

Stoneboro Presbyterian Church

2016 Annual Report



Congregational Meeting

January 29, 2017

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Call for the Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of Stoneboro Presbyterian Church shall be held on Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 12:30 p.m. in the social hall. This meeting was announced from the pulpit and printed in the bulletin on Sundays, January 15, 22, and 29, the required two weeks prior to the meeting date thus fulfilling the requirements of our Manual of Administrative Operations.

I hereby request a motion that the call for the Annual Meeting of the Stoneboro Presbyterian Church be found in order.

Motion_____

Second_____

Carried_____

A quorum for the meeting is 10% of the active membership.
(total active membership: _____)

Attendance at the meeting_____.

The Congregation and Corporation Meeting—January 29, 2017—12:30PM
Stoneboro Presbyterian Church

Congregational Meeting

1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer by Moderator
2. The Call for the Meeting – Clerk of Session
Motion _____, Second _____; Approved _____
Number attending _____; Quorum (Y/N)
3. Reading of the Minutes of the 2016 Congregational Meetings:
 - a. January 31, April 10, & December 11
4. Statistical Report from the Clerk of Session
5. Nominations and Election of 2017 Nominating Team
6. Reports of Pastor and 2016 Year-in-Review
Motion to approve the report and Year-in-Review _____,
Second _____, Carried _____
7. Necrology Report and Prayer for Members Departed
8. Motion to suspend the Congregational meeting and to convene the meeting of the Corporation _____, Second _____; Carried _____

Corporation Meeting

1. 2016 Mutual Funds and Investments Report—Year End Review
2. Financial Report of Year 2016
Motion to approve report _____, Second _____; Carried _____
3. Presentation of the 2017 Budget
4. Motion to adjourn meeting of the Corporation and resume the Congregational meeting _____, Second _____; Carried _____

Congregational Meeting (resumed)

9. Old/New Business before the Congregation
10. Motion for Adjournment _____, Second _____; Carried _____
11. Closing Prayer

Stoneboro Presbyterian Church Congregational Meeting

January 31, 2016

A Congregational and Corporation meeting was held on Sunday, January 31, 2016 at 12:30 PM in the social hall of Stoneboro Presbyterian Church. The meeting was called to order by Rev. Adam Rodgers followed by prayer. The meeting was announced from the pulpit and printed in the bulletin on Sundays January 17, 24, and 31 thus fulfilling the requirement of our Manual of Administrative Operations that the meeting be announced from the pulpit 2 weeks prior to the meeting. The Call for the Annual Meeting of the Stoneboro Presbyterian Church was found to be in order and approved upon by a motion made by Sarah Gibson and seconded by Maxine Amos and approved.

There were 18 members in attendance, fulfilling the requirement of 10% of active membership for a quorum. The minutes of the January 25, 2015 Congregational Meeting (approved by Session at the February 9, 2015 meeting), the March 29, 2015 Congregational Meeting (approved by Session at the April 14, 2015 meeting), and the December 13, 2015 Congregational Meeting (approved by Session at the January 12, 2016 meeting) were approved on a motion by Gary Stamp and seconded by Nancy Overall.

The Statistical Report of the Clerk of Session was presented. We began 2015 with 99 members. We ended 2015 with 102. We received by Adult Profession of Faith 3 new members, we received 3 new members through the Confirmation Class and we lost 3 members in Memorium. A motion was made by Sarah Gibson and seconded by Roberta McClelland to reduce the number of Session members from 9 to 6.

The Nominating Committee left nominations open to fill the member at large slots. The Nominating Committee consists of outgoing Elders Jennifer Redfoot, Heather Bauerle, and Maxine Amos. The Deacons on the Nominating Committee are outgoing Deacon Kim Hughes. This was approved on a motion by Lindsay Rodgers and seconded by Debbie MCombs.

The Pastor's Report (The Year 2015 in Review) was presented. This report includes activities from Deacons, Worship, Education, Congregational Care, Outreach and Mission, and Stewardship. Included also, were Baptisms (1 adult), new members (6), weddings (1), and funerals (12, 3 of which were members). A motion to approve the Year in Review was made by Heather Bauerle and seconded by Jean Stamp.

A motion by Gary Stamp to suspend the Congregational Meeting and convene the Corporation Meeting was seconded by Nan Henderson and approved. Gary Stamp provided those in attendance with a report on our Mutual Funds and Investments. We began 2015 with \$187,881.71 in our Mutual Fund Account. Our ending balance as of December 31, 2015 was \$152,932.70. We withdrew \$38,800 to cover expenses throughout the year. We gained \$3,850.99. We have a Certificate of Deposit with Mercer County State Bank that will mature on February 7, 2017. The church also owns 222 shares of stock in Mercer County State Bank worth approximately \$7,700. A motion was made by Sarah Gibson and was seconded by Nan Henderson to approve the Financial Report for the Year 2015.

Attached is a copy of the 2016 Budget of the Stoneboro Presbyterian Church. The budget was presented and approved by the Session at the November 10, 2015 meeting.

A motion to adjourn the Corporation Meeting and resume the Congregational Meeting was made by Jean Stamp and seconded by Maxine Amos.

A motion to adjourn the Congregational Meeting was made by Bill Redfoot and seconded by Lindsay Rodgers. The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 with prayer by Rev. Rodgers.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Redfoot
Clerk of Session

Moderator, Rev. Adam Rodgers

**Stoneboro Presbyterian Church
Congregational Meeting Minutes
Sunday, April 10, 2016 12pm**

The congregation of Stoneboro Presbyterian Church met at 12pm on Sunday, April 10, 2016 in the sanctuary of Stoneboro Presbyterian Church. Twenty three members of the church were present for the meeting. The meeting was called to order with a motion by Gary Stamp and seconded by Heather Bauerle. Reverend Adam Rodgers opened the meeting with a prayer.

Nominees for Ruling Elders and Deacons were presented on a motion by the 2016 Nominating Team. Ruling elders for the Class of 2019 are Chris Giebner and Cindy Philson. Ruling Elder for the Class of 2018, for a 2-year term, is Rich McComb. Deacons for the Class of 2019 are Michele Reiser and Lindsay Rodgers. Deacon for the Class of 2018, for a 2-year term, is Bev Voorhees. The motion for these nominees was made by the 2016 Nominating Team which includes Ruling Elder Maxine Amos, Ruling Elder Heather Bauerle, Ruling Elder Jenn Redfoot, Deacon Kim Hughes, and Reverend Adam Rodgers. Reverend Adam Rodgers is a non-voting member of the nominating team. Time was given for questions and none were asked by members of the congregation. All members of the congregation present at this meeting voted in favor of the motion presented by the nominating team.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was given by Butch Overall and seconded by Jean Stamp.

Reverend Adam Rodgers closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah M. Gibson
Assistant Clerk of Session

Stoneboro Presbyterian Church
Congregational Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2016

The Session of Stoneboro Presbyterian called a meeting to be held in the church sanctuary on December 11, 2016 at 12:00pm. The purpose of the meeting was to present and accept the 2017 Terms of Call for Reverend Adam Rodgers.

The meeting was called to order on a motion by Jennifer Redfoot and was opened with prayer by Rev. Adam Rodgers. There were 19 member of Stoneboro Presbyterian Church present for the meeting.

The 2017 Terms of Call were distributed to all church members present at the meeting. A motion to accept the 2017 Terms of Call for Reverend Adam Rodgers was made by Christopher Giebner and seconded by Bill Redfoot.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Debbie Young and closed in prayer by Rev. Adam Rodgers.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah M. Gibson, Clerk of Session

Stoneboro Presbyterian Church
2016 Report of the Clerk of Session

We began 2016 with	102 members
We received by:	
Adult Profession of Faith	0
Confirmation/Profession of Faith	0
We dismissed by:	
Transfer of Membership	
Moved to Inactive Status:	0
In Memoriam 2016	2
Active Total Membership	100 (at the end of 2016)

Organizational Chart 2016

Session

2017	2018	2019
Mrs. Sarah Gibson	Mrs. Debbie Young	Mr. Chris Giebner
Mrs. Carrie Fusco	Mr. Rich McComb	Mrs. Cindy Philson

Deacons

2017	2018	2019
Mrs. Jean Stamp	Ms. Connie Covington	Mrs. Lindsay Rodgers
Mrs. Nancy Overall	Mrs. Bev Voorhees	Mrs. Michele Reiser

Treasurer

Mrs. Roberta McClelland

Financial Secretary

Mrs. Debbie McComb

2017 Nominating Team

Includes outgoing elders, deacons, and up to three active church members nominated at the January 29 congregational meeting:

Ruling Elders:

1. Sarah Gibson
2. Carrie Fusco

Deacons:

1. Jean Stamp
2. Nancy Everall

Church Members-at-Large:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Schedule for Nominating Team

- Nomination forms in bulletins beginning Sunday, January 22nd.
- First meeting is Sunday, February 5th after worship. The months of February and March will be used to nominate Ruling Elders and Deacons.
- Congregational meeting on Sunday, March 26 to elect church officers.
- Newly elected church officers will attend officer training with Rev. Rodgers in the month of April.
- Newly elected church officers will attend the Tuesday, May 9, 6PM session meeting to be examined and approved as ready for ordination/installation.
- Ordination/Installation of church officers on Sunday, May 21st during the Lord's Day worship service.
 - a. The service will conclude the work of the 2017 Nominating Team.

2016-2017 Ministry Teams

“The purpose of Session leadership is to provide for the worship, nurture, & service of all God’s people”.

Clerk of Session Sarah Gibson (3 rd Year Ruling Elder) Assistant Clerk of Session Debbie Young (2 nd Year Ruling Elder)

Worship: Ruling Elder Cindy Philson

- Oversight of all the worship opportunities at the church, including but not limited to the services for the Lord's Day, special services, the sacraments, music and the arts, ushers/greeters, acolytes, and the nursery, working with the pastor.

Education: Ruling Elder Debbie Young

- Creating opportunities for people of all ages to participate in Christian education and spiritual formation on Sunday mornings, throughout the week, and during all seasons of the church year.

Congregational Care: Ruling Elder Sarah Gibson & Board of Deacons

- Creating opportunities for people to gather for fellowship.
- In coordination with the Board of Deacons, caring for church members during times of joy and difficulty, and ensuring proper pastoral care and visitation is being made to church members.

Outreach & Mission: Ruling Elder Carrie Fusco

- Strengthening & highlighting the ongoing relationships with our local, regional, and global mission partners.
- Creating opportunities for people to participate in outreach opportunities, including both evangelism and social action.

Stewardship: Ruling Elder Rich McComb – (finances & personnel)
Ruling Elder Chris Giebner – (church building)

- Responsible for the care and use of the building and property of the church, including, but not limited to maintenance and improvements.
- Responsible for supervising pastor, recommending personnel policies, reviewing the Manual of Operations, dealing with personnel issues, proposing an annual budget, organizing an annual financial stewardship appeal, working with the Treasurer, Financial Secretary, & Mutual Funds Manager overseeing the budget, and working with the investment management company.

Nominations: Includes all 3rd year Deacons & Ruling Elders, & three members-at-large.

- Responsible for the yearly discernment & nomination of church members to the ordered ministries of Deacon and Ruling Elder.

Each Ruling Elder is responsible for organizing/implementing team meetings, recruiting team volunteers, and reporting activities/ideas/recommendations to the monthly Session meetings.

Pastor's Report 2016—Rev. Adam Rodgers

In my annual report, I like to direct our focus less on the previous year and more on the year that is unfolding before us. Instead of rehashing what we did as a church in 2016, I want us to consider what we can become as a church in 2017. This year, my prayer is that we might develop a mindset to be Christian missionaries disguised as good neighbors.

One popular biblical translation of John 1:14 reads as follows: “The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood.” These words offer a declaration of faith that the God of all creation came to us in the person of Jesus Christ and took up residence in our lives. After his death and resurrection, Jesus gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit and commissioned us to become the body of Christ—the hands, feet, mouth, heart, etc.—in our neighborhoods. Today, as followers of Jesus Christ we have been given a mission and a purpose: be Christian missionaries disguised as good neighbors.

In order to do this, we must see ourselves as members not simply of Stoneboro Presbyterian Church but as members of the larger community. It was the founder of Methodism, John Wesley, who once wisely said, “I look on the world as my [church].” In like manner, Jesus is calling us to look upon our larger community as the place where God is calling us to do his work, and to do so in the name of Jesus Christ.

If we embody this approach to “being the church,” then we can begin to see how every member of this church is being sent out to serve the community as a Christian missionary. But you will do your missionary work disguised as a teacher, stay-at-home mom, retiree, blue-collar worker, small-business owner, board member, or school volunteer. You will have your own mission field full of people God has called you to love and to serve.

God is inviting all of us to join his mission, and this invitation comes with some important questions. Instead of asking how many were in attendance Sunday morning, we will need to begin asking, “How are we blessing our neighborhood in the name of Jesus?” Beyond asking for the name of the visitor sitting in our pew, we need to begin asking for the names of the people who live up and down our street.

Some other questions come to mind: If we were not allowed to meet on Sunday mornings, what would be left of our church? If our church had to shut its doors today, would anybody in the neighborhood mourn? These difficult but necessary questions should remain in the forefront of our minds in order to think and act like missionaries in our neighborhood.

Did you know that of the forty miracles recorded in the book of Acts, thirty-nine of them happened outside the walls of a religious building? It seems God does some of his best work outside the walls of the church. Let that sink in....

So, may our Sunday mornings be opportunities for us to gather for worship, formation, and rejuvenation. But then let us go out and live in the places God has called us to embody Christ in the world—at work, at school, at the gym, and in the neighborhood we call home. When God's people are committed to God's mission for God's glory seven days a week, we will have a church full of missionaries. Amen.

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Beginning 2016 Church Membership: 102

Baptisms

Gregory Bond (3/9/16)

Weddings

Adam Edinboro & Heather Bauerle (October 1, 2016)

Deaths & Funerals

Bonnie Goodrich (d. 3/25/16)

Gary Stamp (d. 5/3/16)

Virgil Nelson (d. 5/26/16)

Martha Greggs (d. 9/30/16)

Dan Urey (d. 10/5/16)

Virginia Vermellion (d. 12/14/16)

Emil “Dutch” Voorhees (d. 12/27/16)

Ending 2016 Church Membership: 100

The Lord’s Day Worship (Sunday Morning) Overview

- Average Weekly Attendance: Jan-April: 37 May-Aug: 32 Sept-Dec: 40
 - Younger Student’s Christian Education Weekly Attendance: 5-10 students
 - Older Students & Adults Christian Education Weekly Attendance: 5-10 adults
 - Guest Worship Leader/Preachers – Cindy Philson, Dotty Mariner, Linda Kellogg
 - Organist/Pianists – Richard Croskey, Lindsay Rodgers, & Jane Buckley
 - The Celebration of Holy Communion Observed: 10 times.
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White Bucket Project

- Collection the last Sunday of every month
 - \$750 was collected.
 - \$775.00 was distributed to people in short-term financial need.
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2016 Monthly Mission Support

January: AWARE of Mercer County (regional)

February: CAPNWP (Westminster Highlands & Camp Lambec) (regional)

March: Lakeview Area Backpack Program (local)

April: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, PCUSA (global)

May: Lakeview Meals on Wheels (local)

June: Vacation Bible School (local)

September: Operation Christmas Child (global)

October: New Castle City Rescue Mission (regional)

November: Lakeview Area Helping Hands (local)

December: Steve & Brenda Stelle, PCUSA missionaries to Ethiopia (global)

Notable Church Events Month-by-Month in 2016

January

- In partnership with the Stoneboro Garden Club, the church continued making & selling homemade cake donuts. Donuts were made every first Thursday of the month.
- Rev. Adam Rodgers and Session members participated in Shenango Presbytery's "Leaderfest" event for church officers at Westminster College.
- Lakeview Meals on Wheels continues to use the church kitchen throughout the year.
- Congregation participated in the liturgy of the Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant on Baptism of the Lord Sunday.
- The annual Congregational Luncheon and sharing of the Annual Report
- Rev. Ralph Hawkins, the Executive Presbyter of Shenango Presbytery, attended one of our worship services and brought formal greetings from our presbytery.
- Rev. Rodgers began a teaching/leading a mid-week Bible study.
- A work crew from the Mercer Regional Correctional Facility painted the church's social hall and women's restroom, and cleaned all the woodwork in the church.
- The Deacons created "Bereavement Boxes" as a way of offering care to grieving families.
- Session donated glass communion cups to Shenango Presbytery partner-churches in the Dominican Republic.

February

- Church & community members begin attending the weekly Lenten luncheons hosted by local churches and organized by the Lakeview Ministerium. Free-will offering benefits Lakeview Area Helping Hands.
- Worshipped jointly with Sandy Lake Presby. Church in observance of Ash Wednesday
- Rev. Rodgers attends stated meeting of Shenango Presbytery at Grove City College.
- A Marriage Vows Renewal Ceremony is held at the church on Valentine's Day.

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March

- Worshipped jointly with Sandy Lake Presbyterian Church in observance of Ash Wednesday, March 5.
- Holy Week was observed (March 20-March 27)
- Men of the church attend a community prayer breakfast the Saturday morning before Easter at the Lakeview Church of God.

April

- Congregational meeting held to elect church officers
- Rev. Rodgers attends stated meeting of Shenango Presbytery in Elwood City.
- Rev. Adam Rodgers had an article published in *The Herald*.

May

- Ruling Elders and Deacons are ordained & installed into their respective ordered ministries, Pentecost Sunday.
- A Linger Longer Luncheon and workday was held.
- A work crew from the Mercer Regional Correctional Facility repaired the front steps and cleaned all the woodwork in the church.

June--August

- Rev. Rodgers assisted graduating Lakeview High School students with the Baccalaureate service.
- Lord's Day worship services are moved to 10AM for the summer. All Sunday morning Christian Education classes begin their summer break.
- Church participated in the Stoneboro Sesquicentennial Weekend: (1) Open house, (2) Parade hospitality, (3) and Community worship service in the park
- Rev. Rodgers attends stated meeting of Shenango Presbytery at Glen Moore Presbyterian.
- Co-host a one-day Vacation Bible School event with Sandy Lake Presbyterian Church.
- Participate in Community Prayer Walks for the Lakeview School District and the Stoneboro Fair.
- Rev. Adam Rodgers had an article published in *The Herald*.

September

- Student & Adult Christian Education resumes.
- Congregation purchases and dedicates 100 new pew Bibles.
- Lord's Day worship services resumes, which included a Blessing of the Backpacks" liturgy for children/teachers beginning the new school year.
- The Lakeview Area Backpack Program begins its 3rd year of ministry to food-insecure students in the Lakeview School District's elementary and middle schools.
- Rev. Rodgers attended stated meeting of Shenango Presbytery at Camp Crestfield in Slippery Rock.

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October

- Deacons provided hospitality for children and their families during Stoneboro community's Trick-or-Treating.
- Clarinet quintet provides special music during a Lord's Day worship service.
- Observed World Communion Sunday & All Saints' Sunday.

November

- Reverend Rodgers attended stated meeting of Shenango Presbytery at First Presbyterian Church, New Castle, PA.
- Participated in a Community Thanksgiving Service sponsored by the Lakeview Ministerium.
- Church members decorated the sanctuary for Advent/Christmas.

December

- Co-hosted a Living Nativity with Sandy Lake Presbyterian Church.
- Annual Christmas dinner for church family.
- Special Christmas Children's Choir performed during a Lord's Day worship service.
- Participated in a community Blue Christmas worship service at the McQuiston Center.
- Rev. Adam Rodgers had an article published in *The Herald*.
- Under the leadership of the Deacons, Christmas cards were signed by church members and mailed to shut-ins/nursing home members.
- A congregational meeting was held to vote on Rev. Adam Rodgers' 2017 Terms of Call.
- Church Christmas Dinner and Christmas Pageant held Saturday, December 19.
- A Christmas Eve Candlelight worship service was held. Harpist Lisa Pesavento provided special music prior to the service.
- Christmas Day worship service with Holy Communion.

2016 Report on Church Investments

Mutual Funds

Beginning balance January 1, 2016	\$152,932.70
Funds withdrawn to pay current expenses	- 33,950.00
Value gained in 2016	+ 7,369.21
Ending value December 31, 2016	126,351.91

Certificate of Deposit at Mercer County State Bank	\$100,000.00
Mercer County State Bancorp stock, 220 shares (approx. value)	8,250.00

Ruling Elder Rich McComb
Stewardship (Finance) chairperson

Financial Stewardship Report

The total giving for 2016 was \$56,566.00. The total expenditure was \$92,471.00. We had to withdraw \$35,905.00 from the money held in the American Funds Investments to make up the difference. Cashdollar & Associates projects that if we continue to withdraw money at the same rate we have in the past few years we will run out of money in that account in about 3 years.

The future of this church and our ability to have a full-time minister is at stake.

If you break it down, we need an additional \$690.00 to come in each week to meet our budget. That is 35 people giving an additional \$20.00 per week.

With this in mind, the Session has set some goals for this year and next year. In 2017 we would like to see an increase in average weekly attendance from 36 to 54 and an increase in average giving from \$1087.00 per week to \$1445.00 per week.

In 2018 our goal would be an average attendance per week of 72 and average weekly giving of \$1800. The overall goal being to be able to meet our budget from the weekly giving, leaving our investment account in tack for emergencies.

But we need to start right now. January is already passed.

Please search your heart and see if you can help more financially.

Invite friends, family, neighbors and others you come in contact with each day to join you for worship on Sunday morning. Those church members that you haven't seen in church for a long time, give them a call and invite them to come back and worship with us.

If we work together I truly believe we can do this. But to be successful it will require a commitment from all of us.

May the love of Christ compel you to join us as we live out this vision and plan for our church.

Stoneboro Presbyterian Church
2016 Financial Report
Submitted by Roberta McClelland, church treasurer

Giving/Offerings

General	\$47,514.20
Basket	8,827.72
Mission	337.68
Per Capita	419.92
Initial Offering	45.00
Special Fund	66.66
Meals on Wheels	1,400.00
Donations	200.00
Use of Church	200.00
Presbytery	835.00
Church Dinner	52.00
Furnace Project	2,250.00
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	\$63,035.70

Interest Income 1,002.41

Money Transfers 46,350.00

Total Income \$109,500.59

Disbursements

Per Capita	\$3,598.08
Flowers	70.00
Mission	241.68
Shurfine	215.70
Miscellaneous	45.00
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	4,170.46

Worship

Music	\$1,650.00
Guest speaker	400.00
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	2,050.00

Church Office

Supplies	\$507.73
PO Box Rental	114.00
Sunday School	177.88
Postage	49.00
Copier	1,587.77
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	2,436.38

Pastor

Salary	\$36,049.65
Housing	12,000.00
SSR	4,058.21
Annuity	940.59
Pension	17,881.56
Mileage Reimb.	424.00
Cont. Ed.	258.70
Prof. Reimb.	2,721.32
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	74,334.03

Checking Account

Beginning Balance \$379.67

Income/Transfers 109,500.59

Expenses 109,959.41

Ending Balance -79.15

Hi-Fi Account Balance \$6,607.96

Church Building/Maintenance

Custodian	\$2,880.00
Utilities	5,001.85
Insurance	4,412.75
Lawn/Snow	1,110.00
Lock Box	20.00
Dept. Labor	343.00
Furnace	425.00
Drain Repair	2015.00
Pest Control	150.00
Dehumidifier	210.94
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	16,568.54

Total Expenses \$109,959.41

**2017 Budget
Stoneboro Presbyterian Church**

(First reading by Session: November 8, 2016; Approved by Session: December 11, 2016)

WORSHIP

Musicians	\$1,300.00
Pulpit-Supply	\$ 500.00
<u>Music/Liturgy</u>	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
	\$2,300.00

STEWARDSHIP—BUILDING & GROUNDS

Office supplies	\$1,200.00
Website maintenance	\$ 100.00
Copier Lease	\$1,600.00
Building maintenance	\$ 5,000.00
Cleaning service	\$ 3,120.00
Utilities	\$12,000.00
Lawn Care	\$ 1,200.00
Winter Care	\$ 500.00
<u>Insurance</u>	<u>\$ 3,500.00</u>
	\$28,220.00

EDUCATION

Materials & Supplies	\$2,000.00
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CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Fellowship events	\$ 500.00
<u>Deacon budget</u>	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
	\$1,000.00

STEWARDSHIP—PERSONNEL

<u>Pastor's Terms of Call*</u>	
Salary	\$36,530.70
Annuity	\$ 949.00
Soc. Sec. Reimb.	\$ 4,098.75
Housing	\$12,000.00
Prof. Reimbursement	\$ 3,000.00
Continuing Education	\$ 750.00
<u>Health Ins./Pension Dues</u>	<u>\$18,060.09</u>
Total Cost to Congregation	\$75,388.54

OUTREACH & MISSION

Monthly mission partners	\$(in & out)
Per Capita (\$37.86/member)	\$3,748.14

<u>BUDGET 2017</u>	
WORSHIP	\$ 2,300.00
EDUCATION	\$ 2,000.00
CONGREGATIONAL CARE	\$ 1,000.00
OUTREACH & MISSION	\$ 3,748.14
STEWARDSHIP—B & G	\$ 28,220.00
<u>STEWARDSHIP—PERSONNEL</u>	<u>\$ 75,388.54</u>
TOTAL	\$112,656.68

* This portion of the 2017 budget was approved at a congregational meeting, December 11, 2016.



**A Vision & Plan
For
Stoneboro Presbyterian Church**

The Session of Stoneboro Presbyterian Church has decided to claim the words of the Apostle Paul as our rallying cry: **“The love of Christ compels us.”**

As we begin a new year and assess the current state of the church, we see areas of real concern:

- Many of our active, beloved members who have both served and support the church for decades are getting older and tired.
- In 2016 we averaged 36 people in attendance for our Lord’s Day worship services, and too many pews remain empty every week.
- On average, our weekly offering is \$1,087 which is less than the estimated \$1,800 weekly offering we need to support the mission and ministry of the church.
- We rely on our financial investments more and more each year to help pay the church’s bills, but the church’s financial safety-net is not as big as it once was and will only supplement our income another 3 to 4 years (supporting a full-time pastor), given past trends and future projections.
- Culturally speaking, the church is becoming less and less important to people’s lives and overall commitment to the church is lower than previous generations.

Given these concerns, we are convinced that we find ourselves at a pivotal time in the history of our congregation. For the sake of our present and future church, now is neither the time for us to bury our heads in the sand nor to mournfully long for what the church once was in days of old. Now is the time to act, and we as the members of your Session feel compelled to lead our congregation in some action.

**But our actions are not going to be compelled by fear.
We choose to be compelled by the LOVE OF CHRIST.**

“The love of Christ compels us...and we no longer live for ourselves but for Christ who died to give us life.” (based on 2 Corinthians 5:14-15)

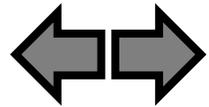
Practical Ways You Can Begin Living Out our Vision & Plan TODAY

The Love of Christ Compels Us...**UP** (Worship)



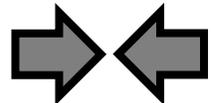
- Join your brothers and sisters for our Lord's Day worship every Sunday.
- When asked by the pastor or a member of session, be open to appropriate participation and leadership in Lord's Day worship services.
- Let the love of Christ compel you to move past your fears, to step out in faith, and to invite your close family & friends to one of our worship services.
- Commit to doing as little work as possible on the Lord's Day and use this day to rest, relax, renew your soul, worship God and spend quality time with family and friends.

The Love of Christ Compels Us...**OUT** (Mission)



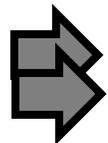
- Communicate community events with the pastor or Session members, indicating how church members might be able to be a helpful, visible presence.
- Find your own way to serve others and demonstrate God's love.
- Look for simple ways to bless people and make a difference in their lives today (a phone call, a smile, a prayer, paying someone's bill, etc.)

The Love of Christ Compels Us...**IN** (Transformation)



- Meet with church members, friends, or family and have a face-to-face conversation about God.
- Set aside time daily to be with Jesus in prayer, ending with The Lord's Prayer.
- Write down your faith journey/story of Christian conversion and share it with someone.
- Attend a Bible study or Christian Education class offered at the church.
- Find your own ways to work on strengthening your body, mind and spirit (walking, biking, Sudoku, healthy eating, or devotional reading).

The Love of Christ Compels Us...**TOGETHER** (Fellowship)



- Visit someone in a nursing home and take someone with you.
- Eat a meal with three people this week, at least one of whom is not a member of the church.
- Pray daily for the people of Stoneboro Presbyterian Church.
- Improve your financial giving to the church, making the commitment to give both regularly and faithfully in proportion to your income.
- At least one day/evening each week, go have fun and build relationships with others.