

Presbyterian Church Of Bull Shoals



Called Congregational/Corporation Meeting
Sunday, March 21, 2010
(2009 Annual Report presented to Congregation)

Mission Statement

*“We will be scripture-based to spread
the Gospel of Jesus Christ and
spiritually led to guide all people to be
active doers of the Word.”*

Approved by Session on November 16, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

L. The Lord be with you

P. Also with you.

L. As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another.

P. But what if I have a complaint against someone?

L. Then forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

P. But we are all so different. How can we ever hope to get along?

L. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

P. And let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts?

L. Yes, for indeed you were called in the one body. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom.

P. And be thankful?

L. Yes, with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

P. Oh! So, whatever we do in word or deed, we will do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

A. Let us pray.

~ CLOSING PRAYER ~

*Blessed be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.*

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21 March 2010

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order and Opening Prayer
- II. Elect a Clerk pro tem
- III. Pastor's Comments
- IV. 2009 Congregational Nominating Committee: Tywllah Schauer
 - a. Elect an Elder for the Class of 2012
 - b. Elect 3 Deacons for the Class of 2012
 - c. Elect 4 members for the 2010 Congregational Nominating Committee
- V. Amend Church By Laws to bring them in compliance with Book of Order
- VI. Corporation Meeting: Rev. Terry
 - a. Election of Corporate Offices IAW the amended By-laws
 - b. Other business?
- VII. Receive the year-end reports from committees & organizations
- VIII. Announcements: Rev. Terry
- IX. Closing Prayer: Rev. Terry
- X. Adjourn to Memorial Hall for POTLUCK!

Dear friends in Christ,

What a whirlwind these past three months have been. So far I've been working on settling in and getting to know everyone. James and I thank all of you for welcoming us so warmly.

The Session and I have begun evaluating where we are, planning for the future, and taking care of some business left over from last year. This annual report and today's meeting are part of the last item. Normally, the report would have been finished and the meeting held sometime near the end of January or at the very latest, the first of February.

While we aren't far behind schedule, we are in the midst of one of the busiest times in the Christian year. From the earliest days of Christianity, the period from Ash Wednesday to Easter has stood as the pivot point for the rest of the church year. It has traditionally been a time for study and reflection on Jesus' last days before the crucifixion and on his resurrection. This year, we have been doing two things – completing last year's business and looking forward to Easter.

Despite the extra work involved in compressing two seasons of the congregation's life into one, things are going well. The nominating committee under Tywillah's leadership has put together a stellar slate of nominees for the vacancies on the Board of Deacons, the Session, and the Members-at-Large for the 2010 Nominating Committee. The Session members and Pat Erlewine, the 2009 Moderator of the Board of Deacons, have prepared annual reports for their areas of responsibility. We've also received a report from the Board of Deacons. Vicky Bair, our Stated Clerk, has devoted an extraordinary amount of time editing and compiling the Annual Report.

In the midst of all of this, the Personnel Committee, moderated by Peni Lloyd has hired a new church secretary, Len Stuzba. Len will begin working with us this Monday. He and his wife will be introduced to everyone next week during worship.

Even as I've been working with you to get the church's "house in order", I've been keenly aware of the particular tasks connected to interim ministry. Rev. Shinkle went over these with us at our February Fellowship Night.

They are:

- 1) Coming to terms with history
- 2) Discovering a new congregational identity
- 3) Facilitating shifts in lay leadership and changes in congregational power structures
- 4) Rethinking and renewing denominational linkages
- 5) Preparing for new pastoral leadership and a new future.

In the year ahead we will be exploring what these tasks entail. Please remember that we will often be working on several of the tasks at the same time. Most of all, remember that the tasks will take as long as they take, in other words, we can't rush

them. What we have to do is relax and trust that the Spirit will let us know where we are and what needs to happen next.

You might be wondering if we've done any work at all on completing the interim tasks. YES, we have. In 2009, the Session conducted a search for an interim pastor and to my great delight found one. As I've already mentioned, Rev. Shinkle held a question and answer session about Interim Ministry at our February Fellowship Meeting. February was a busy month for Interim work. Pat Erlewine served as our Commissioned Elder at Presbytery and several others attended all or part of that meeting, supporting me as I became a member of the Presbytery of Arkansas. Also, in February, I successfully completed the first week of Interim/Transitional Ministry training. Rest assured we are right on track.

I thank all of you for your openness, patience, humor and love.
With love and joy,

Terry

2009 Congregational Nominating Committee

Presents the following members in nomination for:

Elder Nominee for 2012 is Ken Hobart

Nominated from the floor:

Deacon Nominees for 2012 are:

James Hart, Joanne Kahm & Pam Hobart

Nominated from the floor:

2012 CNC member nominees are:

Elaine Miller, Dot Pitts, Esther Roberts & Dick Sass

Nominated from the floor:

2009 STATISTICAL REPORT SUMMARY

Reported to Presbytery of Arkansas

Our church started with 86 active members. We gained 2 new members, lost 2 members by death and 16 members by other means which brings the active membership to 70. There are 7 inactive members, 19 baptized members which brings the total adherents to 93. There are 48 active women members. Leadership: Session (2 males, 4 females) and Deacons (1 male, 8 females).

Age Distribution of Active Members:

25 & under: 3	26-45: 5	46-55: 2	56-65: 8	Over 65: 52
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Disabilities of Active Members

Hearing: 10	Sight: 3	Mobility: 12	Other: 6
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Potential Giving Units: 57

Budgeted Income: \$81,714

Budgeted Expense: \$99,287

RECEIPTS

Regular Contributions: \$63,078	Bequests: 0	Subsidy or Aid: 0
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Capital Building Fund: 0	Other Income: \$725	Investment Income: \$27,218
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EXPENDITURES:

Local Program: \$83,919

Per Capita Apport: \$5,919

Local Mission: \$5015

Validated Mission: \$1,143

Capital Expenditures: \$4,187

Theological Fund: \$618

Investment Expenditures: 5,222

Other Mission: 0

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Year End 2009 – Income/Expense vs Budget

	Actual	Budget
INCOME:	\$63,803.41	\$81,714.00
EXPENSES:		
MISSIONS	\$ 6,075.72	\$ 5,920.00
MUSIC, CHOIR, SOUND	\$ 6,344.88	\$ 6,694.00
OFFICE	\$ 9,232.58	\$ 6,790.00
OTHER PROGRAMS	\$ 3,175.76	\$ 4,300.00
PASTORAL	\$18,716.06	\$14,545.00
PROPERTY	\$16,172.20	\$19,800.00
STAFF SALARIES	\$ 9,142.73	\$15,438.00
WORSHIP	<u>\$ 323.40</u>	<u>\$ 800.00</u>
TOTALS	\$69,183.33	\$74,287.00

Over the past year we saw many changes within the church, and these changes also affected the budget. Staff salaries were under budget since the secretary resigned, but when we hired a temporary secretary, these wages went into office since they were not included in payroll taxes and reporting, which caused office to go over budget. Pastoral went over budget due to the need for pulpit supply (*guest ministers*). Many areas also used “designated monies” to meet their expenses and thus keep the general expenses down. Property was down due to a decrease in insurance expenses and a drop in utility expense (*propane*).

The Presbytery of Arkansas, this year, sent a thank you letter for our contributions (*on a monthly basis*) to the Mission Benevolence fund. This is part of “Missions” as shown above.

The monthly financials are posted on the bulletin board in the office each month after session, and the previous month’s reports are left up also. Please feel free at any time to read these reports and ask any questions of the financial committee you might have.

Respectfully submitted,
Peni Lloyd, Treasurer and Co-Moderator, Finance Committee

Establishment & Operation of a Financial Program and Mission Endowment Fund

This is the financial program, including the Mission Endowment Fund and Higher Education Scholarship Fund of the Presbyterian Church of Bull Shoals approved by the Session at the Stated Meeting on March 19, 1997, amended December 14, 2004 and modified November 16, 2007.

The Investment Program presently consists of five separate and distinct funds with specific objectives and limitation as to their use. These funds are:

PASTORAL HOUSING FUND
CAPITAL BUILDING FUND
CONTINGENCY and SPECIFIED MEMORIAL FUND
MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND
HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND

These funds are administered in accordance with the overall financial objectives of the Church and implemented by the Finance Committee with recommendations and with final approval by the Session.

Anyone may donate to these funds at any time. Just clearly mark your check or donation with the name of the fund to which you would like to give.

Session annually appoints the Finance Committee which consists of the following positions which are held by:

Treasurer	Peni Lloyd	Co-Moderator
Assistant Treasurer	VACANT	
Financial Secretary	Dick Sass	
Assistant Financial Secretary	Elaine Miller	
Elder selected from Current Session	Bob Wiles	Co-Moderator
A non-Session Elder	VACANT	
A non-Elder Church member	Betty Aaron	

Please note the two vacancies. If any church member is interested in filling those vacancies, please contact any current member. They can explain the duties involved.

If anyone has any questions regarding the specifics of the funds and their operation, please contact Bob Wiles.

As a church, we are so very blessed that church leaders had the foresight to establish our investment program thirteen years ago, including Rev./Dr Fred Taylor, Bob Hobbs, Jim Kahm and Bill Lyon.

Respectfully,

Bob Wiles
Finance Committee Co-Moderator

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

An Adult Sunday School Bible Class was held on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. Dr. Roger Simons does a great job teaching this class. Average attendance is five people each week.

Our church hosted the annual Bull Shoals Community Vacation Bible School held the week of July 20, 2009 and the theme was “Kingdom of the Son, A Prayer Safari”. All the community churches (*Christ by the Lake Lutheran, United Methodist, First Baptist and Community Bible*) all join together. Fifty-Seven children registered with an average daily attendance of 46.

Community VBS for 2010 is scheduled for week of July 19th and Christ by the Lake Lutheran Church is the host. Volunteers will be needed again this year. Come be a blessing to someone and you in turn will be blessed!

Christian Ed can always use Sunday School teachers as well as people to attend the classes.

Shirley Jensen,
Moderator

FELLOWSHIP/MEMORIAL HALL

In 2009, The Session approved the merger of two committees into one. Our committee is in charge of acquiring hosts for “After Church” coffee and “Family Night” potlucks. The committee also oversees the supplies and equipment in the kitchen area.

Our church uses Memorial Hall for:

- Thursday Morning Committee Coffee
- Sunday School
- Monthly “After Church” Coffee
- Monthly “Family Night” Potluck
- Called Congregational/Corporation Meeting & Meal
- Monthly Presbyterian Women meetings
- Church sponsored fundraisers

And the list goes on and on.

Our Session allowed the following organizations to use Memorial Hall:

- Bull Shoals Historical Society for their monthly meetings
- Lifeline, Inc. to offer the community to take life-saving, health-screening tests.

~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

NEED volunteers to sign up as hosts for:

May’s “After Church” Coffee
June’s Family Night potluck
June’s “After Church” Coffee

Elaine Matejka
Moderator

MEMBERSHIP in 2009

35 + years

Ramona Marshall Jean Lyon

25 to 34 years

Vivian Meyers Bill Meyers Dr. Roger & Meg Simons

20 to 24 years

Warren & Elle Heydt William North

10 to 19 years

Joanne & Jim Kahm	Mary Lou Guthrie	Bob & Betty Hobbs	
Elaine Matejka	Irene Bere	Esther Roberts	Betty Craig
Dick & Jini Sass	Jewel Riley	Shirley Lowe	Pat Erlewine
Sharon Gardner	Jean Hoefer	Vicky Bair	Holly North
Norm Hockley	Faye Bracket	Sandy Erickson	

0 to 9 years

Tiffany Myers	Paul & Mary Ann Smith	Jennifer Cerny	
Roger Simons II	Allen Althof	Dave & Susan Nixon	Helen Nevitt
Troy & Betty Perrin	Don & Elaine Miller	Gladys Griffin	Dot Pitts
Bill & Mary Kerr	Tywillah Schauer	Bob & Gloria Wiles	
Mercedes Haefer	Betty Mentlewicz	Joseph & Darcie Burghard	
Doris Ackerman	JoAnn & Bob James	Sharlo & Marvin Cullison	
Laura Lenneville	Elizabeth Pemberton	Peni & Ed Lloyd	
Rebecca Halog	Joyce & Ed King	Shirley Jensen	

Inactive Members

Dacia Brown	Pam Cook	Frank & Pearl Docauer	Alexis Haefer
Rebecca & Robert Koellner	Don Ott	Paula Sheppard	
Claude Shonkwiler			

~ Those who have passed in 2009 ~

Active Members

Viola 'Vi' Sass
William 'Bill' Lyon

Inactive Members

Charles Boehnlein	Dorothy Williams
Josephine Shonkwiler	Dorie Black

And many have been dropped from the rolls at their request.

MISSIONS

Our congregation graciously supported the following missions in 2009:

Mexico Mission	\$ 200.00
Helping Hand Fund	\$ 300.00
Mountain Home Christian Clinic	\$ 300.00
Marion County Senior Center	\$ 300.00
General Assembly Theological Fund	\$ 618.18
Ferncliff	\$ 100.00
Lyons College	\$ 200.00
Gamma House*	\$2463.17
Kindness, Inc.	\$ 121.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 409.23
Christmas Joy Offering	\$ 534.00
<u>Bull Shoals Food Pantry</u>	<u>\$ 459.00</u>
Total	\$6004.58

**(Presbytery of Arkansas Seed Grant included)*

MUSIC/CHOIR & SOUND

Our Choir/Director Karla Thompson leads our choir on Sunday mornings and weekly practice on Thursday evening.

Our Church on Sunday, May 31, 2009 hosted the 5th Sunday Hymn Sing which other community church musical groups participated. Each church takes turns hosting this wonderful event (*which only happens when there is a fifth Sunday in the month*).

The church sound booth is manned every Sunday and special services by a few volunteers (*Paul Graham, Ciera Haefer and Vicky Bair*).

~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

URGENTLY NEEDED are volunteers to step forward to be trained to run the sound system. The more people who are able to run the system will enable us to make a schedule and to give other volunteers a break from time to time.

Our Choir can always use more members.

Please see me for additional information or to volunteer.

Elaine Matejka
Moderator

WORSHIP

As the year of 2009 came to an end, there were many changes in our church that made the Worship Committee realize that lots of ground work needed to be done.

When Reverend Mark Lenneville's annual contract ended and was not renewed on June 30, 2009, our church was blessed to have the pulpit filled every Sunday until an Interim Pastor was found. Our committee would like to give a big "THANK YOU" to:

Rev. Don Bryant and his wife Mary Lou of Bull Shoals
Rev. David Gill of Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center
Rev. Richard 'Dick' Shinkle and his wife Stacy of Harrison
Chaplain Al Henegar and his wife Katy of Conway
Rev. Robert 'Bob' Cox of Batesville

Communion was served fourteen times during the year. Session approved changing the Communion policy to reflect that only grape juice will be served.

Wonderful news happened to close out the year. Bob & Gloria Wiles along with Bill & Mary Kerr drove to Ferncliff Camp in Little Rock to appear before the Presbytery of Arkansas' Committee on Ministry (COM) during their meeting on Tuesday, November 17th, to ask for their approval of Reverend Terry Hart to be our Interim Pastor. Amid the loud hand clapping, the COM granted their approval of Reverend Hart. Many statements were made on how hard and quick our church worked to find an Interim Pastor to fill the pulpit along with strong words of encouragement.

The committee says "Thank You" to all who kept us strong thru many days of wondering, "What and where were we going!" We can only say "After the Rain, Comes the Rainbows". We are all looking forward to what GOD has in store for our church in 2010 and the guidance from our new pastor Reverend Terry Hart.

May we always go in Peace, Love and Joy. GOD Bless each and every one of us.

Irene Bere, Vivan Meyers and Mary Kerr

Deacons Annual Report to Session for 2009

We, the Board of Deacons believe we have faithfully fulfilled the responsibilities of the Deacons as outlined in the Book of Order. Acting as Guardian Angels to our church members and friends during 2009 we made 3600 contacts as follows:

Personal visits to the sick or ailing in the hospital, nursing homes, and shut-ins or others in need. (383)

Angels on Wheels assisted those in need of transportation. (75)

Made telephone calls to let our church family know we were there for them or to offer assistance. (1426)

Sent personal notes or cards on Birthdays, Anniversaries and most importantly to those who were sick or who had lost loved ones. (1540)

Sent "We Care Cards" signed by the congregation to those in nursing homes, shut-ins, on the "Special Prayers" list and those who were sick or disabled or had lost loved ones. Cards were sent to those serving in the military three times. (186)

Note cards were mailed to visitors and new members. A personal note was sent each week to our sister churches on the prayer list. Worship folders were sent each week to church members and friends missing Sunday church service.

The telephone prayer chain is administered by the Deacons. We are known as a "Praying Church" with the Prayer Chain being activated approximately 25 times during 2009. These prayers were both for church family members and others outside the church family.

When the family of a deceased member or friend request, the Deacons prepare a "Celebration of Life" gathering following the service. Most of these require the preparation and serving of food and coffee. (3 requested for Bill Lyons, Vi Sass and Dorie Black)

The Home Maintenance Angel deacon assisted those members who may need help with minor home maintenance repairs. (0)

A supply of soups or casseroles is available and delivered to members who cannot cook for themselves due to illness or released from the hospital, etc.

Deacons assist the Pastor in providing Communion to shut-ins and those in nursing homes or assisted care. (49)

At Christmas time, trays of cookies, candy and fruit were prepared and delivered to assisted living residents and to shut-ins. We delivered ten trays this year.

The annual Golden Opportunity Days were held in May. We selected as our local mission outreach project "The Food Pantry of Bull Shoals". We collected huge amount of groceries and paper products. A check for \$130 was also presented.

Our tasks are many and we are grateful for all the assistance, the support and the generosity received during the year from our church family.

In closing, I would like to thank all the Deacons for all their work they have done this year.

Respectfully, Patricia Erlewine, Moderator, Board of Deacons

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women hold monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of the month. Every woman (*member, friend or visitor of our church*) is invited to attend. Fellowship includes special music, a devotional along with a short business meeting. Refreshments are served.

At our meetings, we collected for the following:

Birthday Offering - \$86.54

This is an offering to celebrate the blessings in the lives of Presbyterian Women. The offering funds up to five projects which are not included in ongoing General Assembly mission support, such as agricultural development, child care, community organization, criminal justice, drug counseling, economic justice, elderly care, employment training, homelessness, literacy, violence and women's concerns.

The Fellowship of the Least Coin (FLC) - \$79.55

This is an ecumenical prayer movement focused on peace, justice and reconciliation. These coins join many others from all parts of the world to advance the causes of justice, peace and reconciliation and to support a variety of projects that help women and children achieve a better life.

Cents-Ability - \$100.90

This is a small first step in the battle against hunger and poverty. These few cents personally given is an expression of thanks for what we have received. It is also a commitment to share with others in response to Jesus' command "You give them something to eat."

Our ladies were very busy in 2009.

Hosted a Spring luncheon & Fashion Show on April 27, 2009 and invited all the ladies from the surrounding churches to attend.

Held the following fundraisers:

Bake-less Bake Sale in March

Ice Cream Social in May

Baked Potato Bash in October

Participated in a weekly women's Bible Study. This year's Bible Study is taught by Rev. Terry Hart and is held immediately after Thursday Morning Community Coffee.

Contributed \$2875.47 toward Mission projects. Also hand-made hats, scarfs, quilts, pillows, baby hats, aprons, communion tray covers and favors for our luncheon worth over \$2000.00.

Our ladies also coordinate the annual Christmas gifts for the Flippin Headstart. Each child receives a package of undershirts, a package of underwear and a book. Extra goodies maybe included in their wrapped gift. Vicky Bair played elf and delivered gifts for 20 children (*9 boys & 11 girls*) worth \$390.47 just before Christmas vacation started.

Presbyterian Women are looking forward to a great year! Future activities include an “SWING Into SPRING” ladies’ luncheon, Ice Cream Social, Baked Potato Bash and providing a Spaghetti Dinner for September’s “Family Night” which will include a “Free Will” offering. Money donated will support our missions.

Many thanks to everyone, without you there is no fellowship!

~ 2010 PW Coordinating Team ~

Moderator	Elaine Matejka
Vice Moderator	Irene Bere
Secretary	Joanne Kahm
Treasurer	Mary Kerr
Publicity	Dot Pitts
Missions	Betty Aaron

