

**SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
2017 ANNUAL REPORTS**



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1 - CHURCH DIRECTORY FOR 2017

(as of December 31, 2017)

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Dr. Robert B Woodruff, Pastor
Rev. Dr. Kay Huggins, Parish Associate
Rev. Jaime Quiñones, Pastor Emeritus

THE SESSION

Clerk of Session: George Huggins

Class of 2017	Class of 2018	Class of 2019	Class of 2020
Kris Johnson	George Huggins	Anita Abeyta	Kris Johnson
Martha Powers	Abel McBride	Don Bixby	Ella Porrugas
Anita Romero Torres	Ruth Montoya	Pat Gilberto	Anna Torres
Anna Torres	John Van Dyke	Reme Molo	

THE BOARD OF DEACONS

Moderator: Gloria Montoya

Class of 2017	Class of 2018	Class of 2019	Class of 2020
Elefio Montoya	Mickey McHugh	Louella Gurule	Orlando Duran
Gloria Montoya	Bev Molo	Sarah Keegan	Phyllis Nunns
Clarabelle Padilla	Kelly Van Andel	Solema Newton	Lorraine Romero

OUR MUSICIANS

Karmen Van Dyke – Music Director
Beverly Chavez - Organist

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN	PRESBYTERIAN MEN
Moderator: Mary Montoya	Moderator: Abel McBride
Vice-Moderator: Solema Newton	Sec. / Treas. / Historian: Tony Romero
Secretary/Historian: Sharon Oler	
Treasurer: Marie Kenny	

FINANCIAL STAFF

General and Paying Treasurer: Mary Montoya
Counting Supervisor: Lynn Gatewood
Bookkeeper: John Van Dyke

MEMBERSHIP

Beginning 2017: 242
Gains: 11
Loses: 10
Ending 2017: 243

2 - PASTOR'S REPORT for 2017

2017 marks the completion of my fourteenth year as Pastor of Second Presbyterian Church. It was a busy year! You will get a taste of that reality in the following pages. We are continually blessed by wonderful leadership—including our staff and so many committed lay leaders. It is a pleasure to work with you all! Our worship, fellowship, and mission is flourishing, thanks to THE Spirit, your spirit, and a lot of working hard together. We also continue to be a faith community willing to try new things. Highlights of new endeavors from just this fall, include:

- beginning a comprehensive instrumental and vocal music program for children and youth;
- hosting an asylum applicant from Africa in the Candelaria Wing;
- and hosting two significant fundraising events for Puerto Rico.

In 2017, especially, late in the year, we said some difficult goodbyes. In September, we said farewell to the Rev. Jaime Quiñones, who since 1966, blessed this congregation with his ministry. Though tears were shed, we are filled with gratitude, and our friendship with Rev. Q will remain strong for years to come! He will visit periodically and we dedicated the Rev. Jaime Quiñones Peace Garden on April 9, a sacred part of our church space that will always remind us of him. We also said goodbye to many dear, long-time members of our church community. We celebrated the lives of Sam Madrid, Ernestine Arndt, Pas Vigil, Ambrosia Ortega, Trudi Miranda, and Raymundo Chavez. Additionally, in only the span of seven hours, we lost George Vigil, Lydia Romero, and Carlos Candelaria, right before Christmas. A bit of perspective: those three members had a combined membership at Second Church of 185 years! Services were held for Lydia and Carlos, while a service is planned for George on January 26, 2018. We thank God for the many lives of stalwart models of faith. We rest in the reassurance of that they are now in God's eternal presence.

We were also blessed to welcome folks into the membership fold: Martin Atencio, Cruz Bencomo, Joey Candelaria, Desaray Cocio, Ken Conwell, Damien Johnson, Sam Madrid, Richard Martinez, Isaac Ploof, Jasmine Ploof, and Sarah Smith. With the exception of Sam, who we lost just a few weeks after receiving into membership, we recognize the new life and faith that these new members bring to the life of our church. It was also a blessing to have baptized Isaac Ploof and the Chang's grandson, Shaun Alfred Barajas.

Please take time to read the following reports to gain a more comprehensive picture of the church's ministry and remember that many of the deepest acts of faith are not recorded in annual reports but remain in our hearts, and known only by God.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Rev. Dr. Robert B. Woodruff

3 - BUDGET INCOME AND SPENDING 2017 and PASTOR 2018

Budget Income and Spending 2017 and Pastor 2018

INCOME 2017

	per cent	Budget	Actual
Pledges	94.13%	\$211,300	\$198,888.55
Loose Offering	159.11%	\$7,000	\$11,137.65
Per Capita	80.38%	\$4,000	\$3,215.00
Sunday School Offering		\$99	\$45.74
Initial offering	52.00%	\$150	\$78.00
Bldg & Property Use		\$2,200	\$2,075.00
Family Promise (JIC)		\$12,000	\$12,750.00
**Net Dinners	65.30%	\$2,000	\$1,305.99
Interest	116.00%	\$3	\$3.48
Gifts and Bequests, et	72.72%	\$3,750	\$2,726.88
Sum of above	95.76%	\$242,502	\$232,226.29
Actual spend Budget	97.14%	\$242,502	\$235,578.00

SPENDING

SPENDING	Budget	Budget	Actual	2018	Budget
Pastor Compensation	\$102,207		\$101,215		\$106,932
Salary		\$38,810		\$28,906	
Housing		\$17,000		\$31,000	
Child Care Reimbursable		\$5,000		\$2,514	
403(B) Employer Contribution		\$5,514		\$7,000	
"Effective Salary"		\$66,324		\$69,420	
Expense		\$6,600		\$6,600	
1/2 SECA		\$5,074		\$5,135	
BOP Pension/Medical		\$24,209		\$25,777	
Other Staff	\$46,181		\$45,103		
Office Supplies	\$9,600		\$7,178		
Building and Property	\$29,110		\$29,970		
Christian Education Committee	\$13,300		\$11,461		
Mission Committee	\$19,150		\$18,723		
Live Wire Committee	\$2,200		\$1,730		
Worship Committee	\$7,475		\$8,192		
Other Committees	\$3,600		\$2,453		
729999 Hospitality Committee		\$1,000	\$582		
731999 Personnel Committee		\$300	\$0		
732999 Evangelism/Membership		\$700	\$981		
735999 Stewardship and Finance		\$1,500	\$811		
736999 Nominating			\$0		
Memorial Committee		\$100	\$80		
Board of Deacons	\$0		\$500		
Session	\$750		\$652		
Per Capita	\$8,400		\$8,400		
Spending Total	\$241,973		\$235,578		

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4 - DEACONS' ANNUAL REPORT for 2017

2017 DEACONS - Gloria Montoya – Moderator, Beverly Molo -Vice Moderator, Clarabelle Padilla – Secretary, Elefio Montoya –Treasurer, Mickey McHugh, Kelly Van Andel, Louella Gurule, Sarah Keegan, Solema Newton. The Deacons hold their monthly meeting on the third Sunday at 9:00 a.m. The December meeting was cancelled due to busy schedules before Christmas Holiday.

SOME DEACONS ACTIVITIES DURING THE YEAR

- Prepare for communion by selecting elders and deacons to serve communion
- Prepare the bread and juice to be served at communion
- Set up communion table in the sanctuary
- Clean up after communion service
- Count and record number of individuals served communion
- “Furthest Pew Ministry” - taking communion to home bound church members monthly
- Contact church members to inform them of memorial services
- Voluntarily transport church members needing ride to church
- Send Birthday, Anniversary, Get Well and Christmas cards to church members
- One deacon attends monthly Session meeting to report about Deacon activities
- Organized and served Deacon’s Dinner on Pentecost Sunday, 05/21/2017
- Organized a luncheon for furthest pew church members on 09/21/2017
- A Deacon representative served on the Worship Committee.
- A Deacon representative served on the Nominating Committee.

THANKS TO PAST DEACONS - We thank past deacons for their continued commitment to the Deacon Mission and their past service: Abel McBride - for help with Deacon Dinner; Martha Powers - for help with Home Bound Luncheon; Yvonne Gallegos - for providing transportation so others can attend church.

NEW DEACONS - We welcome the new Deacons coming on board for 2018: Orlando Duran, Phyllis Nunns and Lorraine Romero.

Submitted by **Gloria Montoya**, 2017 Deacon Moderator

5 - PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN ANNUAL REPORT for 2017

ACTIVITIES DURING THE YEAR

- January - Worked on our 2017 PW Directory for additions and changes.
- February - Started planning the meals for Synod of the Southwest meeting at the Church on March 17-18.
- March - Hosted the Synod of the Southwest meeting and served 55 people a dinner of Green Chile Chicken Enchiladas, Beans, Rice and a dessert on Friday, March 17. On Saturday, March 18, we had coffee and snacks in the morning and a lunch of soup and Chicken Salad in Pita Bread.
- Monday, March 20 – Held our annual Tea Party, with approximately 40 people were in attendance.
- April 17 - Quarterly Coordinating Team meeting to finalize the plans for hosting the Church Women United Meeting in May.
- May 5 - We hosted the Church Women United May Fellowship Day and served Lunch.
- May 14 Mothers’ Day - We were in charge of the Church Services and collected the Birthday and Thank Offerings.

- May 22 - We rented a bus to take us to Tom and Sharon Oler's Home for lunch. Approximately 25 people went and we had a good lunch and a wonderful bus ride. Tom and Sharon were gracious host.
- June 11- Hosted the Church fundraising lunch of Baked Potato, Salads and Dessert. We collected \$473.00 for the Church.
- September - Started in our new Study book — "Cloud of Witnesses" — The Community of Christ in Hebrews by Melissa Bane Sevier.
- October - Started planning for our Annual Mexican Dinner and Boutique to be held on Saturday, December 2.
- November - Finalized the plans for the Annual Mexican Dinner and Boutique.
- December 2 - Held our Annual Mexican Dinner. We had a successful fund raiser but not as well as we did last year.
- December 11 - Was our Annual Christmas Party at LePeep's on Louisiana. Susie Chang was in charge of the program. A fun time was had by all.

Submitted by **Mary E. Montoya**, PW Moderator

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance ~ of 1/1/17		\$5,385.23
Receipts		
Birthday/Thank Offering	567.50	
Least Coin	23.75	
Mexican Dinner/Donation/Boutique	3,221.97	
Nickels for National	40.04	
Second Mile Giving	750.00	
Study Books	123.50	
Jewelry sale campaign	12.00	
Total Receipts		\$4,738.76
Expenses		
Life Membership	190.00	
Mexican Dinner food/supplies	393.68	
Payment for Study Books	168.90	
CWU Nickels for National	40.04	
CWU Least Coin	23.75	
Halloween Community Party	150.00	
Reimbursements for CWU fundraiser	161.83	
Donations for cushions	226.25	
Herrera Coaches Inc.(Retreat)	350.00	
Mission		
PW of Santa Fe	1,316.60	
Second Presbyterian Church	1,500.00	
Second Presbyterian Deacon Fund	50.00	
Second Presbyterian Sunday School	50.00	
Menaul Historical Library	300.00	
Family Promise of Albuquerque	200.00	
Menaul School	350.00	
Church Women United	75.00	
Camino de Vida	200.00	

Bethal Farmworkers Ministry	500.00	
Funds transferred to Savings	400.00	
Total Expenses		\$6,646.05
Checking Balance of 1/1/18		\$5,593.81
Savings Balance of 1/1/18 (includes transferred funds)		\$4,886.37

Submitted by **Marie Kenny**, PW Treasurer

6 - PRESBYTERIAN MEN ANNUAL REPORT for 2017

MEETINGS - We always meet the last Saturday of each month. Two thousand seventeen saw a change in the format of the men's meetings. We changed our 8:30-10:00am format into 15 minutes of greetings, coffee, burritos, juice, rolls etc.; one hour of discussions; and 15 minutes for Business and Building and Grounds meeting. The one hour became a very intense and exhilarating discussion regarding many, many, themes involving the life of the church, how we as men fit into that life, how it personally affects each one of us, how we react to these challenges, and how can we as leaders in this church community take what we derive from these discussions into the outreach of the church and our personal desires to help others. Some of the themes:

- Is there really a GOD?
- When did you become aware of GOD's visit to you personally?
- "What" is HELL?
- What made you a Christian?
- What made you accept Christ?

MEAL AND FINANCES - The Men's March meal was a huge success, everyone loved our serving of "FRITO PIE." All the proceeds from the meal went into our account because the cost of the meal came as a donation. Our finances are generated by annual dues from PM members, proceeds from the meal, monies derived from the sale of aluminum cans and other aluminum products, and any donations that happen to come our way. Our finances, both general and Veterans, are in the black as we approach our goals for 2018.

CONGREGATIONAL VISITS - One very special highlight of the Men's activities was the visitation to five of our outlying churches in the Northern part of the state. We visited Peñasco, Truchas, Dixon, Chimayo and Mogote, Colorado. Our plans for 2018 are to visit other churches around the state.

LEADERSHIP - Leadership change for 2018: Eli López, Moderator; David López, secretary-historian; and George Huggins, treasurer.

We invite all men to come to our LAST Saturday of the month meetings.

Submitted by **Abel McBride**, 2017 PM Moderator

7 - SESSION ANNUAL REPORT for 2017

MEMBERS – Current and elected Ruling Elders serving on Session are listed in the Directory page of this report. Your Session includes your Pastor.

STATED MEETINGS – Session meets regularly in monthly Stated meetings, normally on the Tuesday following the third Sunday. We begin each Stated meeting with a potluck at 5:15pm. Our Youth leaders and rotating Deacon representative have standing privilege of the floor, and normally attend to provide reports and to consult with and to us. Around 5:45pm the Elder of the month presents a devotional, which have ranged from thought-provoking to inspirational to moving. Around 6:00pm our business meeting begins. We usually have prayed a few times from the beginning of our potluck to the beginning of our business meeting! We have customized agendas for each meeting to attempt to promote and guide an orderly flow of business.

SPECIAL MEETINGS – Special meetings are normally called by the Pastor to conduct imminent and ad hoc business and approvals. Most Special meetings are to examine and approve communicants, new members, or new officers and leaders of the church.

GUIDANCE – Our Pastor is moderator of Session, and is skilled at moving the tempo of the meetings, sensing the direction of Session, and ensuring all have a chance to speak. We have written guidance from the PCUSA Book of Order, and in the Bylaws, and Policies and Procedures of Second Presbyterian. I observe that the 2017 Session has not only moved along orderly, but has managed to laugh a lot, moved by the Spirit of God that we see in each other.

YOUR PARTICIPATION – Session solicits input from all Members of Second Presbyterian, whether for an emerging consideration, or to bring a new subject to our attention. You can always find us, and our Committees, in the monthly newsletter and on the Session page of the church's website, as well as on each bulletin board. We are always wary to identify and correct our sins of omission or commission. But, we are sometimes blind to them. Bring them to our attention! And, please, pray for your Session.

Submitted by **George T. Huggins**, Clerk of Session

8 - YOUTH ANNUAL REPORT for 2017

Second Church is truly blessed with teenagers that have established a bond that is tight enough to keep them together yet elastic enough to allow more young people into the circle. Fun activities, learning sessions, mission projects and trips, fundraising events and Confirmation classes kept us busy the entire year of 2017.

ACTIVITIES BY MONTH

- January - Attended a concert at Sandia Presbyterian Church.
- March - Lock-In where we made bread for the following Sunday morning Communion, practiced balloon shapes and balloon animals, and played lots of games.
- March - We visited Joy Junction. We began our Balloon Ministry, teaching people how to blow up and shape balloon animals. We also took sugar cookies for people to decorate.
- May - A two-day event as it took one day to prepare and the next day to serve our annual Mother's Day Gourmet Pancake Breakfast.
- June - Mission Trip to Carlsbad, NM, where we underwent training to meticulously clean the rock formations in the Caverns. A very worthwhile mission project! We took time to visit Alamogordo and the Space Museum, plus fun time at White Sands.
- July and August - Confirmation classes were held with six (6) youth being confirmed into the faith. Part of this endeavor included a "Help Your Neighbor Day" where we cleaned homes and did yard work, culminating in a swim party hosted by Anna and Jack Torres. We had another mission day as we baked cookies for a local fire department. When we delivered them, we were treated to a wonderful tour of the fire station!

- August - Mission Trip to Peñasco, NM, where we helped set up, serve, and tear down Emmanuel Presbyterian's Annual Spanish Dinner. Our kids "did us proud" as we were participants in the worship service on Sunday morning.
- October - Halloween Party!!!!
- October - December - With the help of a generous benefactor, we were able to bring in Shane Austin to lead five sessions based on the beatitudes. A real blessing for our kids!
- Christmas Party - This event was hosted by the Bencomo Family. It was a huge success with all attending having a wonderful time.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELPING HANDS - It is impossible to have a healthy Youth Group without the gracious and generous hands that are constantly volunteering to help! Thank you to all the parents, guardians, grandparents, and involved members of the congregation for your support!!!

Submitted by **Francis and Susie Chang**, Youth Coordinators

9 - BUILDING AND GROUNDS ANNUAL REPORT for 2017

PEACE GARDEN DEDICATION - Beyond the usual upkeep of the church facilities, the highlights for 2017 were the dedication of the Peace Garden in honor of retiring Associate Pastor Jaime Quiñones. This was accomplished by refinishing all the wooden benches in the garden, fabricating and installing a granite plaque, and the wooden posts to make it a permanent installation, and adding flowers and other plantings to the garden.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT - Solving the insurance questions on the existing playground equipment, a meeting was held with the agents from the insurance company for the church, and they assured us that we are covered if someone is injured while using the type of playground we currently have installed. A slight modification of the swing set on the south playground will have to be made. A settlement for damages to the playground equipment in the north parking lot was agreed, demolition expenses were paid, and monies set aside for the repair and renovation of the south playground equipment. Any remaining insurance monies the church received for the damages to the playground equipment in the north parking lot may then be allocated to other needs the church may have.

OTHER REPAIRS - The grease trap in the JI Candelaria wing kitchen had to be removed and redesigned and installed for the sink area to function properly. Pastor Rob's office space was redesigned, painted, carpeted and refurnished into a more modern and accommodating space. The protruding "safety risk" sink near the north entrance to the kitchen in the fellowship hall was removed and a cabinet was designed for that area with a granite countertop and deep sink and faucet installed. The refrigerated air conditioning system had to be repaired.

Submitted by **Abel McBride**, Chair

10 - CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ANNUAL REPORT for 2017

CE BLESSINGS - Christian Ed is grateful to have such dedicated teachers. Our 4-6 years' old teachers are, Becky Johnson, Iris Sandoval and Karla Woodruff. Elementary teachers are Olga Joyce, Gloria Montoya and Lorraine Romero. Mid High teachers are Susie Chang, Phyllis Nunns and Eugenia Bencomo. High School teacher is James Bencomo.

COMMITTEE – Setting a regular meeting is non-effective, because most of the teachers’ job obligations. We usually meet with them after class or via phone. This year I tried something new. I have joined the Worship Committee meetings, which provides a well-rounded idea of what is happening during worship and how it might affect CE. For example, who is teaching the Children’s moment, what group of children or youth will be singing, and if any of the children will be participating during the service.

SUPPLIES - I handle ordering any curriculum we may need for Lent, Easter and Advent. I also make sure supplies such as tissue, paper towels, hand sanitizer and craft supplies are available. We are pretty well stocked in craft supplies.

EGGSTRAVAGANZA, VBS, AND MUSIC CAMP - Along with our great volunteers, we organize the Eggstravaganza. In VBS I assist in the planning and volunteer with the event. In Music Camp, I volunteer.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY – Rev. Kay Huggins teaches the Wednesday class. Sunday mornings, everyone in the class is rotating the teaching.

Submitted by **Anita Abeyta**, Chair

11 - EVANGELISM AND MEMBERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT for 2017

This was a busy year for the membership committee. Committee members are Pastor Rob Woodruff, Phyllis Nunns, Susan Romero Cordova, Beverly Chavez, and Pat Gilberto.

BAPTISMS - We provided flowers for two baptisms.

CONGREGATIONAL PICTURE - In May, the entire congregation posed outside of the church for a picture taken. It was the first group picture taken since the 1920’s! The picture is now hanging proudly in the fellowship hall. It was the first picture taken in color. Mike McHugh graciously took the picture for us. He is quickly becoming the “church photographer”.

NONAGENERIAN MEMBERS HONORED - Also in May, we celebrated the membership of those who are 90 years old. We honored Carlos Candelaria, Reina Martinez, Tillie Lopez, Eva Ortega, Gilbert Miranda, Lena de Herrera, Tony Chavez, and Lydia Romero. Those who were able to attend were photographed and their picture also hangs in the fellowship hall.

NEW MEMBERS - In June, Rob led a new members’ class and then in July we welcomed Sarah Smith, Richard Martinez, Joey Candelaria, and Ken Colwell to membership at 2nd Church.

CONFIRMATION CLASS - Thanks to the Changs for their wonderful leadership with the confirmation classes for the six young confirmands. They were welcomed to membership with flowers, a cross and cake from our committee and congratulations from the entire congregation.

FIFTY-YEAR MEMBERS - We honored those members who have been steadfast in their continuous membership at 2nd church for longer than 50 years in October. Those members are Aurelia Jimenez, Dorothy Romero, Adolf and Jessie McCoy.

As we prepare for 2018, we are planning another new members’ class to be held in late January and look forward to another busy year.

12 - HOSPITALITY ANNUAL REPORT for 2017

MEMBERS - The Hospitality Committee consisted of five members from the congregation: the session representative who functions as the chair person, and for the past seven years, four dedicated volunteers. Jerry Martinez arrives early to start the coffee. Peggy Esquibel, Isabel Martinez, and Mary Montoya have dedicated hours to preparing the table for enjoyment of “fellowship time”.

LUNCHEONS - The committee, with congregation support, hosted several pot luck luncheons following a funeral service. Among special events:

- March 24 and 25 - In partnership with PW, hosted Synod of SW for meals.
- May - Assisted the Youth Group with their “MOTHERS DAY” Pancake Breakfast.
- August 19 - A farewell celebration for Rev. Jaimie Quiñones.
- September - The Deacons sponsored a luncheon for persons who are ordinarily “home bound” to enjoy a meal and fellowship with each other.
- October 13 and 20 - Fund-raising concerts followed with refreshments, for assisting Puerto Rico with a disaster fund.

GENEROUS BENEFACTORS - The Hospitality Committee has been fortunate to have a member of the congregation who generously provides most of the paper goods used, and another member who donates the coffee. Throughout the year, the congregation has been generous in sharing their unsolicited treats. We are fortunate for having a congregation that enjoys the fellowship time and is generous with their support both physically and financially. I look forward to enjoying it with you.

Submitted by **Martha Powers**, Chair

13 - LIVEWIRE ANNUAL REPORT for 2017

Members of LiveWire (LW): George Huggins (Chair), Alicia Montoya

ANNOUNCEMENTS - In 2017, 108 email announcements were sent to 161 members of the Announcements email group.

CHURCH MANAGEMENT SYSTEM - Breeze, a CHurch Management System (CHMS) recommended for small to medium congregations, was installed in November, 2017, and populated with known demographic and church register information for all members and friends. The cost is \$50 per month. Functionality includes data security, field customization, organization and communication with groups, contribution tracking and reports, yearend giving statements, import and export of data, mass upload and update of persons, restricted access, member access, printable directories, unlimited people, and unlimited accounts.

DIRECTORY - Began plans for a new pictorial directory, to be produced and distributed in 2018. We continued support and updates to Instant Church Directory (ICD), which includes an increasingly popular app for hand-held devices.

FACEBOOK – Counted 71 posts in 2017, some by the Pastor! We have 119 followers.

NEWSLETTER – We have been blessed and fortunate with eager contributors of content, and also to have stellar crews that assisted with assembling, folding, and taping the printed version. Distribution is to 198 addresses via USPS bulk mail, and to 68 email addresses via a PDF file. We solicit suggestions for improvement and encourage all with email addresses to switch to the PDF version.

WEBSITE – We made updates and improvements to the website, and regularly updated the home page. We continue to post videos of regular worship services.

BUDGET - \$1,878 of the \$2,200 budget for 2017 was expended: 12%-website; 41%-newsletter postage; 25%-newsletter paper/copying; 16%-miscellaneous; 5% for the Breeze CHMS (only two months of CHMS).

Submitted by **George T. Huggins**, Chair

14 - MISSION ANNUAL REPORT for 2017

YOUNG ADULT VOLUNTEERS - This year, Albuquerque was designated as a site for the Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) program of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Our pastor, Rev. Dr. Robert Woodruff, participated in this program as a youth. Albuquerque was the only site designated for this year, 2017-2018. Volunteers are housed at Menaul School. Second Presbyterian Church supported YAV with a donation of \$700. Alicia Gilliam, member of our Mission Committee, serves on their board.

NEW MEXICO FAITH COALITION FOR IMMIGRANT JUSTICE - Second Presbyterian Church supported New Mexico Faith Coalition for Immigrant Justice by 1) paying for five church members to attend the coalition's fund-raising dinner on August 26, 2) donating \$250 to supplement the salary of a Rapid Response/Sanctuary Coordinator position, 3) providing temporary housing for asylum seekers/grantees in the Candelaria Wing apartment. The apartment was furnished with donations from both church and community members. On October 31, we hosted an asylum grantee, Joel, from the Congo. Joel received assistance with clothing, food and transportation from church and community members during his stay. Family Promise assisted by allowing Joel to use their computers and shower. Joel sang and played the guitar during our Sunday morning worship service on November 5.

NMCC/CIRCO - The Mission Committee supported *Circo for the Community*, a New Mexico Conference of Churches Benefit Event on April 1. Proceeds from the event benefited the following organizations:

- Migrant Services of Catholic Charities
- New Mexicans to Prevent Gun Violence
- New Mexico Interfaith Power and Light
- Interfaith Hunger Coalition
- Mujeres en Accion

MATANZAS SUNDAY SCHOOL - Curriculum for Sunday School was requested by Rev. Dr. Beidy Casas Aragon at our partner church in Matanzas, Cuba. Curriculum for children was downloaded, saved on a thumb drive and sent with community members traveling to Cuba in June.

GUATEMALA - Members from Second Presbyterian Church, Camino de Vida and First Presbyterian Church traveled to Guatemala on a mission trip for one week in June to provide dental clinics and build chicken coops.

PROJECT SHARE - Volunteers continue to support Project Share on alternating months by preparing, delivering, and serving casseroles at St. Martin's Hospitality Center.

WINGS - Second Presbyterian Church continues to support the Wings for Life program by allowing the group to use our facility twice a month for a meal and inspirational activities. Elders from our church volunteer to open and close the building from 4:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. on Mondays.

CHILE FEST - Second Presbyterian Church, along with other area congregations, partnered with Shepherd of the Valley Presbyterian Church in their 20th annual Chile Fest in August. Funds raised at Chile Fest benefited Habitat for Humanity.

REV HJALMARSON – Rev. Dori Hjalmarson, missionary to Honduras, was supported with a monetary donation of \$300 by our church.

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY - Mobile Food Pantry continues to provide food to less fortunate from our church parking lot on the second Wednesday of the month at 12:30 P.M.

FAMILY PROMISE - Family Promise is housed in the Candelaria Wing providing services to homeless families.

MLK SCHOLARSHIP - The Mission Committee continues to support the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Multicultural Council Scholarship Celebration with a donation of \$1,000 to support the educational goals of a local graduating high school senior. The event is scheduled for January 15, from 1:00 to 3:00 at Congregation Albert. Members of the Mission Committee will attend.

Submitted by **Anna Torres**, Chair

15 - NOMINATING ANNUAL REPORT for 2017

Committee Members: Martha Powers, Lynn Gatewood, Alicia Montoya, Mickey McHugh, David Lopez, James Bencomo, Reme Molo, and ex-officio member Rev. Woodruff.

ELDERS AND DEACONS - For 2017, the committee had the task to in-fill four (4) elders and three (3) deacons who completed their terms for Class of 2017. The elders were Kris Johnson, Anna Torres, Anita Romero Torres, and Martha Powers; and the Deacons were Elefio Montoya, Gloria Montoya, and Clarabelle Padilla. The committee identified 23 potential candidates for these open positions.

FILLING VACANCIES - Before contacting the candidates, the committee confirmed those elders and deacons whose terms expired whether they wanted to stay on for another term. From these, two of the elders committed to serving another term. The elders staying on were Kris Johnson and Anna Torres. The committee therefore needed to fill two more elder positions and three deacon positions.

SOME WERE FILLED - The committee reached out to the individuals identified to be deacons or elders. Initial attempts yielded two (2) deacons, Phyllis Nunns and Orlando Duran. During the congregational meeting on December 10th, Kris Johnson and Anna Torres were elected as Elders, and Phyllis Nunns and Orlando Duran were elected as Deacons. After the congregational meeting, Lorraine Romero accepted to fill the remaining deacon position while Ella Porragas accepted to be an Elder.

ONE MORE - Going into 2018, the committee has worked to fill 3 of 4 vacancies for the elders and 3 vacancies for the deacons. The committee will continue work in filling the remaining elder vacancy.

Submitted by **Reme Molo and Martha Powers**, Co-Chairs

16 - PERSONNEL ANNUAL REPORT for 2017

Committee Members: Ella Porragas, Reme Molo, Sandra Duran Poole, Bob Romero, Kris Johnson, and Rob Woodruff.

SUPPORTING STAFF - The past year was a great year for Second Presbyterian Church. Throughout the year the Personnel Committee worked to support our wonderful staff, which was an honor and privilege.

OUR PASTOR - We are blessed to celebrate Rev. Dr. Robert Woodruff's 15th year with our Church. He has worked tirelessly with the Church and is due a well-earned and past due sabbatical. To that end, the Session established a special committee to help plan the sabbatical.

PASTOR EMERITUS JAIME QUIÑONES - This year we celebrated the ministry of Rev. Jaime Quiñones and his becoming Pastor Emeritus. Sadly, later in the year Jamie stepped down as Parish Associate and moved to live closer to family.

SUPERB STAFF - We are blessed to have superb staff. Each member of our staff consistently goes above and beyond their call of duty. The committee is grateful for their dedication and hard work on behalf of the Church. Some warm thanks go to each member of our staff, including:

- Rev. Dr. Robert Woodruff – Pastor
- Rev. Jaime Quiñones – Parish Associate, Pastor Emeritus
- Rev. Dr. Kay Huggins – Parish Associate
- Karmen Van Dyke – Music Director
- Beverly Chavez – Office Manager, Organist
- Franks Cavalier – Custodian, General Maintenance
- Susie and Francis Chang – Youth Coordinators

Submitted by **Kris Johnson**, Chair

17 - STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE ANNUAL REPORT for 2017

MEMBERS - The Stewardship and Finance Committee is comprised of the following members: Lynn Gatewood, Toby Montoya, Anita Chavez, Jack Torres, Eugenia and James Bencomo; Pastor Rob; Paying Treasurer, Mary Montoya; John Van Dyke, Co-chair and Bookkeeper, and Ruth Montoya, Co-chair. The Committee met at least monthly during the early part of the year and accelerated to more frequent gatherings as we began to plan for the fall Stewardship Campaign.

FOUR SPECIAL OFFERINGS - The Session approved the promotion and receipt of the four Special Offerings designated by the PCUSA. They are: One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost, Peace and Global Witness, and the Joy Offering. In 2017, we collected \$1,378, \$1,060, \$932 and \$1,314, respectively.

STEWARDSHIP AND THE CULTURE OF THANKSGIVING - Discussion at many of our meetings centered around the culture of thanksgiving and how to create a more dynamic spirit of stewardship within our congregation - reminding ourselves that stewardship is not confined to “just money”, but also includes the stewardship of time and talent. Pastor Rob was invited by the committee to set aside time during worship, at least twice a month, for “Thanksgiving Moments” by highlighting at least two of our ongoing mission/ministry

activities and to acknowledge the leadership and participants for their time and efforts. We saw this as a way of informing the congregation about the mission/ministry life of the church, encouraging and engaging more volunteers, and to grow our financial support to continue our dynamic program growth.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN - At our July meeting, the committee continued a more comprehensive discussion on the upcoming Stewardship Campaign Season and possible campaign themes. Celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation took place in 2017, thus the theme of “always reforming” was considered, along with our own Second Church history and its “root system” that has continued to provide nourishment for growth due to our willingness to adopt change; known as a welcoming community; our bilingual worship; multi-cultural congregation; and involvement of children and youth in worship. We concluded that “Roots to Grow” would be an all-encompassing theme.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS - In preparation for Stewardship Dedication Sunday on November 19th, the committee invited Elder Martha Powers and new member, Sarah Smith, to share their respective testimonies regarding the reasons for their involvement in the life of the church. Additionally, committee member Anita Chavez presented a “Mission Moment” to promote the Joy Offering which was received in December. She explained how a portion of the offering benefits church related Institutions such as Menaul School and the importance of supporting this special offering.

PLEDGE CARDS/OFFERINGS - Due to the past expense of ordering a large amount of offering envelopes (200) and then disposing of those unclaimed boxes, the committee agreed that in 2018, 100 envelope boxes would be ordered and that these would be distributed only by request. This option was listed on the modified pledge card that was forwarded in the Stewardship Packet in November. Additionally, the current stewardship numbering system was totally revised, and the congregation was informed about the option of on-line giving and working directly with their bank to make this arrangement. Personal checks placed in the offering plates will be accounted for with an assigned number. Our church school children, with the encouragement and instruction from their teachers, were also given pledge cards.

TIME AND TALENT VOLUNTEER ASSESSMENT QUESTIONNAIRE - The Stewardship mailing packed included a questionnaire listing all the possibilities in which our congregation can participate, e.g. choir, lay leadership, ushers, serving on a committee, food distribution, teaching – to name a few.

INCREASE IN PER CAPITA FOR 2018 - The congregation was informed in September that the Synod of the Southwest, of which our Presbytery of Santa Fe is a member, would increase our Per Capita contribution from \$34 to \$36. Per Capita is a set amount of money per member that congregations pay to the larger Presbyterian Church (USA) councils (Presbytery, Synod and GA). As Presbyterians, we share in the benefit of the church’s system of government and we are asked to share the expenses associated with the functions of that system. A presbytery’s per capita rate is set every two years based on its geographical location and size, its mission needs and the needs of the respective synod.

A DEDICATED STEWARD AND PAYING TREASURER, MARY MONTOYA - In July, Mary Montoya announced that she will be stepping down in February 2018 as the Paying Treasurer – a volunteer position she has held for the past 15 years. Mary was commended by the committee for the excellent work she has faithfully provided. A search for a replacement was launched.

John Van Dyke and I are grateful to the dedicated members of our committee.

Submitted by **Ruth Montoya**, Co-Chair

18 - WORSHIP AND MUSIC ANNUAL REPORT for 2017

GRATITUDE - It was a busy year, for Don Bixby and myself (Anita Romero Torres), of learning and growing as we served this congregation. We were blessed with wise and hardworking members on the committee along with experienced and willing staff and many volunteers who stepped in for additional tasks. We were pleased to serve this faith community and found you to be welcoming, encouraging, engaged and appreciative. Our thanks go out to so many of you who have filled our hearts with gratitude.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS - This year the committee was made up of the following individuals: Anita Abeyta, Susie Chang, Nancy Montoya, Beverly Molo, Luella Gurule, Marie Kenny, Dora Martinez, Beverly Chavez, Karmen Van Dyke, Pastor Rob Woodruff, co-chairs, Don Bixby and Anita Romero Torres. During the year Susie Chang and Marie Kenny resigned from the committee. We appreciate their creativity, energy and hard work. As we enter 2018 we have Deacon Beverly Molo moving off the committee. We express our sincere thanks for the many gifts she has shared. Additionally, she has been our direct source of communication and coordination with the Deacons. We have tasked Bev with recruiting a Deacon to serve in her place.

In addition, we have been fortunate to receive the support and expertise of our Associate Pastors, Rev. Dr. Kay Huggins and Rev. Jaime Quiñones. It is always a pleasure to have them participate in designing worship, filling the pulpit and sharing their wisdom in creative and meaningful ways.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Monthly planning meetings: Thank you committee members and guests for planning, planning, planning and executing the many tasks required. Major seasons of the church calendar (Lent & Advent) require much time, attention to detail, energy and added volunteers. Mil gracias a todos ustedes.
- Sound system: Thanks to John Van Dyke for faithfully staffing the sound system and being available to assist Karmen as needed. Not to mention that he patiently waits while Karmen completes her many tasks.
- Lay Leaders: Thank you Marie Kenny and Karmen Van Dyke for taking on this important task of identifying readers for each Sunday. We appreciate all of you who bravely stand at the pulpit and participate in bringing worship to those of us in the pews.
- Ushers: Luella Gurule continues to take on this task with a willing heart and a friendly telephone voice. This is another task that requires weekly attention. Thanks to all of you who usher us into worship with smiles and warm welcomes.
- Sanctuary Preparation: We have discovered that Don Bixby is incredibly creative when it comes to festive decorations for celebrations of the liturgical calendar. We enjoy watching these ideas come to life in our Sanctuary. Thank you, Don. Additionally, he usually takes time to change the banners and linens when needed—often assisted by other committee members and volunteers. Thanks to Ruth Montoya, Anita Torres and Kelly Van Andel, who regularly help to straighten the Sanctuary. Bob Romero keeps our candles burning by filling them with oil as needed—thanks Bob for keeping watch over this. Nancy Montoya quietly takes on the weekly tasks of filling our Baptismal font and making sure we are equipped to light candles for the beginning of services each Sunday. Toby Montoya is just as quiet when he empties the font at the end of each Sunday service. Thanks to both of you for quietly and willingly serving us.
- Children's Moment Providers: Anita Romero Torres contacts the faithful, creative and willing team who thoughtfully bring a message to our children and youth, each Sunday. We appreciate your gifts as teachers: Marie Kenny, Becky Johnson, Kelly Van Andel (and fur friends), Abel McBride, Lynn Gatewood, Xavier McBride, Pastor Rob and the occasional guest appearance by Rev. Quiñones. If you're interested in helping with the Children's message we welcome you.
- Youth/Children's Participation: It has been a priority of this committee to involve and invite our youth and children to become a part of our worship services. This happens in a variety of ways: lay leaders, processing communion elements, singing, instrumentalists, ushering, minute for mission and more. We

welcome and encourage the gifts our youth/children bring and share. As you know, this would not happen without our youth leaders, Sunday school teachers, Christian Education Committee, music program leaders and teachers and Pastor Rob. Thanks to each of you for your work and support on behalf of the children and youth of this Church.

- Communion Schedule and Committee Budget: These are two important items that are submitted annually by this committee to Session. Thanks to Don Bixby for drafting them and shepherding them through to Session.
- Communion: Our Deacons oversee monthly and special communion observations throughout the year. We cannot fully express the depth of our gratitude to our Board of Deacons for bringing communion to us and to our home bound members. Mil gracias.
- Pulpit Supply: Pastor Rob along with the committee work to identify individuals to fill the pulpit in his absence. Thank you, Rob, for keeping watch over us even when you're not here.
- Weekly recording of Sermon and Services: Thank you Live Wire Committee for diligently setting up the necessary equipment and downloading to our website.
- Music and Adult Choir: Beverly Chavez and Karmen Van Dyke bring us beautiful music each Sunday—this is done in numerous ways, they play instruments, sing, bring in guest musicians, plan and select songs for worship, lead our choir & soloists, and work with our youth and children as well as support our children's choir staff. Thank you for the many ways in which you enhance our worship experiences through music. (You'll see more about this in Karmen's report.)
- Floral Gifts: The sign-up list in Fellowship Hall is posted and monitored by Don Bixby. We greatly appreciate your willingness to bring floral offerings to decorate our Sanctuary for Sunday worship. Please continue to sign-up and celebrate days and people who are special in your life.

WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

Ash Wednesday (evening service): We began our journey into Lent with the Rev. Stephanie Kremmel of First Presbyterian Church in the pulpit and enjoyed the combined choirs of First Church and Second Church. Our cantors were Rev. Rob Woodruff and Rev. Matthew Miller. We also had lovely music provided by: Ryan Chavez, Rev. Kay Huggins, Jori Smith, George Huggins and Karmen Van Dyke. The ashes used for imposition were prepared by Abel McBride from the palms of the previous year's Palm Sunday celebration. Thanks to the many participants who made this service meaningful.

The Sundays of Lent were highlighted by Pastor Rob with a series of sermons on the Five Points of Calvinism using the historic mnemonic TULIP, and updating the meanings of the 16th century terminology. Hand bells called the congregation to prayer. The youth made the bread for the first Sunday communion, and in procession, they brought forward the Communion elements, water for the font, and the Bible.

The honoring of Rev. Carlos Lopez: In March we celebrated the life of former Pastor, Rev. Carlos Lopez. George Huggins prepared a slide show of photographs and many of our members and family members shared memories of Rev. Lopez.

Reaffirmation of Baptism: We used a pebble ritual to walk us through the reaffirmation of our baptisms. This was a moving ritual that was felt deeply by many congregants.

Maundy Thursday: The service was led by Pastor Rob and Rev. Jaime Quiñones. We celebrated with a Passover setting, a simple soup supper with authentic Middle Eastern flat breads, made elegant with the use of Ruth Montoya's blue goblets (thanks Ruth), a myriad of blue and white candles, and white table cloths. The foot washing ritual was in the good hands of our Deacons and Elders.

Healing Services: Twice this year we incorporated a healing ritual with individual blessings/prayers and special oils used to anoint the participants. This has been an important and deeply meaningful ritual to include. It is widely appreciated by the congregation and visitors. Thanks to Anita Abeyta and Don Bixby for donating the oils.

Passion Palm Sunday & Peace Garden Dedication: Hosanna! The dramatic reenactment of Christ's entrance into Jerusalem was the lead up to Holy Week. Thanks to Marie Kenny for coordinating this moving presentation and thanks to those who took on roles for the drama. After the worship service, we gathered in the

Peace Garden to dedicate the space and a beautiful sign to the half century of inspiration and leadership by Rev. Jaime Quiñones at Second Presbyterian Church. Abel McBride and others arranged for a beautiful and fitting sign commemorating this dedication.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service: We gathered in silence as the cross was processed by Bob and Trancito Romero. The service and story unfolded through moving music and narration presented by the combined choirs of Risen Savior Roman Catholic Church and our own Second Presbyterian Church. We exited in silence after the Sanctuary had been stripped, the last candle had been extinguished and the entrance to the tomb had been closed. If you haven't attended this service I encourage you to come and experience it.

Easter Sunday: Sunrise service was led by Pastor Rob in the Peace Garden and it was followed by a tasty potluck brunch. At our 10:30 am worship we were greeted outside the church by the rousing Mariachi band and a cross in which worshipers inserted hundreds of U.S. grown blossoms. Forty Easter lilies decorated the Sanctuary, while butterflies, as symbols of the Resurrection, were hung from the ceiling, and graced other areas of the Sanctuary. *He is risen*, was the celebration of the day!

Pentecost Sunday: Fire and wind of the Holy Spirit of Pentecost were represented in the Sanctuary with red banners and hangings, and an array of red candles on the Communion table. By invitation many worshipers also arrived dressed in red. A fiery worship was led by Rev. Dr. Kay Huggins with red and yellow flower petals raining down on the congregation—thanks to the balcony helpers for making it rain.

World Communion Sunday: Textiles from around the world festooned the Sanctuary. These beautiful fabrics from nearly two dozen countries were offered by members of the church and celebrated the global aspect of Christian Fellowship. Communion featured breads from several cultures—India, Poland, Israel, and Latin America.

Reformation Sunday: 2017 marked the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Appropriate music, procession of the Communion elements and Bible, and the Solas representing *Scripture, Faith, and Grace* recalled the precepts and traditions of the early Reformation. We were honored to have Rev. Wendell Griffen, pastor of New Millennium Church in Little Rock, Arkansas, lead us in worship.

All Saints Celebration: Congregants brought images of departed loved ones that were displayed at the front of Sanctuary on tables brightened with candles and small floral arrangements. A video of members who had passed during the year was projected on the wall of the Sanctuary. Thanks to George Huggins and Chris Johnson for your technical expertise.

Advent Season: Purple banners, white and purple paraments, and a lace cloth on the Communion table struck an elegant but subdued atmosphere for the Season of Advent. Each Sunday worship service featured outstanding choral and instrumental music. The Advent Wreath helped us to count down the weeks of waiting and provided a focus for reflection during each week. Our Sanctuary was decked out in seasonal wreaths and greens. A Nativity scene greeted us as we entered the Church, thanks to Jim and Vivian Lechtenberger for this display. Thanks to Ruth Montoya for leading volunteers in seasonal liturgy and the hanging of the greens. After services one Sunday teams of carolers took time to visit our home bound members. This has become a fun and meaningful tradition which is always welcome by those who receive the visits. Marie Kenny and Nancy Montoya organized the routes, created maps and recruited carolers. This can be a big job during this busy season. We greatly appreciate your time and energy—thank you! Also thanks to Beverly and Reme Molo for donating a fresh Christmas tree for the children to decorate in Fellowship hall.

First Sunday of Advent The first candle in the wreath is purple and is the candle of Hope. It was lighted by the Johnson Family.

Second Sunday of Advent The second purple candle is the candle of Peace and was lighted by Kelly Van Andel, Olga Joyce, Jerry Martinez, and Ken Conwell.

Third Sunday of Advent Also known as Gaudete Sunday, the third candle is pink and is the candle of Joy. It was lighted by the Will Chavez Family.

Fourth Sunday of Advent The fourth candle is the purple candle of Love and was lighted by Anita Romero Torres' family. Three dozen poinsettias brightened the Sanctuary for the services on this day. (Many were taken home after the service and several were delivered by Deacons to our home bound members.)

Christmas Eve The Advent wreath was fully illuminated with the addition of the large white Christ candle lighted by the Molo family. The service featured special music and candle lighting by all in the congregation. The candles were carried outside where Christmas carols were sung around the fire pit. Thanks to Elefio Montoya for preparing the fire and to Orlando Duran for keeping watch over the fire and cleaning up afterward. Also, a huge thanks to Marie Kenny for recruiting our weekly Advent lighters and each Sunday organizing the readings, answering questions and being available for any needs.

ADDITIONAL CELEBRATIONS TO NOTE - These are some of the other special celebrations that came into our Sunday worship services and will likely be mentioned in other Committee reports.

- Celebrating our Nonagenarians
- The gift of having one service each year planned and lead entirely by the women of our Church
- Commissioning our mission trip travelers to Guatemala
- Commissioning our youth for their mission trip to Carlsbad
- Celebrating our graduates
- Commissioning our Sunday School teachers
- Celebrating our members of 50+ years
- Receiving new members
- Baptisms
- Ordination and Installation of Deacons and Elders

RECLAIMED SPACE - The Committee has been working with others, especially Rev. Kay Huggins and Loraine Romero, to restore the basement area for storage of seasonal worship properties and costumes. Good stewardship has inspired the redistribution of a great deal of surplus materials to other churches, groups and agencies; much rubbish has been recycled or disposed of; walls have been painted; and closets are being installed. More work is needed but this new storage space has provided relief for the sound room which is now more accessible and functional since its burden has been reduced.

ENDING WITH GRATITUDE - Just as we began with gratitude it seems appropriate that we should end with gratitude. The Worship and Music Committee and volunteers offers thanks to you; congregants, friends, visitors and family of Second Presbyterian Church, for allowing us all to be in service. It is the giving of ourselves that brings us joy and fulfillment.

Submitted by **Anita Romero Torres and Don Bixby**, Co-Chairs

18a - MUSIC MINISTRY

ADULT CHOIR - The Adult choir was blessed this year with five new singers, including two high school voices. While we continue to pray for MORE MEN, that level of size increase is “unheard of”! (We understand there may be two or three more choir member possibilities for 2018.) The quality of the choir’s music continues to improve, making it joyful to work with the “products”, as well as the personnel. A gift from Marty Martinez allowed us to do a vocal skills workshop with the women of the choir, led by Carol Jolly from Santa Fe; we anticipate offering a similar workshop for men in 2018.

Summer music leadership was provided by Ruth Montoya, Julian Griego, women of the choir, and Nancy Montoya’s *Las Cantadores*, as well as the full choir on several occasions. Thank you!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SHARING MUSIC

- In January, we provided musical leadership for the ecumenical service of *Prayer for Christian Unity*, hosted by Camino de Vida.
- Ash Wednesday 2017, was the second combined service with First Presbyterian which exclusively used Taize music, accompanied by an instrumental ensemble; the choirs provided congregational leadership, and,

once again, used Revs. Matt Miller and Rob Woodruff as cantors. A combined choir anthem was added this year.

- This was our fourth year to present St. John's Passion with Risen Savior Roman Catholic Church, for Good Friday evening worship.
- In April, a combined concert was performed with Grace Methodist's choir, supported by *Signature Winds* (Joy Bohning's ensemble), and gave us the opportunity to prepare several pieces of classical music, as well as performing several of our "favorites" for a receptive audience.
- In December, Second Presbyterian joined the Menaul School Choir to carol school visitors as part of a fundraiser. The choir also supported the congregation's tradition of caroling our shut-ins.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN - Monetary gifts from Marty Martinez and Conrad Rocha provided an extraordinary fall music program for children and youth of the church: Debi Eisenhour, a specialist in Kindermusic, was contracted to work with our preschoolers, named, by Pastor Rob, *Las Semillas* (Seeds). Debi's program has included stories of faith and values, as well as preparing the children to sing in worship twice and with a combined group on Christmas Eve. Julia Church Hoffman, director of UNM Music Preparatory School and UNM Children's Chorus, directed a choir for elementary children, named *Los Retoños* (Sprouts); this choir prepared music for worship and developed skills in vocal production, rhythm, and part singing; Joy Bohning, a public-school band teacher, worked with mid and high school musicians to put together an instrumental ensemble which played for Dedication Sunday and for morning worship on December 24.

Bob Deuble, a scientist who studied guitar at Peabody Conservatory, began teaching guitar to one student mid-year, added another in the fall, and has several waiting in the wings for inclusion in 2018.

We have been GIFTED!!

Summer Music Camp with First Presbyterian was successful once again, with Second Presbyterian children being nearly half of the participants. Julia Church Hoffman conducted preschoolers; Karmen conducted the younger school age children, and James Yeager directed the older participants.

INSTRUMENTALISTS - Instrumental musicians enhancing worship this year were: Joy Bohning, flute; Ryan Chavez, cello; Bob Deuble, guitar and percussion; Susie Fritz, French horn; Hillary Higgins, violin; George Huggins, guitar; Rev. Kay Huggins, flute; Isaac Ploof, clarinet; Carine Ragsdale, French horn; Linnea Rowley, oboe; Jori Smith, clarinet/oboe; and Sharon Woodworth, cello. The youth instrumental ensemble included Gavin Hoover, trombone; Damien Johnson, xylophone; Eli Lopez, bass clarinet; and Isaac Ploof, clarinet.

Mariachi Sonido Nuevo provided Easter music. Steve Chavez and Hovey Corbin provided marimba music for World Communion Sunday. Suzanne "Aden" Kemp was hired to bagpipe Reformation Sunday worship. A woodwind trio of Joy Bohning, Linnea Rowley, and Susan Brake provided Christmas Eve music and accompaniment for the choir.

PHYSICAL ENHANCEMENTS - Memorial money from Jane Collins, sister of Thelma Trujillo, gifted our worship music with a needed organ replacement. This lovely Allen organ replaced one in need of significant repair and has superior electronics and enhanced sound quality.

Anita Chavez gifted the program with money to construct closets to protect costumes and instruments, and money from Marty Martinez will refurbish the sound room.

PERSONNEL - Beverly Chavez chooses most hymns used in weekly worship. She and Karmen Van Dyke provide worship music each Sunday and for funerals. The choir provides special music for most funerals.

Several people were especially helpful this fall in supporting the new preschool and elementary choirs. I especially want to thank Anita Abeyta, Juanita Lucero, Camila Hoover, and Becky Johnson for being available, encouraging, and responsive to whatever needed to be done.

It was a joy to have *Los Amigos*, now all out of high school, graciously prepare a men's quartette and also sing with the adult choir for Christmas Eve.

Many thanks this year to an extraordinary Worship Committee that made planning and implementation feel especially creative and worship-filled.

Para la Gloria de Dios
To the glory of God

Submitted by **Karmen Van Dyke**, Music Director

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