Annual Congregational Meeting
First Presbyterian Church
Union, South Carolina
January 27, 2013

Agenda

Opening Prayer
Certification of a quorum
   Elder Cynthia Baker, Clerk of Session
Explanation of voting rights
All members are entitled to vote (visitors and friends of FPC are not)
Annual Report       Rev. Keith Morrison
Election of new officers     Nominating Committee
Proposed Slate of Elders: (Class of 2016) (Class of 2015)
   1) John Robbins
   2) Debbie Littlejohn
   3) Yates Giles
Proposed Slate of Elders: (Class of 2016) (Class of 2015)
   1) John Carson
   2) John Robbins
Trustee: (Class of 2016)
   1) Ray Robbins
Nominations from the Floor are accepted IF the nominee consents to run
   1) _______________________________
   2) _______________________________
Recognition of Class of 2013
   Cynthia Baker       Mike Todd
   Betty Davis         Vickie Shields
   Mike Fowler         Nick Fowler

Adjournment of Meeting
Clerk of Session
Summary of Change to the Active Roll

Number of Active Roll as of January 1, 2012: 183
   Losses in 2012
   • Deaths: 2
   • Mover to other Roll: 22
   • Transfers: 0
   Total Loses: 24

Gains
   • Profession of Faith: 2
   Total Gains: 2
   Net Loss: 22

Total on Active Roll as of December 31, 2012: 161

Number on Baptized Roll as of January 1, 2012: 22
   Losses: 0
   Gains: 0
   Baptized: 1
   Confirmations: 0

Number on Baptized Roll as of December 31, 2012: 23

Submitted by:
Cynthia Baker
Clerk of Session

Details of report can be found in church office.
TREASURER’S REPORT FOR 2012

We had a negative year from a financial standpoint at First Presbyterian in 2012. Our actual expenditures exceeded our actual contributions by $2,973.41. This report will discuss three categories: Operating Budget, Special Offerings/Benevolent Giving, and Investments.

OPERATING BUDGET RESULTS
The church had a budget of $238,998.58 for 2012. We had actual income of $216,350.00 in 2012. This included contributions of $216,012.27 and interest earnings and miscellaneous income of $337.73. We had actual expenses of $219,323.41 for 2012. In comparison to our budget, we had income of $22,648.58 less than budget and expenses of $19,675.17 less than budget for 2012.

Major expense categories are as follows:
$135,603.58 for staff salaries, benefits, FICA, Medicare, health ins./retirement.
$40,047.59 for Operations (utilities, phone, office equipment, postage, etc.).
$10,213.25 for various insurance premiums (building, van, Worker’s Comp., etc.).
$5,480.59 for Education (Sunday School, youth activities, camps, Confirmation Class, elementary choirs, etc.).
$1,871.74 for Worship (sacraments, flowers, music/anthems, etc.).
$621.56 for Outreach/Congregational activities (Shepherd Committee, tape Ministry, Family Night Suppers, Mt. Vernon, etc.).
$25,969.18 for budgeted benevolences and pledges (Presbytery benevolences, local benevolences, Seminary Fund, assessment).

SPECIAL OFFERINGS/BENEVOLENT GIVING
The church had the following results from Special Offerings and other forms of benevolent giving:
Joy Gift--$743.00
Mother’s Day--$918.00
Souper Bowl--$571.15
Coleman Trust--$4,000.00

Pentecost Offering--$427.00
Dimes for Hunger--$1,730.70
Thornwell--$589.50
One Great Hour of Sharing--$516.00

The Community Outreach Fund had disbursements of $11,336.00 and contributions of $11,040.15 in 2012.

These total $20,831.35. When combined with budgeted benevolences, we had a total of $46,800.53 in benevolent giving from the church in 2012.

INVESTMENTS
First Presbyterian Church currently has a balance of $378,506.90 invested in the Spartanburg County Foundation. This balance includes earnings from 2012. The total is broken down as follows:

Building/Contingency Fund--$33,614.84
Jeter Trust--$12,330.38
Coleman Trust--$107,973.15
Memorial Fund--$8,986.47
Mt. Vernon Fund--$8,893.91
Cap. Endowment--$69,280.69
Sloan Scholarship Fund--$13,341.72
J.N. Berry Fund--$50,376.33
Mary Robbins Stained Glass Window Fund--$17,187.69
Sara Fant Jones Organ Maintenance Fund--$56,521.72

Many of these funds are restricted, and must be used for specific purposes as designated by the donor.

In summary, we had a reasonably good year financially when you consider the loss of membership we have suffered in the last few years, and also the state of the economy in Union in the last year. We operated in the red for the year from an actual contribution to actual expense standpoint by $2973.41, and are fortunate to have investment income to make up for some of the shortfall and to fund some specific programs.

Mike Todd
Treasurer
The Presbyterian Women of First Presbyterian Church of Union, South Carolina counted fifty-two members during the 2012 year, the same as the previous year. Happily, we did not lose any of our members during 2012. The 2012 PW year kicked off with a salad supper on August 29, 2012.

Twenty-two women comprised two circles, which met September through May, for Bible study, service projects and fellowship. Twenty-five women made up the Helping Hands circle. This group did not have formal monthly meetings but did participate in the duties of the Presbyterian Women. Five ladies, who were no longer able to be active in the other circles, formed the Home circle.

The duties of the circles included the following:

- Placing flowers in the sanctuary each Sunday
- Making sure the kitchen is clean and orderly
- Remembering the Home Circle members with cards and visits
- Preparing and delivering meals to the bereaved as needed
- Helping with events at the church as needed

The Presbyterian Women collected small gifts during the month of November, which were delivered to Presbyterian Home in Clinton, SC in December. They also remembered our congregation’s college students during the school year.

The Presbyterian Women made financial contributions to a number of worthy causes. Attached is the Presbyterian Women’s financial statement for fiscal year September 2011 through August 2012.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Gregory
Moderator of Presbyterian Women
First Presbyterian Church, Union, SC
The Administrative Committee is responsible for maintaining the physical property of the church, the personnel functions of the church, the finances of the church, and the stewardship of the congregation. Our committee consists of a Chairman, Secretary, Building/Grounds chairman, Personnel chairman, Stewardship chairman, Church Treasurer, Clerk of Session, and the Minister.

The Building/Grounds committee, under the leadership of John Carson, did an excellent job of maintaining our physical property during 2012. The property includes the church, Manse, van, Mt. Vernon, and the Old Presbyterian Cemetery in Monarch. Some of the major items taken care of by this group include replacing the church roof due to hail damage, installing new decorative light fixtures on the outside of the sanctuary, replacing gutters to stop the Fellowship Hall from flooding during heavy rain, and installing railing around the back porch of the Manse. Also, plans have been made to paint the outside of the stained glass windows in early 2013.

The Personnel Committee, under the leadership of Yates Giles, conducted performance reviews of all Staff members and made recommendations to the Session concerning compensation for the Staff.

The Stewardship Committee, under the leadership of Woody Sanford, conducted a successful stewardship campaign in 2012.

The entire Administrative Committee reviewed the financial situation of the church on a monthly basis, and supervised the work of the Treasurer. Our secretary, Betty Davis, kept the Session informed of our efforts by providing excellent minutes of our meetings, and also served on the Building/Grounds committee.

The Administrative Committee is a small group that does much of the every day, behind the scenes work that must be done to keep this church functioning. We would welcome anyone who has an interest in this area to join us!

Mike Todd
Chairman
Administrative Committee

Christian Education

The Christian Education Committee continues to offer opportunities to grow in the knowledge of Scripture and in ways to share our faith with others. Through Sunday School, Bible Study, Youth and Children’s programs, and special seasonal events, the Word of God is shared in an effort to enrich the lives of all members and others in our community.

Throughout 2012, Sunday school classes and Bible Study opportunities saw a reduction in participation. While many faithful members have moved away, we have not seen new participants joining our programs to replace those leaving. Youth and Children’s programs were more active in the spring. The Youth Group went to the Infuse Youth Event which included skiing and nightly worship services, several recreational outings, and a lock-in at the end of the school year. Children participated in Wednesday night activities that focused on stories of C. S. Lewis and culminated with an outing to Spartanburg. Vacation Bible School was a great week with children from both our church and the community. After meeting with both the youth and the parents of young children, it was determined to discontinue the programs in the fall. Attendance at youth from our church was very low and the group asked to focus on Sunday School rather than other activities. For the children, we have one active family in the Preschool Class and one in the Elementary Class.

Special events for the year included the Annual Chili Cook-off, Easter Celebration at Mt. Vernon, Easter Morning Breakfast and Program, Recognition of Graduates, Pentecost Celebration, and Rally Day Breakfast and Program. Special devotion materials were supplied for Lent and Advent, as well as bulletin inserts for Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany.

The committee is currently looking at new and creative ways to meet the Christian Education needs of the children of our church and of our community. The group is focusing on an outreach to children in Kindergarten through Second Grade.
Congregational Life

The Congregational Life Committee has been busy this year trying to provide opportunities for members of the congregation to build relationships with one another and receive appropriate care in times of need. The Prayer Partner ministry was continued to build a more caring community. In January we celebrated our first Robert Burns night complete with haggis, nips and tatties, and a Scottish trifle. Everyone was entertained by the Scottish country dancers. In October we had our annual service and dinner on the grounds at Mt. Vernon. The weather was beautiful, and the food was delicious, particularly the fat back.

We are looking forward to 2013 and are planning our first exciting event on Shrove Tuesday, February 12, 2013, at 6:00 P.M. with a pancake supper/bingo night. We appreciate the support and participation of the congregation in events that have been offered in the past and will be offered in the future.

Please contact Vicki Shields or Marilyn Stoddard if you have any suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Stoddard

Witness and Service 2012 Annual Report

Called by the Holy Spirit and inspired by Potter's House in Jonesville, the Witness and Service Committee launched a new ministry in September 2012: Feed My Sheep, a food pantry staffed by members of the congregation for hungry people in our community. This ministry has replaced the "voucher system" through which pastors of FPC have assisted individuals and families in need with vouchers for groceries and utilities. Feed My Sheep allows us to serve more people, use our resources more effectively, and partner with others doing similar ministry in our community.

Feed My Sheep is modeled on the food ministry of Potter's House, where Pastor Don Moore and congregation members hold two food pantries each month, providing groceries to around 2,000 people. Feed My Sheep also holds two pantries a month. FPC members pick up the food at Potter's House the Wednesday before each pantry, transport it to FPC, and distribute it the following day. Currently, up to 30 families receive groceries at FPC at each pantry. Since September 2012, Community Outreach Funds have been used to assist Potter's House with food ministry related costs. Expenditures for Community Outreach in 2012 totaled $11,336.00; this includes funds for vouchers and the food pantry.

Feed My Sheep will continue in 2013 with a food pantry on the second and fourth Thursdays in January through October, and on the first and third Thursdays in November and December.

Please keep the following dates and schedule handy for times when you are available to help with this ministry:

2013 Food Pick-up/Distribution Dates:

| Jan 9/10  | Jan 23/24  | Feb 13/14  | Feb 27/28  |
| Mar 13/14 | Mar 27/28  | Apr 10/1   | Apr 24/25  |
| May 8/9   | May 22/23  | Jun 12/13  | Jun 26/27  |
| Sep 1/1   | Sep 25/26  | Oct 9/10   | Oct 23/24  |
| Nov 6/7   | Nov 20/21  | Dec 4/5    | Dec 18/19  |

Pantry Schedule:

Wed, 12:30 pm - leave to pick up food in Jonesville for pantry
Wed, 1:30 pm - unpack and set-up pantry
Thurs, 8:15 am - members arrive for pantry

Since the start-up of the Feed My Sheep ministry last fall, a core group of FPC members, along with a member of Grace UMC, has worked to pick up food on Wednesdays and distribute it on Thursdays. The Witness & Service committee extends thanks and appreciation to all who have dedicated so many hours to the Feed My Sheep ministry.

Interested in serving with this ministry? Contact Elder Ann White (427-0084) or Elder Ken Hill (429-5251). All are welcome!