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First Presbyterian Church—Building Faith, Changing Lives, Sharing Christ!

December 2017

PRESENTS OR PRESENCE

In 2018, Stephanie and I will join the ranks of what are known as "empty-nesters". Many of you are already "empty-nesters" and others will become empty-nesters before you know it. If you are not familiar with the term, "empty-nesters" are parents or guardians whose children no longer live at home. Their children have "left the nest."

As Christmas approaches I am particularly aware that next year I will have an empty nest in regard to children. This is why I am focusing this Advent and Christmas less on presents and more on presence. In reflecting on past Christmases, I have received many wonderful and special gifts. I truly do enjoy the opportunity both to give and receive presents during the Christmas season. Like so many others, I enjoy all the trappings of gift-giving, all the packages and bows and ribbons. Yet, I am fully aware, that the act of "gift-giving" plays second fiddle compared to the gift of presence.

I am hard-pressed to believe that there is anything more important during Advent and Christmas than the blessing of presence. The greatest memories of Christmas past are those memories of family and friends together, siblings and parents together, children and spouses together joyously celebrating the holidays. Most of us would never trade the gift of presence for any gift wrapped in paper, ribbon, and bows that tarnishes or fades.

In my ministry I am often reminded that the most important blessing we can offer as Christians is simply that of being with someone, the ministry of presence. I often share with members of the congregation the blessing of being a pastor. As a pastor I am invited into people's lives at the most intimate of times: birth, baptism, confirmation, marriage, counseling, crisis, illness, and even death. It is a ministry of presence that reminds others that their life matters and that they matter to someone else.

At the very heart of Christmas is the ministry of presence. It is God who inserts Godself into human history. It is the light of all wisdom that intercedes and pierces our human darkness. It is the infinite who becomes finite so that we can experience God's presence. Christmas must truly focus on what is known in Hebrew as "Emmanuel"; meaning "God with us." It is the Apostle Paul who, after the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, his persecution of the followers of the Way, and after his conversion, writes in Romans the great words of God's presence,

"For I am convinced that nothing can separate us from the love of God and Jesus Christ." - Romans 8:38

It is my prayer for you this holy season that you focus on and celebrate the gift of presence; the presence of family and friends. Yet, most fully, I pray you will experience God's presence as revealed in Christ Jesus. I encourage you to continue to give thoughtful gifts this Christmas season while remembering that physical gifts, no matter how thoughtfully given, pale in comparison to the gift of your presence with others, and God's presence with you.

While we all may become empty-nesters with our human families, as God's children we are never apart from the presence of God's love in Jesus Christ.

May you have a meaningful and expressive Advent and a joyous and Merry Christmas!

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

The first Sunday of each month is Communion.

The second Sunday is our 2¢ a meal offering.

8:00a.m. - Worship in the Chapel

9:00 & 11:00 a.m. - Worship in the Sanctuary

9:10a.m. - Children's Sunday School (concurrent with Worship)

SUNDAY PREACHING SCHEDULE

December 3, 2017

"A Time of Darkness"

Dr. Tim Womack

Mark 13:24-37

December 10, 2017

"A Messenger Promised"

Rev. C. Michael York

Mark 1:1-8

December 17, 2017

"Testify to the Light"

Dr. Tim Womack

John 1:6-8, 19-28

December 24, 2017—10:00 am Service

"Promise of Jesus"

Dr. Tim Womack

Luke 1:26-38

December 31, 2017—10:00 am Service

"Heirs of the Promise"

Rev. Dr. Fred Foy Strang

Galatians 4:4-7

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

Terri Walters, our chef, will be serving two delicious dinners this month. Our standing ministry teams will be setting up, serving and cleaning up. You will have an opportunity, during dessert, to hear about the work of their committees and how you can join in their efforts.

12/6 Hosted by the Strategic Long-Range Planning Committee

Country Fried Steak with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes and Mixed Veggies, Birthday Cake



12/13 Hosted by the Youth

Salad Bar, Chicken Fajitas with all the fixings, Peach Cobbler

12/20, 12/27 and 1/3: No Dinner. Enjoy your Holidays!

CHRISTMAS EVE AND DAY SERVICES

December 24, 2017 – Christmas Eve

Scripture: Luke 2:1-20 (KJV)

Sermon Title: "Promise Fulfilled"

5:00 PM – Family Candlelight Service

7:00 PM – Traditional Candlelight Service

9:00 PM – Candlelight Communion Service

EGGNOG AND COOKIES

On Christmas Eve, don't forget to stop by E.T. Smith Lounge to enjoy Eggnog and Cookies with your Church Family! We will be serving immediately following the 5:00pm and 7:00pm Worship Service and prior to the 9:00pm service...all are welcome!

December 25, 2017 - Christmas Day

10:00 AM – Worship Service with Communion

NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE

5:00 PM—Chapel Service with Communion

Older Adult Ministry

MEET & GREET LUNCH

Plan on joining us for lunch on Tuesday, December 19, at The Osceola Bistro, 2045 I3 Ave., VB. You will enjoy meeting new people, excellent food and the ambiance of their outdoor courtyard! To reserve your spot please contact Anne Adams. All are welcome!



SHARED GRIEF LUNCHEON

Getting through the holiday season without your loved one is always challenging. But you don't have to walk through it alone. Plan on joining others in your church family who are grieving this holiday season on Monday, December 18, at Noon in E.T. Smith Lounge, from 12:00pm to 1:30pm. Contact Anne Adams to reserve your spot. Everyone is welcome...bring a friend!

Children & Family Ministry

CHRISTMAS PARADE!

Roll out the Christmas Season on Saturday, December 2 and meet us at the Annual VB Christmas Parade! We will gather at 4:30pm across the street from the VB Hotel & Spa. Hot chocolate and holiday treats will be enjoyed as we wait for Santa's arrival. If you are planning to attend this fun event, contact Anne Adams.

KIDS MUSICALE DINNER

You are invited to a holiday musical treat! On Wednesday, December 13, in McAfee Hall, our children will be performing special holiday music. Doors open at 5:15pm. The dinner menu includes: Salad Bar, Chicken Fajitas will all the fixings and Peach Cobbler. Call the Church office to hold your spot!



BREAKFAST WITH THE ANGELS

You are invited to a joyous breakfast celebration with "our angels" on Sunday, December 17 beginning at 10:00am in McAfee Hall. The morning begins with a special children's Sunday school full of singing and angels and readings about the birth of Jesus, as told in the Gospel of Luke. Immediately following, a delicious "angel pancakes" breakfast, prepared by Roger & Michele Wagner, will be served for our Church Family to enjoy. Please contact Anne Adams for reservations and volunteer opportunities.

Church-Wide News

WE HAVE A GIFT FOR YOU!

We are excited to share that our church is gearing up to gift every member and friend of our congregation with access to an extensive, new video library called RightNow Media! It's like the "Netflix of Video Bible Studies" and has a HUGE library of faith-based videos that you can access whenever and wherever you want—on your phone, iPad, computer, or even at home on your TV. This amazing resource will open doors to new study opportunities, small groups or gatherings and includes content for kids, teens/youth, adults, church leadership and so much more! Keep an eye out for more information forthcoming during the month of December!

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Church-Wide News, cont'd.

CARING FOR THE CAREGIVER

If you are a Caregiver, we would like to invite you to join us on Monday, December 4, at 10:30am in E. T. Smith Lounge. Led by Susan Long, our Faith community Nurse, this group is designed to help caregivers reduce stress and deal with emotions such as anger, guilt and depression. For more information and registration please contact Anne Adams

ADVENT DEVOTIONS THAT ENCOURAGE

Encouragement matters! Whether cheering on someone at a sporting event, putting an arm around someone to cheer them up or affirming good work done in the workplace or in ministry, encouragement matters.

During this Advent season, First Presbyterian Church Vero Beach wants to offer you a few moments of encouragement as we march toward Christmas. The leaders and members of First Presbyterian Church are aware that the Christmas season can be difficult for so many as we remember Christmases past.

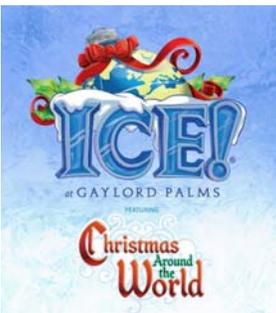
For this Christmas season we want to encourage you to continue to look back so that you might then look forward and make new, lasting, and meaningful Christmas memories in your future! During the four weeks of Advent, you will receive through email, or you will have access through our website, Advent devotions meant to encourage your holiday celebration. Each devotion focuses on special memories of Christmas by our members and staff. Each devotion is offered in hopes that, as you watch and reflect on these devotions, you will recall your own special memories of Christmas and reflect on how you can continue to make special Christmas memories in whatever season of life you now live.

Please watch for these devotions, talk with others about these devotions, and learn how you can continue to make special Christmas memories, not only for yourself, for those around.

These devotions will be sent on Tuesday and Thursday each week during Advent. Please check your emails. If you do not receive an email from us please call the church office that we may verify that we have your correct email address.

Join us as we make a new Christmas memories at first Presbyterian Church of Vero Beach!

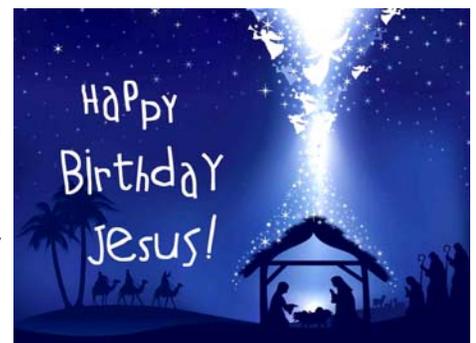
JOY TRIP



Plan on joining us on Thursday, December 21, as we travel to Orlando to see ICE, at the Gaylord Palms Hotel. This year's theme, "Christmas Around the World", is depicted within two million pounds of carved ice sculptures. Your cost includes admission into ICE. Christmas Show in the hotel lobby and transportation. Cost: \$21 Seniors, \$24 Adults, \$10 Children/Youth and Toddlers under 4 years of age are free! We will depart at 9:00am and return around 5:00pm. To reserve your spot contact Anne Adams.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL NEWS

The Preschool is very excited for Christmas. We will have our first ever 'Christmas Musical Presentation' for our preschool families on December 20th. The children are working hard practicing their Christmas songs and our theme for the celebration is 'Happy Birthday Jesus'. From us all at the preschool, we wish you a very Merry Christmas!



NURSE'S NOTE

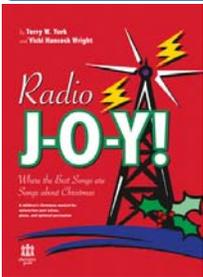
The Caring for the Caregiver group is growing. We had a massage therapist giving chair massages at our last meeting. This group is for taking care of caregivers through talking through emotions, networking around services, dealing with stress and just plain old nurturing! Please join me in the E.T. Smith Lounge on December 4 for bagels and (decaf) coffee at 10:30 AM. We shall continue meeting the first Monday of the month into the new year: however our first meeting in January will be Monday, January 8!



As this year comes to an end and we approach a new beginning, let us remember that each morning brings a new day to choose happiness and gratefulness even when life looks grim. In a poem written by Minnie Louise Haskins in 1908: "Go into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God". When the way cannot fully be seen, please go as far as you can see. Then you can see further! God is with you all the way!

Have a wonderful Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Arts & Music "Notes"



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

You are cordially invited to McAfee Hall on Sunday, December 10th at 6:00 pm as we proudly present this year's Christmas pageant, "Radio J-O-Y," where the best songs are song about Christmas. Be sure to arrive a little early for a good seat and stay for an ice-cream bar after the show! See you then!

CHRISTMAS CANTATA IS DECEMBER 17

From Joseph Martin comes a cantata that is filled with the wonder and light of Christmas. "Ceremony of Candles" is an imaginative work using carols and candlelight to embody the hope of Christ. Featuring the FPC Chancel Choir and FPC Symphonic Orchestra, this inspiring work will be performed on Sunday morning December 17 at 9 and 11 am. Come join us for this moving portrayal of the light of Christmas.

NEW ROTATION COMING TO THE GALLERIES AT FIRST PRES

Kindly make a note for January 14, 2018! Our newest artist's rotation will go on display in the days leading up to this date and we'd like to invite you to a reception to officially kick off the newest exhibition. Join us 3-5pm in the Gietz Music Suite and other areas on campus for the formal re-opening. We are pleased to have works on display by Bob & Suzanne Berran, Axel Pedersen and Sheila Lougheed.

FPC Youth Ministries

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS FOR OUR YOUTH GROUP:

December 2nd, 5pm - Christmas parade (meet just across from Vero Beach Hotel)

December 10th - Christmas pageant at 6pm (we serve the ice cream!) followed by decorating Christmas cookies

December 17th - Movie outing to see *The Star* (time to be announced)

December 24th - Christmas Eve - no youth group—but come early around 4pm to help put out the luminaries!

December 31st - New Years Eve - no youth group

January 7th, 5:30pm - "How can I be the best me in 2018?"



Mission and Social Concerns

SHARING GOD'S LOVE GLOBALLY - DR. FRED FOY & CECILY STRANG SERVING IN KENYA

God's call on the Strang's lives to serve in cross-cultural ministry has been evident since childhood. As youth, Fred Foy served Hispanic migrant farm workers while Cecily grew up as the daughter of PCUSA national missionaries in Appalachia. Fred Foy began service with the Maasai people in 1982. After Cecily and Fred Foy wed in 1984, and after a time of academic preparations, they moved to Kenya with their new growing family to live and work with the Maasai in the Great Rift Valley. The Strangs served in partnership with the PCUSA and the Presbyterian Church of East Africa (PCEA) for 2 years.



Since that time, the Strangs have served numerous congregations as well as educational institutions across the U.S. Many of you may recall his time with us well over a decade ago when he served First Pres as Parish Associate Pastor. Whether serving in Florida, Tennessee or elsewhere, the Strangs have returned to Kenya nearly every year--with mission teams, with their two boys, Jesse and Jacob and his wife Shelly, and sometimes in solo ventures. The deep relationships cultivated over the past 30 years are astounding and humbling. It is a joy for the Strangs to have been able to return to full time missionary service with The Antioch Partners, a Presbyterian mission organization focusing on long-term, cross-cultural, incarnational ministry across the globe.

Currently, the Strangs are serving in Kenya in partnership with PCEA and Cecily is also working with the Medical Benevolence Foundation. Fred Foy, an ordained Presbyterian minister with a Ph.D. in African Christianity, is working with Christian leadership training efforts in rural Maasai. Cecily, a Ph.D. and RN, is working with Maasai people and others in community health, nursing education, and also serves in a university setting. Although daily tasks are important, their main focus continues to be building relationships, so that the gospel of Christ might be received.

The Strangs have returned to the US for a couple months on a mission circuit and, at the end of December, will be in Vero Beach! We look forward to having them return to FPC to share the good things taking place with the Maasai people. Fred Foy will be our guest preacher at the 10:00 am worship service on December 31st.

SHARING GOD'S LOVE IN OUR COMMUNITY - PRAYERS FOR OUR DODGERTOWN HEROES

Helping

Each Other

Reach

Our Dreams!



We are in need of more volunteers to help the second grade classes at Dodgertown Elementary that we have "adopted." In addition to helping with reading for an hour in the mornings, there are opportunities to assist with simple math in afternoons. Carol Smoyer from Missions is the coordinator for our church and works very hard to fill each morning and afternoon slot. Please consider joining the dedicated Heroes already in place!

Students must be able to successfully read for information-gathering purposes by the end of third grade otherwise their opportunities for success in school plummet. Walking into a classroom as an unknown takes a certain confidence (never let them see you sweat!). We like to think that "today I will make a difference!" by connecting through hearts and minds.

This is mission work of the highest order. Please keep these struggling youngsters as well as our own Heroes in your daily prayers. You may contact Carol Smoyer directly at 567-0929 or clsmoyer@bellsouth.net.

ANGEL TREE - MORE WAYS TO SPREAD THE LOVE!

“Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people” (Luke 2:10). We need all the people of 1st Pres. to help spread great joy that we, as Christians experience as a result of Jesus’ birth! There are numerous ways to partake in sharing God’s love.

The Angel Tree was rolled out to the congregation on November 19th full with new tags and ornaments!



- 1) Angels hung on the tree represent a gift for a child in need (Salvation Army/Samaritan Center) or a resident (Grace Rehab/Palm Gardens/Meals on Wheels recipients)
- 2) Fish hung on the tree support self sufficiency for individuals who might need some support throughout the year. Examples include: gift cards for gas for an individual who is looking for a job, gift card to Walmart, target, payless for an interview outfit or work attire (Samaritan Center and Salvation Army), this may also include gift certificates for safety items or fire detectors for families to ensure their families are safe (Healthy Families).
- 3) Hearts hung on the tree are for ALL members of the church to share the greatest gift you have—love. A note, picture, drawing, of hope and love will often reach someone who is lonely, grieving, struggling in a way that truly exemplifies the good news of Jesus’ birth.

We need ALL of the people to join in and grab an angel, fish, and/or heart so we can continue to spread the good news of great JOY in Indian River County! We kindly ask that your gifts/donations be brought back to church no later than December 10th.

As always, thank you for your support. Any questions please call: Beth Dingee @ (203)528-8005.

Presbyterian Women

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT CHRISTMAS TREE LANE ON DECEMBER 2ND

With lighted Christmas trees all aglow and two floors of festive venues, the Christian Life Center is all decked out for the 63rd annual Christmas Tree Lane – the area’s grandest and most spirited holiday bazaar. Be sure to invite friends and neighbors to stop by from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm on Saturday to take in the gala holiday atmosphere as they browse, chat, and select from unique gift items, stocking stuffers, and homemade goodies of every description. Your support of this fundraiser directly benefits Presbyterian Women’s missions. What an enjoyable way to honor His birth!



LEARN ABOUT THE LIFE-CHANGING MISSION OF THORNWELL ORPHANAGE AT PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN’S ANNUAL MEETING ON JAN. 6TH

Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 6, when the Presbyterian Women gather for the Annual Meeting and installation of 2018 officers. This year we’re privileged to have as our guest speaker, Jean Homrighausen, Mission Advancement Officer at Thornwell Home for Children. An on-going mission of Presbyterian Women, Thornwell Home is dedicated to providing safe & loving homes for children through family-style residences and foster care families. Their programs are truly life-transforming, offering each child the opportunity to experience the nurturing love of Jesus as well as receive professional counseling & therapy. This will be a luncheon meeting, commencing at 12:00 noon. Details in future church bulletins.

Presbyterian Women, cont'd

200 "OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD" SHOEBOXES FILLED

The abundant Christian love and goodwill radiating within First Presbyterian Church clearly showed itself in the overwhelming support for Operation Christmas Child. Thanks to our tireless organizers, the Youth Group, and everyone who caringly filled a shoebox with toys & supplies and heartfelt prayers, our congregation will brighten the lives of 200 needy children around the world this holiday season. Remember that you can track your Operation Christmas Child shoebox online on the Samaritan's Purse website (samaritanspurse.org/occ). That way you can share with your children or grandchildren the joy of seeing where their Christmas gifts have gone.

LOIS STUART—PROFILE OF A PRESBYTERIAN WOMAN

By Ann Faunce



Lois Stuart is one of the many unsung workers in God's kingdom. She is currently a Deacon at First Presbyterian. Her main leadership role is providing Juice and Cookies after the 9 o'clock service. Lois' husband, Bob is her main supporter and best friend. When Bob was a Deacon, Lois was there helping him. They come as a team! For several years she has been a principal person helping Christmas Tree Lane with Cookies by the Pound. As Barbara Dearman says. "Lois is very hard-working and a pleasure to be with. Whatever she undertakes, the job will be well done. And she makes it fun!"

Lois grew up in the farm country of South Jersey by the Delaware River and spent every summer at her family's home at the Jersey shore. As a true Jersey girl she still does not pump gas! Her parents always stressed the values of education, independence and being a caring and useful person. The family were avid readers due to her mother's influence as a librarian. With her younger sister, Dee, Lois attended the Methodist Church for Sunday school and youth group.

Douglass College in New Brunswick was Lois' choice for college where she studied Elementary Education and Psychology. As a senior she met her husband-to-be Bob. And that's too long a story!

Lois and Bob were married after his service in the US Army ended and graduating college. It was then that Lois joined the Beverly Presbyterian Church which had been established by Bob's great-grandfather. This is when her church life really began. Bob's parents were influential by their devotion to service and their love of Christ. Rob, Lois and Bob's son, became the fifth generation in that church when he was born in 1962.

At that time in her life, Lois was a first grade teacher (28 years), President and treasurer of PW, Circle leader, Sunday School teacher, and a Deacon for 4 terms-Moderator twice---once a Deacon, always a Deacon! Her family and faith were her rock! Lois' parents and grandparents were Florida snowbirds so when retirement time arrived the Stuarts moved to Stuart, Florida. In 1993 they built a home in Palm City where they joined the Palm City Presbyterian Church. In 2009 Lois and Bob moved to Indian River Estates in Vero Beach. John and Barbara Dearman and Tom Hoffman became good friends and invited them to First Pres. It was like coming home and the Dearmans are "angels forever" to the Stuarts!

Lois loves the fellowship, support and opportunities to be of service that First Presbyterian gives to all. She appreciates how the pastors and staff go out of their way to meet the needs of the congregation. For Lois, the music program is a delight! Jacob's spontaneous performance with the Pipers at the Vero Beach Mall was just one of his great community ideas!

Lois' favorite Bible verse is John 3:16. Both of her grandmothers loved this verse and passed that on to her. She loves reading, knitting, travel and good conversation. Their month long trip to New Zealand and the Great Barrier Reef was a trip to remember. The Stuarts enjoy the Chamber Music concerts at the Museum as well as the VBHS Performing Arts presentations.

December 2017

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY DECEMBER!

1 Mrs. Helen Ranney
2 Mr. Jonathan Miller
3 Mr. C. Richard Bruns
3 Mrs. Marilyn Marion
4 Mr. Paul Johnson
4 Mr. Michael Tittle
5 Mr. Nicholas Snyder
6 Mrs. Carol Christiansen
6 Mr. David Lockwood
7 Mrs. Janet Swanson
7 Mr. Jeffr Austin
7 Mr. Jeffr Davis
7 Lisa Barnes, Esq
8 Mr. Robert McCullough, Sr.
8 Mr. Steven Harrison (Steve)
8 Mrs. Nancy Jones
9 Mrs. Gail Jackson
9 Mrs. Janie Divers
9 Mr. David Roessler
10 Mrs. Nancy Clark
10 Ms. Carol Billett
11 Mr. Joseph Thompson
11 Mrs. Eeve Busby
11 Miss Danielle Thomas
12 Mrs. Jennifer Craig
13 Mrs. Betty Ruth Williams
13 Mr. Richard Schroeder
14 Mr. Charles Gasche
14 Ms. Lisa Hanlin
14 Miss Hannah Horowitz
15 Ms. Ardelle Fish
15 Mr. Alan Hager
15 Mrs. Virginia Hancock (Jenny)
15 Mr. Paul Harmon
16 Mrs. Barbara Andress
16 Mrs. Anna Wolfe
16 Miss Nicole Barley
17 Mr. Ken Burgess
17 Mr. Bruce Hawley
17 Mrs. Christina Lauth
18 Mr. Phillip TenEyck
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Financial Update

October, 2017

Treasurer's Comments

As of the first of November, both pledge and non-pledge receipts are significantly below projections. Pledged to date actual receipts are \$913,270 versus budget of \$971,804, a shortfall of \$58,000. We need to receive \$190,000 in November and December to make budget. For comparison, we received \$150,000 for these 2 months last year.

Non-pledge special giving as of November 1 is \$45,361 versus budget of \$108,703. We need to receive \$140,000 over the next 2 months to avoid a budget shortfall. Last year we received \$90,000 in November and December.

We have much better results on the expense side as we project a net savings of \$30,000 from our budget projections. These savings are taken into account in projecting the above needed receipts over the balance of the year.

To recap, over November and December we need \$190,000 in Pledge Receipts versus the \$150,000 we received last year and \$140,000 in non-pledge special giving versus \$90,000 received in 2016. This means we are asking for a total of \$90,000 more in these two receipt categories than we achieved in 2016.

As always I appreciate any comments or questions you may have regarding our budget at First Presbyterian.

Allan Bixby

Treasurer
