

ANNUAL REPORT 2007



First Presbyterian Church Yakima

REACH . WORSHIP . GROW . IMPACT

*“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD,
“plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to
give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29.11*

First Presbyterian Church Yakima, Washington

Our God-Given Mission... REACH WORSHIP GROW IMPACT

Reaching those unconnected to Jesus and together worshiping God and growing into Christ-like maturity impacting our community and the world.

Pastoral Care Department

Steve Barker – *Retired July 2007*

Curt McFarland

Jim Erixson

Business Ministry Team

Elders: Dave Connell (SLT Rep), Eric Gustafson, Tony Klein, Dave Arkills

Encompasses: Stewardship, FPC Foundation, Facilities Improvements, and Personnel.

Discipleship Ministry Team

Elders: Carol Licht (SLT Rep), Jill Hilmes (Chair), and Kathy Bricel

Encompasses: Childcare, Preschool, Adult Education, Wednesdays@First, Marriage Mentoring, as well as Children's, Student's, Men's and Women's Ministries.

Fellowship Ministry Team

Elders: Jeff Steere (SLT Rep), Jen Trammell, Dave Marshall

Encompasses: Small Groups, Family Ministries, CareForce LifeKeys and New Members. Pastoral Care linked to this ministry team includes: Counseling and Visitations, Peak Ministries, Golden Circle, and CareNet.

Service Through Missions Ministry Team

Elders: Ted Palmatier (SLT Co-Rep), Alida Palmatier, Connie Harris (SLT Co-Rep), Gary George (SLT Co-Rep), Steve Sundquist

Encompasses: Both Local and Global Mission Outreach, Habitat for Humanity, Ghormley Meadow and Cristo Vive.

Worship and Hospitality (Frontline) Ministry Team

Elders: Donna Fuhlman (SLT Rep), Pat Park (SLT Co-Rep), Gordon Leavitt

Encompasses: Greeters, Ushers, Worship Music, Media, Sound, Frontline, Connection Center, Wedding Coordinators and Prayer Ministry.

Minutes and Financials

2007 First Presbyterian Church & Ghormley Meadow Christian Camp Staff

Pastoral Staff

Steve Barker	Senior Associate Pastor (<i>Retired July 2007</i>)
Jim Erixson	Associate Pastor for Senior Adults and Congregational Care
Curt McFarland	Associate Pastor / Ministries and Programs
Gustavo Carvajal	<i>Pastor for our Partner Cristo Vive Congregation</i>

Small Group Ministries

Judy Turner	Director of Small Groups
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Student, Family and Children's Ministries

Tyler Van Horn	Director of Student Ministries
Jeff Murray	Assistant Director of Student Ministries (<i>January – August</i>)
Norm Buckley	Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Eaton	Director of Children's Ministries
Susie Woodin	Assistant Director of Children's Ministries
Michele Lenderman	Children's Assistant
Chris Schepman	Assistant Director of Student Ministries (<i>June – December</i>)
Jessica Van Horn	Children's Assistant
Shan Trick	Administrative Assistant to Programs (<i>October – December</i>)

Worship Ministries

Reed Ball	Interim Contemporary Director
Gordon Leavitt	Interim Temple Choir Director
Jon Waite	Organist

Ghormley Meadow

Mark Washam	Executive Director
Bryce Post	Program Director
Julia Springer	Office Manager
Tim Acton	Building Site Manager
Kraig Troyer	Chef/Kitchen Manager
Jon Robinson	Food Services Assistant
Cindy Acton	Housekeeping
Michelle Troyer	Sundeck Manager
Camia Post	Sundeck Manager

Office

Tammy Nunley	Business/Finance Manager
Betty Rogers	Pastors' Administrative Assistant
Ericka Clark	Administrative Assistant
Dianne Jongeward	Administrative Assistant
Debbie Kent	Network Administrator
Brook Jolley	Receptionist

Traci Joiner
Obdulia Lopez
Anna Cairns
Andrew Schwartzenberger

Financial Assistant
Receptionist
Publications
Publications

Preschool

Rhonda Cardona
Mary Sundquist
Marilyn Gillespie
Abbie Alexander
Wanda Jones
Jessica Van Horn
Sue Lommers
Michele Lenderman
Channa Case
Traci Joiner
Desire Clark
Gina Steen

Director of Preschool
Preschool Teacher
Preschool Teacher
Preschool Teacher
Preschool Teacher
Kid's Club Teacher
Assistant Preschool Teacher
Assistant Preschool Teacher
Assistant Preschool Teacher
Assistant Preschool Teacher
Assistant Kid's Club Teacher
Music / P.E.

Wedding Ministry

Connie Harris
Sandy Rowland
Joann Benson
Ericka Clark
Anthony Peggins
Theresa Higbee
Lois Hanks
Brook Jolley
Rachel Ziegler

Coordinator
Coordinator
Hostess/Receptions
Reception Hostess
Host
Hostess
Hostess
Hostess
Hostess

Buildings and Grounds

Maurice Peugh
Dan Barela
Kyle Miller
Manuh Santos
Contessa Kirkham
Jimmy Badekley

Building Superintendent
Head Custodian
Custodian
Custodian
Custodian
Custodian

Childcare

Coordinator:
Workers:

Monnie Miller
Denise Brookman, Kellie Brookman, Austin Buckley, Crystal Lopez,
Esther Nelson, Marisol Camerena, Kylie Baker, Brittany Coats, Ashton
Erickson, Marilyn Gilbert, Jenifer Knight, Lindsey Lowe, Jaclyn
Simmons, and Jamie Wangler.

A Message from Pastor Curt

Our Past, Present, and Future are in the Hands of God

I thank God for the long and rich history of First Presbyterian Church Yakima -- the blessings of God that is so evident in our current season of ministry together, and the excitement and expectation I hear regularly expressed about the years ahead.

God has been at work in the life of First Pres since the first 24 people gathered to worship as Presbyterians in a tent in downtown Yakima on March 8, 1885 (nearly 123 years ago.) Faithful elders, deacons, church members and pastors have served the church and the community ever since. Pastors Hayden, Campbell, Ferry, Ghormley, Bomberg, Koehler, Christianson, Brahams, Snelling, Shoop, Ross, Reese, Pentz, Williamson, Barker, and Murray are just a few of those who have served FPC Yakima with energy and love. Thousands of other names should be included here. Names of people who have taught kids, youth and adults, led small groups, extended a smile and true friendship to those coming into the church, offered their gift of music to God and those attending Sunday services, counseled at Ghormley, quilted blankets, visited the sick and homebound, prayed for others, offered their carpentry or gardening skills, taught at the Union Gospel Mission, fed the hungry, made friends with the lonely, provided clothing, assisted with the office and administration of the church, opened their homes to neighbors, offered scholarships for summer and outreach campers, provided transportation or financial help to those in need, and above all, loved others in the name of Jesus. God has filled FPC Yakima with people of passion and faith all through the years!

*God has blessed the past 21 months, as we have been in between pastors. Attendance is up, financial giving is up, we are growing in our excitement and commitment to our God-given mission, **“Reaching** those unconnected to Jesus and together **Worshipping** God and **Growing** into Christ-like maturity **Impacting** our community and world.” FPC continues to boldly communicate the hope that is found only in Jesus while also engaging in tangible acts of love and kindness in our community and around the world in His name.*

This past year we have said goodbye to beloved members of our church family, and accepted reluctantly the early retirement of Pastor Steve Barker -- the church’s longest serving pastor. Throughout his 24 years of ministry among us, Steve demonstrated a genuine faith, communicated Christian truth, encouraged us to go farther up and farther in, continually pointed to Jesus, and offered real friendship. What an incredible celebration as hundreds filled the church to express the gratitude of a thankful church and community.

There is excitement and expectation for the months and years ahead because God is clearly present and at work among us. Jack and his wife Margaret, along with their daughter Annabelle and son David, will join us in early March. FPC Yakima is God-blessed.

I would like to add my personal thanks for all of the support and encouragement you have offered during these past two years. What a thrilling time to be a part of this church family!

Serving with you, in the love and hope of Jesus,

Curt McFarland

A Message from Pastor Jim

Dear Congregation,

The history of First Presbyterian is rich with strong ministries and the people who have touched so many within the community of Yakima, this nation, and the world. This past year we have impacted our local community through the ministries of Careforce Lifekeys, providing direction for the hurting and those who needed to tell their stories to others who care. We have impacted the lives of those in New Orleans as we worked with Canal Street Presbyterian, building relationships, homes and providing hope for tomorrow. We have connected with the world through mission trips to Kenya and Ethiopia and provided books to China in support of Linda Toweill. For me this past year has been the most exciting year that I have had since beginning my ministry at First Presbyterian, Yakima.

I have been able to impact lives within our congregation in my role as an associate pastor for the care of our congregation. My hospital visits have brought me closer to members who experienced hard healing times after surgery and other ailments -- visits that became more connecting than ever before. I saw our Deacons touch lives that were meaningful and very touching as they brought scripture to people from our church and to other Presbyterian church members. Our contacts with Home Centered People (i.e. shut-ins) have been more extensive and more often this year which impacted their lives and the lives of me and our deacons.

The ministry for the older senior adults continues to be very active. Seniors in this church are very active within and outside the church. Approximately 17 seniors continue to exercise three times a week Koehler Hall. They build up their stamina and stretch their muscles. Kaffee Klatsch continues to be very successful. We continue to average 60 people each month; enjoying fellowship, singing, cinnamon rolls, and listening to interesting programs.

This year we published the memories of our WW II through Desert Storm Veterans in a book which the Yakima Community read with great interest. We also were able to honor our veterans again this year with a dinner on the 11th of November and in worship the following day.

CareNet is now an umbrella with three different ministries under its care. We are contacting the majority of the congregation members and frequent attendees once every four months with the help of 16 compassionate callers. Another new ministry under the CareNet umbrella is 10 people who fill out birthday cards and send them to our congregation members. The third ministry under the CareNet umbrella is small, but very effective. The ministry reaches out to those who have been released from the hospital. Two members of our team will call on them to ensure that the patient is being cared for by their family and, if needed, will go to the home to visit, while family members go out for groceries and for some time to rest. We continue to meet together every other month.

My favorite time as a pastor at First Presbyterian Church has been visiting patients in the hospital, congregation members who cannot get out of their homes, and all other congregation members on Sundays and during the week. It has been wonderful getting acquainted and being able to share with them God's love for us.

As we move into 2008, I am very excited about our church. We are, I believe, growing, and with the arrival of a new Senior Pastor, look forward to a very exciting year.

In God's loving service,

Jim Erixson

A Message from Your Clerk of Session

2007 continued to be a transitional year as the entire congregation waited for the completion of the work of the Pastor Nominating Committee. The Session moved forward with planning and supporting existing church ministries while looking at new opportunities to reach the unconnected in the years ahead. The formation of a support committee for CareForce is one of the new ministries set to launch in 2008.

Prayer and biblical-based study time continues to be a main stay of the Session, as they meet monthly.

Our existing ministries have continued to strengthen and grow under the able leadership of the Session and the Staff. As we end 2007 and begin 2008, we look forward to the arrival of our new Senior Pastor Jack Peebles and his family. The Session expresses its thanks to the pastoral staff that extended themselves to fill in during the transition time.

The Session re-approved its commitment to the "Essential Tenets of Our Faith" document this year. While the focus of the church is and has been on meeting the needs of its members and reaching out to the unchurched of the world it has not ignored the larger national denomination issues. The Session adopted a report prepared by the Community Presbyterian Church of Ventura, CA titled: "Appropriate Response – a Declaration of Theology and Action." This report is an in-depth response to the General Assembly's Peace, Unity and Property report. After a study of this report, the Session adopted the Ventura Report and is currently working to have it reviewed and adopted by our Presbytery.

It was with both sadness and joy we celebrated the retirement of Senior Associate Pastor Steve Barker this year. The sadness is the loss of Steve's day-to-day wisdom and on staff. The joy is his continued involvement with our church family. The Session continues to express its gratitude for all Steve has done through the years to love and guide our congregation.

As we begin a new year with new staff and new session members, your Session continues to seek God's will as we move forward with the church's God-given mission.

Joe Park
Clerk of Session

Current Session

Class of 2008		Class of 2009		Class of 2010	
Kathy Bricel	(3)	Eric Gustafson	(6)	Brent Alderman	(3)
Connie Harris	(3)	Dave Marshall	(3)	Doug Cairns	(3)
Jake Kupp	(3)	Alida Palmatier	(6)	Dave Connell	(6)
Gordon Leavitt	(6)	Ted Palmatier	(6)	Gary George	(5)
Pat Park	(6)	Steve Sundquist	(3)	Jean Paulson	(3)
Jeff Steere	(3)	Jen Trammell	(3)	Sharon Trick	(3)

Clerk: Joe Park

Moderator: Curt McFarland

Current Board of Deacons

CLASS OF 2008

Barker, Matt	(2)	Oliva, Donna	(4)
Connell, Janine	(4)	Rasmussen, Marlys	(2)
Davis, Lyndal	(2)	Schwartzberger, Peggy	(2)
Fraley, Ann	(6)	Skone, Jill	(2)
Hasen, Larry	(2)	Sorenson, Linda	(2)
Hasen, Nancy	(2)	Sorenson, Mike	(2)
Hollingbery, Bus	(2)	Taylor, Mike	(2)
Hughes, Lee Ann	(4)	Taylor, Rhonda	(2)
Johnson, Mike	(2)	Wilcox, Kathy	(2)
Johnston, Al	(2)	Wright, Chris	(2)
Moore, John	(2)		

CLASS OF 2009

Akland, Arden	(4)	Kearby, Diane	(2)
Coats, Gina	(2)	Mills, Joey	(6)
Coats, Tim	(2)	Ross, Betsy	(2)
Drollinger, Bruce	(2)	Smith, Jerry	(2)
Drollinger, Harley	(4)	Smith, Linda	(2)
Emmel, Randa	(2)	Stoffer, Linda	(2)
Fessler, June	(2)	Watkins, Ronna	(4)
Harris, Gayle	(4)	Zeiger, Nada	(2)
Harris, Maurie	(2)		

Moderators: Michael and Linda Sorenson

Advisor: Jim Erixson

Roll Report 2007

Infant/Children/Adult Baptisms

2/18/07	Myleah DeLynn Miles Lawrence Udell Fike, III
3/18/07	Jonathan Andrew Carvajal
4/8/07	Peter Michael Laurvick
4/22/07	Mia Lynn Pitzer
7/1/07	Mireya and Jocelyn Florentio
7/8/07	Carie Elizabeth Dobie
10/14/07	Olivia Grace Buchanan Oliver James Temple Diane Patricia Alegria Oliva Brianne Alegria
11/4/07	Gary Lee George Lorie Ann Phillips Tasha Agostinelli Keelan Adair McPhee

Infant/Children Dedications

7/8/07 Margaret Grace "Maggie" Alexander
Soren Shipley Hanson
Veda Lynn Hanson
Emily Elizabeth Knautz
Madison Grace Knautz
Wilson Eliot Harper
Owen Matthew Moultray
Elyse Noelle Polage
Alexandria Grace "Allie" Terry

10/14/07 Kamden Ricky James Halla

Those Going to be With the Lord in 2007

Mervin James Emmel	1/1/07
Frieda A. (Owens) Bariault	1/19/07
Harper D. Grimes	1/20/07
Lois June Warningner	2/11/07
Richard R. Woods	3/3/07
Rev. Sheri Lynn Noah	3/3/07
Marian Ellen Whited Cunningham	4/29/07
Helen Irene (Knapp) Williams	5/6/07
Mildred Irene (Clark) Anderson	5/7/07
Walter V. Gaugl	5/18/07
Clark B. Goldsworthy	6/11/07
Paul Emery Tressler	6/12/07
Walter Scheibner	6/17/07
Grace Elizabeth (Strachan) Maltsberger	7/6/07
Rick Eugene Van Horn	7/31/07
Robert "Bob" L. Mead	8/3/07
Beverly Jean (Edler) Eichler	8/9/07
George David Stensrud	10/3/07
Walter Duane Nelson	10/17/07
Richard "Dick" Lester Young	11/8/07
Neoma D. (Cortner) McCollum	11/8/07

New Members

1/27/07

By Reaffirmation:

Carolyn Evalina (Heffner) Mason

Gary Lee Mason

Jerry Michael Smith

By Profession of Faith Having Been Baptized

Harold Edgar Brown

George Russell Engle

Janet DeAnna (Gray) Engle

Richard A. Millet

1/28/07

By Profession of Faith To Be Baptized

Otis Backus Harlan

4/21/07

By Reaffirmation:

Terri Lynn (Davis) Buchanan

By Profession of Faith Having Been Baptized

Todd Jay Buchanan

Laura Kimberly "Kim" Susanne Dukeshire

10/20/07

By Reaffirmation

Donald Richard Rasmussen

Elizabeth "Betsy" Anne Ross

Christopher "Chris" Michael Reed

Nada Amelia Zeiger

By Profession of Faith Having Been Baptized

Daniel Andrew Countryman

Robert L. Wallingford

By Transfer

Lynne Jeannine Alvord

Lorie Ann Phillips

Linnea Marie Reed

Anita Rockness Volker

Kurt Carl Volker

Discipleship
Ministry
Team

Children's Ministry

Children are a wonderful gift!

Raising children presents many challenges. First Presbyterian Church Children's Department wants to provide support for parents and grandparents. The words reaching, worshiping, growing and impacting found in First Presbyterian Church's mission statement help us to help kids build a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Children are encouraged to reach out beyond themselves and bring a friend to Sunday a.m. KidZone. Two hundred forty-four enrolled kids are taught by five different teams in age appropriate classes. Large group teaching provides high-powered drama, fun-filled worship and music. Sixteen small groups add purpose and application to the lesson of the day.

A fun, safe and loving environment for our "smallest ones" is provided in our Childcare Department. Most FPC functions offer the option of this excellent service.

One doesn't want to miss the spectacular summer event – Vacation Bible School. 2007's setting – Avalanche Ranch – rounded up 368 children and 160 adults who were on a wild ride each morning for a week learning more about God's Word.

The Christmas Child-Sized Service was presented at all three worship services on December 16, 2007. What a celebration! We had 200 participating children singing, reciting scripture, special speaking parts and presentation of "The Tiniest Christmas Star" drama. In attendance were 1200 family and friends.

Children reaching out in caring for others happens all year long by the sponsoring of two Compassion children, supporting a local food bank, collecting items for the Yakima Fire Department and the Salvation Army Angel Tree project and Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child.

We will continue in 2008 to model for children what it means to love and serve like Jesus. We'll continue to offer them opportunities to reach, worship, grow and impact Yakima and the world.

It is an awesome privilege to serve in Children's Ministries. We are thankful for all the Lord has done and will continue to do through this area of ministry.

Kathy Eaton, Director

Student Ministry

Senior High (Grades 9-12)

Starting in January of 2007, we felt that it was time to bring more adult leaders into our senior high program. A lot of high school students consider First Pres to be their church home and we are becoming more and more sure that one of the things that we want these students to experience in our community is a deep relationship with someone who can speak love and wisdom into their lives. From January to May we saw a huge shift in the focus of our Wednesday nights from fun and games sprinkled with some Jesus to a Jesus community in which we have fun and games. This momentum carried over into the summer as we saw 25 high school students commit to a ten hour a week program that focused on discipleship, Bible teaching, relationship building, and service projects. The summer culminated in another beautiful mission trip to Tacoma in which we grew and saw God communicate to us that He wants us to know how much He loves us and how deeply He desires our whole lives. When September came we decided to make another shift in our youth group gathering. This time we sensed God asking us to swing the doors wide open to people outside of our group. This shift resulted in what we are calling "The Connect," a youth gathering that involves Young Life, the Union Gospel Mission Youth Center, and a couple of small church youth groups that wanted to be a part of something bigger. We have more adult leaders in place than we did last year, but we are still a long ways from where we want to be. Our Wednesday nights have been wonderfully encouraging, fun, and welcoming, but we are not as far as we want to be in the depth of relationships that exist between the students and the adults. Into 2008 we are going to continue to partner with some of these groups to reach the high school students in Yakima with the love and redemption of Jesus, and the biggest push will be to see more adults join us in discipling these young people.

Mid High (Grades 6-8)

Our Middle School group was very interesting last year. We had a core group of kids that came each and every week to our youth group time and to the special events that we put on. It was so wonderful to see them get to know each other and to see them find somewhat of an identity as a group. However we were having a very hard time being inviting to new people because of the weirdness that exists in a group that gets so used to just hanging out with each other. We decided that the best way to break through this awkward stage was to have lots of events in the summer that would lend to larger groups of people gathering without the pressure of showing up to a church in which the new people did not feel very comfortable. We had a total of seven parties over the course of the summer that involved swimming, barbequing, and playing games. These parties were a lot of fun both for our core group of students and for the new people that started to trickle in both from the new sixth graders and from friends of some of our old timers (seventh and eighth graders). Just like we hoped it could do, this growth continued into the fall with our new youth group format and time. We have a couple of adults that are very committed to loving this energetic group of students, but just like in the senior high group we need more of them. We want our mid high group to be a place where relationships are built amongst the students so that when they get to high school they are ready to grow deeper. For this to happen we need to be more intentional in having adults help cultivate this type of community.

Sunday School (9:30a-10:45a)

On Sunday mornings we have all of the middle school and high school students gather in the chapel for a time to celebrate God's goodness, and to grow deeper in their relationship with Christ. We sing worship songs, share stories about life, and study scripture each time that we come together. From January to May we studied scripture in small groups hoping to build small groups that could be a place of community for our students. We found that we were not quite ready for this huge move from what Sunday school has looked like for the last ten years. It made it uncomfortable for leaders who did not know students very well and also deterred new people from joining us in our studying together. For the students who were ready for small group discussions it was a great time to go deeper with each other. But we felt that we wanted to make some changes to also allow for new people, and people who were just exploring a relationship with Christ to feel welcome in our community. Starting in September we moved back to a large group oriented worship service in which the study of scripture takes place in just two groups, the mid high and the high school. For the middle school study we use lots of questions and give them time to think about, answer, and study on their own before we do a short interactive lesson. With the senior high students we study in a traditional format with one teacher speaking to the whole group with time for questions and discussion at the end. The team of people that come together each Sunday to lead this Sunday school has been doing an incredible job. Our focus for the new year will be to explore our identity as children of God as we study the FPC mission statement, what it means to be a part of a community of faith, and what our beliefs are as followers of Jesus.

Tyler Van Horn
Director of Student Ministries

Testimonies from Students

I hate how many people know about the mistakes I have made. It makes me want to never come back to this church because I am embarrassed and afraid of what people might think about me. But at the same time this place feels like my home and I know that I can't run from my problems. I am confident that God still loves me and I am learning that people here love me too.

I feel like something has been missing from my life this last year. I feel distant from God and I don't seem to care about living for Christ. I realized that a big reason for this is that I have not been connecting with my Christian friends. I am glad that they still want to be my friend and I am going to try to be more intentional about getting together with them both at church and on my own.

Learning about the Bible and about God is great. But I am way more thankful for the opportunity to talk with an adult who cares about me about what is going on in my life. This has made such a difference for me in being able to process all the hard stuff of life.

First Presbyterian Christian Preschool



"Spreading God's Word by reaching, promoting, supporting and influencing children, their families and the community."

First Presbyterian Christian Preschool has been providing an excellent Christ-centered education for almost 25 years. Our program has evolved into a valuable ministry of First Presbyterian Church of Yakima that is reaching and impacting many families throughout the Yakima Valley.

In the beginning of 2007, our preschool began with 95% capacity and closed the year of 2007 with 99% enrollment with a supportive wait-list for our four year old and pre-kindergarten classes. Of our 89 children that are enrolled this year, 20% of these families do not have a church home. Another 22% come from First Presbyterian and 58% from other churches throughout Yakima Valley.

Our program includes a physical education/gross motor curriculum for all ages. In addition, we have an extended day program "Kid's Club" to help meet the needs of families. Each week our children also receive music classes. We have many extra programs and functions that bring many young families to our church including Back to School Night, Thanksgiving Feasts, Family Advent Celebration, Christmas Program, Spring Tea Program, and End of the Year Picnics. The 2007 Christmas Program brought in over 500 people to our church. Our Family Advent Celebration is a preschool sponsored "all church family" event, linking many young families to our church.

Each week the children attend chapel time where they are taught what it means to worship God. This is a time where we pray, sing, and read God's Word. Through our church family donations and donations from our preschool parents, each child receives a Preschooler's Bible to have at home. In chapel each week a story is read from this Bible and a letter goes home to parents telling them what was read so they can reinforce the story with their child. In addition, families receive a monthly newsletter which includes information on opportunities and programs here at First Pres.

I consider our ability to offer scholarships to the families who would be unable to attend our preschool without this assistance, a tremendous accomplishment and blessing with long term effects on this community. At the beginning of the 2007 school year we made a plea to this congregation for the need of scholarship funds. At that time we only had enough funds to offer scholarships through the end of the calendar year, however with the generous gifts that were received combined with successful fund raising, we now have enough funds to continue the scholarship program through this school year. The recipient families are very grateful and so is the staff of the preschool. Your faithfulness to this program is commendable!

Children in our preschool program are invited and participate in many of the Children's Ministry programs here at FPC. They join in giving shoeboxes for Samaritan Purse, they participated in the Christmas Child-size Services, plus many have begun attending KidZone on Sunday mornings. Our staff includes four lead classroom teachers, one lead music/p.e. teacher, and five assistant teachers. We have a Board of Directors with six members who help with the direction and program of this outreach ministry. Each of the staff members and volunteers are dedicated to the mission of First Presbyterian Christian Preschool in reaching those unconnected to Jesus, while providing an excellent education program, thus impacting our community.

As the director of this school, I meet with the teachers each day for prayer. We ask for God's blessing and guidance to be given to the teachers, students, families, staff and members of this church. With God's guidance and help, we know that this school will continue to be an impact and reach others for Christ. It is truly a joy and a privilege to be able to serve God in this position.

Rhonda Cardona
Director

MOPS Ministry (Mothers of Preschoolers)

MOPS is a ministry that reaches out to mothers of children ranging from birth through kindergarten. MOPS International's mission statement is: *"MOPS International exists to encourage, equip and develop every mother of preschoolers to realize her potential as a woman, mother and leader in the name of Jesus Christ."*

MOPS at First Pres meets on the first and third Fridays monthly from 9am to 11:15am. Each meeting offers moms an opportunity to have a nurturing rest from their children while their children are upstairs being loved on and taught about Jesus in our superb MOPPETS childcare program. During those two hours, moms are nurtured by entering into fellowship with other young moms... by befriending mentor moms who have the wisdom and experience to encourage them along the way...by guest speakers invited in to speak on topics relevant to young mothers and their families...by a lending library full of good parenting and family resources...by being given access to our Encouragement Room for a chance to receive prayer or just a listening ear. Our prayer and goal is that every moment of our time spent in MOPS will ultimately bring glory to Jesus Christ, with the consistent prayer that each mom entering through our doors would be drawn closer to Him.

As MOPS enters its 10th year in ministry at First Pres, we continue to minister to 125 moms that come from varying backgrounds. One-third of our group attends First Pres., one third attends other churches, and one third does not attend church. MOPS is a tremendously effective way for First Pres to reach outside its walls and meet the needs of young mothers and families in our community.

Our mentor mom program continues to be a featured strength of our program. It is exciting to have such committed prayer warriors who are so willing to give of themselves to the younger generation in time, love, teaching and compassion. Our MOPPETS childcare program is supported by a great group of dedicated Christ-centered volunteers who give so freely of themselves to love on our children and teach them about Jesus. We are tremendously supported by the Childcare Department, and could not do MOPS without it. We are also extremely blessed to receive financial support from our congregation and church leadership. The reality of having our financial needs mostly covered has meant that we have more time to pray for these young moms and create a meaningful atmosphere in which each mom has the opportunity to seek Jesus for herself.

Perhaps our most exciting change this year is that we are providing a table for "Grandmothers of Preschoolers." This table consists of a table leader and assistant and is open to Grandmothers who are raising their grandchildren. It is referred to as our "GOPS" table. It has been a strong support for a hand full of women and will continue to grow. We have also expanded the option for our homeschooling room for our moms this year.

The annual MOPS National Convention was held in Orlando, FL in September 2007. We had five women from our leadership attend. Having been one of those five, I can tell you that it was an awesome experience and I am looking forward to next October when it will be in Dallas, TX.

We will continue our efforts to reach out to "every mom," as we provide a special place for grandmothers of preschoolers, Spanish-speaking only moms (by having translators available), homeschooling moms, and moms with children who have special needs. Our ministry has been able to serve these diverse groups of moms largely due to the servanthood of our congregation... so we thank you, First Pres, for being such a supportive chartering ministry to our MOPS group! You are making an eternal difference in many young women's lives! To God be the glory!

Sherrie Leavitt, MOPS Co-Coordinator

Fellowship
Ministry
Team

Family Ministries

Here at First Pres we have four key words which describe our church vision: Reaching, Worshiping Growing and Impacting. In Family Ministries we also believe that these four words describe our purpose.

We have a special event once a month designed specifically for Reaching out to our community. Our harvest party in the fall was a great example of Reaching. On a beautiful October day we had a couple of cider presses going, a real 300' Zip Line, the big Jumpers for the little kids, music, and lots of food. It was a big success. We had 350 people attend and saw many new faces!

We encourage our Family Ministry folks to participate in one of our Sunday morning Worship services. This is a great time of worship together. We follow this with a time in Koehler Hall of fellowship and a brunch. We have the *Family Tip* for the week, a testimony, and prayer time together.

Small groups are where we see people Grow in awesome ways. This is where people can work through difficult questions about their relationship with God and with others. In addition to all the growth, they develop long term friendships that are rich and fulfilling.

We are recently developing a service component of Family Ministries. We are serious about Impacting our community. We adopted a family with needs at Christmas and it was overwhelming to see the response of the Family Ministries group in providing gifts for the family. We have also led worship at the Union Gospel Mission.

Family Ministries is for families of all shapes and sizes: two-parent families, single-parent families, singles, grandparents raising grandchildren, young families, older families, and families without kids at home ... Family Ministry is a great way to get connected at FPC.

Norm Buckley
Director

Small Group Ministry

First Pres Yakima's Small Group Ministry is continuing to grow. Our mission statement of Reaching the unconnected to Jesus and together worshipping God and growing into Christ-like maturity, impacting our community and the world, fits like a glove in what small groups is all about. The word **"together"** is the key. We do life best when we do it **together**.

- We are "reaching" the unconnected to Christ by praying for the open chair and inviting those who don't know Christ into our groups...
- We are together "worshiping" God by having a time of prayer and praise during our meetings...
- We are "growing" into Christ-like maturity by providing Biblical curriculum that challenges us to know God in a deeper way. In the fall of 2007, a super group formed for both men and women on Wednesday nights titled "The Kingdom of God Among Us" (Living Life as Jesus Lived), which was an extension of the Tuesday morning super group. This provided 21 small groups with an opportunity to receive continued teaching that lined up with the sermon series. The result was unity and spiritual growth, according to the testimonies given at the completion of the quarter. The Wednesday night groups are looking forward to meeting together again in the spring of 2008...
- We are "impacting" our community and the world by participating in various outreach events such as Salt and Light which gave us the opportunity to give the gift of love in various ways to our church neighbors.

Judy Turner
Director

Service
Ministry
Team
(Missions)

Service Ministry Team

We have a God-given **Ministry** and a God-given Mission. Our **Ministry** is where we serve others inside the church. That could be greeting others who come on Sundays, it could be teaching and loving kids, helping in the office, serving cookies or leading a small group. These are only a few of the **Ministry** opportunities available in the church.

Our **Mission** is where we serve outside the church in the community where we live. Our **Mission** may be working with Habitat for Humanity, assisting at one of the local area homeless shelters, teaching English as a second language or loving and serving others right where you work. Those from First Pres have been instrumental in building hospitals and schools in faraway places and passionate about kids and those confined to their homes right down the street.

How do we find the time for a **Ministry** and a **Mission** in our busy life? Remember, you don't have to get involved in everything, just find **one Ministry** and **one Mission**. It might take some time to re-organize your schedule, to get rid of something that isn't as important so that you can find your place to serve.

How do we discover our **Ministry** and our **Mission**? Some of us know exactly what we like to do and where we want to get involved. Others need help in finding their place to serve. The best way to discover your **Ministry** and **Mission** is to put your toe in the water and test your fit in a number of **Ministries** and **Missions** around the church and around town.

Catch a glimpse of First Pres in action. First Pres Yakima has a long and beautiful history of speaking boldly, in love, about the hope found only in Jesus and also expressing the love of God in very tangible ways in Yakima and around the world. FPC is involved in helping those who are homeless, those who are friendless, those battling addictions, those struggling with a broken marriage or family relationship.

Those who are part of First Pres get involved in the lives of others not out of duty or obligation but out of a clear sense that we can't truly love God if we ignore the needs and lives of those around us. Whether it's downtown Yakima, a camp in the Cascade Mountains, the streets of New Orleans, an orphanage in Cambodia, a school in China or a hospital in Ethiopia, you will find First Pres Yakima involved in living out the love of Jesus for real people with real lives.

"Let us not love in word or speech (alone) but with actions and in truth." 1John 3:16

These writings were taken from the Impact article in our Winter 2007 Issue of First News.

Ghormley Meadow Christian Camp

I believe 2007 will be seen as a very important year in the life of Ghormley Meadow Christian Camp. Not that any new buildings were built or significant program changes were implemented, but that foundations were laid for continued growth and improvement far into the future. During this past year, new staff additions and the building of a cohesive ministry team have had a major impact on how we do ministry and how we enhanced our service to our campers, guest groups, and the body of Christ. In particular, our ministry has especially been blessed with the addition of Bryce and Camia Post, (Program Director, Sundeck Manager), Julia Springer (Guest Group Director/Office Manager) Jon Robinson (Assistant Food Service) and Rich Williams (Retired/Resident Volunteer). Together with our existing personnel, Ghormley is primed for continued excellence in honoring God through Christian camping.

Highlights of our year in ministry include:

- 151 different guest groups hosted throughout the year, 47 more than in 2006.
- An outstanding summer staff of 24 college and high school students.
- Eight Ghormley programmed summer camps with 920 campers.
- 108 first time decisions for Christ during our summer camps.
- 556 significant spiritual decisions made during our camps.
- The addition of an extra day to our High School and Mid High camps
- Untold numbers of spiritual blessings in and through the groups we serve.
- Incremental but positive progress with the Forest Service about long term camp improvements.
- All time record number of paid Camper Days in one year: 15,802.
- Remodeling of the camp office.
- Housing for all permanent staff within two miles of camp.
- The hiring Bryce Post, Julia Springer and Jon Robinson.
- Wireless internet available throughout camp.
- Recertification of our challenge course and addition of the Giant Swing and Grape Vine elements.

Financially the Lord has been good to us in meeting our budget needs through the generosity of many people. In addition, several yearend gifts will enable us to continue forward in our development plans. Thank you so much, to all of you who have given or volunteered this year.

Serving together to build His Kingdom,

Mark Washam
Executive Director

Worship
Ministry
Team

Worship Ministry

Dear First Pres Congregation,

The Lord has blessed us with exceptional key leaders for ministries serving together under the Worship Ministry Team. Serving with these team leaders were a multitude of volunteers who faithfully shared their gifts, talents and time. Thank you volunteers for your faithful service.

Team leaders for each ministry area were:

- *Prayer Ministry---Marj Peters/Pastor Jim Erixson*
- *Frontline Ministries*
 - Greeters---Pat Park*
 - Hospitality/Refreshments---Pat Park*
 - Ushers---Scott Henyan*
 - Connection Center---Dorothy and Merle Smith*
 - Sanctuary Guild---Damon Smith*
- *Media and Sound Team Ministries---Debbie Kent*
- *Music Ministries:*
 - 8 and 9:30a.m. Worship Team (contemporary) Reed Ball, Interim Director*
 - 11:00a.m. Worship Team (traditional) Gordon Leavitt, Interim Director, Organist Jon Waite*
- *Drama Ministry—Sabin Hogue*
- *Worship Ministry Director Search Team---Doug Cairns*

Assessing worship at FPC” is one of the WMT responsibilities and this year we (with Pastor Curt’s expertise and leadership) developed a survey for the purposes of:

- *Asking what is it in the worship service that helps one enter into and worship God?*
- *Asking what are helpful ways of getting information at First Pres?*
- *Receiving an overall evaluation of worship ministries with input---where can we improve?*
- *Asking who understands and agrees with our mission statement?*
- *Asking if we are a praying congregation? What are barriers to requesting prayer?*
- *Asking if worship is motivating personal spiritual growth, serving and impact?*
- *Asking what age groups attend FPC, service attended.*

Thank you congregation for your wonderful participation in the survey. Pastor Curt will be sharing many of these survey results at our annual meeting.

Worship Ministry Team Highlights

PRAYER MINISTRY

“...his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night...” Psalm 1:2

From the Prayer Team Mission Statement: “At FPC our goal is to pray as Jesus prayed---talking to His Father about every aspect of His life---so that praying and listening to God become a way of life undergirding our individual lives and corporate ministries so that we may be led by His Holy Spirit having God’s mind and perspective and knowing His will. Our goal is to encourage and model prayer throughout FPC and individually and corporately so that Christ can form Himself with in us.”

To that goal the Prayer Team has continued to support each worship service with intercessory prayers during each service. Prayer Teams are also available following each service for individuals

seeking prayer with one of the members of the team. Pastor Jim Erixson has opened the sanctuary every Wednesday noon for those who would like to come to pray and be prayed for. Prayer is the cornerstone of all the core ministries within the church. A Prayer Letter with requests from the congregation is sent weekly and a Prayer Chain is available to timely and urgent requests. New seeds have been planted for 2008 with Jim and Donna Fuhlman answering the call to lead the Prayer Ministry Team. We continue to plant the seeds so that prayer may sprout up in every area of our lives and in every ministry of FPC.

Marj Peters

FRONTLINE MINISTRIES

Connection Center

Our mission statement says, in part, "Reaching those unconnected..." Well, the goal of the Connection Center has been just that. We have been blessed with the opportunity to greet new visitors, giving them information about our church and directing them to the appropriate areas of assistance. Our ministry stretches to other areas in the church, including our members, assisting them with whatever question they may have. The Connection Center has also provided means for our own volunteers to get "connected" with each other, creating new friendships and avenues for ministry. Service to others is a valuable means of growing in our own faith, as well as impacting others.

Dorothy and Merle Smith

Greeters/Hospitality/Higher Grounds

Frontline Ministries includes greeters - those smiling faces that welcome both guests and members as they enter our church, and those other hospitality volunteers who cheerfully serve us coffee and cookies between services. In addition, First Pres has a latte stand called "Higher Grounds" which continues to be a popular meeting place for those who want to enjoy a delicious drink or fellowship with friends. We value and appreciate the over 150 volunteers who participate in this vital ministry. They are often the first to meet our visitors and introduce them to First Pres and to our vision of reaching those unconnected to God.

Pat Park

Sanctuary Guild

This team is responsible for displaying the proper liturgical colored pulpit cloths throughout the year. They create beauty and meaning in our sanctuary with weekly banners that reflect whatever event is taking place such as communion, baptism, Easter, Pentecost, Christmas, etc. In addition, the Sanctuary Guild and Mary McLean Circle decorate our church for the Christmas season.

Damon and Lu Smith

Ushers

Your ushers at First Pres believe it is an honor to welcome all the attendees of our church into the Sanctuary. Whether you are a first time visitor or a 60 year member, someone who has lived several decades or someone still in their first decade, we attempt to make each feel special and encouraged when they walk through our doors.

In 2007, we had 13 new members join, bringing our group to 38. The new members are: Larry Allan, Brian Bradford, Matt Burton, George Engle, Don Farrell, Steve Hargreaves, Allison Kunze, John Moore, Jim Noel, Michelle Noel, Brad Olson, John Rasmussen, & Steve Schwartzenberger. We also said goodbye to long time ushers Stu Alvord, Merv Emmel and Walt Scheibner who went to be with our Lord; and to retiring Bob Neal and Bill Nelson after many years of faithful service. All of your ushers look forward to welcoming the new faces, as well as the familiar ones, in 2008.

Scott Henyan

MUSIC MINISTRY

11:00 Worship Team---Temple Choir

The Temple Choir has committed their time and talents to our Lord Jesus Christ and is dedicated to the ministry of His church and to First Presbyterian. We are committed to bringing alive the message of the words so that those who have never accepted Christ will be touched, and those who know Christ will grow. We pray that through our message all will act on their beliefs to impact the world.

Gordon Leavitt

8:00 and 9:30 Worship Team

Through music and words about God's love, faithfulness and grace, the worship band and singers urge both the connected and unconnected to Jesus to join together in worship and praise to our risen Savior each Sunday. We pray and trust that modeling from the stage in the sanctuary is one example of offering open hearts and minds to Jesus and might help others to "connect" freely - in their way. Our team prays collectively and individually that we reach not only those unconnected to Jesus in our own church, but that we are to be used by God in our daily walks to share the Gospel to those who God places in our paths. A portion of the team presented our music at an area rest home at Christmas time, and anticipates more opportunities for similar opportunities to share Christ through song. There has been some recent discussion involving recording our music and sharing CD's throughout the community, and we hope to "branch out" with musical presentations outside the church walls.

Reed Ball

Worship Director Search Team

The Worship Minister Search team is still in the process of screening applicants. We haven't yet found God's perfect gift for our congregation

Doug Cairns

Drama Ministry

During 2007 a prayer was answered when Sabin Hogue stepped forward to create a drama ministry for First Pres. We were impacted by the beauty and poignant message of drama during Advent. We're sitting on the edge of our seats for what is to come in 2008.

Media and Sound Team Ministry

Reaching those unconnected to Jesus and together, Worshiping God...

The first two lines of our mission statement have been the motivating force behind the efforts made this past year by professionals, volunteers and staff. Accomplishments in 2008 include:

- In January, with the assistance of sound professionals, staff and volunteers, we developed a plan and began to improve sound quality in the sanctuary. Some of those strategies included: repositioning and "equalizing" the four main speakers on the side walls, replacing the rear speaker for the balcony, checking cable line integrity; installing on-stage monitors with personal mixing ability for vocal team sections; and realigning sound board assignments. We hope to finish work on our plan during the first quarter of 2008.
- In February, we migrated from tape to digital recordings (available by request.) Sermons are now posted online for listening and download at firstpresyakima.com/listen_online.cfm.
- In April, we went from live radio broadcasts of both the 8:00 (KIT) and 11:00 (KBBO) services to one, broadcast at 9:15 heard over KIT. The one-hour broadcast is an edited mix of the previous week's service usually including an introduction; 20 minutes each of contemporary, sermon and traditional; and a closing. This format has allowed a more effective radio presentation and also allows more flexibility for the live worship service.
- In April, with the assistance of lighting professionals and custodial staff, we installed seven new spotlights in the rear of the sanctuary. We replaced light mixer and established basic "light mixes."
- In April, we replaced computers in the balcony and installed Media Shout, a media-standard church presentation software package.
- In May, we ran media and sound for first-ever USA Careforce Lifekeys Conference. The experience of working with CFL staff from Australia blessed and challenged us, and stretched the possibilities and scope of our abilities.
- In December, we installed Tricaster Studio computer, with production capabilities. This device was first used for the Child size Service in December with positive feedback. We look forward to building this production team and learning the features of this new equipment.
- Our Production Team on media, transitioned to serving one Sunday each month covering all three services. Team members include: Larry Hasen (lead), Peggy Steere, Matt Burton and Debbie Dougherty. Our Production Team on sound radically changed in 2008 as Dave Jongeward (lead) and Joe Laurvick joined Kyle Miller (staff) on the sound team. Patrick Harris assists with digital sound recordings. This entire team is truly devoted and a blessing to our church family and to our Lord! Keep them in your prayers and that the Lord will call forth more folks to serve Him in this ministry.

Debbie Kent

(Submitted by Donna Fuhlman and Team Leaders of Worship Ministries: Doug Cairns, Gordon Leavitt, Pat Park, Marj Peters, Debbie Kent, Rhodi Tenney, Dorothy Smith, Merle Smith, Curt McFarland—Pastor liaison)

Retirement Home Ministry

Our Retirement Home Ministry serves on the third Sunday of each month at both Ponderosa Retirement Center and Orchard Park Retirement Residence.

The half-hour services include Bible study, prayer and prayer requests and Christian hymns.

Mary Stensrud and Pat Drollinger take turns at the piano keyboard.

Speakers in 2007 included: Steve Schiewe, Walt Nelson, Bob Wall, Sheri Rynd, Harley Drollinger and Don Ide. In September, Don Tait was our guest piano player – what a delight to have him entertain with his beautiful music.

Friends and relatives of the residents of the retirement homes are welcome to attend our services.

Donations to this ministry are presented to the Union Gospel Mission.

Respectfully Submitted,
Harriet Ide, Coordinator

Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women is a national organization for all women in the Presbyterian Church USA. It is organized in the local church, Central WA Presbytery and the Synod of Alaska Northwest. At FPC we have four Circles: Deborah, Edith Ferry, Mary McLean Guild and Naomi. We also include the Sewing Circle.

In 2007, we had the following gatherings with programs:

March 7 Luncheon - Mabel Swan ladies our guests. Carole Folsom-Hill spoke about La Casa Hogar. Gustavo Carvajal provided devotions.

April 4 Luncheon - Westminster Presbyterian Church our guests. Steve Hull spoke about a mission trip to Haiti. Music was provided by Rob Rife.

Sept 26 Luncheon - Day at Ghormley Meadow Christian Camp. Mark Washam and Bryce Post spoke about the year's events and programs. Marjorie Freeman of Leavenworth, Moderator of Presbyterian Women in Central WA, was our guest.

Dec 5 Christmas Silver Tea - Kathy Eaton, FPC Director of Children's Ministries, spoke. Performance by Carillon Bell Choir, led by Judy Schussler. Kristylynne Goveia of the Yakima YWCA was a special guest.

We are scheduled to host Presbyterian Women of Central WA Presbytery for a luncheon and meeting on Monday, April 21.

Co-Moderators: Chris Leverett and Frances Lockwood
Secretary: Esther Ehlers - Treasurer: Rose Andreotti

First Presbyterian Church Sewing Circle

The Sewing Saints – 2007

Our Circle has been blessed in meeting the challenge of mission through the various needs for our quilts, baby blankets and lap robes. If you are searching for a new avenue of mission work, please join us in the First Grade Room, 2nd Floor, Friday's from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., September through May.

Present membership	6
Average Attendance	5
Inactive	3

<u>Items Made</u>	<u>Items Donated</u>	<u>Items Sold</u>
11 baby quilts	15 baby quilts – Baby Celebrations	1 baby quilt
Cash Donations:	Mary Stensrud	\$20
	Memorial for Bessie Ferguson	
	FPC Women's Association	\$100

Cash donations and cash from sales is used to buy new materials for baby quilts, for large quilt backs and to supplement donated materials of broadcloth and flannel for both types of quilts made.

We lost two of our dedicated Sewing Saints this year – Betty Brown is on leave, and Earline Walters, due to illness. We miss them, but we continue in our weekly sewing sessions as Betty and Earline would expect us to do. Members have been ill this year, but we have managed. The focus this year has been to create enough baby quilts for the Baby Celebrations and for donations to those if needed and to maintain the fellowship of our group.

All the Sewing Saints in the First Presbyterian Sewing Circle
Donna Jean Johnston, Coordinator

Golden Circle Class

Financial Report for 2007

Beginning Balance	947.53
Income	
Weekly offering (including 91.10 pennies)	1,877.46
Donated coins – Jeannette McSay	133.41
Dick Ehlers	81.49
Susan Woodin	28.13
Interest on checking account	1.42
2007 Income	2,101.91
Total Assets	3,048.94
Disbursements	
Union Gospel Mission – General Fund	200.00
Youth Program	100.00
Pennies for Food	100.00
American Missionary Fellowship	240.00
Wycliffe	120.00
Ghormley Meadows	120.00
English Lang. Inst./China 2 Qtrs (Linda Toweill)	150.00
Deacons' Fund	362.40
First Presbyterian Church	490.32
Memorials and Gifts	
Ghormley Meadow – George Stensrud	25.00
Noble Hill	25.00
Union Gospel Mission – Noble Hill	25.00
George Stensrud	25.00
Steve Barker	200.00
TOTAL PAID OUT	2,182.72
Starting Balance for 2008	866.22

Treasurer – Ray Kempf

Congregational
Minutes for
Review and
Approval

Financials

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2007**

The annual meeting of the congregation of First Presbyterian Church of Yakima, Washington was held on Wednesday, January 31, 2007 at 6:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary following a meal in Koehler Hall prepared by Student Ministries as a fundraiser for their upcoming mission trip. Appropriate notice of this meeting was given on two successive Sundays and Wednesdays@First gatherings.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the meeting was to: 1) approve the terms of call for pastors Steve Barker, Jim Erixson and Curt McFarland for the year 2007; and 2) to present the 2007 budget to the congregation.

MODERATOR: Steve Barker

OPENING: The meeting opened with prayer by Steve Barker. **A quorum was present.**

Moderator Steve Barker introduced Elder Eric Gustafson for the purpose of addressing personnel and budget issues. Pastoral staff and their wives were excused. By motion, Elder Gustafson called for congregational approval of the ordained pastoral packages. No second being needed, discussion followed as to Terms of Call for year 2007 for Steve Barker, Jim Erixson and Curt McFarland. Questions being called and there being none, the motion unanimously carried to accept the Terms of Call as attached hereto.

The 2007 General Fund Budget in the amount \$1,563,195 was submitted to the congregation by Elder Eric Gustafson as part of the Annual Report for review. The budget reflects modest changes and had previously been presented to Session at its January 20, 2007 meeting.

Elder Eric Gustafson turned the meeting back to Moderator Steve Barker. By motion made, seconded and unanimously carried, the minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting dated February 1, 2006 and the minutes of Special Congregational Meetings dated May 7, Jun 25, July 23 and October 22, 2006 were approved as written.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the business meeting was closed with prayer at 6:52 p.m. followed by a presentation of The Big Picture and individual ministry team gatherings.

Approved this _____ day of February, 2007.

Steve Barker, Moderator

Joe Park, Clerk of Session

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOVEMBER 25, 2007

The Special Meeting of the Congregation of First Presbyterian Church of Yakima, Washington, was held on Sunday, November 25, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Appropriate notice of this meeting was given on two successive Sundays prior to the meeting.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the meeting was to elect Elders through the Class of 2010; Deacons through the Class of 2009, and the 2008 Nominating Committee – Members at Large.

MODERATOR: Rev. Curt McFarland

QUORUM: A quorum was in attendance.

OPENING: The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Curt McFarland and then turned over to the Clerk of Session – Joe Park.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

The Clerk acknowledged the outgoing elders: Donna Fuhlman, Jill Hilmes, Tony Klein and Carol Licht.

Clerk Joe Park introduced Brent Alderman, Doug Cairns, Jean Paulson and Sharon Trick.

- 1) Elder Jeff Steere nominated the following for the office of Elder commencing January, 2008 --
 - a. to serve a term of three years (Class of 2010):
Brent Alderman, Doug Cairns, Jean Paulson, Sharon Trick
 - b. AND current elders **Dave Connell** and **Gary George** to serve an additional term of three years commencing January, 2008 (Class of 2010).

The Moderator asked for nominations from the floor, and hearing none, Jeff Steere **moved these nominees be elected elders to serve through 2010. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.**

Clerk Joe Park introduced: Gina Coats, Tim Coats, Bruce Drollinger, Randa Emmel, June Fessler, Maurie Harris, Diane Kearby, Betsy Ross, Jerry Smith, Linda (Burnham) Smith, Linda Stoffer and Nada Zeiger.

- 2) Elder Jeff Steere nominated the following for the office of Deacon
 - a. to serve a term of two years commencing January 2008 (Class of 2009):

Gina Coats, Tim Coats, Bruce Drollinger, Randa Emmel, June Fessler, Maurie Harris, Diane Kearby, Betsy Ross, Jerry Smith, Linda (Burnham) Smith, Linda Stoffer, Nada Zeiger.

b. AND the following current deacons for an additional two year term commencing January 2008 (Class of 2009):

Arden Akland, Harley Drollinger, Gayle Harris, Joey Mills and Ronna Watkins.

c. AND current deacon **Ann Fraley** for an additional one year term commencing January 2008 (Class of 2008).

The Moderator explained the process of nominations from the floor, and doing so, asked for nominations. Hearing none, and by **motion** made by Elder Jeff Steere and **seconded**, the congregation was asked if they were ready to vote. By **unanimous** vote, those persons nominated were elected to the office of Deacon.

Clerk Joe Park introduced Amy Klein and Stella Pence.

3) Elder Jeff Steere nominated **Amy Klein** and **Stella Pence** to serve as Members-at-Large on the 2008 Church Officer Nominating Committee – for a one year term commencing January, 2008:

The Moderator asked for nominations from the floor, and hearing none, Jeff Steere **moved these nominees be elected. Motion seconded and carried.**

ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING: The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m. with prayer by Curt McFarland.

Approved this 18th day of December, 2007.

Curt McFarland, Moderator

Joe Park, Clerk of Session

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
FOR THE CALL OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH YAKIMA
SENIOR PASTOR/HEAD OF STAFF
SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2008**

A congregational meeting of First Presbyterian Church Yakima was held on Sunday, January 6, 2008 in the Sanctuary. Appropriate notice of this meeting was provided over a 10-day period which included two Sundays.

The purpose of the meeting was to hear the report from the Pastor Nominating Committee and to vote on the Reverend Thomas Jack Peebles as the Senior Pastor/Head of Staff of First Presbyterian Church.

Moderator: Reverend Curt McFarland

Clerk: Clerk of Session, Joe Park

Opening: The Moderator, Rev. Curt McFarland, opened the meeting with prayer at 12:11 p.m. **A quorum was present.**

The Moderator outlined the process of the call before asking the Chairman of the Pastor Nominating Committee, Don Giuntoli, and the committee to come forward. The Chairman introduced the committee and the COM liaison, Michael Nixon. The PNC were: Roger Bennett, Jana Alderman, Eric Anderson, Donna Fuhlman, Connie Harris, Scott Henyan, Ken Marble and Laura Pickett.

Laura Pickett outlined the characteristics sought as set out in the Church Information Form (CIF) and affirmed these indeed were reflective of Rev. Peebles. Ken Marble gave the financial figures on the Terms of Call setting out the compensation and allowances being offered commencing March 1, 2008.

Rev. Peebles and his wife, Margaret, were asked to come forward to give the congregation an opportunity to ask questions, after which by **motion made, seconded and carried** it was moved to **accept the report of the Pastor Nominating Committee.**

The Moderator explained the process of who may vote and that votes shall be either "yes" or "no" and by secret ballot. All members present who are on the active membership roll are entitled to vote pursuant to B-7-0301 of the *Book of Order*.

After excusing Rev. Peebles and his wife, Don Giuntoli moved to elect Reverend Thomas Jack Peebles as Senior Pastor/Head of Staff of First Presbyterian Church Yakima with the terms as previously discussed. Seconded. The Moderator asked the congregation: "Are you ready to vote?" The Clerk distributed paper ballots for the purpose of voting and coordinated the collection of the ballots for counting.

After an interim time of singing hymns, the Moderator invited the Clerk to report to the congregation the number of affirmative and negative votes cast: 298 affirmative -- 0 negative. Rev. Peebles and Margaret were asked to return after which the Moderator declared it to be a unanimous vote to call Reverend Thomas Jack Peebles as Senior Pastor/Head of Staff.

By motion made and seconded, it was:

Moved to elect the members of the Pastor Nominating Committee to sign the copies of the Terms of Call. Carried.

Moved to elect a commission (the PNC) and an alternate (Michael Nixon as the COM representative) to present and prosecute the call before the January 23, 2008 Presbytery meeting in Richland, WA. Prior to the actual vote, nominees were solicited from the floor. Hearing none, the motion carried.

Moved by Jeff Steere to dismiss the Pastor Nominating Committee for a job well done. Moderator Curt McFarland prayed for the PNC. Carried.

Motion by the Clerk to read and approve these minutes at the February 10, 2008 annual meeting. Carried.

Rev. Peebles was given an opportunity to address the congregation after which Elder Connie Harris prayed for him. At 1:09 p.m., by **motion made, seconded and carried**, the meeting was adjourned with a benediction by Rev. Peebles.

Approved this 10th day of February, 2008.

Curt McFarland, Moderator

Joe Park, Clerk

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 2008 BUDGET

DEPARTMENT	2008 Proposal	2007 Budget	2007 Actual
INCOME:			
Pledges	\$ 1,133,388	\$ 1,073,073	\$ 1,096,722
Other Contributions	\$ 414,955	\$ 408,777	\$ 416,983
Year-End Gifts	\$ 53,000	\$ 73,000	\$ 53,980
Subtotal	\$ 1,601,343	\$ 1,554,850	\$ 1,567,685
Carryover	\$ 62,870	\$ 8,345	\$ 8,345
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 1,664,213	\$ 1,563,195	\$ 1,576,030
DEPT. EXPENSES:			
Buildings & Grounds	\$ 135,000	\$ 116,500	\$ 167,858
Children's	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,014
Christian Formation	\$ 9,320	\$ 9,320	\$ 8,574
Family Ministry	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,006
Ghormley Mission	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Hispanic Outreach	\$ 28,000	\$ 28,000	\$ 28,000
Hospitality & Worship	\$ 5,750	\$ 5,750	\$ 4,723
Media Development	\$ 17,200	\$ 17,200	\$ 18,193
Reserve for Replace	\$ 13,000	\$ 13,000	\$ 13,000
Budget Missions	\$ 73,300	\$ 71,000	\$ 71,000
Office	\$ 87,850	\$ 85,300	\$ 75,235
Pastoral Care	\$ 1,680	\$ 660	\$ 660
Peak Ministry	\$ 2,400	\$ 1,940	\$ 1,744
Preschool	\$ 46,000	\$ -	\$ -
Program Events	\$ 955	\$ -	\$ -
Roll (P.C.)	\$ 55,000	\$ 55,000	\$ 54,500
Small Groups	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 3,167
Staff & Personnel	\$ 1,105,958	\$ 1,076,725	\$ 993,887
Student Ministries	\$ 11,800	\$ 11,800	\$ 11,895
Worship Team	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 5,703
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,664,213	\$ 1,563,195	\$ 1,513,159

GENERAL FUND

	ANNUAL BUDGET	YR.TO DATE TOTAL	% OF 2007 BUDGET	2006 BUDGET
INCOME:				
Pledges	\$ 1,073,073	\$ 1,096,722	102%	\$ 1,001,719
Other Contributions	\$ 408,777	\$ 416,983	102%	\$ 452,277
Year-End gifts	<u>\$ 73,000</u>	<u>\$ 53,980</u>	74%	<u>\$ 72,860</u>
SUBTOTAL	\$ 1,554,850	\$ 1,567,685	101%	79% \$ 1,526,856
Carryover	<u>\$ 8,345</u>	<u>\$ 8,345</u>		<u>\$ (8,385)</u>
SUBTOTAL INCOME	\$ 1,563,195	\$ 1,576,030		\$ 1,518,471
DEPT. EXPENSES:				
Buildings & Grounds	\$ 116,500	\$ 167,858	144%	\$ 98,106
Children's Ministry	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,014	100%	\$ 30,000
Christian Formation	\$ 9,320	\$ 8,574	92%	\$ 7,821
Family Ministry	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,006	100%	\$ 8,117
Ghormley Missions	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	100%	\$ 15,000
Hispanic Outreach	\$ 28,000	\$ 28,000	100%	\$ 28,000
Hospitality & Worship	\$ 5,750	\$ 4,723	82%	\$ 4,876
Media Development	\$ 17,200	\$ 18,193	106%	\$ 21,864
Reserve/Replace	\$ 13,000	\$ 13,000	100%	\$ 13,000
Missions	\$ 71,000	\$ 71,000	100%	\$ 56,000
Office & Finance	\$ 85,300	\$ 75,235	88%	\$ 81,832
Pastoral Care	\$ 660	\$ 660	100%	\$ 34
Peak Ministry	\$ 1,940	\$ 1,744	90%	\$ 1,055
Roll Department	\$ 55,000	\$ 54,500	99%	\$ 53,302
Small Group Ministry	\$ 8,000	\$ 3,167	40%	\$ 6,626
Staff & Personnel	\$ 1,076,725	\$ 993,887	92%	\$ 1,066,692
Student Ministry	\$ 11,800	\$ 11,895	101%	\$ 9,800
Worship Team	<u>\$ 8,000</u>	<u>\$ 5,703</u>	<u>71%</u>	<u>\$ 8,000</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,563,195	\$ 1,513,160	97%	88% \$ 1,510,127

NET OPERATING INCOME

\$ 62,870

8,345

Designated Missions
Given above Budget

\$ 252,947

BUILDING FUND:

Carryover	\$ 23,494
Contributions	\$ 37,037
Expenses	\$ (33,086)
BALANCE 12/31/07	\$ 27,445

**APARTMENT
FUND:**

Carryover	\$ 21,314
Income	\$ 25,153
Expenses	\$(14,328)
	\$ 32,139

GHORMLEY :

Carryover	\$ 6,324
Contributions	\$ 49,876
Revenue	\$ 672,951
Expenses	\$ (720,707)
BALANCE 12/31/07	\$ 8,444

DECEMBER 2007 FOUNDATION REPORT

Banner Checking	\$ 23,617
Banner Best Savings	\$ 30,149
Presbyterian Foundation - Estates	\$ 1,037,790
Presbyterian Foundation - Gallucci & Fanning Estate	\$ 44,174
Presbyterian Foundation - Childs Fund	\$ 81,121
Presbyterian Foundation - Evans	\$ 34,389
McFarland Loan	\$ 16,342
Carvajal Loan	<u>\$ 26,813</u>
	\$ 1,294,395

INSURANCE POLICIES - CASH VALUES

8 Insurance Policies	\$ 109,956
TOTAL	\$ 1,404,351

DESIGNATED MISSION FUNDS

	BALANCE	DONATIONS	REVENUE	EXPENSES	BALANCE	
Calvary Rescue Mission	\$ -	\$ 710	\$ -	\$ 710	\$ -	
Union Gospel Mission	\$ -	\$ 1,336	\$ -	\$ 1,336	\$ -	
Habitat for Humanity	\$ -	\$ 3,164	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,164	**
				\$		
Ghormley Funds	\$ -	\$ 163,969	\$ -	163,969	\$ 0	
Ghormley 1 of a 1000	\$ -	\$ 560	\$ -	\$ 560	\$ -	
YWAM	\$ -	\$ 13,140	\$ -	\$ 13,140	\$ -	
				\$		
Cambodia Orphanage	\$ -	\$ 23,236	\$ -	\$ 23,236	(0)	
Trailseekers/Orcas	\$ -	\$ 375	\$ -	\$ 375	\$ -	
Compassion						
International	\$ -	\$ 257	\$ -	\$ 257	\$ -	
Volunteer Chore						
Services	\$ -	\$ 15	\$ -	\$ 15	\$ -	
Deacons	\$ -	\$ 17,134	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,134	**
ELIC	\$ -	\$ 1,453	\$ -	\$ 1,453	\$ -	
Mending Wings						
Ministry	\$ -	\$ 325	\$ -	\$ 325	\$ -	
Malibu Presby Church	\$ -	\$ 375	\$ -	\$ 375	\$ -	
Kenya Support	\$ -	\$ 5,905	\$ -	\$ 5,905	\$ -	
Orphanages	\$ -	\$ 1,381	\$ -	\$ 1,381	\$ -	
Columbia Mission Trip	\$ -	\$ 320	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 320	**
Bible Literature						
Fellowship	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ -	
Youth Mission Trips	\$ -	\$ 610	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 610	**
Outreach Camps	\$ -	\$ 14,953	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,953	**
Project Mercy	\$ -	\$ 3,529	\$ -	\$ 3,529	\$ -	
				\$		
TOTALS	\$ -	\$ 252,947	\$ -	216,766	\$ 36,181	

** Held in Restricted Funds

RESTRICTED FUNDS

	BALANCE	DONATIONS	REVENUE	EXPENSES	BALANCE
Children's Dept	\$ 2,883	\$ 7,616		\$ 5,931	\$ 4,567
Christian Formation	\$ 2,672	\$ 6,508	\$ 3,926	\$ 12,674	\$ 431
Deacons Fund	\$ 4,729	\$ 17,134	\$ 397	\$ 20,153	\$ 2,106
Foundation	\$ -	\$ 10,159	\$ -	\$ 10,159	\$ (0)
Habitat for Humanity	\$ 3,883	\$ 3,164	\$ -	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,048
Hospitality	\$ 844	\$ -	\$ 2,668	\$ 617	\$ 2,894
Kitchen Fund	\$ 292	\$ 40	\$ 31	\$ 363	\$ 0
Library Memorials	\$ 289	\$ 192		\$ 481	\$ 0
Missions Restricted	\$ 12,495	\$ 8,019	\$ 36,776	\$ 43,265	\$ 14,025
MOPS	\$ 5,712	\$ 300	\$ 13,517	\$ 13,837	\$ 5,691
Outreach Camps	\$ 2,278	\$ 14,953	\$ -	\$ 9,976	\$ 7,255
Reserve Funds	\$ 42,092	\$ -	\$ 26,687	\$ 8,385	\$ 60,393
Senior/Peak Ministries	\$ 324	\$ -	\$ 4,125	\$ 3,952	\$ 497
**Pastor's Contingency	\$ 48,538	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ 15,464	\$ 34,574
Staff & Personnel	\$ -	\$ 5	\$ 17,666	\$ 14,089	\$ 3,582
Student Ministries	\$ 3,811	\$ 1,838	\$ 6,929	\$ 7,782	\$ 4,795
Worship Team	\$ 1,034	\$ 1,440	\$ -	\$ 1,880	\$ 594
TOTALS	\$ 128,991	\$ 57,243	\$ 110,296	\$ 154,403	\$ 144,453

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GHORMLEY MEADOW 2008 BUDGET

INCOME:

CAUSES/GIFTS	\$ 85,105
CAMPER FEES	\$ 650,955
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 736,060

EXPENSES:

PERSONNEL	\$ 325,469
OVERHEAD	\$ 70,284
OPERATIONS	\$ 183,924
UTILITIES	\$ 95,333
MAINTENANCE	\$ 31,750
PROGRAM	\$ 29,300
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 736,060

**GHORMLEY MEADOW FINANCIAL STATEMENT
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007**

	ANNUAL	YR TO DATE	% OF		2006
	BUDGET	TOTAL	2007	BUDGET	ACTUAL
INCOME:					
Camper Fees	\$ 623,600	\$ 671,901	108%		\$ 564,637
Causes & Gifts	\$ 71,500	\$ 49,876	70%		\$ 97,475
Misc Income	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,050	42%		\$ -
SUBTOTAL	\$ 697,600	\$ 722,827	104%		\$ 662,112
Carryover	\$ 6,324	\$ 6,324			\$ (1,299)
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 703,924	\$ 729,151	104%		\$ 660,813
DEPARTMENT EXPENSES:					
Personnel	\$ 338,750	\$ 313,143	92%		\$ 300,462
Overhead	\$ 56,500	\$ 59,404	105%		\$ 43,956
Operations	\$ 162,000	\$ 205,869	127%		\$ 168,437
Utilities	\$ 79,000	\$ 86,390	109%		\$ 80,436
Maintenance	\$ 34,250	\$ 27,786	81%		\$ 33,973
Program	\$ 27,100	\$ 28,113	104%		\$ 27,225
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 697,600	\$ 720,707	103%		\$ 654,489
NET OPERATING INCOME		\$ 8,444			\$ 6,324
SAVINGS	\$ 67	\$ 9	\$ 95,031	\$ 95,006	\$ 101
RESTRICTED FUNDS					
Undes. Cap. Improv.	\$ 36,131	\$ 98,299	\$ -	\$ 6,768	\$ 127,662
Dining Hall Remodel	\$ -	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,000
Bridge	\$ 3,561	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,561
One of Thousand Campaign	\$ 176,627	\$ 4,650	\$ -	\$ 33,411	\$ 147,866
Camp Vehicles	\$ 31	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31
Meadow Play Equipment	\$ 2,826	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,826
Subtotal Capital Improv.	\$ 219,176				\$ 311,947
Sundquist Foundation Scholar	\$ -	\$ 2,140	\$ -	\$ 2,140	\$ -
Scholarships	\$ 4,726	\$ 10,697	\$ -	\$ 13,867	\$ 1,555
Elizabeth Foundation Scholarships	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000	\$ -
Total Restricted Funds	\$ 223,901				\$ 313,502
SUNDECK	\$ 5,570	\$ -	\$ 36,747	\$ 35,221	\$ 7,096
MERRILL LYNCH FUNDS					
M/L Reserve - Principal	\$ 16,422		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,422
M/L Reserve - Interest	\$ 201		\$ 731	\$ -	\$ 932
M/L Scholarship - Principal	\$ 8,475	\$ -			\$ 8,475
M/L Scholarship - Interest	\$ 2,391	\$ -	\$ 222		\$ 2,613
Total Merrill Lynch Funds	\$ 27,489	\$ -	\$ 953	\$ -	\$ 28,443
FUNDS TOTAL					\$ 357,586