

Orchard Park Presbyterian Church

*A thriving faith community engaged
in compassionate service.*

2016 Annual Report



The Blessing Box:

“Take What You Need, Bring What You Can, Above All Be Blessed”

It seemed to happen almost by accident. A member of the congregation came to me one afternoon and said, ‘Have you ever heard of a Blessing Box? I think we should do it!’ Her enthusiasm was hard to contain. That enthusiasm was on full display when she made a presentation to our Mission Team, and in short order to the Session. No one was quite sure exactly how it would work – who would donate the food – who would take the food – whether people would empty the box – what exactly people might leave in the box – Perishable or non-perishable or paper products or dog food or..... On faith we did it.

Someone donated time and materials and built the box. Guys from church installed it. Businesses and strangers came forward to donate food. People from neighboring towns, and across the state, sent inquiries: “How do we do this in our community?” Yes, every community has people whose grocery budgets are stretched thin. And while it’s not ‘the answer,’ people know they have somewhere to go. And if, as some have, they choose to walk in the doors of our church, they find someone who cares.

When I see our Mission Statement, I see the Blessing Box. I also see the countless ways that members and friends of OPAC reach into the community and out into the world in love. Thank you for all the ways you have given of yourself this past year. I look forward to the many ways we will do this together in the year to come.

Blessings,

Dick Young, Pastor

Church Officers

Our church officers play a vital role in the life of our congregation. The Session is responsible for the governance and oversight of the congregation. The Deacons are the core of all caring ministries within the congregation. These folks are elected by the congregation to serve 3-year terms. We are grateful to those who step forward and accept responsibility for serving the church in these special ways. Nominations for elder and deacon are considered in March and April for elections in May.

Class of 2017

Dolores Battle
Bradley Day
Franklin Dickey
Charles Herrington
Richard Holmes
Nancy Malachowski
Donna Morrow
Mary Wolf

Class of 2018 Session

Douglas Carpenter
Russell Etzenhouser
Martha Feidt
Charles Griffin
James Owens
John Peterson
Lenore Reid
Lynne Young
Al Sager—Clerk of Session

Class of 2019

Andrew Brydges
William Helfrich
Douglas McMahon
Laurie Patterson
Michael Rodems
Donald Schmid
Oliver Wallace
Sharon Zulinke

Board of Deacons

Cynthia Grogan
Karl Hamberger
Ruth Morrow
Michele Pellette
Margaret Raiff
Carol Savage

James Barry
Virginia Hay
Alice Holmes
Barbara Roberts
Gary Thomas
Barbara Zielinski

John Beyer
Carol Kiener
Mary McKinley
Colleen Mitchell
Susan Roesgen
Bennett Young

Financial Report

Thanks to the faithfulness and generosity of our many members and friends, OPPC finished 2016 in a strong financial position with income exceeding expenses. In years when we are blessed with a ‘surplus,’ Session designates those funds either for a special use, or to be added to our Legacy Fund. To all those who give generously to our ministry, thank you!

Equally exciting is the wrap-up to our most recent Capital Campaign. In 2014 we solicited commitments for a capital improvement project, making the gifts payable over a three year period. We received pledges for over \$233,000, and are looking to close the books on that campaign in the first quarter of this year. We are pleased to report all the proposed projects have been completed and our tithe (10%) designated for special mission projects has been expended. Again, Thank You!

In other good news, in 2016 OPPC was the recipient of several bequests amounting to over \$80,000. These undesignated gifts, per our bequest policy, were added to our Legacy Fund. These are gifts that truly keep on giving as they augment our Legacy Fund and provide income to our three directed funds, Mission, Property, and Program.

Orchard Park Presbyterian Church Budget

	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2017 Budget
INCOME			
Total Pledged Receipts	481,669	488,949	493,050
Total Unpledged Receipts	65,000	68,397	71,041
Total Other Income	<u>34,100</u>	<u>32,467</u>	<u>29,500</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>580,769</u>	<u>589,813</u>	<u>593,591</u>
EXPENSES			
Mission Outreach	24,590	23,432	22,848
Deacons	2,000	592	2,000
Personnel	403,315	406,734	414,066
Christian Education	10,500	10,600	12,500
Worship	5,525	4,211	5,525
Membership & Publicity	5,100	3,318	5,100
Denominational Support	19,710	19,710	21,452
Administration & Finance	52,100	48,705	52,100
Property	<u>57,929</u>	<u>42,287</u>	<u>58,000</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>580,769</u>	<u>559,589</u>	<u>593,591</u>
Income less Expenses		30,224	

Orchard Park Presbyterian Church Funds as of December 31, 2016

The Legacy Fund—Current Balance: \$787,464

An annual allocation from the Legacy Fund is made to our three directed funds: Mission, Property and Program. The Legacy Fund supports special projects beyond the scope of our operating budget.

Legacy Gifts are not used for general operating expenses.

1.) Mission Fund—Current Balance: \$15,199

Funds used in 2016: \$17,000

Providing for special mission projects and mission support locally, nationally and internationally.

2.) Property Fund—Current Balance: \$82,308

Funds used in 2016 \$44,461

Allows us to care for our extensive campus, perform preventative maintenance, as well as plan for needed capital improvements. Funds currently held have been committed to a five-year plan of the Property Ministry Team for various repairs/renovations. Copies of the five year plan are available through the church office.

3.) Program Fund—Current Balance: \$22,232

Funds used in 2016: \$25,495

In 2015 we used this fund to support specialized education, worship and arts programs, as well as other initiatives that help us grow as a faith community.

Challenges and Opportunities for 2017

When I became pastor of OPPC in January of 2002, written into my terms of call was a sabbatical after each 7 years of service. My first sabbatical was in 2010, and included a trip to Africa. That trip, our time spent in Western Kenya, and the Mission opportunities that developed have been a rewarding part of my ministry and an important part of the international mission of OPPC. It is now 2017, and I am grateful to the leadership of OPPC who have honored the sabbatical commitment and are working with me to finalize plans for a sabbatical that will extend from Memorial Day to Labor Day, 2017. The focus of my sabbatical will be the intersection of Nature and Spirituality. I have written up a description of my sabbatical plan and will be happy to share that in the months to come. While I will be absent from OPPC for three months, you can be assured that the vital ministry of OPPC will not slowdown! Thanks to the good work of our staff and the direction provided by our elected leadership, I know the ministry of OPPC will remain strong. If you have any questions please be in touch with me, or feel free to contact the Chair of our Personnel Committee, Dr. Dolores Battle.

Dick

OPPC Membership Information for 2016

Membership 1/1/16 ~ 690 Active Members

Increase during 2016 ~ 27 Members

Decrease during 2016 ~ 20 Members

Membership 12/31/16 ~ 697 Active Members (428 Member Families)

Members Joined in 2016

Bonnie Arnold, Elbert Babcock, James Barry, Jr., Susan Brennan, Jaron Bruzgul, Barbara Clayton, Jessica Connors, Justin Connors, Suzanne Curtin, Christian Fitzpatrick-Cobb, Cynthia Goldwater, David Helwig, Amy Kilpatrick, Ryan Kilpatrick, Daniel Kowalik, Joy Kowalik, Douglas Kroll, Karen Kroll, Barbara Marino, Erin McCampbell, Barbara Olandt, Eric Olandt, Erika Rahill, Jim Rahill, Jan Robinson, Laura Stevens, Kimberly Wrazen

In Memorium—2016

Ellyn Urban, Marilynn Moore, Suzanne Langworthy, Lois Myers, Elbert Babcock, William O'Connor, Dorris Bindig, Thomas Bailey, Daniel Ransom, Russell Brown, Ruth Forward, Erma Adamczyk