Bank.*

Give to our Missionaries

Always a busy team, our Mission and Outreach expanded this year to include financial support for missionaries, Charles and Melissa Johnson, who are serving in Zambia. We were very



*Missionaries Charles and Melissa Johnson are
presented with Faith tee shirts and handmade dresses.*

fortunate to have a visit from them in June as they began a whirlwind tour of the churches supporting their ministry.

Our activities requiring the largest number of volunteers were staffing the Fannin County food bank every Thursday, filling bags for Snack in a Back Pack and delivering weekly during the school year to Blue Ridge Elementary, seamless summer, and helping at the Good Samaritan barbecue in September and at their Thanksgiving dinner. We served 4942 meals using 71 volunteers for seamless summer in 2017. Partnering with Snack in a Backpack this year enabled us to cover an additional week.

In February we celebrated the Super Bowl with Souper Bowl Sunday, collecting canned goods for the food bank. In March we participated in Bowls of Hope, a fund raiser for Feed Fannin, by making soup and volunteering at the event. The event features unlimited soup tastings and a pottery soup bowl for the price of admission. In May we hosted a mission fair in honor of the 30th anniversary of Pastor Jim Simpson's ordination which many of our mission partners attended. Our Faith garden also supported the food bank with hundreds of pounds of potatoes through weekly garden tending by faithful volunteers.

Other activities throughout the year included Red Cross blood drives in May and September, serving meals to Habitat volunteers visiting from other churches, Mother's day gifts for the Crisis Center, collecting tab tops and coke rewards for area schools, collecting gifts at Christmas for Pruitt nursing home and for the North Georgia Crisis Center, providing knitted or crocheted hats for newborn babies at Fannin Regional Hospital, providing welcome baskets to cancer victims coming to Second Wind Cancer Retreat, giving away hats at Fannin Family Connection, providing candy for the Halloween Safe Zone, volunteering for the Special Olympics, collecting clothing and shoes for East Fannin elementary students, and participating in Rivers Alive clean up of the Toccoa River.

We also participated in area festivals: Fire and Ice, Arts in the Park, the 4th of July Founders Day parade (preceded by a pancake breakfast at the church), Trout Fest, and Light up Blue Ridge.



Arts in the Park featured children's hand painting supervised by master hand painters Patty Morris and Frances Young.

In addition to our volunteer services, we also included, as part of the church budget, contributions to the following agencies:

Fannin Family Connection,

Open Arms of Blue Ridge, Good Samaritans for Fannin County, Fannin Christian Learning Center, Habitat for Humanity of Fannin and Gilmer Counties, North Georgia Mountain Crisis Center, Mineral Springs Center, Seamless Summer, Snack in a Backpack, Sunny D's scholarships, Toys for Tots, Thornwell Home for Children, and the Honduras Fund. This year \$500 each was given to the Presbyterian Disaster relief fund for Hurricane relief and to Open Arms after fire destroyed their building.



We also supported through annual offerings to One Great Hour of Sharing, the Christmas Joy Offering, Caring Hands Fund offering, and the Pentecost offering.

Spiritual Development Planning Team

Prepared by Frances Young and Patty Morris, Co-Chairs

Planning Team Members: Elaine Whitley, Janice Simpson, Tom Barrentine, Patty Morris, Bill Young, Frances Thompson, Beth Huckleberry, Jim Simpson, Frances Young

The Spiritual Development Planning Team has worked hard in 2017 to promote and support the priorities of Faith Presbyterian Church set out by our Session.

Priority 1 Increase membership and participation through connecting with and serving those who reside in our community.

- Again this year we participated in the Blue Ridge Fire and Ice Festival held in February. A team of volunteers served fried tortillas, plain, spicy, or cinnamon, to compliment the competition chili. We also handed out bookmarks containing our Lenten Calendar, as well as Seamless Summer information. All donations were given to the Seamless Summer Food Program.
- During the 2017 year, the pastor, our choir director, and Faith members provided four worship services for the residents of Blue Ridge Assisted Living. All that attended enjoyed singing hymns and a lesson from the pastor.

Priority 2 Be a viable, spiritual place of worship by the sharing of our time, talent, and treasure.

- Again this year *Our Daily Bread*, a daily devotional was provided for members and Friends of Faith.
- The Lenten Season began with an Ash Wednesday service, including the imposition of ashes. Our Lenten theme this year was *Church for All*. Devotionals, “The Sanctuary for Lent 2017,” were provided for all members, Friends of Faith, and visitors. For our Palm Sunday service, we ushered in the King of Kings using eco-palms. During Holy Week we held a meaningful Maundy Thursday Service, then we joined an Ecumenical Good Friday Service at The Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church with the Blue Ridge United Methodist Church and St. Luke’s Episcopal Church. A joint choir provided glorious music, and liturgists and ministers from the four churches helped to provide the message.

This was followed on Easter Sunday with a joyous worship service attended by members, Friends of Faith, and visitors.

- Our worship theme for the 2016 Advent Season was *SeeKING JESUS*. We began the season as the women of the church continued a tradition of decorating the Chrismon Tree with handmade decorations. Congregational members, friends, and visitors were provided Advent devotionals, *Moving Toward the Manger*. Our growing choir, under the leadership of Kathy Cardwell, performed the cantata, *Night of the Father's Love*, in two performances on December 17 with almost 200 members, friends, and guests in attendance to enjoy these inspiring performances. On Christmas Eve we joined together in song, praise, and message for our regular worship service to celebrate the joyous birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. That evening our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service was well attended by members, as well as visitors. The Chrismon Tree and candlelight created the real meaning of the Light of Jesus.

- During the 2017 year, the choir has continued to grow in membership. New members who have brought wonderful musical talents have made an amazing transformation to the choir and the opportunity to take on more music. Guest musicians and guest soloists have graced our worship services throughout the year.

This year we were blessed to receive a donation of 40 choir robes from Burnt Store Presbyterian Church in Punta Gorda, Florida. The choir debuted these crimson robes with the PCUSA logo monograms during our Christmas Cantata. What a beautiful sight and sound!!

- During 2017, we conducted two Wholeness and Healing services to allow the membership to heal from losses and pray for a clear vision of the direction they should travel.
- This year we were pleased to welcome Michael Gable as our summer pastoral intern from Columbia Theological Seminary. Michael participated in many aspects of our church life, including preaching, pastoral care, Seamless Summer volunteer, and community outreach. In June Michael led a study on the Protestant Reformation to celebrate its 500th year anniversary.

Priority 3 Equip members to follow in Jesus's footsteps and to show God's love, grace, and care.

- We continued to have record attendance in our Faith Groups that met on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Studies were varied with a duration of four to nine weeks per study.
- This year Spiritual Development offered an Evening Study Group led by Janice Simpson. All participants enjoyed the study, *Hidden In His Own Story – The Study of the Parables of Jesus*. Participation was encouraging, and plans are being made to continue this study group in 2018.
- During the Lenten season, we enjoyed six Lunch and Learns. Each was well attended. Our lesson each week was presented by Rev. Simpson from the theme *Church for All*. During the lesson, the participants were invited to make and take home craft items to remind them of the lesson for that week. Craft items included clay lanterns, puzzle pieces, crosses, and book marks. During one of the lessons, Debbie Peterson shared a picture presentation on her missionary trip to Cuba.
- Children's Church continued under the leadership of Frances Young, who recruited volunteers for each week. These volunteers led the children in the Gathering Room using a source of sermons for children that coincide with the biblical passage that Pastor Jim used for the adult sermon of the day.
- Our August Vacation Bible School for All included lessons, "True Colors," about the liturgical calendar and were led by Rev. Simpson and our summer pastoral intern, Michael Gable. Our four Faith Groups each took one day to host VBS with delicious snacks and to give a brief explanation of their upcoming fall study.
- In 2017 the Women of Faith continued their study, *Who is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes*, which ended in May. Because of the generous offerings from the Women of Faith, they were able to donate \$1,500 to the Presbyterian Mission Agency to go toward building a water well which will provide water for thousands who presently do not have access to clean water. In July the Women of Faith, our Jewish community friends, and friends from the community enjoyed a delicious salad luncheon to kick off our 2017/2018 Women of Faith study, *What She Said, Quotable Women in Scripture*. The ladies enjoyed a delicious lunch,

good fellowship, and a short skit performed to encourage everyone to attend our next study. What a delightful day! These ladies have continued to meet monthly to study women from the Old and New Testament. It was decided that this year, our offering will go to our Zambia missionaries, Charles and Melissa Johnson.

Our Advent Lunch and Learns were held on each Wednesday during Advent, with members and friends providing delicious soups, breads, and desserts. Rev. Simpson, Patty Morris, and Frances Young presented informative and challenging lessons with the theme *SeeKING JESUS*.

- A beautiful baptismal font was donated by Ken and Lorraine DeCesar in honor of their son, Vanya Decesar, who was the first child baptized in our church.

Priority 4 Ensure the development of effective leadership skills.

- This year we again secured 6 Head Ushers to organize, schedule, and inform weekly ushers in their duties. A training was held early in the year to assist these Head Ushers in their responsibilities.



The Faith Presbyterian Church Choir model their new choir robes that were donated by Burnt Store Presbyterian Church from Punta Gorda, Florida. Glen Ferris (3rd from right) coordinated and made this a reality.

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship Services are held weekly at 10:30 a.m.

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FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2017 SESSION

- Class of 2017: Frances Young, John Thompson,
Dick Schmus
- Class of 2018: Debbie Peterson – Clerk of Session,
Allan Edwards (resigned), Jim Reich,
Ann Rand (replaced Allan Edwards)
- Class of 2019: Patty Morris, Sylvia Goodyear,
Doris Riggs

The **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** has been called by the Session for Sunday, February 11, 2018 following the 10:30 a.m. Service of Worship.

