

JANUARY 25, 2009
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION AND CORPORATION
STATE COLLEGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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A HYMN (please stand) "O Christ the Great Foundation" (1 st verse)	No. 443
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THE CLOSING PRAYER

IN MEMORIAM

**"I am the resurrection and the life says the Lord."
John 11:24**

	<u>Communicant</u>	<u>Death</u>
Dean Franklin Gamble	February 16, 2003	January 6, 2008
Nelda Shafer Davis	August 24, 2003	January 22, 2008
H. Reginald Hardy, Jr.	February 5, 1967	January 22, 2008
Inez Zell Farrand	March 1, 1959	January 29, 2008
Ronald Guy Zell	April 3, 1977	February 18, 2008
Col. James Thomas DeVoss	May 22, 1988	April 8, 2008
Robert E. Beam	March 28, 1937	May 2, 2008
Ruth E. Bittner	September 22, 1963	June 18, 2008
Woodrow Wilson Bierly	December 4, 1955	July 5, 2008
Helen Herzog Riley	February 5, 1984	August 6, 2008
Martin Karl Nurmi	August 12, 2007	September 12, 2008
Dr. Tom Sperring Mebane	March 21, 1951	September 21, 2008
Dwight L. Tothero	February 12, 1995	October 25, 2008
Mary Wolff Gamble	February 16, 2003	November 12, 2008
Charlotte Brooks Fisher	October 4, 1981	November 13, 2008
Clarence Kulp	February 24, 1991	November 27, 2008

**STATE COLLEGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION AND CORPORATION
January 27, 2008**

The Annual Congregational Meeting of the State College Presbyterian Church convened on January 27, 2008 at 10:15 a.m. in the sanctuary of the church. Moderator, the Reverend Dr. Charles J. Curley, called the meeting to order, opened with scripture, the singing of "The Church's One Foundation," and prayer. A quorum was present.

Rev. Curley read the Necrology Report for 2007 and offered a prayer for the deceased.

Elder Ann McLaren, Clerk of Session, was elected to serve as Clerk for the meeting.

A motion carried to approve the minutes of the Congregational Meetings of January 28, 2007 and November 12, 2007.

The meeting docket, as printed in the 2007 Annual Report, was approved by consensus.

There were no questions regarding reports of the official boards printed in the 2007 Annual Report. Staff made brief remarks to the congregation. There were no questions regarding Staff Reports printed in the 2007 Annual Report. There were no questions regarding the report of the Internal Audit Committee.

The moderator convened the meeting of the Corporation.

Elder Ned Book, Finance Chair, and Sharon Kasting, Treasurer, presented a summary of the 2007 giving and the 2008 budget. The staff was excused. Andrea Cotner, Co-chair of the Personnel Ministry Unit, was introduced. A motion from the Personnel Ministry Unit on change in terms of call for pastors carried. The staff rejoined the meeting. The operating budget for 2008 was received by vote of the congregation.

There was no miscellaneous business.

A motion to adjourn the meetings of the Congregation and Corporation carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m. with the congregation singing the first verse of "O Christ the Great Foundation" and prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles J. Curley, Moderator

Ann McLaren, Clerk of Session

**STATE COLLEGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
November 16, 2008**

Rev. Charles Curley, moderator, opened the meeting with prayer at 10:05 a.m.

Rev. Joel Blunk and Elder Monica Manning spoke about the work of the Spiritual Formation Task Force and the creation of an additional ministry unit within Session to continue the work of the task force. To continue this work, Session requested two additional Elders be added to serve on Session.

A motion to amend Article XI from “There shall be twenty-seven (27) elders...” to “There shall be twenty-nine elders (29)...” was carried.

The following members of the congregation were elected to serve as church officers:

Elders: Jeff Gugino, Geoff Harford, Casey Hovick, Rebecca Wilson Lundin, Cynthia ManellaNickell, Linda Margusity, Martha Orland, Sue Powers, Dan Sharda

Deacons: Sharon Ambrose, Rick Bryant, Beth Farmer, Amy Frank, Joan Hartman, Ted Hovick, Bob Johnson, Kevin Lloyd, Sean McPherson (Youth), Tod McPherson, Rose Ann Porterfield, Jim Powers, Cheryl Price, Phil Spangler

Visitation Deacons: Nancy Funk, Jo Keiser, Kay McGeary, Barbara McKeehen, Guy Thompson

Nominating Committee: Greg Elliott, Jeremy Frank, Gina Ikenberry

Internal Audit: Larry Bell, Mary D’Ambrosia, David Pepper, Daniel Shoffner.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles J. Curley, Moderator

Ann McLaren, Clerk of Session

ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE OFFICIAL BOARDS

SESSION – 2008

The Session is responsible for the mission and governance of the church. In our church the members of Session also serve as Trustees. Session is comprised of Elders (27 in 2008) and the pastors. Elders served on the church’s eight Ministry Units: Building and Property, Christian Education, Congregational Fellowship, Financial Affairs, Membership, Mission, Personnel, and Worship. Session met for regular monthly meetings September through June. In addition there were special Session meetings and many Ministry Unit meetings throughout the year. Elders were diligent in meeting their responsibilities.

By a vote of the Congregation at the November meeting, two elders were added to Session bringing the total to 29 effective January 2009. The Congregation also approved the creation of a new Ministry Unit, **Spiritual Formation**, which functioned as a sub-committee of the Worship Ministry Unit during 2008.

The Session acknowledges with appreciation and gratitude the work of our pastoral, music, education, administrative, and custodial staff. The Session also is grateful for the contributions of the Board of Deacons, the Visitation Deacons, the Internal Audit Committee, the Nominating Committee, the Hospital Visitation Committee, the choirs, and leaders and teachers who give so generously to the life of our church.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann McLaren, Clerk of Session

MEMBERSHIP 2008

<u>Additions</u>		<u>Losses</u>	
Certificate of Transfer	28	Deceased	16
Confirmation Class	5	Dismissed	17
Profession of Faith	28	Inactive Roll	<u>37</u>
Reactivate	<u>9</u>	Losses	70
Total Additions	<u>70</u>		

Total Communicant Members December 31, 2008 - 1236

Year	Additions	Losses	Gain	Members	Expense	Benevolences	Total
2008	70	70	-0-	1236	788,773	128,487	917,260

BOARD OF DEACONS – 2008

The Office of Deacon, as set forth in Scripture, is one of sympathy, witness and service after the example of Christ. The Board of Deacons at State College Presbyterian Church is made up of 37 elected members and our Associate Pastor, Joel Blunk, who serves in an advisory role from Session. 36 regular members are appointed to 3-year terms and one youth member is appointed to a one-year term. Deacons can serve consecutively for two full terms. The Board of Deacons meets monthly except during July and August.

The Board is organized into three ministry units: Caregiving, Mission and Service. The Caregiving Ministry Unit is responsible for congregational care including luncheons for college-age outreach programs, meals for church members who need assistance due to accidents, illness, birth of children, or other situations. The unit also organizes study-breaks for college students in the church during PSU exam weeks and sends cards to members of the congregation who are homebound and cannot attend services.

The Mission Ministry Unit provides support and care to the community at large. The unit coordinates distribution of our church's Food Bank contributions, organizes participation in the Crop Walk from our church, and organizes the annual "A Greater Gift Sale." In addition to the activities supported above, the Mission Ministry Unit also supports other local organizations such as Interfaith Mission and Habitat for Humanity.

The Service Ministry Unit provides support and service to the congregation. Projects include the Board's main fundraiser, the One Great Hour of Sharing Auction, the Palm Sunday Breakfast and the Christmas Day Dinner. The Service Unit is also responsible for the church picnic that was held at Tussey Mountain in July. The Deacons provided paddle boats, go-cart rides, turns in the batting cages and of course the main dishes and beverages. The Service Ministry Unit was also responsible for coordinating moving days for numerous people in need, in our church and community. The Deacons also provide a luncheon for the annual Presbytery Meeting held in our church in January. The Auction fund raiser was once again a huge success, netting over \$20,000. The proceeds for the auction are split in the following manner: 50% to the One Great Hour of Sharing, 25% to SPC's Mission Ministry Unit and 25% is retained by the Deacon's to fund our activities.

Additionally in 2008, the Board of Deacons provided financial support to the following projects and human needs: LOGOS and Krislund scholarships, the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, and many other emergency needs.

The board also takes applications and awards a modest scholarship through the Anne E. Boyd Fund.

We would also like to thank Janice Johnson for her continued service as a non-active Deacon.

She sends out our care cards and helps in keeping our sanctuary in good order.

The Board of Deacons is grateful for your continued support and prayers. We look forward to serving the congregation and the community at large in 2009.

On behalf of the Board of Deacons,
Ted Hovick, Moderator, 2008

**STATE COLLEGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BOARD OF DEACONS
TREASURER'S REPORT**

2008 Budget vs. Actual as of 12/31/08

	2008 Budget	Year End Actual 2008	FY 2009 Proposed
INCOME			
Deacon's Envelopes	2,600.00	2,686.00	2,500.00
DONATIONS			
Christmas Dinner Income	750.00	1,069.00	800.00
Other	1,350.00	2,209.00	1,700.00
Palm Sunday Breakfast Income	600.00	554.00	550.00
Fundraiser (OGHS)	21,000.00	21,737.00	18,000.00
Interest Income	12.00	8.00	7.00
Offering Plate	700.00	988.00	800.00
SERRV	2,700.00	2,806.00	2,700.00
Youth Offering	63.00	70.00	60.00
TOTAL INCOME	29,775.00	32,127.00	27,117.00
EXPENSES			
BENEVOLENCES			
MMU (25% OGHS Net Proceeds)	4,700.00	4,700.00	3,950.00
Krislund Scholarships	700.00	155.00	500.00
LOGOS Scholarships	700.00	268.00	500.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Deacons Scholarships	0.00	300.00	300.00
CAREGIVING			
Caring Committee	125.00	228.00	175.00
Coffee	250.00	175.00	200.00
College Connection	175.00	173.00	200.00
Freezer	100.00	25.00	100.00
Other	300.00	68.00	200.00
Staff Gifts	425.00	700.00	700.00
MISSION			
Christmas Dinner	650.00	901.00	900.00
OGHS (50% Auction Net Proceeds)	9,400.00	9,400.00	7,900.00
Other	150.00	500.00	500.00
SERRV	2,700.00	2,806.00	2,700.00
SERRV Expense	100.00	76.00	100.00
SERVICE			
OGHS Fundraising Costs	2,200.00	2,235.00	2,200.00
Deacons Picnic	750.00	891.00	900.00
Palm Sunday Breakfast	1,200.00	1,217.00	1,200.00
Ch. Structure/Programs	1,250.00	725.00	900.00
Indiv./Human Needs	1,250.00	6,039.00	2,000.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	28,125.00	32,569.00	27,075.00
Excess of Receipts Over Disbursements	1,650.00	(442.00)	42.00

Ending Cash Balance for 2008	\$8,832.00
Beginning Cash Balance for 2008	\$8,832.00
Projected Ending Cash Balance 2009	\$8,874.00

Ken Manno, Deacon's Treasurer

THE ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE STAFF

PASTOR'S REPORT – 2008

It is a privilege for me to present my sixteenth Pastor's Report for the State College Presbyterian Church. 2008 was a year full of ministry carried out by so many of the people of our church. Ministry here is in no way limited to either pastors or staff, but is truly the work of all the people of God in this faith community. I cannot begin to guess the number of "volunteer" hours spent on the work of this church. And when we do the work of Christ we are not so much "volunteers" as we are "disciples" responding to Christ's call. For this ministry you all carry out I have no words adequate to express my thanks.

Two words have been at the forefront of our consciousness throughout the past year: Mission and the Economy. This has truly been a year of mission for SCPC! A year of both visioning and doing. Elsewhere in these reports you will read details of our mission endeavors, but I cannot go on without expressing my amazement and admiration for the way our congregation pulled together in building our Habitat House, and in our care and affection for the King family, for whom this house we built (and they helped us build) has become a home. So many people worked so well in building, support of the builders, prayer, care for the family – and built the house in record time! This was not the first, nor is it the only mission endeavor of the year, but it was a very special one and indicative of the health and dedication of the congregation. As a result of our Mission visioning process, Session has committed some designated funds (not part of the operating budget) to hire a Mission Associate for a two year period. We are convinced that it is just in difficult times that we need to give more attention to mission than ever before.

In my humble opinion, the health of our congregation is very good indeed! 2008 was a difficult time for a number of our church families, yet again and again I am told of the support that has come from others in the church. Our children's and youth programs continue to grow. LOGOS, Chrysalis and FISH (elementary, middle school, and high school) are overflowing with enthusiastic young people and leaders. The number and diversity of children's and youth leaders is a part of our church life which we do not often recognize. In many churches the lone "youth worker" is out there alone. We have active and supporting leadership teams in all three of our programs – which contribute immeasurably to their success and continuing growth.

Certainly concerns about the faltering economy cast a shadow of anxiety over the year, and continue to challenge us. In spite of the economy contributions were strong all year, and finished 2008 slightly over budget. Pledges for 2009 were slow coming in, leading us to project at first an operating budget with no increases over 2008. I am pleased to report that in the month of December pledges increased to a level which enabled Session to pass a budget based on an estimate of giving of \$862,314, an increase of \$23,518 over 2008, though still \$17,323 less than our goal of \$879,637. This has allowed us to restore all the Mission and Program items which were eliminated, and include a modest increase for staff of 1.5%. We have continued cuts in administration and facilities to balance the budget.

It is hard in January to know what the New Year will bring. Yet we move forward with confidence. We pray that 2009 will be a year devoted to the service of God, dedicated to the mission of Christ, and filled with the presence of the Holy Spirit within our church!

Chuck Curley, Pastor

ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S REPORT – 2008

New projects and the Mission Ministry Unit-lead charge to build our first-ever Habitat House as a congregation, helped make 2008 an exciting year. Involvement in worship leadership, Fellowship In Senior High (FISH), the Confirmation Class, and staffing the Board of Deacons was also fulfilling for me. These ministries involve many faithful and committed people and it's been my pleasure to serve with them.

A highlight was the development of the new "Passage Program." With the help of Kim Hunziker and our Men's Covenant Group, we began a program intended to lift youth into adulthood by reaffirming and living into the vows of baptism and confirmation. We met with high school seniors throughout the year and offered an initial Rite of Passage Retreat last spring. The program focuses on teaching life-lessons and marking, through ritual and experience, the move from childhood to adulthood that accompanies late adolescence. We are now midway through our second year and are excited by the growth in the program and the young people involved.

The Mission Ministry Unit conducted a "Year in Mission" around the theme *Mission: Pray it. Live it.* Session and MMU devoted the second Sunday of each month to this focus. In conjunction with the habitat build, all were given a chance to think about, pray for, and participate in outreach beyond our walls in 08. The momentum continues into the new year as we build a "Faith Fund" for new projects and look to hire a mission associate to expand participation.

I'm grateful to the many adults who help to make the FISH program happen. A team of 15 adult leaders (and growing!) meet with the youth week after week and plan for retreats and mission activities. Patti Kephart and Martha Trout keep us organized and Maura McConnell keeps us all well fed - coordinating meals for both FISH and LOGOS.

Last March, FISH returned to Wheeling, WV for the 12th time to work at the Laughlin Chapel. In June we landed again on Assateague Island for a traditional week-long retreat in the sand. In keeping with the Summer Games, our program was entitled "The Assateague Olympics" giving us a chance to discuss the joy of play, international relationships, and love of neighbors. This past fall, our numbers grew by leaps and bounds and so we recently added new leaders and a new small group.

Last spring we confirmed another class of students. I'm indebted to Kim Hunziker for her ongoing help in making the class fun and informative for all involved. Sessions include guest speakers, video presentations, experiential learning, and the teaching of a variety of prayer methods. As usual, the class concluded with a retreat at Camp Krislund and a worship service planned by the students.

I thank each of you for the privilege of sharing in ministry together. I continue to be grateful to God for the chance to be a part of a wonderful staff and one of your pastors.

Joel Blunk, Associate Pastor

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY – 2008

Didn't I just write an annual report last week? I suppose as we age it seems like time goes by faster and faster with each passing year. I sometimes want to find a way to slow things down because I'm afraid I might go by so fast as to miss something breathtaking, beautiful, poignant, or spectacular. On the other hand my days are filled with work that I love and feel called to do. I wouldn't want to give up any of that (Okay, I wouldn't mind giving up filing music!). So as we begin the sprint through 2009, here are a few words about the 2008 race.

In 2008 I was privileged to work with many music ensembles to lead worship in our congregation. The Chancel Choir (adults), the Handbell Choir (adults), the three LOGOS Choirs (first and second grade; third, fourth, and fifth grade; and Chrysalis), the House Sing Choir in the spring, Open Choir in the summer, and Candlelight Choir in the fall. I also have the joy of supporting Jori Sharda and Voices of Praise (high school and college age). As you probably know, all these ensembles are open to interested singers – the only restrictions are by age, not ability. While we have some turnover, as you would expect in a university town, our ensembles are very consistent and provide this congregation with a wide variety of music from many styles and time periods. I was particularly proud of our House Sing Concert this spring that helped to raise money and awareness for SCPC's Habitat House project. I believe that it is important for musicians to use God's gift of music in ways that support God's work in our community. I was quite pleased with the 81st annual Christmas Candlelight Services. The choir loft was full of great singers and we had a wonderful orchestra to play the rich arrangements of Christmas carols. By the way, of the twenty six orchestra players, fourteen were from our congregation! The addition of readers from many different parts of our congregation added to the power of the message.

Our Advent Organ Recital Series provided a third year of varied and interesting recitals. In addition to my recital, Keith Diehl, organist at Faith United Church of Christ, State College, and Nancy Marchal, organist at Covenant Central Presbyterian Church, Williamsport presented recitals. We had a wide variety of music presented in fresh settings on our 1967 Möller Pipe Organ. We had excellent attendance, especially for a mid-day, mid-week organ recital, and I wish I could claim it was the organ music, but I think the interesting lunch provided by our Mission Ministry Unit and the warm fellowship are equally responsible for the great attendance.

I'm looking forward to the continuing challenge of preserving our 1967 Möller Pipe Organ. Through education and awareness I hope to help make the case for a project that will preserve all the best of this organ and bring it into the 21st century with up to date technology that wasn't even dreamed of in 1967. In addition to the cleaning and updating, I hope we can add some digital sounds that will complete and enrich some of the families of sound that this congregation has enjoyed for over forty years.

I continue to be Music Director of the Williamsport Civic Chorus. I get to do music that I might not be able to do in the church setting and feel that my work in Williamsport compliments my work at SCPC. I continue to volunteer with The LOGOS Ministry as a trainer and with planning worship and as a music editor of sorts. Professionally, I continue membership in the Presbyterian Association of Musicians, The American Guild of Organists, American Choral Directors Association, and American Guild of English Handbell Ringers.

As always, I am grateful to my wife, Karen Neff, for her support and encouragement. She will be the first to tell you that I get all my best ideas from her. And for the fifteenth time, I will say that it is a privilege and honor to serve with the creative and collegial staff of State College Presbyterian Church.

Soli Deo Gloria,
Ned Wetherald, Director of Music Ministry

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND PROGRAM – 2008

I wanted to start off my report this year saying a huge “thank you” for the wonderful celebration earlier in April ‘08, recognizing my first 10 years here on staff. It was a wonderful day and I truly did enjoy the celebration! I will admit that having the middle school kids take over the Children’s Message was a bit unnerving, but very sweet in the end!!

Now I am in my 11th year, and I am so happy to be here! It is because of you, the congregation, that my work here is as rewarding and enjoyable as it is. Along with the great staff that I work with, I also have the privilege of working with three Units of Session - Membership, Congregational Fellowship, and Education. I also resource the Adult Education Committee, and co-resource our growing LOGOS program (GECKOS and Chrysalis) along with Ned and Diana (Chrysalis). Here are some of the highlights of this past year for me.

- 1) Our Sunday School classes and Sunday morning programs for children and youth continue to be some of our strongest educational ministries. That is due to the great staff of volunteer teachers/leaders we have every year. We were able to add a separate 4 year old room back into our program this year due to more numbers, so that was exciting! This past May we gave out Bibles to our 2nd graders and gifts to our High School seniors. We had our 4th summer of the WORKSHOP ROTATION method and curriculum. A great committee of friends worked hard to make our summer program happen. ☺ Our children rotated through three different Biblical areas. Our theme this summer was **BIBLE HEROES**. We had “The King’s Cafe,” “Thou Art Studio,” and “The Tent of Veggie Tales” (all in Rooms 10, 11, and 12). We have similar plans for the summer of 2009! We began our 6th year this fall with the “We Believe” curriculum. I am pleased to say that this curriculum continues to be enjoyed by our teachers and children! I am amazed at all the energy our volunteer leaders find to work with our children. Almost all of our Sunday morning leaders and Sunday School teachers are very involved in many other areas of our church’s ministries as well.
- 2) Every Sunday many people enjoy the food/drink supplied through our wonderful “Coffee Hour.” This year the Congregational Fellowship Unit has continued to work hard to continue to offer a nice coffee hour for everyone at church on Sundays. This provides a wonderful time of fellowship and an alternative to Adult Education for those who need to sit and visit with a friend for awhile. We all remain indebted to those of you who host and clean up the “coffee hours.”
- 3) Another highlight for me weekly in my job would have to be the *Time for Children* (Children’s Message) during the 9:00 am worship services. This time is indeed for the children. It is a chance for them to learn and, more importantly, to share with me what they think about many topics. It’s important to me that the children of this church feel like it is their home, and that includes worship.
- 5) Our midweek programs are flourishing and I can’t say enough about LOGOS, Chrysalis, FISH, and the College age ministries. I am only directly involved with LOGOS, but benefit so much from all the ministries in so many ways. This is my ninth year to teach a Worship class for LOGOS 4th graders. I really enjoy the children and teaching along with Janice Johnson, and Patt Campolongo. Our new LOGOS Director, Pam Calkins, and our fine group of Coordinators work very hard to make LOGOS an outstanding mid-week experience. It is truly a great program because of our volunteers. I always look forward to Tuesdays for the opportunity to minister to and with children, and for the opportunity to be with my adult friends as well. I also don’t have to cook on Tuesday nights as well!!!
- 6) Our Membership Unit has been working very hard this past year to continue to reach out to visitors and to ensure that everyone feels welcome here at our church. Martha Trout and I both resource this Unit. We enjoy working with the talented members of this

Unit and finding new ways to be welcoming and inviting here at this church. We welcomed two new chairpersons to our Unit this past year, Brenda Lucas and Wendy Huffard. We've had a great year and look forward to another one!

7) The Adult Education Committee continues to be a joy to work with each month. Our committee members spend a good bit of time coming up with ideas and implementing them for our congregation. We are lucky to have such a fine group of people working on exciting and interesting programs for our congregation. Our chairperson, John Rodgers, provides energy and good guidance to a great group of committee members who care about adult education. Bob Foster coordinates our rooms and handles the publicity. I can't thank John enough for all he's done as our Chairperson and elder on the Unit. We will be electing a new chairperson this year, but we aren't allowing John to leave us!!

I also want to take this opportunity to thank the congregation for your support during my recovery from two surgeries. It was a difficult time for me, but I feel much better now and am blessed to have had the chance to heal and recover while many people helped out here in my absence. I am hoping for a wonderful (surgery free) 2009. I feel like what we are doing and teaching here in this building and through our ministries is making a difference. We teach love and understanding, acceptance, and faithfulness. And we know our God cares. I can look forward to another year, because of my faith and all of you! Thank you for the opportunity to minister with you!

Deannine Shipman, Director of Education and Program

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATE IN MINISTRY – 2008

Another year of relationship building and living into the Good News here at SCPC – What an honor and blessing it is for me to be part of all the wonderful things that God is doing in Chrysalis, Agape, and MMU, throughout the work, worship and ministry of SCPC.

COLLEGIATE MINISTRIES (WPF, PACHEM, t.i.o.)

This year I continued to serve on PACHEM, the Presbyterian Association for Collegiate & Higher Education Ministries. One of our WPF students, Ben Peck and I went to the PC(USA) General Assembly in San Jose to staff the PACHEM table. What a blessing it has been to know others in our denomination who do collegiate ministry, learning and sharing together. A HUGE change in my ministry has been a laptop and "Facebook". Wow! Being mobile and virtual is a must when you are working with young adults. Another exciting addition to our already blossoming ecumenical efforts with the Lutheran and Episcopal Campus Ministries has been a Sunday morning protestant worship service on campus. I preach and lead worship every 3 weeks. With so many Catholic worship services on campus, it is exciting to be part of an ecumenical offering that is protestant. We call it *t.i.o.* (Three In One) because there are three denominations participating in worshipping our Trinitarian God.

Westminster Presbyterian Fellowship (WPF) had a full year. A Mission Trip to Chicago during Spring Break brought a whole new group of PSU collegiates to the ministry, some of our own FISH graduates who are Penn Staters now. The hospitality they offer students who have come to SCPC through WPF has been rich. **Carol Nelson** and **Jennifer & Jonathon Greer** began serving this year as Agape leaders, after we sent **Rachel Mastin** off to seminary this past fall. We have a super group of students involved in the ministries of WPF. They did a Souperbowl @ SCPC, went on a mission trip and did four Habitat Days, gathered monthly with the LCM & ECM groups (including a Seder with Rabbi Ostrich and Hillel), participated in fellowship and fun in our weekly gatherings (Lunch @ Redifer and Agape)! Gifted and loving people make sure good stuff is happening for our college students: Graduate Students continue to be fed, both physically and spiritually, through the efforts of **Jori & Dan Sharda**. The efforts to involve collegiates in providing music in worship leadership continue, thanks to **Jori's** work with Ned on the newest choir, Voices of Praise. The **CAM (College-Age Ministries) Committee**

orchestrated two very well attended For-All-PSU-Folks luncheons and works hard to make sure collegiates are cared for via programming and worship. **Bob Igo and those true-to-their-title Caregiving Deacons** provided luncheons (many!), study breaks at the end of each semester, and welcoming goodie-bags. And, of course, a very hardworking **CAM Committee**, under the chairship of **Katie Stone**. Thanks to all!!

CC Bridge: Vocational Discernment

Kim Hunziker and I had the honor of working with seven young adults who spent eight sessions together considering their call from God. We utilized the grant received from The Theological Fund for this ministry to provide meals, resources and programming for these students. We learned a lot and hope to continue providing Discernment opportunities for the young adults in our ministries. The remaining amount of the grant was used to secure lodging for our 2009 Vocational Discernment Retreat coming up in January.

Middle School Ministry, Chrysalis

I really don't know why folks always sigh and put their hand on my shoulder when I tell them I do middle school ministry. Really! They are one of the most fun and energetic groups in our church – shouldn't we all have that kind of energy ☺ An excellent group of leaders makes this LOGOS ministry happen by listening to God calling them to be mentors, friends, and advocates of our 6th, 7th, & 8th graders. Our leadership team includes young adults who were Chrysalis kids themselves as well as our first L.I.T. (Leader in Training)! Your Chrysalis leaders are amazingly gifted and overwhelmingly caring people: **Megan Bell, Chris Calkins, Bethany Carlisle, Greg Elliott, Morgan Langton (LIT), Adrienne Lindquist, Joe Malizia, Maura McConnell, Carol Nelson, Katy Poole, Jesse Rodgers, and Samantha Shoffner**. And **Jennifer Tothero**, our very helpful Parent Liason. What a brilliant, intentional, life-affirming circle to be part of!

Chrysalis "programming" continues to be centered around Practices of the Christian Faith (check them out: www.waytolive.org). These aren't just ideas we want to equip the kids with, they are actually ways of living that each of us are involved in all the time. Last year, we focused on *Welcome, Truth, Forgiveness, Stuff, Practice, and Friends*. As usual, we went on a Retreat to Krislund to begin our year. And, we did mission: our "Neither Bags" (neither paper nor plastic!) as a OGHs fundraiser and Angel Tree Mission Night – spent nearly \$400 the kids donated on Angel Tree gifts purchased downtown. Chrysalis is....lots of pulsating energy and noise – lots of laughter – an extraordinary group of kids and their leaders – God at work!

Mission Minisry Unit

With MMU's support, we continued to encourage faithful purchasing through SPCP's Equal Exchange Coffee Project. As 2008 ended, we topped \$10,000.00 in **Fair Trade coffee/tea/chocolate** purchases through Equal Exchange's Presbyterian Coffee Project. Not only are we learning about the goodness of Fair Trade, we are also supporting PCUSA's mission work through these purchases! How great it is to be able to drink good drinks and do good for those who bring it to us.

I am looking forward to being with you on our continued journey, recognizing and responding to the creative opportunities God provides us with in the upcoming year!

Peace,
Diana Malcom, Associate In Ministry

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP AND PROGRAM ASSOCIATE – 2008

The years seem to have flown by and it is difficult to comprehend that I have completed five years as your Membership and Program Associate! As I look back at another productive year working alongside a talented and caring staff I give thanks for them and for you, the dedicated members of our congregation.

One of my ongoing major responsibilities continues to be maintaining the church database. Everything is running smoothly and efficiently, but I continue to look for new ways to take advantage of what it can do and make it more useful to our particular needs. The Sunday School attendance process is running smoothly and we have a good system in place to keep track of our children and youth and to welcome new visitors into the program. There are also reports to run as requested by the Program Staff and the Ministry Units, the Time and Talent information to input and manage, the production of this yearly Annual Report, wedding arrangements to coordinate, various publications and informational materials as well as the minutes of the monthly Session meetings and keeping the Official Session Records of the church.

My work as a staff resource to the Membership Ministry Unit (along with Deannine Shipman) continues to be gratifying as we deal with our Membership needs. We have a format for the New Member Class that works well and attendees have found it a useful tool to their transition into the life of our church. Thanks to Susan Sanders who continues to facilitate these classes. She provides a friendly face and makes the class a comfortable fit for all who attend. We offer the New Member Class four times a year. We welcomed Brenda Lucas and Wendy Huffard as co-chairs of the Membership Committee in 2008 and they have so very capably and enthusiastically taken on the responsibility of this important work. It is a joy to work along side all on the committee who pitch in to get the jobs done.

Another aspect of my work that has been very satisfying is the production of informational materials for our various programs and activities. I continue to enjoy the opportunity to be creative with booklets, brochures, flyers, and posters. My goal with these projects is to make our literature attractive, and informative, and I hope that has happened.

I also continue my administrative responsibilities for FISH – our high school youth program. This fall we saw 100 + youth attending the Wednesday evening program – and more visit each week. Keeping track of all of these high school students and their parents as well as preparing the program and retreat registration materials, and processing the tuition and fundraising monies adds an interesting dimension to an already busy fall. But keeping all of our information in one place in the church database gives us streamlined access to the information when we need it and has been very helpful.

In December of 2007 we launched our refurbished website – www.scpresby.org. My responsibilities now include overseeing the management of the website and trying to keep it as up-to-date as possible. We are so pleased to have such a useful tool for our congregation and for those who will find us on the web. In this technologically sophisticated era it is so important to have an attractive, informative and user-friendly web presence – and we hope that has happened. If you haven't visited the website, we hope you will check it out, and of course, if you have comments or feedback, please let us know.

We continue to have spaces available in our Columbarium for those who wish to take advantage of this option. The informational materials are prepared and a process in place to take care of all the details. Please visit us in the office if you would like information about the Columbarium. If you haven't stopped by to see the beautiful Meditation Garden where the Columbarium is located, you can access it right off the parking lot entrance of the church. It is truly a lovely spot.

All in all, it has been another productive year and look forward to many more to come. I am honored to be part of such a talented staff and congregation as we all strive toward a common goal – to serve our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Martha Trout, Membership and Program Associate

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BOY SCOUT TROOP 32 – 2008

Troop 32 has been continuously chartered by the State College Presbyterian Church since 1914. We have just completed our 94th year. The Troop is comprised of 39 scouts, 25 parents and friends participating as committee members, and 10 adults serving as Assistant Scoutmasters.

The Troop participated in 10 camping activities during 2008, accumulating 541 nights of camping. The troop did both short and long term camping. Twenty eight scouts and eleven adults attended summer camp at our Seven Mountains Scout Camp. Sixteen of our more experienced scouts (age 14 and older) and six adults attended Sea Base for a program of sailing and snorkeling. The Troop's diverse program had the scouts visit the US Fish and Wildlife Center in Lamar, PA, hike at World's End and Little Pine State Parks, and downhill ski at Camelback. Another highlight this year was our Honors Trip to Pittsburgh. The Honors Trip is an annual event open to scouts who have achieved First Class rank and have a minimum of 10 hours of community service. Seventeen scouts attended along with 4 adults. We visited the Warhol, Carnegie Science, and the Heinz Western Pennsylvania Museums. We rode the venicular up Mount Washington, visited Primanti Brothers, held our own chapel service at Point State Park, and toured the national classrooms at the University of Pittsburgh's Cathedral of Learning.

Each year the troop has an outstanding record of service to the community, and this year was no exception. In 2008, 15 different service projects were supported. Every scout participated in at least one service project. Several of the service projects were in direct support of the Presbyterian Church including an Eagle Scout project that installed a lift in Westminster Hall. Each spring and fall the Troop helps to maintain the church grounds. And the troop helped support the Pre-Advent Soup Supper this year. The scouts provided 461 hours of community service in 2008. This total does not include 238 hours contributed by adult leaders.

The Troop is justifiably proud of the outdoor skills, knowledge and achievements demonstrated by the scouts. Our troop demonstrated one of our core competencies by placing first at both the District and Council First Aid Meets. One Scout earned the Eagle Rank this year and another has completed his report and should earn that rank very soon. For the year, scouts earned a total of 38 rank advancements, 101 merit badges, and 57 special awards.

The Troop is blessed with outstanding adult leadership. These adults devote much time and effort to provide the Scouts with an outstanding and varied array of programs. Eight of our ten assistant scoutmasters have attended 40 hours of specific training and are certified as trained leaders.

Members of Troop 32 are very grateful to the State College Presbyterian Church for its support. With the congregation's continued support, the Troop Committee and Scoutmasters of Troop 32 will facilitate programming to help these scouts explore leadership and to grow and develop

responsible young men. I would welcome any member of the congregation to contact me with questions or concerns, or to attend a meeting at any time. We meet each Thursday evening at 7:30 in the Westminster Room.

Bob Sutterlin, Scoutmaster
Kim Payne, Committee Chair

BUILDING AND PROPERTY MINISTRY UNIT – 2008

The Building and Property Ministry Unit is responsible for the care and maintenance of the church facilities. Regular items, such as electricity, fuel, water/sewer, janitorial supplies and regular equipment inspections and upkeep, are funded from the general operating budget. Special projects and repairs are funded from the Sam and Mary Bayard Fund and special contributions from members of the congregation. As in past years, we had to carefully select projects based on priority since there were insufficient funds to complete all projects and requests.

As in the past many projects were completed in 2008, three were particularly noteworthy. Two of these were completed with significant donations of time and financial resources.

- **Installed Handicap Lift in Westminster Hall.** The lift provides access to Westminster to persons of all abilities. Max Sutterlin completed this extensive undertaking as his Eagle Scout Project.
- **Installed Fire suppression system in Social Hall.** Sprinklers now protect the most vulnerable of the facility. George and Cathy Church (Celia Church's son) of Rowe Sprinkler Systems donated all the labor and a significant portion of the materials for this project.
- **Replaced windows in all classrooms in the 1941 portion of the Christian Education Wing.** Low maintenance, energy efficient, functional windows upgrade the classroom environment and generate future savings.

We are very appreciative of special contributions provided by church members, without which many of these projects would not be possible. We are thankful for the hard work of Paul Sheets - Building Manager, Nelson Hite - Custodian, Russell Bush – weekend custodian, Boy Scout Troop 32 and the members of the congregation who gave of their time and talents. Also, I would like to thank the members of the Building and Property committee: Jim Harbison, Jan Mahar, Blair Malcolm, Jim Powers and Karl Reichard for their dedication, hard work, and personal donations.

David Kephart, Building and Property Chair

CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY UNIT – 2008

The Congregational Fellowship Ministry Unit's (CFMU) goal is to provide a variety of fellowship opportunities for the church community. Support is also given to other groups within the church who provide fellowship.

One of the major contributions to the church community is hosting coffee hour every Sunday morning as church members and visitors enjoy coffee, bagels and other complimentary items. Coffee hour is a wonderful fellowship opportunity and has become an important time for people to connect. CFMU is supported by many volunteers that make our coffee ministry come to life each week. In 2008 the annual "tailgate" style coffee hour was held in early July with a "4th of July" theme. Special baked goods, fresh fruit and "grilled stickies" complemented the usual bagels, coffee and cold drinks; all were served in the parking lot. This fall we reserved a special

table for the college age members to gather for fellowship during coffee hour in order that they may meet informally on Sunday mornings.

In recent years we have made an effort to support Fair Trade coffee and serve that product at coffee hour. Initially we could only obtain orders by mail from Equal Exchange and we were obligated to buy a portion of coffee from Rich Coast in Lewistown because they owned and serviced the Bunn coffee makers. When Rich Coast began to carry Fair Trade coffee we bought limited quantities however found it was more expensive than Equal Exchange and not the same quality. In 2008 we determined that we could justify the purchase of our own Bunn coffee maker (with approval from the Finance Ministry Unit) in order to purchase less expensive and better quality Equal Exchange coffee. The new double brewer coffee machine was installed in December.

Six special fellowship events were planned and implemented by CFMU during 2008. The first was "Games Night" on a Friday evening in late January. This event is becoming an annual intergenerational opportunity for fellowship. A variety of board games, loaned by members of the congregation, are played and light refreshments are served. About 30 participated in 2008.

The Annual Progressive Dinner was held on a Saturday in mid-May. Over 50 church members gathered at the Nickell home for appetizers; they divided among 6 homes for main courses, and then regrouped at the Colton home for dessert. The Progressive Dinner Committee experimented this year with having a basket available at the appetizer house for donations to help pay for wine and disposable items.

There were two summer theater events in 2008. In June 30+ members attended *Camelot* with group rate preview ticket prices. In August the Orland's hosted a pre-theater supper of hors d'oeuvres for about 20 prior to attendance at a new musical, *Ordinary Days*. Over half of the SCPC group used a coupon to get a dessert special at the Allen Street Grill after the show.

A picnic for families with pre-school children was held for the second time in 2008. Although the rainy fall Saturday picnic had only 25 attending, those families who came seemed to enjoy the fellowship with others at their life stage.

The final special fellowship event planned and implemented for 2008 was the dinner part of the Pre-Advent Soup Supper. This year the CFMU members were given outstanding help by Boy Scout Troop 32 with great organizational oversight by Jane Sutterlin. Over 200 were seated at 27 tables for Chuck Curley's delicious homemade soup. Bread, cheese, raw veggies, fruit and dessert accompaniments were prepared, served and cleaned up by CFMU and the Boy Scouts.

Each month, except during the summer, CFMU sponsors "Young at Heart," a fellowship group for age "over 55" in the church. Leadership for planning the programs comes from the group; this year Ron and Hope Coder have been in charge. CFMU provides support to make coffee and other beverages for the potluck suppers. The fellowship social begins about 5 PM on a Friday evening with dinner starting promptly at 5:30 followed by the program. Everyone is encouraged to wear name tags.

In addition to the fellowship events sponsored by CFMU, the unit continues to support other fellowship functions within the church community. In 2008 CFMU again provided a reception for new elders and deacons prior their first meeting in January. They provided, as usual, the breakfast during registration time for the January Presbytery meeting at SCPC. CFMU regularly cooperates with the Membership Ministry Unit to provide a cart of beverages and bagels for the new member classes when they meet several times throughout the year. CFMU cooperated with other units planning and implementing two "one time" special events; the first was to honor Deannine Shipman's 10th anniversary at SCPC and the second was to celebrate the three newly

renovated spaces in our building. For both special events the CFMU role was with refreshments.

CFMU is always seeking volunteers for coffee hour; it's a fun job and a way to get to know others with a short term commitment of time. In addition, the unit welcomes interested folks who would like to join the ministry unit. The CFMU monthly meetings, typically on the first Wednesday of the month (7 PM), provide fellowship and fun among the members as we plan fellowship for the congregation. At our August meetings we often begin with a potluck at a member's home. In 2008 we were grateful to John (and Anne) McQueary for hosting a non-potluck dinner at their home. Now that was generosity on top of fellowship!

Submitted by co-chairs Martha Orland and Linda Morrow

EDUCATION MINISTRY UNIT – 2008

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

It literally takes hundreds of volunteers who spend thousands of hours to provide the educational opportunities evidenced in all the programs listed below. We can all be thankful and proud of the members and friends of this congregation who have chosen to help in showing God's love to all of the Children of God.

We are again happy to report on a very productive and busy year on the Education Ministry Unit of the State College Presbyterian Church. We have seen our many programs and classes remain healthy and continue to grow.

The Stay and Play program achieved the PA Keystone Star 2 level of performance standards. Stay and Play also saw a change in leadership as Jane Heckman relocated with her family and Laura Steager took over as director. Laura has brought many new ideas and great energy to this position. They continue to be thankful for the support of the members of our congregation. We also welcomed many Stay and Play families to our church membership this year.

LOGOS, our mid-week youth program for first through eighth grade, continues to be an integral part of the life of this church and its youth. We continue to have 80-90 youth meeting on Tuesday evenings, with nearly 150 adults volunteering to support the program. Geckos, 1-5th grade, have a regular rotating schedule of activities each Tuesday from 4-7 PM, while Chrysalis, 6-8th grade, meets from 5-8 PM, focusing on practices of faith to help them make the transition to adulthood. LOGOS choirs regularly lead worship services for the congregation.

The system of Covenant Partnership between members of our congregation and the young people making the decision to join the church family continues to be a rewarding experience. While it requires a commitment of time and effort, both students and their covenant partners learn a great deal about themselves and their relationship with God. The class of 2008 was no exception, congratulations Kevin, Suzie, Sara, Max and Will.

FISH, Fellowship in Senior High, the mid-week program for our 9th-12th graders meets Wednesday evenings. This program encourages participation by any senior high youth, whether members of our church or not. This program has seen the attendance numbers grow this year and are very excited about so many youth participating. A talented and dedicated group of leaders dedicate their time so these young people can explore their ideas and beliefs as they begin their journey through life.

Senior Passages was a new program for 2008. This initiative reaches out to students who will be graduating from high school with the intent of helping them to be secure in their faith as they go out on their own. Those who participated said it was a remarkable experience. We hope to grow the program in 2009.

Our childcare program under the leadership of Kelly Thom continues to support the needs of families in our church, providing a safe place for our babies and toddlers during worship and many of our church activities.

The Sunday School programs for the youth of our church meet during the school year at 10 AM on Sundays for all grades and during the summer for children age 4 through 2nd grade. Our Sunday school program benefits from having teaching teams for each grade so that several adults collaborate for each grade to prepare lessons and to make sure we can cover each Sunday. There are also two programs during morning worship, the first, Music and Movement for our 3-5 year olds where music, fun and caring are the focus. The second is Children in Worship for our 1st and 2nd graders to begin to learn about the bible and the elements of worship.

All of us on the Ministry Unit say thank you and encourage the entire congregation to pray for and express thanks to our leaders and volunteers.

Amy Elliott, Chair

ADULT EDUCATION

The Adult Education committee has tried to provide the congregation with varied programs that help each of us to grow as Christians. At the beginning of each Adult Ed meeting, we pray for God's guidance in leading us to develop programs to meet the needs of our congregation. Looking back over the year's offerings, we believe our Lord has blessed us abundantly with opportunities to learn and grow.

We would like to thank all the members of the congregation who helped present topics. One of the great strengths of this congregation is the willingness to share from each of our expertise and experiences.

Classes for 2008 included many programs by SCPC members. At least 25 presentations were made by members including the excellent and informative multi-week programs of a New Testament class by Jennifer Greer, Witness for Peace by Kristen Saacke Blunk and Statements of Faith by Ruth Blume. Shirley Berlind and Connie Ansong continued their insightful programs on the Role of Jesus as the Servant of God. Connie Ansong and Anita Thies led a focused series on Prayer. Tod McPherson led us in Power of Forgiveness. Bob Foster led a program on the formation of the Bible. Bruce Knoll led programs on the Tanzania Project and Chinese adoption by Christian Americans. Tom Kistler (Centre Transition House), Hobie Kistler (Costa Rica), and Lance and Debbie Potter (Burma) offered interesting individual programs. It was fun to see the purple bracelets of the group studying to live a Complaint Free life as led by Tod McPherson and myself. Sam Lush brought his successful program from the senior high students as we watched the Amazing Grace movie and learned how William Wilberforce led the fight against slavery.

Mission was a major themes in our programs in 2008. The Mission Ministry Unit made 2008 their year of Mission and the second Tuesday of each month was devoted to mission programs. We learned about many of the mission projects our church supports and projects we would like to undertake. Adult Education assisted in the communication on the Habitat House constructed by SCPC in 2008. Two popular programs were the reflections on mission trips made by SCPC members to areas such as Montgomery WV and Washington DC. I believe these first person accounts further encourage our members to support and participate in mission trips.

Two highlights of our year were new Advent programs that we tried. First, at least 50 crèche

displays were brought to Westminster Hall for display and interpretation by Sarah Rich. I believe all who attended have a better appreciation of this form of Christian art. Secondly, members of the congregation contributed their experiences of Christmas around the World. Judy Swisher presented her new book on Christmas legends from all parts of the world. Catherine Greenham shared her experience in both the United Kingdom and the Netherlands. Wilma and Edgar Martinez also told of Wilma's experience in the Netherlands just last year (including a surprise appearance by a mischievous Santa helper), and Edgar shared how his family in Puerto Rico celebrates Christmas. DeeAnn Wiley shared Christmas traditions from her childhood in Thailand with help from Taylor and Betty Jo Potter. Bruce Knoll told a fascinating story of his one Christmas spent in Poland and the traditions he was able to observe. Lastly, Jori Sharda shared her childhood Christmas memories from Japan and how Christmas provided an opportunity to reach out to a mostly non-Christian population.

We were also blessed with some additional wonderful outside speakers. Joy Bergy, a friend of Joy Kaufmann, gave a very thorough presentation on what Christians can and should do to protect the environment. Also this fall, Joy Kaufmann kept us updated on events within the Presbytery and General Assembly from this last summer. Pastor Spring gave an update on the Affordable Housing Coalition, Bonnie Benjamin spoke on helping freshman adjust to college life and Scott Pussey shared their experiences in adopting a Chinese girl and we learned of the work of Penn State students in Tanzania.

Many thanks to the Adult Education committee: Connie Ansong, Shirley Berling, Roger Christman, Bob Foster, Marty Harbison, Bruce Knoll, Herb McKinstry, Tod McPherson and Guy Thompson, whose tireless efforts keep the program with fresh ideas and contacts to speakers. I thank Deannine Shipman, our staff resource, for her guidance and optimism throughout the year. I thank Bob Foster, our secretary, for coordinating our schedule, announcing our offerings, and taking minutes.

A special thanks goes to Ned Wetherald for providing Adult Ed previews in the PresbyPost and to Martha Trout for the monthly flyer on the Adult Ed schedules. Both of these help our congregation plan their attendance. Please be sure to pick one up at the back of the sanctuary or in the hallway outside the sanctuary.

In the New Year, 2009, we trust that you will continue to support the programs and presenters with your attendance and offer suggestions for future programs.

John Rodgers (Adult Education Chair)

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS MINISTRY UNIT – 2008

FINANCE

The Finance Affairs Ministry Unit under the direction of Session is responsible for all the business and financial affairs of the church, including the recommendation of policies, development of procedures and oversight of staff relating to these areas. Included are the accounting of all monies received and dispersed by the church, handling investments, preparing goal and operating budgets, payment of employees and maintaining adequate insurance. The unit is also responsible to keep and protect all legal documents, corporate papers, contracts and other effects of legal worth. These activities are handled at our monthly meetings and weekly payment approval sessions.

Pledges have been paid on a timely basis which allowed us to meet all budgeted expenses from current income without transferring from endowments to balance cash flow. We are grateful to the Congregation for its faithful support of the mission of the church in spite of – or perhaps in

response to – these challenging financial times. The members of our congregation have been good stewards for the work of the Lord in this place.

Financial Affairs continues to monitor the church's investments, reporting to Session and addressing questions or concerns raised by Session. Our largest investments are in American Funds, a mutual fund, through Wienken & Associates. Given the current market conditions, the unit is comfortable with the performance of American Funds and other church investments.

In 2008, the ministry unit began a strategic planning process which will continue into 2009. The early stages of this process focused on identifying the values and strengths of our community. The committee has reviewed many church documents and sought input from church staff as well as the Board of Deacons. We would like to acknowledge the contributions of Joy Kaufmann, her guidance and leadership in this on-going endeavor.

The Church is grateful to Sharon Kasting, Church treasurer and Ann Thomas, assistant treasurer for their dedicated and professional handling of the sensitive financial information of the Church.

Members of the Financial Affairs Ministry Unit in 2008 were Elder and Stewardship chair Ken Bachman; Elders Ann McLaren, Phil Zimmerman and Sharon Mortensen; Deacon Ken Manno , and members-at-large Elliott McLaughlin and Ned Book.

Ann McLaren, Financial Affairs, Chair

STEWARDSHIP

The stewardship campaign in 2008 received pledges of \$533,000, to date. The uncertainty of the economy continued to present an ongoing challenge during the "Minute for Mission" presentations. While we are optimistic long-term, we continue to remain guarded concerning projected stewardship contributions in 2009. As such, our approach is prudent and cautious until consumer confidence returns. In turn, we are grateful for the continued support from the congregation.

Ken Bachman, Stewardship Chair

MEMBERSHIP MINISTRY UNIT – 2008

Our 2008 membership rolls show an even number of additions and losses for the year with the current congregational membership at 1236. The losses are due to the Church Membership rolls being reviewed which resulted in 37 names being moved from the active roll to the inactive roll. The four New Member Classes welcomed 56 new members into our church family during 2008 and in May, we received 5 members from the 2008 Confirmation Class.

The Membership Ministry Unit, along with the help of church staff, continues its responsibilities including correspondence and phone calls relating to membership, scheduling greeters for church services and special events, and staffing the welcome desk. The pew pad entries are tallied weekly and provide information on university students, and visitors and anyone expressing an interest in membership. Church membership rolls are reviewed and updated annually to establish our annual assessment to the Huntingdon Presbytery. We keep track of the Time and Talent Survey information from members and make this information available to all ministry units. Along with the church staff, the unit coordinates the New Member Classes and hosts a once a year dessert reception for new members.

This year the following initiatives were completed. An updated Membership Directory list was made available to the congregation in October 2008. Our new photo display of the latest new member class was created by DeeAnn Wylie and is displayed in the hall across from Pastor Curley's office. It offers an easy opportunity for the congregation to familiarize themselves with the newest members of our church.

Another new initiative of the Membership Ministry Unit is the "Church Friend" program. This program was introduced in October and is designed to provide new members with an opportunity to request a "Church Friend". This "Church Friend" helps acquaint the new member(s) they are matched with to the many programs offered, as well as help them meet other church members and to feel a part of our large church family. We appreciate the response of many members to be a "Church Friend" for our new members.

The mission of the Membership Ministry Unit is to enroll new members, help them feel welcome, and familiarize them with the life of our church. The unit cannot complete its mission without the support of the congregation as part of the process. The Membership Ministry Unit is sincerely thankful for the support of our SCPC family. As always, we welcome any suggestions for enhancing our efforts and addressing our mission.

Thank you to all the unit members for their work and support this past year: Jill Curley, Marilyn Jenkins, Nancy Nagle, Lily Nichol, Sue Powers, Susan Sanders and Jan & Rodger Snyder and to the wonderful staff support of Martha Trout and Deannine Shipman.

Wendy Huffard & Brenda Lucas, Membership Ministry Unit Co-Chairs

MISSION MINISTRY UNIT – 2008

Mission 2008: Pray It. Live It. This was the theme chosen by the Mission Ministry Unit ("MMU") this year to guide our church in its mission and outreach efforts. Each month, purple banners in the sanctuary on the second Sunday and various educational offerings reminded us of our commitment to mission work "beyond these walls." Through increased communication via a monthly electronic mission newsletter and presentations to different church groups from Presbyterian Women to kids in Summer Sunday School classes, new ideas for outreach were born.

A mission highlight of 2008 was our successful completion of the State College Presbyterian Church Habitat House. Beginning with recruitment of team and project leaders in January, to groundbreaking in April to the Habitat House celebration in September and, finally, moving the King family into their new home in October, the entire church community contributed to the effort. Volunteers participated in a number of ways, from donating money or materials, working on site, providing lunch on Saturdays or contributing to the beautiful house quilt presented to the Kings at the dedication ceremony. The large number of members and friends who volunteered made even the tedious tasks enjoyable and left us eager for the next big mission project.

In addition to the Habitat House, MMU sponsored a number of programs and events in 2008, including the following:

- In February, MMU co-hosted an ecumenical gathering to celebrate the Muslim tradition of sharing Noah's Pudding
- In March, three SCPC groups participated in Spring Break mission trips, including an intergenerational group who worked to repair a family home in rural West Virginia through the West Virginia Ministry of Advocacy and Workcamps; also in March, MMU sponsored a Christian Peace Witness worship service to pray for peace on the fifth anniversary of the war in Iraq

- In April, MMU hosted a dance troupe from Thailand, who presented a colorful program in the sanctuary
- In May, MMU assisted with the House Sing worship service, which raised the additional money needed to reach and exceed our \$65,000 fundraising goal for the Habitat House
- In June, Greg, Amy and Lauren Elliott drove a truckload of new furniture and books to New Orleans for a public library devastated by recent hurricanes; also in June, over 100 people wrote letters to support Bread for the World efforts and we commissioned the Potter family as mission interpreters in Thailand for the next two years
- In July, church members donated needed supplies to local agencies through the annual Christmas in July campaign
- In September, student participants in the Westminster Presbyterian Fellowship (WPF) and College-Aged Ministries (CAM) programs began a new year of fellowship, worship and service
- In October, church members participated in the annual CROP walk to raise money for and awareness of hunger needs
- In November, MMU hosted a simple meal and discussion of the film, "For the Bible Tells Me So," one of several "dinner and movie" events sponsored by MMU in recent years for the church and broader community
- In December, through the annual Angel Tree project, SCPC members donated over 730 gifts to individuals in need and local agencies providing care to youth, older adults and families.

Throughout the year, our church continued on-going service efforts such as the monthly Adopt-A-Night program, in which volunteers prepare and share a meal with residents of Centre House. Again in 2008, SCPC participated in four denominational offerings: One Great Hour of Sharing (Lent), Pentecost Offering; Peacemaking Offering and the Christmas Joy Offering. Through our annual budget and other fundraising events, such as the Deacons' Auction, we continue to provide financial support to local, national and international agencies and mission partners.

Though 2008 was a full year of mission activity, the needs in our community, both local and global, will only increase in 2009. MMU looks forward to continuing to grow our church's work in outreach and mission, as we are called to live our faith and serve beyond our church walls.

Katherine Allen, Mission Ministry Unit chair

PERSONNEL MINISTRY UNIT – 2008

The Personnel Ministry Unit (PMU) is responsible for all aspects of employment within the church including making decisions and recommendations to Session on hiring, position classification, staffing levels and performance reviews. This is done in conjunction with the Pastor. PMU also coordinates employee training and other employment issues as necessary. We are indeed fortunate to have a very stable, professional, and highly functioning staff and again in 2008 were blessed with a calm year as it relates to personnel matters.

PMU was involved in advertising for, interviewing, and hiring a new Stay and Play Director after the previous director retired. Following the hiring process, Laura Steager was hired to serve as the Director of Stay and Play. A member of PMU now serves on the Stay and Play Board, and the PMU as a whole began in 2008 to meet periodically with the Director for updates on the program.

Along with both the Christian Education and the Congregational Fellowship ministry units, PMU organized a celebration to recognize Director of Education and Program Deannine Shipman's 10th employment anniversary. A special recognition program involving many youth, teens, and adults was held on April 20, 2008 for Deannine.

PMU members conducted annual staff reviews. These reviews provided each staff member the opportunity to discuss his/her job with PMU members and the chance to offer suggestions on ways to improve in their particular job function. Where appropriate, PMU also reviewed job classification to ensure the pay grade is commensurate with job tasks.

PMU, with support from Session, approved Associate Pastor Joel Blunk applying for Lilly Foundation funding for a much deserved sabbatical in 2009. This is a very competitive grant process but late 2008 we received confirmation that Joel received the grant funding. As a result, PMU recommended, and Session approved, a 3-month sabbatical for Joel in 2009.

We also worked closely with the Mission Ministry Unit to create a part-time Associate in Mission position for a two-to-three-year pilot period. Work was done to develop a job description, to craft a process for evaluating the position after the pilot period, and to prepare an advertisement for this new position. Late in 2008 this position was advertised in the newspaper, church newsletter, and numerous other publications.

PMU continues to be grateful for our very talented, creative, and dedicated staff that enables us as a community of faith to accomplish so much and continues to challenge us to dream about ways to do more. We also appreciate the ongoing support of the congregation as a whole and the Session.

Tom King, Personnel Ministry Unit Chair

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN – 2008

This has been a very fulfilling year for PW, not only in our stated purpose of mission, prayer and Bible Study, but most of all a caring community of women. This has been accomplished by five active circles.

The annual PW led worship service was held on April 6, 2008. We were very pleased to have our own Ruth Blume not only as the speaker, but she also wrote the entire service. We are grateful to all the women who participated and to the congregation for their generous contributions in support of PW mission projects.

The Spring Event was again held at Centre Hills Country Club on May 5, 2008. The program explaining the Vision of the State College Presbyterian Mission was conducted by Brian Orland and Katherine Allen. The Birthday Worship Service was conducted and the offering taken.

A good fellowship time for all was the annual Strawberry Festival held on June 8, 2008. Many volunteers, men and women, were very helpful and appreciated by the committee in charge – Eloise Gilliland, Kay McGear, and Barbara Dreese.

On July 26, 2008 PW provided the lunch for the workers and the Habitat House that our Church was building. The workers were very grateful for the good and plentiful food provided by many women of the church. PW was asked to make a quilt, which is always given to the new owners when the keys are given to them. Dorothy Bordner very willingly took charge of this huge project. She created all the patterns for the blocks, then had many helpers piece the blocks. After Dorothy assembled the quilt by machine, many others, with help from Maura McConnell, were very pleased to present the quilt to the King family.

The Fall Event was held on October 6, 2008 in the Social Hall of the Church. Martha Trout treated us all to a beautiful musical program. The Thank Offering was taken after a short worship service. There were three quilts on display. These quilts were made from donations of

small pieces of cloth from churches all over the United States in honor of the women in their church who were ministers, elders, trustees, and deacons. These quilts were also displayed at the PW Presbyterian Fall Gathering at Windy Hill in Philipsburg.

Our Mission Pledge to the Presbyterian National Mission was again increased by 5%, for a total of \$3,087.00. Other contributions for the PW National Mission included, Birthday Offering of \$553.00. Thank offering of \$557.00 and the Least Coin of \$41.49. The Synod Project for PW this year was a trade school, Trujillo Technical School in Colon, Honduras. Our contribution was \$300.00. For local mission, we gave \$200.00 to the Spring Break Mission Trips, and \$90.00 to the bazaar at Windy Hill sponsored by the auxiliary to the Presbyterian Home. We also gave \$100.00 to the Palm Project as an honorarium for the speakers at the Spring Event, and \$120.00 to several projects as a memorial to Marie McGhee, who had been secretary for many, many years. Other mission projects were 31 knitted vests and 30 mittens for Park Forest Day Nursery and wheelchair bags and 72 Christmas Stockings for Centre Crest Nursing Home.

We ended the year with the annual soup and sandwich supper served to the choir and instrumentalists of the Christmas Candlelight Service on December 14, 2008. They look forward to this time of food and relaxation, but it is our way of showing our appreciation for their dedication and many hours of preparation.

Our many thanks to all who helped make all this possible. We appreciate all the support of our members and the entire congregation either by financial or other means. Again, thanks to all.

Audrey Stover, PW Moderator

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S TREASURER'S REPORT – 2008

Balance brought forward – January 1, 2008		\$2,246.71
Receipts		
Pledges and Contributions	\$2,969.20	
Interest on CDs	117.47	
Spring Luncheon	720.00	
Returned Offering	50.00	
Birthday Offering	553.00	
Strawberry Social	1,334.00	
Fall Luncheon Contributions	122.00	
Windy Hill Bazaar Contributions	20.00	
Least Coin	41.49	
Candlelight Choir Supper Contributions	66.00	
Thank Offering	557.00	
King Family Donations	65.00	
Book Sale	20.00	
Contribution to Esther Circle	100.00	
Total		<u>6,735.16</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$8,981.87
Disbursements		
PW Mission Pledge	\$3,087.00	
Horizons	54.00	
Reissued Checks	86.90	
Memorials and Gifts	200.00	
Thank Offering Supplies	36.50	
Missions	350.00	
Synod Project	300.00	

Birthday Offering Supplies	46.50	
Operating Fund	216.09	
Birthday Offering	553.00	
National Convention	100.00	
Strawberry Social Expenses	400.15	
Program Expenses	100.00	
Spring Banquet Costs	720.00	
Christmas Gifts	225.00	
Least Coin	41.49	
Appreciation Pin	8.00	
Candlelight Choir Supper Expense	64.28	
Transfer to Esther Circle Account	65.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		<u>\$-6,567.01</u>
BALANCE ON HAND December 31, 2008		\$ 2,414.86

Status of Special Accounts

Esther Long Flower Account – Nittany Bank
 CD – Deposit Amount -- \$2,096.94; Maturity Date 1/14/2009
 CD – Deposit Amount -- \$1,270.09; Maturity Date 6/19/2009

Fellowship/Wedding Reception/Ann Boyd Estate – Savings Account – First National Bank
 Principal 12/31/2008 \$1,571.94

Eloise Gilliland, PW Treasurer

STAY AND PLAY PRESCHOOL AND CHILDCARE – 2008

Our Mission Statement: Stay and Play provides a preschool and childcare program where both children and adults feel loved, supported and empowered in an environment of compassion, respect and trust. Each child at Stay and Play is treated as a unique creation and is nurtured in his/her diversity and individuality.

With a new Director on board, Stay and Play continues to offer affordable, quality childcare and preschool programs to families in our community. Our program continues to be popular in the community specifically with the younger ages as we are one of the only preschools in the area offering programming for children of these ages (1 and 2 year olds). Our good reputation continues, gaining many new students via word of mouth.

We offer programs for one, two, three and four year olds from 9:00am-12:00pm. We also offer an extended care program, called Adventure Afternoons, for three to five year olds from 12:00-2:45pm. Our tuition rates are as follows:

2 days/week -\$105/month
 3 days/week -\$157/month
 5 days/week -\$261/month
 Extended Care -\$14/afternoon

Stay and Play has a very dedicated staff: Patty Welsh, Sharon Rovansek, Bobbie Jerome, and Candi Parsons– Tiny Tots; Gail Driban and Beth Royer – Terrific Twos; Alanna Leicht and Janet Kiraly – Thrillin’ Threes; Lorin Spangler and Roxane Miller – Fabulous Fours; Bobbie Jerome and Kelly Thom – Rainbow Fours; Alanna Leicht and Bobbie Jerome– Extended Care; Sha Toyekoyah, Administrative Assistant; Laura Steager, Director. We are lucky to have Candi Parsons provide our music programming each week. And there are many parents who also volunteer their time, skills and energy to enhance the programming.

School began with 'Meet the Teachers' day on Tuesday, September 2, 2008 and is set to finish the school year on Friday, May 29, 2009. Currently, 74 children are enrolled with a breakdown of children attending varying days of the week (either 2 days, 3 days, 4 days or 5 days / week). Stay and Play is child centered and theme based. While the one's and two's are gaining social skills, they are also participating in classroom games and activities, and have a regular daily schedule. Our staff develops and follows a curriculum, which is seasonal and theme based, and uses an abundance of good children's literature. It is amazing to see the variety of activities and what creative and amazingly artistic things that come out of the classrooms.

We wish our wonderful program to be available to all children in our community. Even though our rates are affordable for most families, we recognize that there are some who cannot pay our fees. A tuition assistance program was developed with the assistance of MMU and some individuals in the congregation. This year began with a Tuition Assistance Fund of \$2371.00. The annual Kid-stuff sale Fundraiser has been moved from the month of December to the month of April this school year and will be held in conjunction with a Pancake Breakfast on the 25th – Blue and White Weekend. We hope to raise funds to help support the budget and maybe purchase new equipment to replace any in bad repair such as tumbling mats, balls, books, etc. With congregational support we are hoping this will be the best Kid-stuff Sale to date.

Instead of Back to School Night we held our first Parent Night on October 13th to share with the parents some information about what we are doing with their children and WHY we do what we do. We shared with them the purpose of PLAY in the classroom. In November the children participated in a Hop-a-Thon for the Muscular Dystrophy Association raising awareness in the children's eyes and supporting a great cause. The 'Book It! Beginners' program will begin in February again this year. The winter and spring Music and Art Fest continue to be a wonderful way for the children to share with their parents some of what they are doing here each day. Field trips to Way Fruit Farm, the airport (where they saw Life Flight and a few small aircraft), Festival of the Trees at the Ag. Arena (Stay and Play Preschool Tree was great—hope you got to see it in the Martin Room!), Dunkin Donuts, the Philly Pretzel Factory and more. We love to take advantage of what the local community offers! We've had visitors here, too—a dentist, a bus driver, McGruff the Crime Dog with a State College police officer and even a member of the Kiwanis club (who read the Polar Express for us). Not to mention the many parents who cooked with us, created with us, read with us, and played with us.

Stay and Play is a state licensed childcare facility with the Dept. of Welfare as well as a participant in the Keystone Stars Program which is a program designed to help schools develop and maintain a quality program. Stay and Play Preschool was upgraded this past year to a Star II level within the program due to a lot of hard work and devotion on the part of the Stay and Play staff. Because of this program our staff receives over 12 hours of training in the area of early childhood every year.

Our advisory board meets once a month to ensure the program continues to provide quality care to the children and families. The members of the board are a mix of church members, church members who are also parents of children in the program and parents who are not members of SCPC. The following women make up our current board: Pat Strong, Jody Barth, Nancy Funk, Barb Powers, Mara Ryan, Shelly Williams, Amy Frank, Jill Teel and Laura Steager. Their time and commitment are invaluable to Stay and Play. We thank them for all they do. We also thank the church as a whole, and especially Deannine Shipman, for their support.

The Stay and Play telephone number is 237-1154 and our website is: www.scpresby.org/stayandplay. Please call or stop by any time.

For your knowledge and information, the following is our 2008-2009 operating budget:

INCOME

Stay and Play class tuition	\$113,351.00
Stay and Play yearly fees	4,000.00
Fund raiser	1,000.00
Extended childcare fees	14,280.00
Reserve	3,382.00
Total income	\$136,013.00

EXPENSES

Salaries	\$101,495.00
Extended child care salary	9,868.00
FICA	7,765.00
Extended child care FICA	755.00
Equipment	2,500.00
Miscellaneous	500.00
Telephone	480.00
Supplies	2,500.00
Music	4,950.00
Cooking	500.00
Special Events	700.00
Program Development	1,000.00
Staff Development	2,000.00
Printing & Advertising	1,000.00
Total Expenses	\$136,013.00

Laura Steager, Stay and Play Director

WORSHIP MINISTRY UNIT – 2008

The Worship Ministry Unit is responsible for the worship and music programs of our church. We are blessed to have such a talented ministerial and support staff to enrich our worship experience.

Our music programs, sound system, communion preparation/setup, worship assistants, sanctuary flowers and the many other programs which enhance our worship of God are made possible by many talented members of our congregation. We invite all members to join us in serving God these many ways.

Highlights of 2008 included the Habitat fundraiser in May for our first S.C. Presby solo build, Advent organ recitals, the Candlelight Choir, and glorious new banners. The Spiritual Formation Task Force under the WMU umbrella completed renovations of the Tower entrance into a hospitable place for individual or small group prayer and oversaw the dedication of the memorial garden space in the columbarium. It brought us thoughts in the worship bulletins to center us for services. The session and congregation voted to continue their support of the Task Force by setting it off as a separate ministry unit in 2009. In 2009 Worship Ministry Unit will be seeking to interpret the need for a major maintenance and refurbishing of our principal musical instrument of accompanying congregational singing, our pipe organ.

Please be in prayer for our pastors, staff, committee members and congregation as we strive to serve God through worship and music in 2009.

In God's service,
Ginny Rainey, Chair, Worship Ministry Unit

ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE CORPORATION

REPORT OF THE INTERNAL AUDIT COMMITTEE – 2008

We have completed a limited audit of various accounts and procedures following the Financial Review Guide prepared by the Presbyterian Church USA and obtained from our church treasurer. Subjects addressed included Property Deeds, Building Insurance, Safety Deposit Box, Authorized Signatures for Bank and Investment accounts.

A detailed audit of the Operating Account for the month of June to include bank deposits, offering counts, and check reconciliation was performed. Checks were posted to proper general ledger accounts, canceled checks were verified they had cleared, proper payee amounts and invoices were authorized and approved. Petty cash was verified and counted, procedure was discussed and appropriate. A random audit of collection and envelopes for 2/10/08 was reviewed and traced to the bank deposit ledger and was in order with the bank statement.

A review of the Designated and Memorial Funds was examined for the months of July and September. Deposits were verified and credited to the appropriate trust or fund and expenditures and request forms were deemed correct and acceptable. The July bank statements were checked to confirm distribution of earnings and the correct share to each account. The September banks statements were reviewed and reconciled, records were well organized and complete with appropriate documentation.

A review of FISH and Stay and Play for program year September 2007 to August 2008 was completed. Registration records and a review of payments were traced to the bank deposit listing and no problems were found. Likewise, a review of expense documents was completed. A change to the Expense Report for (Travel and Group Activities) was noted and additional approval levels for cash reimbursements was suggested by the committee and discussed with the Treasurer for implementation. A review of the Deacon's financial records including March 2008 checks, deposits and bank statement was performed; there were no problems to report.

A follow-up of recommendations for Stay and Play computer purchase and software for record maintenance is being installed and the addition of protection of computer back-up files of church financial data has been implemented.

In conclusion, there were no other exceptions to report. We find the business affairs of the Church have been performed in a professional and competent manner and we thank the Treasurer and others for their cooperation.

Submitted by,
Internal Audit Committee, 2008
Larry Bell, David Pepper, Dan Shoffner, Robert Zaph