

# 2017

**ANNUAL REPORT**

FOR THE TWELVE MONTH

PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017



## **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Grand Haven, MI

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## **Our Vision**

We are called to celebrate God's grace as a Christ-centered community of acceptance, growing in faith and living as Christ's hands to serve.

## **Our Mission**

As members of First Presbyterian Church we will:

- provide relevant and engaging worship that nurtures a growing community of faith.
- grow our faith by promoting quality educational opportunities to all.
- affect people's lives by creating a culture of acceptance where differences are valued and connections to one another are fostered in a Christ-centered church.
- remain a beacon in our community by building on our rich missional heritage as a church that serves locally, regionally and globally.

# CHURCH STAFF

## MINISTERS:

Rev. Troy Hauser Brydon, Senior Pastor Head of Staff  
Rev. Jill VanderWal, Interim Associate Pastor

## PROGRAM STAFF:

Director of Children's Ministries . . . . .	Becky Yonan
Director of Music and Fine Arts. . . . .	Maryanne Beery
Joyful Noise Director. . . . .	Sally Segers
Youth Director. . . . .	Caleb Zokoe

## SUPPORT STAFF:

Church Administrator . . . . .	Kelli Jullie
Assistant to the Administrator. . . . .	Christina Ramones
Communications Coordinator. . . . .	Sally Bryant
Maintenance Director. . . . .	Dan Coulier
Band Leader for Contemporary Worship. PT. . . . .	Marc Felt
Hospitality Coordinator, PT . . . . .	Patty Warner
Membership Services Assistant, PT . . . . .	Karen Nienhouse
Night Host, PT . . . . .	Mark Sanchez
Organist, PT. . . . .	Rob Hlebinsky
Worship Coordinator, PT . . . . .	Rob Andersen

# CHURCH MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

## Membership Statistics for 2017

Church Membership, December 31, 2016	793
Gains in 2017	
17 and under	0
18 years old and over	31
Restored to Active	2
Total Gains in 2017	33
Losses in 2017	
Transfers (certified)	2
Deaths	14
Other	6
Total Loses in 2017	(22)
TOTAL ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP, DECEMBER 31, 2017	804

### ADULT NEW MEMBERS

Clark Baker	Linda Gritter	Larry McLaughlin	Kelly Schoonveld
Sarah Curtis	Ken Jackson	Gail Miner	Jackie VanderWall
Scott Curtis	Leah Johnson	Rob Miner	Emma VerDuin
Andrew Day	Mike Johnson	Linda Needham	Josh VerHage
Virginia Dykstra	David Jones	Randy Needham	Melissa VerHage
Joe Edwards	Cindy Lohrke	Christine Rademacher	Ann White
Suzy Edwards	Karen Losee	Jasen Rademacher	Grant Young
Dustin Fisher	Anne McLaughlin	Zach Russell	Sharon Chicky Young
David Gritter			

### IN MEMORIAM

Cynthia Buening	Harvey Heyer	Fern Mastenbrook	James Swart
Don Edward	Mart Johnson	Kathy McCloskey	Jean Wagner
Ruth Edward	Helen LaVercombe	Phyllis Papanoli	Fran Wilson
Sam George			

### BAPTISMS

Cora Grace Corwin	Marlowe Ann Meyer	Lauren Ransford	Lydia James Stewart
Tatum Reece Geren	Max Patrick Ozzello	Karalynn Beverly Shepherd	Quinn Louise Suhecki
Kason James Green	Easton Ransford	Audra Blan Stewart	Deklen John VerDuin
Vivien Lee Johnson			

### In 2017 MEMORIAL DONATIONS were received in honor of the following individuals

Don Edward	Stewart Johnson	Fern Mastenbrook	Jim Swart
Ruth Edward	Helen LaVercombe	Phyllis Papanoli	Jill Wiersema
Sam George			

## OFFICERS CLASS OF 2017, 2018, 2019

### SESSION MEMBERS

Clerk of Session: Bill Bussell

#### Class of 2017

Bill Bussell (Clerk) 616-846-0487  
Megan Hayes (CM) 616-848-9654  
John Heritage (N) 616-633-8300  
Nancy Levenburg (P) 616-821-5678  
John Nametz (T) 616-402-6626  
Katie Neitring (Y) 616-402-8884  
Sue VandenBosch (G) 616-607-7095

#### Class of 2018

Bill Blessing (P) 616-846-5164  
Marge Coffey (W) 616-842-7686  
Keith Konarska (AE) 616-638-0486  
Andrew LeFurge (JN,T) 616-846-2575  
Abe Overway (CM) 616-405-6482  
Carrie Rivette (W) 616-844-1179  
Alishia Terrill (H) 616-638-1783

#### Class of 2019

Carroll Bennink (Y) 616-842-5363  
Sandie Enders (H) 231-726-0363  
Jack Jansma (M) 616-837-9000  
Paul McNergney (N) 616-846-4872  
Rick Skodack (T) 616-844-2434  
Michele Smith (M) 616-638-3112  
Tina VanderWall (G) 616-842-2896

### BOARD OF DEACONS

Chairperson: Rev. Jill VanderWal

#### Class of 2017

Rob Andersen 616-403-0562  
Bryan Bosch 616-843-4750  
Lynne Bosch 616-843-4751  
Marilyn and Ron Bosch 616-296-0494  
Henni Campbell 616-843-1155  
Phyllis Carpenter 616-842-8858

Norma DeVries 616-638-0505  
Jerry Erwin 616-844-0231  
Darlene Ford 616-846-7183  
Mary Jo Nass 616-499-5515  
Kay McCrea 616-842-1183  
Winnie McNergney 616-846-4872

#### Class of 2018

Randy Abraham 616-638-4454  
Ginger Aubrey 810-513-8887  
Kitty Blessing 616-846-5164  
Robin Boyer 616-638-0110  
Hal Fitzgerald 616-846-7193  
Jeff Hurley 616-437-0905  
Ron Mass 616-846-7576  
Katie Potter 616-502-0148  
Warren Trimble 616-842-0834

### NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Elder Representatives: John Heritage 616-633-8300, Paul McNergney 616-846-4872  
Deacon Representative: Bryan Bosch 616-843-4750  
Members-at-large: Dottie Bennink 616-842-5363, Sally Dunn 616-850-0057  
Jay Neitring 616-402-8884, Courtney Ransford 616-638-3653

#### Committee Abbreviations

Adult Education - AE  
Children's Ministry - CM  
Generosity - G  
Hospitality & Outreach - H  
Joyful Noise Committee - JN  
Mission Committee - M  
Nominating Committee - N  
Personnel Committee - P  
Trustees Committee - T  
Worship Committee - W  
Youth Committee - Y

#### Chair

Keith Konarska  
Megan Hayes  
Sue VandenBosch  
Sandie Enders  
Andrew LeFurge  
Jack Jansma  
John Heritage  
Nancy Levenburg  
John Nametz, President; Rick Skodack, Secretary; Andrew LeFurge, Treasurer  
Marge Coffey  
Katie Neitring

## Treasurer's Report

2017 ended on a positive note with total revenue meeting our expectations and expenses, being well managed, ended up being less than expected. Total revenue, from all sources, for the General Fund was \$920,134 and exceeded the annual budget by \$8,134. Total operating expenses for the year were \$898,249. For the year, total revenue exceeded total expenses by \$21,885. This favorable variance is reflected on our balance sheet, which shows the overall financial health of the church.

We ended the year with total assets of \$5,747,807. The fixed assets include the church building, garage, parking lots, the house on Fifth Street formerly occupied by Tri-Cities Ministries, and the lot next to the portico drive which is used as a playground for Joyful Noise. These total fixed assets equal \$5,231,268. The balance of assets, the current assets, are \$516,539 and are held in various money markets and the checking account. Our liabilities include only current liabilities of \$28,046. We do not have any short term or long term debt.

We began the year with a combined General Fund and Joyful Noise fund principal beginning balance of (\$108,378). We will begin 2018 with a balance of (\$9,561). This is an improvement of \$98,817 in 2017. Total Restricted Funds, which is money received by the church and designated to a specific committee or program, has a year end balance of \$498,054.

In summary, First Presbyterian Church is in good financial shape with no debt and money to meet our current commitments and obligations. For 2018, it is our goal to cover our expenses with pledged revenue and donations without the use of designated or restricted funds.

Thank you for your past and future support.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew LeFurge  
Treasurer

Thank you for supporting the ministry of your church!

### 2018 Pledge Information

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Pledges Received	259	199
Pledged Dollars	\$725,288	\$580,000

On average, those who pledged in 2017 & 2018 increased their pledge by 8%

75 households who had not pledged in 2017, pledged for 2018

The median\* pledge is \$1,560 for 2018

\*The *Median* is found by placing the numbers in value order and finding the middle number.

**First Presbyterian Church - Grand Haven, MI  
Comparative Balance Sheet**

	<u>12/31/2017</u>	<u>12/31/2016</u>	<u>12/31/2015</u>
<b>Assets:</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	516,538.70	331,451.27	436,814.29
Other Assets			
Fixed Assets (at cost)	<u>5,231,268.03</u>	<u>5,231,268.03</u>	<u>5,231,268.03</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u><b>5,747,806.73</b></u>	<u><b>5,562,719.30</b></u>	<u><b>5,668,082.32</b></u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Prepaid Pledges	13,100.00	3,300.00	100.00
Bank Loan Payable	-	-	-
Other	<u>14,945.63</u>	<u>59,888.86</u>	<u>13,772.40</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>28,045.63</b>	<b>63,188.86</b>	<b>13,872.40</b>
<b>Fund Equity</b>	<u><b>5,719,761.10</b></u>	<u><b>5,499,530.44</b></u>	<u><b>5,654,209.92</b></u>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Fund Equity</b>	<u><b>5,747,806.73</b></u>	<u><b>5,562,719.30</b></u>	<u><b>5,668,082.32</b></u>

**First Presbyterian Church  
funds held at the  
Grand Haven Area Community Foundation**

	<u>Alpha Fund*</u>	<u>Omega Fund*</u>	<u>Mission Fund*</u>
<b>12/31/2017 Balances:</b>	<b>2,519,441.24</b>	<b>\$311,672.51</b>	<b>\$418,761.99</b>

Alpha Fund is used to grow the future church

Omega Fund is used for the upkeep of the church building and grounds

Mission Fund is used to support missions

\*These three funds, resulting in bequests to the church, are held at the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation for administrative and investment management purposes. They each provide annual distributions of 5% of the 3 year rolling average of year-end market values. The Alpha Fund is treated as an endowment fund. The Omega Fund's principal is available to the Session for special projects.

**Rev. Karin Fowler Pastoral Care Training Fund:**

This is a designated fund established in honor of Rev. Karin Fowler when she retired from full-time ministry, having served from 2000-2008. Annual distributions of 4% of the 3 year rolling average of year-end market values are available to clergy or laypeople of FPGH for training to enhance the pastoral care ministry at FPGH.

**Carol and Winfield Hall Fund for Music:**

An annual grant of approximately \$650 is available to support church music programming.

**William Montague Ferry Legacy Society**

The William Montague Ferry Legacy Society honors living members and friends who include the church in their wills, trusts, or other legacy gifts, which will strengthen and extend the church's mission, ministries and programs for future generations. Making a legacy gift is not just for those who have wealth or special financial expertise, but for anyone who wants to designate their gifts while they are living. Contact the church office for more information.

**First Presbyterian Church - Grand Haven, MI**  
**Comparative Statement of General Fund 2016 and 2017 Revenue and Expenditures**  
**with 2017 and 2018 Budgets [and transfers in from Special Funds]**

	2016 Actual	2017 Actual	2017 Budget	2018 Budget
<b>General Fund Revenue:</b>				
Adult Giving	729,892.10	771,333.40	768,000.00	925,500.00
Loose Plate	11,758.25	15,790.00	8,000.00	16,000.00
Per Capita, Youth, and Other	12,700.81	13,011.09	16,000.00	16,000.00
Special Requests	-	-	-	-
Total of all "Giving"	754,351.16	800,134.49	792,000.00	957,500.00
Transfer from designated funds <sup>1</sup>	160,080.38	120,000.00	120,000.00	-
<b>Total General Fund Revenue</b>	<b>914,431.54</b>	<b>920,134.49</b>	<b>912,000.00</b>	<b>957,500.00</b>
<b>General Fund Expenditures:</b>				
Personnel	634,068.53	628,921.08	636,000.00	652,970.00
Missions	77,572.20	70,210.13	75,000.00	94,000.00
Session & Per Capita Assessment	29,336.59	25,380.26	25,000.00	23,482.00
Trustees [operating expenses]	123,738.79	129,842.80	125,000.00	128,998.00
Hospitality	7,898.86	6,144.80	6,900.00	5,150.00
Youth Ministries	8,289.46	8,843.59	9,300.00	10,100.00
Worship	16,409.78	13,671.45	17,500.00	21,500.00
Children's Ministries	10,930.94	11,368.34	12,200.00	13,700.00
Adult Education	2,915.99	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Stewardship	3,270.40	2,366.52	3,600.00	4,100.00
PNC	-	-	-	2,000.00
<b>Total General Fund Expenditures</b>	<b>914,431.54</b>	<b>898,248.97</b>	<b>912,000.00</b>	<b>957,500.00</b>
General Fund Operating Revenue over/ (under) General Fund Expenditures	-	21,885.52	-	-
Beginning of Year Fund Balance	(29,161.82)	(29,161.82)	(29,161.82)	(7,276.30)
End of Year General Fund Balance	(29,161.82)	(7,276.30)	(29,161.82)	(7,276.30)

<sup>1</sup> Children's Designated Fund \$19,696.80, Alpha Fund \$102,533.04 (2015)

<sup>1</sup> Children's Designated Fund \$12,483.80, Alpha Fund \$147,596.58 (2016)

<sup>1</sup> Alpha Fund \$45,000, Mission \$75,000 (2017)

### Missions We Support

Alma College Scholarship Fund	\$1,000	Ottawa County Drug Court Gathering	\$397
Boy Scout Troop #246	\$800	The People Center	\$4,300
Crop Walk	\$500	Presbyterian General Assembly	\$3,000
Faith in Action International	\$13,000	Presbytery of Lake Michigan	\$15,000
Four Pointes	\$5,000	Rotary Club of Grand Haven	\$500
Gleaner's Food Truck	\$1,700	The Salvation Army	\$1,000
GHHS Pantry Program	\$277	TCM Counseling	\$8,000
Love, Inc.	\$9,300	Send International	\$100
Ottawa County Drug Court	\$3,900	Supper House	\$2,400



**JOYFUL NOISE CHILDCARE**  
**Joyful Noise Christian Childcare**

**Joyful Noise Childcare Fund**  
**Comparative Statement of 2016 and 2017 Revenue and Expenditures**  
**with 2017 and 2018 Budgets [and transfers in from Special Funds]**

	2016	2017		2018
	Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget
Revenue:				
Special Gifts	145.00	337.00	120.00	240.00
C Fund Revenue	2,809.21	1,042.14	1,200.00	840.00
Scholarship Fund Revenue	1,455.53	1,000.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Fundraising Receipts	6,836.91	13,331.08	6,500.00	6,500.00
Grants & Subsidies	11,667.06	11,782.00	11,760.00	11,760.00
Fee Receipts	<u>641,247.65</u>	<u>716,787.80</u>	<u>717,441.00</u>	<u>729,849.00</u>
Total Joyful Noise Fund Rev.	664,161.36	744,280.02	738,221.00	750,389.00
Expenditures:				
Joyful Noise Expenses	693,530.66	661,333.09	726,304.94	744,402.61
Total Joyful Noise Expenses	<u>693,530.66</u>	<u>661,333.09</u>	<u>726,304.94</u>	<u>744,402.61</u>
Joyful Noise Operating Revenue over/ (under) Joyful Noise Expenditures	(29,369.30)	82,946.93	11,916.06	5,986.39
Beginning of Year Joyful Noise Fund Balance	<u>(55,862.26)</u>	<u>(85,231.56)</u>	<u>(85,231.56)</u>	<u>(2,284.63)</u>
End of Year Joyful Noise Fund Balance	<u><u>(85,231.56)</u></u>	<u><u>(2,284.63)</u></u>	<u><u>(73,315.50)</u></u>	<u><u>3,701.76</u></u>

**BOARD OF DEACONS**

First Presbyterian Church—Board of Deacons  
Financial Report 2017

Checking Account		
<b>Opening Balance</b>	January 1, 2017	<b>\$2,464.88</b>
<b>Receipts:</b>		
	Contributions	\$3,688.50
	<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$3,688.50</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
	Option B Books	82.24
	Deacons Potluck	128.17
	Postage	166.60
	Upper Room	904.50
	World Vision	840.00
	Heritage Luncheon	300.00
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,421.51</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	December 31, 2017	<b>\$3,731.87</b>

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Bosch, Treasurer

## AGENDA

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
JANUARY 1, 2017 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2017  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN

Date: January 28, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

CONVENING PRAYER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 2017 Annual Meeting

APPROVAL OF TERMS OF CALL

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Church Nominations Committee Members at Large

ADJOURNMENT & CLOSING PRAYER

## TERMS OF CALL

### 2018 TERMS OF CALL - PASTOR HEAD OF STAFF

Salary	\$53,115
Ministerial FICA Reimbursement	6,885
Housing Allowance	30,000
Board of Pension Dues*	32,196
Other Allowances	3,900
Continuing Education and Book Allowance	6,200
Reimbursed Expenses [Travel, Dues, etc.]	<u>800</u>
Total	\$133,096

\*Board of Pension dues include medical insurance, pension, and disability

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OF THE  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2017**

The Congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven assembled in God's name on Sunday, February 5, 2017 at 10:00 am in the sanctuary of the church located at 508 Franklin Ave. in Grand Haven, Michigan.

The purposes were the Annual Congregational Meeting and election of four members-at-large to serve on the church's Nominations Committee.

Moderator, The Rev. Linda Male called the meeting to order, after the clerk determined that a quorum was present, and opened with prayer.

Motion was made, seconded, and passed approving the January 31, 2016 annual meeting minutes.

Rev. Male referred the congregation to her written comments and those of Interim Associate Pastor Jill VanderWal. She also commented on her time with this congregation.

Rev. Male discussed the annual financial reports and Treasurer Andrew LeFurge responded to questions about the 2017 budget:

Why Missions budget is less than ten percent of general fund revenue.

Why the Personnel budget increased.

What the long term plan is to reduce dependency on designated and restricted funds.

The potential future use of Capital Campaign funds.

Upon motion and support, the congregation approved the 2017 budget.

John Heritage, chair of the Nominations Committee, presented that committee's nominees to serve as 2017 members at large: Sally Dunn, Dottie Bennink, Jay Neitring, and Courtney Ransford. The congregation approved these nominees. Others serving on this committee in 2017 are elders John Heritage and Paul McNergney and deacon Brian Bosch.

Rev. Male introduced the incoming elders and deacons and thanked those who retired and those whose terms continue. She also expressed her gratitude to Rev. VanderWal and the program and support staffs.

Clerk Bill Bussell presented Rev. Male with a gift from the congregation and session and thanked her for her service as our interim pastor.

Motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 am with "*The Doxology*."

Attested,

Rev. Linda Male  
Moderator

William Bussell  
Clerk of Session