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2010 Annual Report

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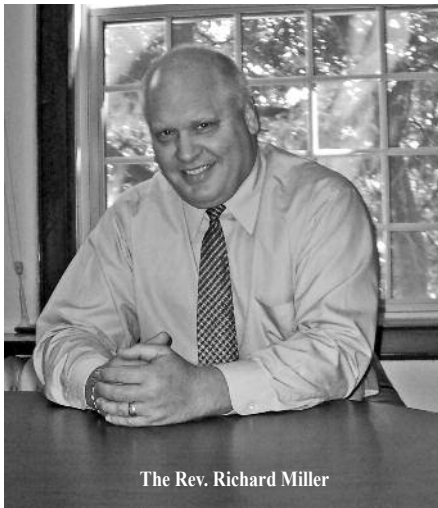


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The Rev. Richard Miller

Transitions and Blessings

Transitions in life come as often and as quickly as transitions in ministry. In all transitions we do well to reflect, grieve, learn, and grow as our faith in God remains our constant companion.

The year of 2010 gave us the opportunity to say “goodbye” to Ruth E. Baker after 40 years of service to the church and its music program. We also said “goodbye” to Steve Hawk who sought new employment in early 2010. Then we welcomed two new staff persons. Shannon Gruhlke as the church’s Finance Manager, and Ahreum Han as Principal Organist and Assistant Director of Music. Both Shannon and Ahreum have blessed us with their gifts and abilities. They have been

wonderful additions to the staff team. First Presbyterian Church has a wonderful staff and we will continue to be blessed, even as we pray for Rev. Scott Minter and his future transition in ministry.

We have much to be thankful for and the great moments in 2010 give us momentum as we move into 2011.

Together in 2010 we experienced:

- Special worship services during Lent: Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday.
- Contemplative worship in the style of Taizé each month.
- Welcomed 24 new members to our church family.
- Fun-filled production of *Little Shop of Horrors*.
- Being homework helpers for Boys and Girls Club kids and feeding them on Wednesdays.
- Relocation of the Selemani family from Rock Island to one of our church homes.
- Another book study on the book by Henri Nouwen, *Making All Things New*.
- The production of a stewardship video for our website.
- Another successful Homecoming luncheon for our oldest and most honored members.
- Another year of wonderful productions through our Performing Arts Series.
- We enjoyed Holiday Pops, the Christmas Concert, and Advent and Christmas Eve services.
- Leaders were guided through two leadership retreats with Dan Ebener.

So much goes on in the life of our church it would be difficult for me to list every meaningful activity and program, so forgive me if I missed something meaningful to you. In 2010 we faced many things together. We faced the loss of loved ones who now dwell as saints with God. We said “goodbye” to friends who relocated by profession or other transitions in life. We said “hello” to new ones birthed into homes, and we watched other families say “goodbye” as they launched a child into the future. God continues to teach us to trust the moment and the future because God has been faithful in our past. So with 2010 behind us, we boldly move into 2011 knowing that God goes before us always, showing us the way.

Richard E. Miller



Congregational Gains and Losses in Membership during 2010:

Total Active Members, December 31, 2009	1,291
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Total Gains for 2010:

Profession of Faith	5
Reaffirmation of Faith	8
Letters of Transfer	11
Confirmation	0
Restored to Active	<u>3</u>
Total Additions	+27

Total Losses for 2010:

Letters of Transfer	8
Inactive	3
Removed	3
Death	<u>14</u>
Total Losses	- 28

Total Active Members, December 31, 2010

1,290

Adherent Membership of First Presbyterian Church December 31, 2010:

Total Active Members	1,290
Total Inactive Members	278
Total Affiliate Members	10
Total Baptized Members	<u>305</u>

Total Adherent Membership
December 31, 2010

1,883

The 2010 Report of the Session

Diane Schroder, Clerk of Session

The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Davenport, Iowa, for 2010 consisted of twenty-four (24) Elders in active service, the Pastor, and two Associate Pastors. The Session is charged by the *Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church (USA)* with the oversight of the local congregation's government and mission.

Elders are elected for three-year terms. The respective classes during 2010 were:

Class of 2010	Class of 2011	Class of 2012
Dick Duncan	Anthony Ciccotelli	Mike Bawden
Brock Earnhardt	Harry Hoyt*	Susan Crutcher
John Gere *	Mark Jones	Marie Fraser*
Paula Hartmann	Sheryl Kress	Sarah Greim
Judith Hawthorne	Kevin Muur#	Jim Middleton
Jack Hudson	Diane Schroder*	JoAnne Morriscal*
Kelsey Roebuck#	Scott Tinsman, Jr.#	Diane Roebuck
Tom Spitzfaden*	Craig VanHook	Gavin Schermer
	James Tucker	
	Angela Bowles Edwards	

Eleven stated meetings were held during 2010. The Annual Meeting of the Congregation received the Annual Report for 2009 on February 28, 2010. One special meeting of the congregation was held to elect church officers for the class of 2013.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated on 9 occasions during the year.

The Sacrament of Baptism was administered to 11 children.

Four church family marriage services occurred.

The First Presbyterian Church of Davenport, Iowa, is a member of the Presbyterian Church (USA), the Synod of Lakes and Prairies, and the Presbytery of East Iowa.

First Church people actively involved in Presbytery and Synod service:

Harry Hoyt – Consultant to Committee on Ministry, Commissioner to Synod, Administrative Review Task Force (Synod).

Deacons are elected for three-year terms. The respective classes during 2010 were:

Class of 2010	Class of 2011	Class of 2012
Dianna Arnold	Penné Duncan	Ted Brown
Robert Carson	Dave Fritz	Frank Crutcher#
Karen Dague	Diane Gere	Barb Greim*
Jim Keller*	Karl Hickerson	Sarah Huber
Dick Koos	Don Hultgren	Marilyn Irwin
Mary Shivers	Terry Ousley	Theresa Jacobsmeier
Alice Ruffin	Phyllis Pecoraro	Karla Jones
Phil Schwister	Jennifer Ferrell	Cindy Meinert
Patty Scott	Erika Schmidt	Mark Meinert
Tracey Seaman	Vicki Stegall	Karen Moore
Don Sierk	Carol Tucker	Linda Ruebling
	Jim Woods	Judy Smith
		Andrew Williams
		Kris Woodard*

*serving second consecutive 3-year term, ineligible for re-election

resigned

+ one-year term

First Church staff actively involved in community organizations and events:

Shannon Gruhlke – *NMA, THE Leadership Development Organization*

The Rev. Pamela Hoogheem – *Boys and Girls Club Board*

Steven R. Jobman – *Advisory Board of the River Center Adler Theater (Secretary), Holiday Pops Artistic Director, Quad City Arts Visiting Artists Committee*

The Rev. Richard E. Miller – *Progressive Clergy, People Uniting Neighborhoods and Churches (PUNCH), Quad City Presbyterian Pastor Association, Marriage and Family Counseling Board*

The Rev. Scott Minter – *Clinical Pastoral Education Advisory Board*

Diane Pumphrey – *Public Relations Network of the Quad Cities*

The 2010 Corporate Officers were:

Tom Spitzfaden – *President*

Craig VanHook – *Vice-President*

Pam Paulsen – *Treasurer*

Diane Schroder – *Secretary*

Members of the Board of Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church Foundation for 2010 were:

Class of 2010

Jeff Ehrmann – *Vice President*

Steve Arp

Linda Meadors (1 year term)

Wendy Hammen

Class of 2011

Chris Connolly

Dan Ellard

Merriam Rink – *Treasurer*

Class of 2012

Doug Wells - *President*

Kent Marcek

The Session recognizes and pays tribute to the memory of the following members of the congregation who died in 2010:

Name	Date of Death	Date Joined FPC
Arlen Stensrud*	02-27-2010	11-10-1997
Marian Alice Breinich	03-28-2010	03-28-1937
Lois Jean Watson	03-29-2010	05-01-1994
Kyle Roseman	05-15-2010	Child
Grady Robinson	06-03-2010	11-1-1992
Jean Howell^	08-11-2010	04-21-1946
Darrell (Bud) Darland^	09-01-2010	04-02-1961
Ernest Beerends	09-04-2010	10-06-1974
Ronald Essner	09-26-2010	05-09-2005
James Winchell	10-10-2010	03-25-1932
Elaine Rensberger	10-22-2010	04-10-1949
James Ferguson	12-12-2010	10-20-2002
Mary Wilson^	12-17-2010	12-04-1982
Dorothy Farland	12-29-2010	06-01-2003

* Elder ^Deacon

Church Government & Personnel Committee

A Committee of the Session

Support of Staff and Goals:

The members of the committee met in pairs (for the most part) with individual members of the staff twice during the year (January and July) to review their goals, discuss the goal setting process, visit informally and confidentially in an effort to help staff with any issues, concerns, or problems they may be experiencing at work.



Clerk of Session, Diane Schroder, and Moderator of Session, The Rev. Richard Miller.

Communication with Congregation:

The committee held five Open Forums – one in January, April and July, and two in October. These forums are open to all members on any topic of interest. The location is always in the bulletin, but meetings are usually held in the Parlor. In addition, each month the *Viewpoint* box kept at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex was checked and any issues of concerns from the congregation were addressed at our regularly scheduled meetings.

Child Protection Subcommittee:

Kent Schroder gave his annual report to the committee in September. The “Code of Conduct for Volunteers and Paid Staff” was reviewed and adopted, to be signed by all who work with children and youth in our church.

Additionally:

- The committee reviewed requests from staff on all issues concerning personnel: compensation, benefits, new hires, new positions, resignations, vacation, continuing education, retirement, sick days, personal days, insurance, etc.
- The following calendar was established:
 - January – Open Forum, year-end staff review
 - April – Open Forum
 - July – Open Forum, mid-year staff review
 - September – Child Protection Report
 - October – Open Forum, membership considerations
 - November – Membership decisions

The Church Government Committee and Personnel Committee met monthly. Additional meetings were held on an as need basis with staff and members of the congregation throughout the year. Any individual that would care to meet with the entire committee is welcome to do so, but the committee needs to be notified in advance by contacting Harry Hoyt, Chair. Our regular monthly meeting is held in the Head Pastor’s office at 5:30 PM on the Thursday before the Monday Session meeting.

Members of the committee are: Harry Hoyt, Chair, Brock Earnhardt, Louise Hales, Steve Huber, Diane Schroder, Debby Stafford, and staffed by the Reverend Richard Miller.

Heritage Committee

A Committee of the Session

Purpose:

The Heritage Committee preserves historic and current documentation about the membership and the physical property which makes up First Presbyterian Church of Davenport, Iowa.

Committee Vision:

To preserve the heritage of the church and to educate the church membership and community of the history of its members and ministry.

Committee Values:

Collection, Protection, Preservation, Organization and Interpretation.

Accomplishments:

This committee reorganized in the Spring of 2010 to move the current archive collection from the basement level of the church to a designated and secure classroom on the third floor. Prior to the physical move, committee members addressed and revised their mission and vision which is stated above. An advisory committee was formed with the intention to form four project specific subcommittees to accomplish the move and reorganization of the current collection.

Physical Storage Subcommittee:

Develop designs for an archives storage system of shelving, cabinets, and display cases in the Heritage Room, and display features in other prominent areas of the church.

Categorization and Accessibility of Collection Subcommittee:

Review materials currently available, determine the categories, catalog the archived items for easy accessibility, and determine the preservation methods to be used.

People and Stories Subcommittee:

- Establish guidelines for the selection of past and present members and clergy of the church whose biographical information should be included within the collection.
- Record oral histories of current church members and their families based on established guidelines.
- Be accessible to other established committees, families of prior members, and the community at large to provide information housed within our collection.

Historical Events and Education Subcommittee:

- To review and analyze historical events throughout the church’s existence.
- To educate all levels of the church’s congregation regarding the uniqueness and significance of First Presbyterian’s rich history, its sponsorship of other churches, and its historic role within the greater community.
- To look for opportunities to partner with other First Church committees and community organizations.



Heritage Committee member, John Gere (pictured at right), welcomes Bruce Mason of Richmond, Virginia. They are pictured with a photograph from the First Church archives of Bruce’s great-great grandfather, the Rev. James D. Mason.

Worship & Music

A Committee of the Session

The focus of this committee takes three main directions: the enhancement of worship through weekly musical leadership; the Christian education of First Presbyterian's children, young people and adults in rehearsals and music literature; and the outreach of First Presbyterian Church through the proclamation of God's salvation to the whole world.

2010 Highlights

January:

Taizé worship services are offered on the first Friday of each month.

March:

Performing Arts Series presentation of the Broadway musical, *Little Shop of Horrors*.



Little Shop of Horrors

April

Performing Arts Series presentation of the Good Friday TENEBRAE featuring the *Sanctuary Choir*, the *Cathedral Choir of Young Men and Boys*, the *Cecelian Carolers*, and orchestra.

Performing Arts Series presentation of *Quartet San Francisco*, co-sponsored by Quad City Arts.



African Children's Choir

June:

The congregation celebrates Ruth E. Baker's ministry as Organist and Assistant Director of Music on the occasion of her retirement.

July:

The *Sanctuary Choir* is the featured chorus in *STAR WARS IN CONCERT* at the iwireless Center. The *Sanctuary Choir*, the *Vesper Bells* and a group of singing high school/college guys added excitement to the full-house worship services on Bix weekend.

August:

The congregation welcomes Ahreum Han as the new Principal Organist, Assistant Director of Music, and Artist-in-Residence.

September:

The *Sanctuary Choir* hosts the 31st Annual Stronghold Choir Retreat.

October:

African Children's Choir

November:

Performing Arts Series presentation of the Canadian music sensation, *DESTINO*. This concert is a continuation of a relationship of the PAS with the Quad City Arts Visiting Artists Series. *Sanctuary Choir* sings for the Holiday Pops Concert with the Quad City Symphony at the iwireless Center for the nineteenth year in a row. Steven Jobman serves as Artistic Director for the entire event.

December:

Performing Arts Series presentation of Alpin Hong, pianist, co-sponsored by Quad City Arts.

Performing Arts Series presentation of the twenty-first annual Christmas concerts, *Tidings of Christmas Joy!*

Worship & Music Committee Members: Mike Bawden, chair; Anthony Ciccotelli, JoAnne Morriral, Jane Magnusson, Jim Middleton for technology, and Trish Nelson for Communion preparation..



The 31st Annual Stronghold Choir Retreat

Chancel Guild



Purposes:

To decorate the Sanctuary for the Easter and Christmas seasons and to prepare the Chancel for Sunday services. The decorations and flowers are funded by the memorial contributions for Sunday flowers and memorials made during the Easter and Christmas seasons.



Accomplishments:

- Two new green antependium (cloths in front of the Pulpit and Lectern) were purchased and dedicated to Ruth E. Baker for her many years of faithful service.
- Two new floor vases were purchased for the palm leaf arrangements on Palm Sunday.
- Beautiful longer and more substantial lighted garland was purchased for the front of the Chancel.
- The preservation and framing of two antependium of original design and handcrafted by church members for the sesquicentennial celebration of First Presbyterian Church.
- We truly appreciate the support of our church members. The Guild thanks the many donors who have made memorial contributions for flowers on Sunday mornings and for the Easter and Christmas seasons which serve to enrich the worship experience.

The 2010 Chancel Guild members were: Helen DeKalb, Gwen Nelson, Pam Lemon(chair), Karen Manuel, Linda Emrick, Jean Nelson, Rebecca Pierson, Sharon Simmonds, Shirlee Dense, Kathy Lamb, Marianne Marcek, and Judy Smith. Judi Driscoll served as the chair for Memorial Flowers.

Building & Grounds

A Committee of the Session

Purposes and Goals for 2010:

- Continue toward completion of the Forward in Faith Capital Campaign projects.
- Pursue energy efficiency measures identified in the 2009 energy audit.
- Assist in completing the Technology Committee's Sanctuary installation projects.
- Building maintenance.
- Examine opportunities to improve safety and comfort.

Accomplishments:

- Capital Campaign Projects:
 - Designs were developed for remodeling the Fellowship Hall restrooms and to create a new restroom on the main level for offices/Von Maur Hall/Parlor use. Construction is to be completed by the end of February, 2011.
 - A new maintenance office was built within the maintenance shop space. In conjunction with this project, the former maintenance office is now remodeled for the new organist.
- Additional attic insulation was installed above the Sanctuary and Chapel. Ballasts and tubes were replaced to retro-fit the fluorescent fixtures throughout the building. Both of these projects will improve our utility energy efficiency. Almost all of the costs for these measures were funded by rebates.
- A projection screen is now installed in the northwest corner of the Sanctuary enclosed by wood trim which harmonizes with the space's traditional woodwork.
- Always endeavoring to stay a step ahead, the building has been well-maintained by our top-notch maintenance staff.
- A new drop ceiling was installed in the office corridor near the parlor.
- Repaired, plastered, and painted the southwest stairwell leading to the Sanctuary balcony.
- Several sidewalk sections near the Iowa Street parking lot had heaved causing a trip hazard. These were leveled by mud-jacking.
- Panic hardware will be installed on the exterior entry/exit doors in the Sanctuary/Chapel portion of the building. We are also pursuing replacement of these old wood doors. Work will begin on this endeavor in the spring of 2011.
- Managed to get through the past five months without an incident of someone sitting on or setting anything on the organ console.

Technology

A Committee of the Session

Mission:

Assess the technology needs of the church, including support for Session and Deacon committees, pastoral and support staff, and all other ministries within the church, including the related goals stated in the church's Long Range Strategic Plan (LRSP).



Technology Committee Chair, Jim Middleton, trains his grandson, Ethan Peterson, how to use some of the lighting controls!

Completed the installation of equipment in the Sanctuary:

- Booth
- High Definition video recording equipment
- Projection screen installation/woodwork
- Re-location of audio equipment to new booth
- Become proficient with the equipment
- Instruction from vendors/contractors
- Train church members volunteers

Communication:

- Digital Signage in the Narthex is updated weekly with time-relevant information and events. This is shown before and after Sunday morning worship services.
- Projection screen is used to show audio/video messages to the congregation as they relate to Minute for Mission presentations and other needs. Four weeks advanced notice is required for planning and execution. Presented materials will be screened and first approved by the Worship & Music Committee.
- Sunday services are recorded using state-of-the-art high-definition digital video and audio equipment. The recordings are distributed to homebound members who request either a DVD or CD. Copies are also available for check-out in the Church Library.
- Sunday sermons (audio & video) are uploaded to the church website. They can also be downloaded to mobile devices to be viewed at a later date.
- Produced a short stewardship video that was shown in services the first two weeks of November and was linked to the church website.
- Continue to update and improve the church website for content, user ease, and functionality.
- Investigate TV broadcasting, preferences for media format, music copyright issues, and times for airing taped services/events with church clergy and staff.
- Coordinate their goals and expectations with pastoral staff, committee's goals, and with congregation (educate them on the systems' capabilities and determine their expectations).
- TTF Committee meetings on a regular basis.
- Keep current with operating programs – know what is available and when to upgrade

Maintain equipment

- Determine what can be serviced in-house and what needs to be serviced by equipment vendors/contractors.
- Determine the ongoing costs.
- The Office/Communications Manager is the liaison to this committee and reports church office technology issues to the committee.

Parish Nurse Ministry

Barb Yankey, RN

Accomplishments:

- “Walk to Jerusalem” was a church-wide initiative held during Lent. Church members of all ages were able to improve physical, emotional, and spiritual health by embarking on a symbolic journey to Jerusalem. The goal was to collectively ‘walk’ the 2,434 land miles to Jerusalem. Weekly devotionals were offered as well as information regarding the countries through which we were ‘traveling’. One hundred and twenty-one parishioners requested ‘passports’ with seventy-two completing the program. Because we exceeded the mileage goal, our journey included a ‘round trip’ to Jerusalem.
- In honor of those who have served our country in the Armed Forces, a Memorial Wreath was provided for Memorial Day. Church members were encouraged to tie a ribbon on the wreath in memory of, or in honor of, friends and family who have served in the military in the past or who are currently serving.
- First Presbyterian Church held a Blood Drive for the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center in Fellowship Hall during July, a season when donations are typically low. Several parishioners hosted the event while others donated blood. First Presbyterian Church obtained the goal set for us by the Blood Center.
- In September, a campaign was held to discourage the use of cell phones while driving. Church members were challenged to sign a “No Phone Zone Pledge” stating how they would do their part to end distracted driving. The signed pledges were then posted in the Fellowship Hall’s Healthy Corner for a visual confirmation of our intentions to live more responsibly.
- *Homecoming: A Tribute to those Seventy-Five and Older* was held October 3, 2010. The event, financed by the Board of Deacons, included a service of Holy Communion and familiar hymns followed by a gourmet meal for 72 guests. Many church members volunteered to assist with the occasion.
- In November, “God’s Gift of Sexuality” program was presented to the Confirmation Class.
- The Prayer Shawl Ministry continues to thrive due to the generous donations of shawls crafted by church members. Throughout 2010, approximately 40 shawls were given to congregational members in times of difficulty as well as in times of celebration. Church members are encouraged to call the Parish Nurse office if you know of a parishioner who might find comfort in receiving a prayer shawl.
- Blood Pressure Screening continued to be offered the second Sunday of the month in the Healthy Corner of Fellowship Hall between services.
- The Deacons’ Closet continues to be a resource for church members in need of medical equipment and supplies. Parishioners donate health-related items they no longer need so that others may use the supplies or borrow equipment on a temporary basis.
- The Parish Nurse supported the pastoral care staff by assisting with home and hospital visits.



Prayer Shawl Ministry (PSST - Prayer Shawl Second Tuesday)



Homecoming 2010 luncheon

Pastoral Care & Spiritual Development

A Committee of the Deacons

Purpose:

To plan, coordinate, and guide the pastoral care and spiritual development of the congregation. The goals of the committee continue to focus on the establishment, promotion, and evaluation of programs and events that support the pastoral care and spiritual and emotional needs of the people.

Accomplishments:

- The Annual Women's Weekend Retreat of fellowship and spiritual growth was held April 9-11 at the Shalom Center in Dubuque, Iowa. Another April retreat is planned for 2011.
- For the men, two retreat events were held in 2010: a golf outing, September 13 at Palmer Hills and a men's night out at Ron Kardel's activity barn, February 5.
- The In-Touch ministry served nearly thirty homebound members of our congregation through regular visitation and seasonal gifts. Copies of the Upper Room were also delivered.
- Operation Love provided support in the form of transportation and meals to church members when requested.
- Funeral Support served at funeral receptions held at the church when requested throughout the year.
- When requested, Prayer Ministry volunteers provide immediate prayer through both a telephone prayer chain and e-mail.
- Love Gift was a new project of the Deacons in 2010. Love Gift seeks to provide one-time financial support to church members. In 2010 over \$2,000 was lovingly and quietly distributed; confidentiality is maintained. Love Gift is funded

by donations from church members. Your contribution to this ministry is always appreciated.

- This committee supports Prayer Shawl Ministry, Spirit Journey, and Health Ministries taking special pleasure in the annual Homecoming Dinner.

Congregational Development & Fellowship

A Committee of the Session



Purposes and 2010 Goals: CDF Committee's purpose is to provide planning, coordination, and promotion for fellowship and support groups and events in the congregation. Our goals for 2010 were to update contact information for each adult fellowship group, update the CDF Committee Operations Manual as needed, and encourage more congregational members to be involved in volunteering at various events, especially new members.

Accomplishments:

- Updated the Adult Fellowship Groups' purposes, meeting times/places, and contact persons.
- Updated the CDF Operations Manual that includes the information necessary to organize the yearly events for which the committee is responsible.
- Organized and/or participated in the following fellowship events:
 - Assisted with Senior Graduation Recognition Reception
 - Bix Race Day Concession Stand
 - Bix Sunday Receptions
 - Blessing of the Animals Service
 - Celtic Sunday Reception
 - Provided helpers for Homecoming Luncheon
 - First Night Out Membership Recruitment Brunch
 - Holiday Pops Dinner/Transportation/Concert Event
 - Thanksgiving Pie Fellowship

New Member Development

A Committee of the Session

Mission:

The mission of the New Member Committee of First Presbyterian Church is to ensure that this is a visitor-friendly, hospitable church. We strive to extend a hand of friendship on behalf of our community of faith to all visitors and new members. The Membership Committee creates and implements effective ways to recruit, orient, and assimilate new members into a meaningful and active church life.

Goals and Accomplishments:

- Coordinated four new member gatherings during the year
- Welcomed 24 new members to First Presbyterian Church
- Completed the new welcome packets
- Hosted the first New Member Reunion, a successful event where we heard from our recent new members about their assimilation into life at FPC.
- Welcomed new congregation members to our committee

Adult Christian Education

A Committee of the Session

Purposes and 2010 goals:

The Adult Christian Education Committee seeks to provide opportunities for growth during the Sunday school hour and throughout the week. We attempt to present a variety of topics that would appeal to many in the congregation.

With a steady decline in attendance, particularly at our scheduled Wednesday night programs, the committee thought significantly about the structure of our offerings. Goals changed. The decision was made to concentrate our regular programming on the Sunday morning education hour. We elected to suspend our regular Wednesday night program. The committee has focused on intermittent small group programs that have the flexibility of being scheduled anytime during the week. By design, the small groups can focus on a more narrowed interest area. We are looking for ways to attract more individuals to our programs and better ways of delivering our programs to the congregation. We are looking to make additional strides in 2011.

Accomplishments:

- In response to feedback from individuals to increase our Bible study offerings, we held eight Sunday morning classes in the spring semester focused on Bible study.
- Held two small groups in the summer.
- Organized the all-congregation small group book study, *Making All Things New*.
- Penné Duncan continues to lead a Monday morning video discussion group.
- Fall series on Social Media, led by Mike Bawden.
- Four-week study on the Matthew and Luke birth stories during Advent.
- Small group offering on the book, *Sabbath*.

Library

A Committee of the Session

- Monthly circulation statistics were taken, resulting in a total of 581 books checked out in 2010.
- There were 184 books added to our collection and 28 large print books.
- A new bookcase was purchased for large print books and is located in a well-lit area. The video cassettes were moved to the shelf that formerly held large print books.
- In October, the library participated in Trunk or Treat.

Library Committee Members: Marilyn Le Buhn, Barb Melby, Vivian Norton, Dorothy Schelar, Bev Koos, Gloria Osborne - emeritus, , Susan Stoesser – Co-chair, Ella Johns – Co-chair

Children's Christian Education

A Committee of the Session

Purpose:

The Children's Christian Education Committee is responsible for the religious education of the children of our church from birth through high school. The committee strives to create programs in which children learn to know God's love and feel valued by the congregation. Through Christian Education children and youth are encouraged to understand the sacred stories of scripture and the teachings of the Church. They also learn how to apply the message and spirit of the scripture stories to their daily lives.

Accomplishments:

- The Promise Land included Old Testament units on Noah's Ark, Ruth, and David, while New Testament units focused on Jesus' baptism, Easter: Go and Tell, and Pentecost.
- Continued the Christian Service station in the Promise Land curriculum in order to nurture student's spiritual formation and to promote awareness of the Diaconal ministries of this congregation. The Fall featured the Salvation Army meal service, Prayer Shawl, and the Boys and Girls Club. During Advent, the children and youth learned about the people of Guatemala and children's families were invited to participate in the Arbol de Esperanza (Tree of Hope).
- Continued the Spirituality station in the Promise Land curriculum in order to nurture student's spiritual formation and to introduce children to new forms of worship. The Easter unit included a lesson on icons as forms of prayer and spiritual expression.
- Recognized the extensive volunteer network of Teachers and Shepherds in a service of worship with gifts of bread wrapped in bags decorated by the children and youth of the Promise Land. The year-end party was well attended by all ages.
- Vacation Bible Camp was a multi-sensory experience for children and adults as they explored the Celtic and African American roots of the PC (USA). The week was full of blessings through visits from Derek Grant as our Bag Piper and "Sparks," the VBC mascot, as played by Pastor Scott Minter. High-energy dance, song, creative art, Bible story, and heritage lessons were enjoyed by the children who ranged in age from preschool to 5th grade. Ninety-nine individuals were involved in the Praise Party Vacation Bible Camp as volunteers and participants.
- In the Fall implemented a new Confirmation 1 program for ten, 7th-8th grade youth and taught by the Associate Pastor for CCE.
- Confirmation 2 included 15 students who engaged the curriculum called "Professing Our Faith" series published by the PC (USA). The teachers continued with their class from the first to second year.
- Encouraged the High School Sunday School participants to help determine their educational curriculum to challenge and inspire them to think theologically, reflect upon their personal faith journey, and do good works through active service to the church. The year was lead consistently by the same team of teachers and shepherds.
- Little Saints and Little Angels Nursery transitioned to a new space in the CE building under the leadership of new Caregiver staff. Beginning in the Fall, the Nursery included a Bible story time for the children, Bible related crafts, and Christian songs for young children.



Vacation Bible Camp lesson & craft time



Vacation Bible Camp song & dance!

Youth & Young Adults

A Committee of the Session

Purpose:

To respond to God's call through the Holy Spirit to nurture the faith of young people by providing opportunities for fellowship, discipleship, education, service, and leadership within the church and beyond.

Accomplishments:

- Increased parent participation in Kirkwood Club (KWC) and Middle School Fellowship (MSF) through rotation system.
- Faith and Bible based curriculum for KWC/MSF.
- Raised monies to aid high school students through Performing Arts Series Concessions, promoting stock, and a bake sale.
- Spring High School Fellowship (HSF) featured "Hot Topics" series and Lenten discussions about forgiveness.
- Mission trip to the Pine Ridge reservation included 11 youth and four adults.
- Took on the First Presbyterian Church Connection (FPCC) group for young adults.
- Participated in First Fest.
- Started +1 (Plus One) for young, single mothers in our congregation.
- Consistent participation throughout Fall for youth fellowship groups.
- New organization of HSF curriculum to focus on what it means to live as a person made in God's image in our world.
- Progressive diner for FPCC.
- Sent 11 care packages to first year college students.
- Created a Family Advent Gathering based upon expressed need.



Jimmy Hean was all smiles despite the peanut butter and bunny crackers.



Melissa Rink is "balloon"-iful on game night.

2010 Mission Dollars at Work

Advent Giving Tree: Angel Tree Gifts	.....\$ 439.30
Advent Giving Tree: Love Gifts	.....715.00
Bix Memorial Scholarship Fund	.....1,396.50
Boys & Girls Club	.....1,588.80
Boys & Girls Club Scholarship	.....480.00
Café on Vine	.....960.00
CareLINK – Church Support	.....3,000.00
CareLINK – Deacons' Support	.....2,100.00
Christian Family Care	.....1,500.00
Christmas Joy Offering	.....5,579.62
Churches United – Church Support	.....7,800.00
CROP Walk	.....4,145.00
Disaster Relief Fund	.....844.00
Family Resources – Domestic Violence	.....1,200.00
Food Pantry – Sacred Heart	.....2,514.55
Friendly House	.....1,800.00
Fair Trade Coffee	.....3,585.62
Humility of Mary Shelter	.....1,500.00
In Touch Gifts	.....237.02
Local Missions – MLK Lunch	.....1,011.15
Love Gifts – Regular	.....1,450.00
Mission Connection	.....14,771.21
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering	.....3,324.34
Outreach Missions (Selemani Family)	.....3,160.69
Outreach Missions – Foundation/Deacons	.....4,000.00
Pastors' Discretionary Fund	.....547.00
Peacemaking Offering	.....932.00
Pentecost Offering	.....722.00
Presbytery of East Iowa	.....36,000.00
P.U.N.CH	.....250.00
P.U.N.CH Easter Egg Hunt	.....300.00
Salvation Army	.....1,800.00
Salvation Army Meal Site	.....1,615.96
Souper Bowl of Caring (Café on Vine)	.....1,143.53
Trunk or Treat	.....140.00
United Neighbors	.....1,800.00
Wednesday Night Meals	.....8,352.51
Winnie's Place	.....1,200.00
Men's/Women's Retreats	.....40.02
Total Giving excluding Per Capita	.....123,945.82
Per Capita	.....37,606.05
Total Giving	.....<u>\$161,551.87</u>

Deacons Outreach Committee

A Committee of the Deacons

Purpose:

As the body of Christ, the mission programs of First Presbyterian Church seek to reach out to the community and to the world, using our time and our resources to care for those in need.

Deacons Outreach committee members, present and past, organized these 2010 events:

- Angel Tree gift-giving and delivery, in which congregation members shopped personally for 150+ children of inmates, in association with Prison Ministries;
- Deacons' Endowment Fund assistance in a Harare, Zimbabwe orphans project by Mrs. Alice and Rev. Herbert Chikomo (1979-1980 FPC associate pastor);
- CROP Walk – Churches United six-mile bi-state fundraising walk against hunger;
- Talent show portion of the Deacons' 2010 fundraising party;
- Deacons' participation in First Fest (originally the FPC Involvement Fair);
- FPC's participation in P.U.N.C.H. parties for neighborhood children – Easter Egg Hunt, Picnic, and Halloween Trunk or Treat;
- Care Packages for FPC family members serving in the military overseas.

Deacons Outreach committee members, past and present, oversee volunteers and budget lines as we serve needs in our community and church:

- Friendly House, Food Pantry at The Center, Family Resources, Christian Family Care, Churches United Care LINK, The Salvation Army, Salvation Army Meals, Boys and Girls Club, Café on Vine, Winnie's Place, United Neighbors, Humility of Mary Shelter (monthly);
- FPC Boys & Girls Club Homework Helpers and Wednesday dinners (weekly);
- Community garden plots for neighbors;
- Congolese Family's transition to Iowa: FPC remodeled house, public schools enrollment, adult English classes, medical services, and community and state services (ongoing);
- Food Pantry at The Center (third Sundays);
- Salvation Army meals (first Mondays);
- FPC Boy Scout Troop (weekly);
- Joint energy audit by Outreach's "Go Green" rep, Session's Building-Grounds reps, and a Mid-American Energy's auditor. (Note: audit's recommended projects completed in 2010.)
- People Uniting Neighbors and Churches their support system, and the Boys and Girls Club members.



Congolese Family at a Sunday morning worship service at FPC.



Judy and Jim Smith tally Food Pantry items before delivery.



Vivan Norton and Barb Miller prepare a meal for the Salvation Army meal site.

Mission Connection

A Committee of the Deacons

Purpose:

Mission Connection facilitates the congregation's ability to witness to the compassionate love of Christ by sharing our time, talent, and resources with people beyond the local community. Mission Connection also nurtures and promotes a community-wide network and partnerships among those involved in mission efforts.

Accomplishments:

Connections - The committee sponsored a successful Kids Against Hunger program. We helped coordinate and support visits by Dennis Smith (Presbyterian Missionary) and Ruben Guzman, both from Guatemala. Committee members shared their thoughts during Sunday School on the topic "All people of the world are God's people." We continue with our Grace Lutheran mission partnership.

Trips - Committee members participated in a trip to Guatemala. Ground work was laid for a future trip to Appalachia, and we hope to return to Pine Ridge Reservation in 2011.

Fundraising and financial support - Through the sale of international and Native American goods, the sale of alternative gift cards, and donations received, financial support was provided for: The Kids Against Hunger program, church agencies and projects in Guatemala, African Children's choir visit, and youth mission trip to Pine Ridge Reservation.

Board of Deacons

Purpose:

The purpose of the Board of Deacons is to serve those in need, to provide the congregation awareness of those needs and opportunities to participate in filling the needs. It does not matter if those in need are congregation members, members of our local community, or beyond. These needs are met through three committees – Outreach, Mission Connection, and Pastoral Care, and Spiritual Development. Details for each committee follows this overview.

Accomplishments:

The Deacons were able to financially support the following this year:

- Local agencies - \$16,400
- Special requests within the congregation - \$5,250
- Salvation Army Meal Site & Food Pantry - \$4,150
- Pastoral Care special requests - \$1,450

This was made possible through contributions by the congregation as follows:

- Green Envelopes - \$9,000 (excluding December's receipts)
- Special requests throughout the year - \$8,750
- Fundraisers - \$4,950
- Church Budget - \$5,000 (\$1,000 carry-over from 2009)

Just as significant is that congregation members joined the Deacons in combining for more than 6,000 volunteer hours supporting the various causes of the Deacons, to include:

- The Selemani family, such as driving them to appointments or the store, fixing up the house on Pershing and helping them move, general coordination of necessary activities.
- Kids Against Hunger – 26,000 packaged meals
- Boys and Girls Club tutoring and Wednesday Night Dinners
- Advent Angel Tree, including Mitten Tree, Tree of Hope, Love Gift
- Homecoming Dinner
- CROP Walk
- Salvation Army Meal Site
- PUNCH – Easter Egg Hunt and Trunk or Treat



Guatemala Mission Trip - Jim Keller leads a worship service.

Meal Service of Scott County, Inc.

Sponsored mission of First Presbyterian Church

Purpose:

The Mission of Meal Service of Scott County, Inc., is to deliver a healthy and affordable meal to the homebound, disabled, elderly, and those requiring daily living assistance utilizing donated time and energy by caring and compassionate volunteers.

Accomplishments:

- Forty-third year of community service.
- Delivered 160 meals daily to Davenport and Bettendorf.
- Utilized approximately 110 volunteers, of which ten are members of First Presbyterian Church.
- Two First Presbyterian Church members served on our Board of Directors.

Meal Service of Scott County, Inc., is a non-profit organization that does not receive any federal, state, county, or United Way funds. It relies on donations, memorials, and grants from individuals and organizations to provide this valuable community service.



Guatemala Mission - mountain rainwater retention system



A Kids Against Hunger team



Audrey and Wayne Johnston dedicate much time to volunteer for the Meal Service of Scott County.



CROP walkers representing First Pres. in 2010.

Boy Scout Troop No. 7

Sponsored mission of First Presbyterian Church



Troop 7: Summer Camp at Camp Loud Thunder

Purpose:

As a local mission of First Presbyterian Church, goals are to provide a scouting experience for the boys of First Church and the community. This experience provides youth a chance to go on monthly outings while developing leadership and citizenship skills.

Accomplishments of 2010:

- January: Cabin camping trip to Camp Loud Thunder; Klondike Derby.
- February: Scout Sunday - attended worship service at First Presbyterian Church; cabin camping trip to Camp Loud Thunder; ski trip to Snowstar.
- April: Camping trip to Wapsi Center.; potluck dinner and Court-of-Honor.
- May: Tuesdays - late afternoon bike rides; camping trip to Eden Valley.
- June: Tuesdays - late afternoon bike rides; bicycle camp-out to Scott County Park.
- July: Tuesdays - late afternoon canoe and kayak practice at Credit Island; week-long summer camp at Camp Loud Thunder.
- August: Tuesdays - late afternoon canoe and kayak practice at Credit Island; canoe and kayaking on the Mississippi River sandbar camping trip; potluck dinner and Court-of-Honor.
- September: Camping and backpacking trip at Eden Valley.
- October: Council Camporee at Camp Loud Thunder.
- November: Camping at the Wapsi Center; early evening ice skating at The Rivers Edge; potluck dinner and Court-of-Honor.
- December: Ski trip to Chestnut Mountain; ski trip to Snowstar; Troop Christmas party.

Boys and Girls Clubs of the Mississippi Valley

Sponsored mission of First Presbyterian Church

Purposes and 2010 Goals:

The mission of the Boys and Girls Club of the Mississippi Valley is “to inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, responsible and caring adults.” Our core program areas provide diverse activities that meet the interests of all youth. They engage young people in activities with adults, peers, and family members, that enable them to develop self-esteem and to reach their full potential. Based on physical, emotional, cultural, and social needs and interests of girls and boys, and recognizing developmental principles, the Boys and Girls Club offers program activities in five areas: Character and Leadership Development; Educational and Career Development; Health and Life Skills; The Arts; and Sports, Fitness, and Recreation.

Demographics:

- 275 registered members ages 6-18 at the Davenport Club;
- 150 were males, 125 were females;
- 30% were 6-8 year olds, 54% were 9-12 year olds, 16% were 13 and older;
- 60% African American, 1% Asian, 8% Hispanic, 13% Multi-racial, 18% Caucasian;
- 50% are from single parent families;
- 80% are from low income households;
- 100 members are from Madison School.

Accomplishments:

In the Education and Career Development Program area, the goal is for youth to become proficient in educational disciplines, apply learning to everyday situations, and embrace technology to achieve success in a career. Programs taught in that area are Power Hour and Skill Tech. Power Hour is a homework help and tutoring program and Skill Tech teaches basic computer skills. Outcomes for FY10 were:

- 80% of the youth participating in Power Hour improved or maintained their grades at grade level;
- 90% of the youth participating in Skill Tech learned basic technology skills

Unique Opportunities:

Boys and Girls Club provides Club members with opportunities for new experiences that they would not normally have. Some of the unique, different, and fun activities included:

- Performed a dance routine at the Steak and Burger Dinner (an annual fundraiser) and got the crowd of over 200 on their feet dancing with them!
- Participated in intramural basketball and flag football leagues against other Boys and Girls Clubs in the Quad Cities.
- Went to Games-A-Rama in Dubuque where Clubs from across the State of Iowa participated in competitive games and activities with each other.
- Took local field trips to places like the Putnam, Figge, Children’s Museum, River Bandits, lock and dam, and much more.
- First Presbyterian Church Trunk-or-Treat in October.



The Deacon sponsored Trunk or Treat and children of the Boys and Girls Club.

First Presbyterian Church 2010 Report

GENERAL OPERATIONS



REVENUE	
PLEDGES & OFFERINGS	\$ 877,668.07
PER CAPITA GIVING	14,304.00
OTHER INCOME	65,546.93
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$957,519.00</u>
EXPENSES	
MINISTERIAL STAFF (3)	\$ 279,652.07
DEPARTMENT MANAGERS (4)	235,885.42
SUPPORT STAFF (3 full time & 11 part time)	182,209.52
TOTAL COMPENSATION	<u>\$ 697,747.01</u>
MISSIONS, BENEVOLENCE	\$ 96,758.56
MINISTERIAL SUPPORT EXPENSE	1,982.05
PASTORIAL CARE & MEMBER NURTURING	807.67
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EXPENSES	3,829.17
YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT EXPENSES	2,379.76
ADULT EDUCATION EXPENSES	1,792.90
MEMBERSHIP SERVICES EXPENSES	1,774.81
MUSIC EXPENSES	8,885.38
OFFICE & COMMUNICATIONS EXPENSE	53,062.15
CHURCH UTILITIES	41,804.70
MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS	38,414.45
PROPERTY/ LIABILITY INSURANCE	24,333.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE	18,558.78
TOTAL NON COMPENSATION EXPENSES	<u>294,383.38</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$ 992,130.39</u>
TOTAL REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES	<u>(34,611.39)</u>
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	<u>58,702.32</u>
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	<u>(34,611.39)</u>
ENDING FUND BALANCE	<u>\$ 24,090.93</u>

The Broadcaster

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Handicapped Services:

First Church is handicapped accessible via the elevator entrances on the west side of the building.

Childcare: Nurseries for infants through four-year-olds are provided in the Folwell Education Center (3rd floor of the Christian Education Building) during Sunday services from 8:45 AM - 12:15 PM.

Fellowship: Enjoy coffee and refreshments in Fellowship Hall each Sunday between the services. Stop by to say hello and visit or to enjoy some refreshments.

* Part-time employee



Finance Committee

A Committee of the Session

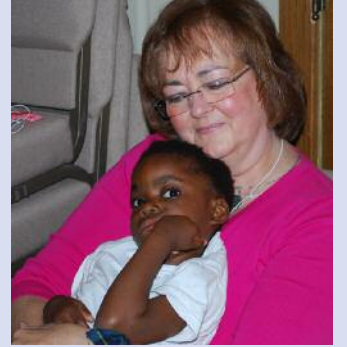
The church's general fund financial position continues to be stressful. For the second year in a row, the general fund had a deficit. The general fund deficit for 2010 was slightly less than \$35,000. The primary reason for the negative result was a \$95,000 reduction in donations received as compared to the prior year. The costs of running the church were also lower by about \$39,000 than in the prior year, but not enough to offset the reduction in donations. Total compensation to our staff was \$25,000 lower while all other expenses were \$14,000 lower when compared to the prior year. These expenses were also lower than our planned budget which was set below the prior year's actual expense amounts. General fund revenue included funds from two sources: income from endowment funds and Forward in Faith capital funds. Transferring this revenue to the general fund follows our established policies for allowable expenses to be paid for by these long term funds. Unfortunately, these out-of-the-ordinary income items and the lower expenses were insufficient to offset the reduction in donations and the result was a deficit for the year.

Each year a CPA firm performs agreed upon procedures for the financial records of the church. The on-site work for 2010 was done in January 2011, and we have received the draft report. While there will be the usual discussion about the draft report with the accounting firm prior to the issuance of the final report, the report did not reveal any areas of concern to the Finance Committee.

The 2011 budget is still uncertain. We expect total income in 2011 to be about \$33,000 lower than in 2010. This will require a reduction in expenses below 2010 levels for both compensation and non-compensation expenses. Exactly how this will be accomplished is yet to be determined.



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