



**Christ Memorial**  
Presbyterian Church

**2015 Annual Report**





# Introduction

Dear Reader,

I have a feeling that 2015 was a year none of us will soon forget. It was certainly a banner year for those of us who call CMPC home. We took some very important, major steps forward toward a very bright future of ministry here. In June the Ad Hoc Facilities Committee concluded its work of over two years by presenting a Ministry Expansion Plan to the entire congregation that involves major renovation and addition to our facility. (We cannot thank our brothers and sisters who served on that committee enough for their hard work and dedication!) The plan was received with great excitement and enthusiasm and we got to work right away planning for a capital campaign to fund the project. That campaign launched in October and ran for six weeks. It took many volunteers to make it happen and, in the end, it was an incredible success. To date the campaign has raised over \$2.06 million. That is more than four times our annual operating budget—which is almost unheard of in church capital campaigns today. What a blessing and encouragement—to know we are all behind these much needed improvements that will position us so much better to be about the work God is calling us to for years to come. And, as I write, our newly formed Ministry Expansion Committee is already hard at work figuring out the next steps.

Of course, our ministry was not limited to our Ministry Expansion Plan and Capital Campaign this year. So many long-standing traditions took place and were joined by many new initiatives. You can read about most (though certainly not all) of what we did together in the pages that follow.

Friends, I continue to feel immensely blessed to labor in ministry alongside all of you—to prayerfully and faithfully seek God’s will for us and this world and then to act in worship, in service, in education, in fellowship and so much more. Once again we step into another new year filled with hope and excitement about what lies ahead. To be sure, there is a lot of work to be done—good work. And the good news is: we not only get to engage in that work with one another, we get to do so with our God as well!

Thank you for making 2015 such an extraordinary year! Here’s to 2016 continuing that trend!

Peace in Christ,

Rev. Scott W. Hoffman



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## Our Mission

**Grateful to God for his constant loving presence and guided by his Word, we are called to be a people who:**

- Praise God in worship and in our daily lives
- Grow Biblically and spiritually in our life together,
- Reach out as witnesses of Jesus Christ, serving those in need, and
- Share Christ's love with one another and everyone we meet.



## Our Vision

**We believe that God is calling members of Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church to:**

- Live as brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, strongly bound together in loving relationship and equipped for ministry to one another and to the wider community.
- Engage all ages in uplifting worship that offers a variety of ministry styles to connect with everyone.
- Grow Biblically and spiritually by offering all children, youth, and adults a variety of educational opportunities on Sunday mornings and throughout the week.
- Reach out to the unchurched in our community -- especially younger families and adults, empty-nesters, and believers who have no active church home -- and invite them to participate in ministry with us.
- Emphasize mission by focusing on thriving projects and seeking meaningful opportunities for all members and youth.
- Strengthen our church community through love for one another, providing a variety of fellowship activities and outreach events that extends beyond church walls.
- Update and beautify our building and grounds to create new possibilities for worship and service in Christ's name.



# Clerk of Session

## Membership Changes:

The changes in membership during 2015 are presented in the Table:

Active Members - December 31, 2014			428
Additions through Profession/Reaffirmation	8		
Additions through Letter of Transfer			
Total Gains		8	
Losses by Letter of Transfer			
Deaths	2		
Deleted from Active Roll	3		
Total Losses		5	
Active Members - December 31, 2015			431

## Baptisms:

Five infants and one child were baptized in 2015.

## Worship Attendance:

Average worship attendance for all 2015 services was 161. Services with the highest attendance were the 10:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Service, with 344, and the 5 p.m. Family Friendly Christmas Eve Service, with 332.

## Membership Demographics:

On Dec. 31, 2015 church membership consisted of 234 females and 197 males.

Membership as broken down by age group:

<b>Age 25 and under:</b>	71
<b>Age 26-35:</b>	71
<b>Age 36-55:</b>	102
<b>Age 56-64:</b>	60
<b>Age 65 and older:</b>	86
<b>Non-declared:</b>	41



# Church Officers

## The Session

**Moderator: the Rev. Scott Hoffman**  
**Treasurer: Tom Mawhinney**

**Clerk of Session: Janene Holzberg**  
**Assistant Treasurer: Bill Anderson**

Class of 2016	Class of 2017	Class of 2018
Allen Exner <i>Worship &amp; Music*</i>	Shelley Clemens <i>Personnel*</i>	Sue Ashman <i>Stewardship*</i>
Rashid Gill <i>Worship &amp; Music</i>	Maha Davies <i>Nominating*</i>	Ron Brown <i>Stewardship</i>
Elise Jordan <i>Mission and Local Outreach</i>	Janene Holzberg <i>Clerk of Session</i>	Terry Brown <i>Property*</i>
Steve Kappes	Don Neely <i>Finance</i>	Bill Gretsich <i>Stewardship</i>
Don Mitchell <i>Mission &amp; Local Outreach*</i>	Liz Perraud <i>Christian Education*</i>	Leta Loring <i>Finance*</i>

\*Denotes chair or co-chair

The Elders who rotated off the Session in December 2015 were: Bob Ashman, Razia Aslam, Joyce Danzig, Hyiwot Teshome and Chip Yawney. We thank them for their service.

## The Board of Deacons

**Moderator: Marilyn Mills**

**Secretary: Rotating Monthly**

Class of 2016	Class of 2017	Class of 2018
Bob Clemens <i>Fellowship</i>	Kris Bloom <i>Care and Wellness*</i>	Maddon Barham <i>Fellowship</i>
Marjay Laske <i>Care and Wellness</i>	Gil Burckart <i>Membership &amp; Hospitality</i>	Lisa Gavan <i>Membership &amp; Hospitality</i>
Marilyn Mills <i>Moderator</i>	Ashlee Hoffman <i>Membership &amp; Hospitality*</i>	Rick Mills <i>Fellowship</i>
Bill Ryder <i>Membership &amp; Hospitality</i>	Todd Stubbs <i>Fellowship*</i>	Rob Reese <i>Fellowship</i>
	Lucy Neely <i>Care and Wellness</i>	Tim Richards <i>Membership &amp; Hospitality</i>
		Noah Teshome <i>Membership &amp; Hospitality</i>

\*Denotes chair or co-chair

The Deacons who rotated off the Board in December 2015 were: Andrew Exner, Iris Dean, Diane Kappes, and Clarence Wingate. We thank them for their service.



# Nominating Committee of the Congregation

## **Committee Members**

Maha Davies, Hyiwot Teshome, Bill Ryder, Debbie Jensen, Heather Barham, Norm Malmberg, Alfreda Gill.

## **Conduct of Business**

We had nine formal meetings on the first Tuesday of every month. Each meeting was opened and closed in prayer with a short devotional following the opening prayer. Most of the work of this committee occurred between meetings using electronic methods of communication. To gather nominations, recommendation forms were included in Sunday bulletins and letters to potential candidates were sent. Countless phone calls were made and many personal discussions were had with potential officers.

## **Discernment**

We utilized a process of discernment based on scripture which was similar to previous years and was consistent with the call process practiced at Presbytery and in LOGOS. This process was documented and is commended to future committees. It covers everything from writing position descriptions based upon the work of previous committees, identifying what gifts of leadership are needed, forming candidate pools, discernment, and identifying matches.

## **Selection of Candidates**

The entire membership was reviewed and each person's talents, experience, and service were compared to the needs of the various positions. Recommendations were solicited and received by the committee and were given full consideration. Realizing the limits of knowledge within our committee, we sought input from members of the congregation and the Pastor. We prayed and trusted in the Lord to guide us. We sought to obtain balance on the various boards of the Church, considering the demographics, the needs of the boards, and the candidate pool. To decide, we prayed and built consensus.

## **Nominations Made and Unanimously Approved by the Congregation**

**Elders for a three year term:** Sue Ashman, Ron Brown, Terry Brown, Bill Gretsche, Leta Loring, Lucy Neely

**Deacons for a three year term:** Lisa Gaven, Rick Mills, Rob Reese, Tim Richards

**Deacon for two year term:** Maddon Barham, Noah Teshome

**2015 Nominating Committee:** Kathleen Hong, Jan Keister, Eleanor Orndorff, Jennifer Seinfeld

## **Summary**

It was truly a learning process to serve on this committee. There were points in the process when we all became very discouraged at the negative responses received. However, Pastor Scott guided us and encouraged us to continue the process. In the end, the Lord's will was done and our work completed.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Maha Davies**

**Nominating Committee Chair**





## Communications

In 2015, the Communications Committee of Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church welcomed our current coordinator, Katie Foster. Katie has done a marvelous job of seamlessly integrating herself and her work into the effort of our church in general and the communications committee in particular. We are tremendously fortunate to have her as our coordinator.

The committee also worked diligently throughout the year 2015 to stabilize the IT infrastructure of our church. We are happy to report that our infrastructure is now more stable and functional than it has ever been. We would like to thank our new vendor, Reedy Creek, and in particular, Neil Danzig, for the effort in making all that a reality.

This past year, the committee put the emphasis on its core mandate – communicating – and worked with Katie on reaching out to our fellow members through email, newsletters (digital and paper based), our website, FB and Twitter feeds. With the very helpful cooperation of Session, we have made Session and committee reports available, on request, to all our members.

We thank all our brothers and sisters that have helped us in our many efforts over the past year and are confident that we will have the support of even more of their help during the upcoming year

**In Christ,  
Hyiwot Teshome  
Chair, Communication Committee**



## Christian Education

The Christian Education Committee is composed of members-at-large as well as representatives from a number of significant church programs. CE also serves as a liaison for the scouts who meet at CMPC.

The 2015 Christian Education Committee was made up of the following individuals: Glenda Baca, Tiffany Carmean, Heather Gallagher, Carrie Jenkins, Linda Johnson, Margaret McGillivray, Debbie O’Neal, Liz Perraud, Jane Preston, Rob Reese, Jennifer Seinfeld, Missy Sullivan, Ryan Thomas, and Becky Zordan. These people are strongly committed to the ongoing Christian discipleship of the adults, youth, and children of our congregation.

Our committee is charged with:

- Support and oversight of Christian Education programs
- Oversight of volunteer screening policy
- Third Grade Bibles and Graduation Sunday
- Identifying and training teachers and curriculum approval
- Support and oversight of CMPC Preschool, CMPC nursery/child care, and Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts

The CE programs are only possible because of the many additional people who volunteer to make them happen and participate in the gatherings and programs.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Liz Perraud  
Moderator Christian Education Committee**



# GIFT: Generations In Faith Together

Our GIFT gatherings celebrated a full year in 2015. The goal of our new (mostly) Sunday program was to help our participants build a personal relationship with Christ while building relationships with one another of all ages. The program includes an educational component based on exposure to and discussion of scripture and seeks to be intentionally intergenerational. GIFT events usually include a shared meal, fellowship, learning (sometimes all ages together and sometimes “parallel learning”) and a worship component.

**January:** Cancelled

**February:** Cancelled

## **March: By Faith**

After cancelling this GIFT gathering twice due to bad weather, 34 people finally gathered on a Sunday evening to study Hebrews 11. Following a meal, and introduction to the study, there was a responsive reading led by a variety of generations and then table discussions about individuals listed in the biblical text. As a group project, we created a mural (Faith Wall of Fame) with cut-outs representing people who influenced our own faith.

## **April: Prayer**

A Sunday evening gathering. Following an opening in Fellowship Hall, everyone was dismissed to rotate at their own pace to eight creative and interactive prayer stations throughout the church building. We ended the evening with a light meal of appetizers and desserts. Attended by 26 people.

## **May: Food Packaging Mission**

On a Saturday morning, we worked with Stop Hunger Now to package 10,000 meals. The assembly process combined rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables and a flavoring mix that included 23 essential vitamins and minerals into small meal packages. The meals were shipped throughout the world to support school feeding programs, orphanages and crisis relief. The funding of .29/meal (\$2,900) came from CMPC’s Mission Committee and our 5th Sunday Offering in March. Over 80 people of all ages participated. We hope to make this an annual event.

We received this follow up report from Stop Hunger Now:

We are delighted to announce that the meals from your meal packaging event on 5/30/2015 have been shipped in a container totaling 285,120 meals from our National Capital warehouse. The meals will be received by our in-country partner LeSEA Global: Feed the Hungry - USA in Uganda.

These meals will be distributed through LeSEA Global: Feed the Hungry’s daily feeding program for impoverished children in seven schools throughout the greater Kampala area of Uganda. After Stop Hunger Now meals first started distributing meals in January 2011, enrollment soared from 650 to 2,014 children by the end of the year. Now LeSEA Global: Feed the Hungry reaches more than 15,000 children every day. Right now, the program in Uganda faces even greater needs as refugees from fighting in the Democratic Republic of the Congo make their way to Uganda. Feed the Hungry has committed to providing food and other basic needs--including clean water--to refugees in the Rwamwanja and Kiryandongo camps in Western Uganda.

## **September: Baptism and Communion**

More than 60 people of all generations gathered together for our GIFT event on the sacraments of baptism and communion. Following a lunch in Fellowship Hall, the children (led by our middle school and high

# GIFT: Generations In Faith Together (cont.)

school youth) explored stations in the sanctuary to learn about and discuss our topic. They examined several of the stained glass windows, communion table, baptismal font and looked at the hymnals to find related songs. Adults remained in Fellowship Hall to dive deep into the topic with Pastor Hoffman. We all joined together in the sanctuary to close with a moving communion and reaffirmation of baptismal covenant worship service.

## **October: All-Church Retreat**

With the backdrop of a nearly perfect fall weekend, close to 30 folks attended our second annual all-age church retreat at NorthBay Adventure Center near the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay in North East, Maryland. The theme for our weekend was “Claim Your Name” as we explored sessions about our own names, names of important biblical characters, and our name as a community—Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church.

It was a wonderful weekend of worship, study, coloring, s’mores and songs around a bonfire, shared meals, fresh air, and some “high adventures” on the ropes course, the giant 3-person swing and the rock wall. We presented skits to convey scripture and created two collages about our CMPC family.

Retreat planning team: Lauren Anderson, Heather Barham, Ashlee Hoffman, Scott Hoffman, Liz Perraud, Todd Stubbs.

## **December: Christmas Music**

Over 80 people of all ages attended our December GIFT event to sing and learn about the music of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. We began with a delicious lunch featuring table discussions about our favorite Christmas songs and memories of when we learned the songs. The adults then moved to the sanctuary with Lorri Yawney, Joy Exner, and Allen Exner to hear the fascinating history of hymns and to sing. The children and youth helpers remained in Fellowship Hall with Markita Garner and Jennifer Seinfeld to learn sign language to *Away in a Manger*. We all joined together then for the children to present what they had learned as we all sang. The event wrapped up with the singing of the first verse of lots of requested Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany songs from our hymnal.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Liz Perraud and Jennifer Seinfeld  
GIFT Coordinators**

## Nursery

CE continues to coordinate the nursery for the youngest members of our congregation. Our nursery staff provides care during the 10:30 worship service, LOGOS, and many special services and events. Laura Holderman completed her fourth year as a member of the CMPC nursery staff, and Allison Miller celebrated her first year anniversary as a member of the CMPC nursery staff in September. We are very thankful for our nursery staff as they provide for our youngest members. Volunteers from the congregation provide additional support during special services, LOGOS, as well as for special events; they are still an essential part of the nursery program. We are grateful to our volunteers for their enthusiasm and cheerfulness in providing a positive experience for the children.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Tiffany Carmean**

## Sunday Experience

In 2015 CE continued to provide the Sunday Experience program during the 10:30 worship service for our children - preschool through 2nd grade. This program allows children to worship with their families for the first part of the service, then children move downstairs following “Moments for Children” for an age appropriate program. Children in K-2 focused on worship skills adopted from Feasting on the Word curriculum with specific focus on The Lord’s Prayer (Sept 2014 - June 2015) and the Apostle’s Creed (Sept 2015 - June 2016). Children in the preschool class focused on Bible stories and in the fall, Celebrating God’s World in Children’s Church. During the summer, Sunday Experience continued with a program built around a curriculum on “fruits of the spirit” taught by weekly volunteers.

Teachers for 2015 included Linda Johnson, Liz Perraud, Kathleen Hong, Debbie O’Neal, Sandi Chapasko, Glenda Baca, Becky Bruce, Carrie Jenkins, and Jane Preston. Teachers were assisted by Courtney Ashman, Lucy and Fiona Neely, Chris and Russell Hong, Kerri Holderman, Hannah and Jeffrey Najmi.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Jane Preston**  
**Sunday Experience Coordinator**

## Vacation Bible School

Over 100 preschoolers through fifth graders and about 70 youth and adult volunteers filled the church building and grounds for a week in June with songs, prayers, conversations, and laughter—all to the glory of God at our Everest-themed Vacation Bible School.

We took a “VBS Planning Team” approach to the week this year and built off of the excellence of previous years. We capped early on at our 100 participant goal and even established a waiting list. Our participants identify themselves as 30% from CMPC, 68% from another church (with a very wide mixture), and 4% as “none” or “various.” For many of these children, this is their week of church, no matter how they might identify themselves.

The youth volunteers (nearly 30) also participated in a Tuesday afternoon mission day and a pool party on Thursday afternoon. We ended the week with a cookout for about 300 people. We are blessed to be able to gather together teens, young adults, parents, empty-nesters, grandparents and great-grandparents to offer this fun and faith-filled week. We are also appreciative of the donations of supplies and the time spent at our VBS Prep Nights which helps us keep our expenses lower.

### **Our VBS Leadership Team:**

**Co-Coordinators:** Carrie Jenkins and Liz Perraud

**Logistics:** Lisa Gavan

**Preschool:** Pam Mitchell

**Kitchen:** Kris Bloom

**Registration:** Tiffany Carmean

**Decorations:** Laurie Stewart

**Opening/Closing:** Haley Barham

**Picnic:** Carrie Jenkins

**Bible Station:** Cindy Pettit and Jen Neely

**Imagination Station:** Nancy Hahn

**Recreation Station:** Meghan Jones

**Post-VBS Youth:** Liz Perraud

# Christ Memorial Christian Preschool

The 2014/2015 school year was the 38th year that Christ Memorial Christian Preschool has provided a quality preschool Christian education for children of all races and creeds. We are licensed by the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) and certified as a Healthy Childcare site through the Healthy Howard Program. We are a Quality Rated Program through Maryland Excels and the majority of our staff has obtained credentialing through MSDE. Our school philosophy is from Proverbs 22:6: “Point your children in the right direction ~when they’re old they won’t be lost.”

Our fiscal year begins July 1 and ends June 30 of each year. During the 2014/2015 school year the preschool was enrolled at 91% capacity.

## **Staff**

Our staff consists of the following women who possess a love for our Lord and for children:

Kim Braithwaite, Heather Gallagher, Julie Neinhuis, Mary Lewin, Kathleen Smith, Barbara Stine, and Helen Netherton.

Missy Sullivan continues to serve as director. We were sad to see Heather Gallagher and Helen Netherton leave at the end of May 2015. Heather is on maternity leave and welcomed a beautiful baby girl to her family in June. Helen and her family returned to England. God provided two fantastic replacements for our 2015/2016 school year: Stefanie Rosti, a lead teacher and Angela Blose, a teacher’s assistant.

We kicked off the year with a new logo specially designed for the preschool. The logo has been incorporated into all of our marketing materials as well as part of our Staff shirts and student t-shirts. It’s even made its way onto car magnets which we give to our parents. Another new initiative was our Parent Connect program, a 4-part workshop designed to help our families better understand and connect with their children. The workshops were led by CMCP parent Edie Schatz, a licensed clinical social worker who works with parents and children in Howard County.

## **Operational Budget**

Although we are part of CMPC we do not rely on the church for financial support. All of the money that we spend comes from our preschool families. During the 2014/2015 school year our budget for the preschool was \$114,567. Expenses include salaries for the director, the teachers, and the assistants; as well as supplies, and operating costs. The preschool along with assistance from the Mission and Local Outreach Committee continues to provide financial assistance. During the 2014/2015 school year we were able to provide \$3912 in financial assistance to children who would otherwise have been unable to attend a Christian preschool. We would like to thank Annette Hinkle for reviewing our financials at the end of the fiscal year.

## **Preschool Board**

We are especially grateful to the Preschool school board who provides oversight, support and integration. The board meets four times a year. Members of the 2014/2015 School Board were Sue Ashman, Kirsten Aquino, Jen Neely, and Dani Wilder.

## **Outreach**

Although our school day centers on the needs of the preschoolers, we provide numerous opportunities for the preschool families to know and strengthen their love of Christ and make Christ Memorial their church home. Our monthly school newsletter is one way we inform families of the various activities within our Church. Many CMPC members first learned about our church when their child attended preschool. During the past year many of our preschool families participated in VBS, Trunk or Treat, and Operation Christmas Child and the Cold Weather Shelter. In addition many of our children attend Logos and made the commitment to become members of our

# Christ Memorial Christian Preschool (cont.)

Church family.

We are truly blessed to have daily opportunities to bring the Word of God to His youngest children and to be part of CMPC's outreach to our community.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Missy Sullivan**  
**Preschool Director**

## Second Sunday for Senior High Girls

“Second Sunday” is a new program springing from a request from our senior high girls to meet more often. They gather in the home of one of the leaders once a month to build relationships around a theme.

Adult leaders: Tiffany Carmean, Ashlee Hoffman, Sarah Trodden, Dani Wilder

## Theology on Tap

“Theology On Tap” provides a time for men of the church to come together and engage in spirited discussion on a range of topics important to Christian men in a relaxed setting. Topics ranged from “What should our role be in the world – what is our role in the world?” to “What if ‘church’ was a verb?” We met at various pubs around the Columbia / Howard County area for discussion, fellowship and fun. On average, Theology on Tap was attended by 8 – 12 men of the church. Going forward into 2016 we are setting a goal of meeting monthly and using a set location, the Coho Grill in Columbia, as a meeting place.

## Women for Women

The Women for Women group was created in January 2015 with the goal of bringing CMPC women from all age groups together to grow in faith and in fellowship. It is a support group where women can connect, share resources, and provide encouragement to each other as we navigate through themes and issues important and relevant to women. It also aims to build inclusive and supporting relationships among women in the congregation, offer gestures or welcome and mentorship to CMPC's newest female members and to provide educational workshops and activities to support CMPC women in all areas of life- personally, professionally, spiritually and more. ALL women from CMPC are invited and encouraged to attend.

Meetings are held once a month on the fourth Friday of every month, from about 6:30-9:00pm and are hosted by different women from CMPC. Each gathering includes a 30 minute social period with food and beverages and the official program begins at 7:00. The program begins with announcements, opening in prayer and participating in an ice breaker (in order to help the attendees get to know each other and meet new members from CMPC).



## **Women for Women (cont.)**

Program topics vary and are planned based on attendees' survey feedback and expressed interest and have ranged from "Goal Setting and Restoring Faith for the New Year" to "From Being a Mommy to Caring for Mommy." The gatherings include structured and non-structured activities and aim at allowing time for fellowship and developing friendships as well as providing women with resources to support them in growing in faith and in other areas of their lives.

### **Leadership Teams/Organizers**

Glenda Baca, Linda Lange, Lindsey Kim, Cindy Pettit

### **Hostesses for 2015 Gatherings**

Lauren Anderson, Sue Ashman, Glenda Baca, Shelly Clemens, Linda Lange, Cindy Pettit, Nancy Walworth

### **Gathering Topics in 2015 (abbreviated list)**

Goal Setting and Restoring Faith for the New Year

The Financially Savvy Woman

From Being a Mommy to Caring for Mommy

Grilling with the Girls

S'mores and More

Appreciating the Women in Our Lives

Game Night

Ornament Exchange

### **Attendance**

A total of about 50 to 60 different CMPC women (and some family and friends) attended events during 2015. The attendance ranged from 10-24 women at each meeting with an average of about 15-20 per gathering. There were new attendees at every meeting.

### **Budget**

There was no budget for this group in 2015. Expenses of about \$95 were reimbursed for guest speaker gifts and paper products to use during gatherings.

### **Mission Work**

The W4W group participated in supporting and assisting a CMPC member organize, pack, clean and refurnish her home. Approximately 15 women volunteered and dedicated about 45 work hours to support the CMPC member as she was going through a time of need.

### **Book Baskets**

The attendees of the W4W group have gathered and gifted baby books for three families who had babies in 2015.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Glenda Hernandez Baca**

**Member of Leadership Team 2015**



**LOGOS is made up of four parts:**

**Bible Study:** Studying the Bible as the model for Christ-centered living.

**Worship Skills:** Learning and practicing ways to serve God through worship.

**Recreation:** Experiencing great fun at the expense of no one else.

**Family Time:** Experiencing being part of God's family over a shared meal.

At Christ Memorial we group our children and youth as:

**BUGS** (Bringing Up God's Servants): Preschool

**FROG** (Fully Rely On God): K-5th Grade

**ROCK** (Reaching Out for Christ's Kingdom): Middle School

**FISH** (Fellowship In Senior High): High School

**Leadership**

LOGOS is operated by the LOGOS Leadership Team and is accountable to the Session through the Christian Education Committee. The LOGOS Team meets monthly throughout the entire year.

**2014-2015 Leadership Team**

**Director:** Carrie Jenkins

**Treasurer:** Heather Jackson

**FISH Coordinators:** Ryan and Elyn Thomas

**Bible Time Coordinator:** Jennifer Neely

**Family Time Coordinators:** Kirsten Aquino and Liz Perraud

**Worship Skills Coordinator:** Jennifer Seinfeld

**Recreation Coordinators:** Laurie Stewart and Heather Barham

**BUGS Coordinator:** Lauren Anderson

**Communications Coordinator:** Rebecca Spain

**Special Events Coordinator:** Ashlee Hoffman

**Mission Coordinator:** Miriam Miller

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**Recreation Coordinators:** Laurie Stewart and Heather Barham

**BUGS Coordinator:** Pam Mitchell

**Communications Coordinator:** Rebecca Spain

**Special Events Coordinator:** Ashlee Hoffman

**Mission Coordinator:** Miriam Miller

As of December 2015, our current enrollment is 85 children and youth (Nursery: 2, Preschool: 12, FROG: 42, ROCK: 20, FISH: 11) We are continuing to grow as participants invite friends and those new to CMPC to give LOGOS a try! There are over 75 adults who volunteer regularly to run the ministry (parents, grandparents, young adults, empty-nesters, retirees, etc.).



# LOGOS (cont.)

We are committed to the process of call (rather than recruiting) to fill the many leadership and volunteer positions and strive to match the volunteers' gifts with the needs of the ministry. Regular training contributes to the strength of the ministry. We hold in-house volunteer training events each January and September as well as send people to GenOn Ministries national training events. In November, we held our annual LOGOS Sunday worship service, celebrating 28 years of LOGOS at CMPC.

## **Operating Budget**

The LOGOS operating expenses are funded by tuition payments from each participating family and some additional donations from individuals. The operating expenses represent the costs of food, curriculum, music and scripts, postage, administrative supplies, mission projects, recreation supplies, adult training expenses, and special event fees. The tuition rate for 2015-2016 program year is \$150 for all participants. The Richard Burdis Memorial Fund was established by private donations to support families needing assistance for the LOGOS registration fees, for youth attending the summer conference (GenOn Youth Summit), and other special needs as deemed necessary by the LOGOS Leadership Team.

## **Commitment to Mission and Service**

Through the LOGOS budget, Christ Memorial contributes to GenOn Ministries above and beyond the resources and training that we purchase to run our program. This financial support goes to support the wider (North American) ministry. Through our weekly LOGOS gatherings, our young people and volunteers have participated in reaching beyond the walls of our church through various projects and events. These have included food drives; hats, mittens, and scarves collections; Operation Christmas Child; providing Christmas gifts to children in need in Howard County; collecting empty medicine bottles for people in Malawi; and presenting the LOGOS musical at an assisted living facility.

## **High School Summer Conference**

Each July, our rising eighth graders through college students, along with adult leaders, attend the GenOn Youth Summit. This discipleship-building week-long gathering brings together youth from all over for worship, small group Bible study, activities, and meals—a week of LOGOS! The Summit also includes a day of off-site mission work. Congregational-supported fundraisers help provide funds for our church group to attend each summer as well as in supporting an urban church's attendance (Worcester, MA). CMPC's annual Musical Treats and Sweets event is one of our primary fundraisers for this cause.

## **Congregational Support**

We believe that God has called our congregation to offer this mid-week intergenerational ministry that focuses on providing the conditions for faith formation and spiritual transformation. God has equipped us with capable leaders, committed volunteers, and a supportive pastor and congregation. In our 28 years of operating LOGOS, we have nurtured many children, youth, and adults into a loving relationship with Jesus Christ.

We gratefully acknowledge all of those who support our ministry through prayer, financial contributions, and the sharing of time and talents. Together, we are able to operate a ministry that furthers the mission and vision of Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Carrie Jenkins**  
**LOGOS Director (2014-2016)**



## Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts

Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church (CMPC) sponsors two units of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA): Cub Scout Pack 371 and Boy Scout Troop 75. The BSA has chartered CMPC through the Baltimore Area Council to provide the Scouting program to our youth via these units in order to instill lifetime values, develop ethical character, and to train young people in citizenship, service, and leadership.

The Scouts, leaders, and parents of both Cub Scout Pack 371 and Boy Scout Troop 75 have provided numerous volunteer service hours in direct support of CMPC—and its sponsored missions such as the Cold Weather Shelter—as well as participating in service to other community organizations such as Operation Welcome Home at BWI airport. CMPC also benefited from a number of outstanding Eagle Scout projects in 2015 to include our new outdoor worship area, fire pit, and benches for the serenity garden.

CMPC continues to support the National Pike District (basically all of Howard County) by providing the location for the monthly commissioner's meeting. This meeting is made up of adult volunteers from across the district by representing the BSA's National Council to the units and providing administrative support. The Unit Commissioner for Pack 371 is Mike Taylor, and for Troop 75 it is Roy Ferguson; both of these Scouters are regularly in attendance at the monthly meetings.

December is the month that units turn in their charter packages for the next fiscal year which runs January through December. Cub Scout Pack 371 and Boy Scout Troop 75 submitted their paperwork for signature to the CMPC Clerk of Session, Janene Holzberg, and the packages were forwarded to the Baltimore Area Council. The pack has 52 youth and 18 adults on its roster, and the troop has 69 youth and 61 adults on its roster.

The pack and troop are once again planning their participation in Scout Sunday services at CMPC in February.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Dave Rose**  
**CMPC Scout Liaison**



## Special Projects and Events Sponsored by CE

### **Blessing of the Backpacks**

On the Sunday prior to the start of school, we held a Blessing of the Backpacks in worship for all students and teachers returning to the classroom (or starting for the first time).

### **Christmas Pageant**

On December 13, nearly 70 people of all generations participated in CMPC's moving telling of the Christmas story, directed by Carrie Jenkins. A multitude of angels, a flock of sheep, a crowd of shepherds, 3 wise men, Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus brought the story to life as our narrators explained (and showed!) the significance of the savior's birth to a young child. Many thanks are extended to the support crew of musicians, costume makers, and prop and sound helpers. We look forward to offering this special program every other year.

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

An Easter egg hunt was enjoyed by our children and their families on Easter Sunday following the worship service. Hundreds of colorful plastic (empty) eggs were hidden outside by a team of adult and youth volunteers. Following the hunt, children traded in their eggs for an Easter goodie bag and a cupcake.

# Special Projects and Events Sponsored by CE (cont.)

## **Graduation Sunday**

In June we recognized eleven graduates (high school, college, graduate school) in Sunday morning worship.

## **Operation Christmas Child**

Thanks to everyone who participated in Operation Christmas Child through CMPC. 107 shoeboxes were delivered to local drop-off centers for transport to a Samaritan's Purse processing center prior to shipment overseas. Because of your generosity the Good News of the Love of Christ will be brought to many children. Special thanks to LOGOS children and volunteers for their help organizing this mission. This year Operation Christmas Child was organized by Debbie O'Neal.

## **Third Grade Bibles**

In October we presented nine third graders with their own Bible (NRSV Children's Bible) either in Sunday morning worship or at LOGOS closing gathering.

## Finance

The Finance Committee is charged "To be effective stewards of assets, provided by God, contributed by the congregation, and committed to God's work; and to safeguard the resources of CMPC."

The Finance committee in 2015 consisted of Elders Joyce Danzig (Chair) and Bob Ashman (Stewardship Chair) as well as Don Neely. Servings as Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer were Tom Mawhinney and Bill Anderson. Also serving on the committee were Annette Hinkle as Bookkeeper and Art Perraud as an at-large member. Also serving the committee through active service as Tellers were Bob Ashman, Bob Clemens, Annette Hinkle, Bob Jenkins, Dave Keister, Norm Malmberg, Delores McBirney, Steve Pettit, Missy Sullivan, John Sullivan, Connie Tressler, and Patricia Wilder.

As we closed out activities in December we had cash and investments of about \$857,000. Our investments lost in value by about \$28,000.

In 2015, the Session approved the use of reserve funds to cover the costs to run a Capital Campaign and to install a Serenity Garden on the "Brown Property". In the current year, \$47,390 and \$4,052 were incurred to run the Capital Campaign and to install the serenity gardens. In addition, \$2,300 was incurred to cover architect expenses approved by Session in a prior year.

The Rev. Jeff Newlin of RSI Stewardship was hired to serve as the Campaign Consultant in May. The Campaign concluded with Commitment Sunday in November and \$2,060,000 was pledged to support the Ministry Expansion Project. As of December 31, \$364,468 in payments towards the campaign pledges were received.

# Finance (cont.)

## Financial Position as of December 31, 2015

Cash and investments	\$857,000
Other assets	\$11,105
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$868,105</b>

We were most grateful that our revenue came right on target, and we actually received in \$900 more than budgeted! We ended the year with a small surplus of \$1,400 (last year we ended the year with a slight deficit of about \$1,300 which was covered in 2015).

The operating budget tracks pledges and other giving against session approved operating expenditures.

Following is a summary of the last three years.

## Operating Income/Expense History 2013 – 2015

	2013	2014	2015
<b>Revenue</b>	\$435,432	\$475,526	\$480,158
<b>Christian Education</b>	\$3,589	\$7,546	\$6,272
<b>Mission</b>	\$49,976	\$44,830	\$44,295
<b>Worship</b>	\$12,186	\$12,122	\$15,840
<b>Finance/Admin</b>	\$30,193	\$37,206	\$33,568
<b>Stewardship</b>	\$1,343	\$370	\$-
<b>Communications</b>	\$16,721	\$19,119	\$23,311
<b>Personnel</b>	\$209,661	\$233,707	\$254,086
<b>Church Office</b>	\$4,913	\$-	\$-
<b>Board of Deacons</b>	\$3,676	\$6,561	\$5,446
<b>Property</b>	\$92,368	\$115,312	\$95,847
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$424,626</b>	<b>\$477,916</b>	<b>\$478,664</b>
<b>Prior Year Defecit</b>			\$(1,389)
<b>Net (deficit) surplus</b>	<b>\$10,806</b>	<b>\$(1,878)</b>	<b>\$104</b>

## Finance (cont.)

Mission giving occurs outside the budget as well. The following shows total monetary mission giving (also see Mission report):

Christmas Joy Offering	\$1,167
Pastor's Fund/Crisis Intervention	\$947
Contribution from 5th Sunday Appeals	\$2,671
Other designated missions	\$5,568
Other missions – committee designated	\$44,295
<b>Total mission giving</b>	<b>\$54,648</b>

Of course many many more contributions are made every day, Prayer shawl yarn, meals for those in need, mileage to visit those in the hospital -- the list goes on and on!

Detailed financial statements are available for anyone who would like a copy. Thank you all for your commitment the important work we all do for God's people.

**Respectfully submitted by**  
**Joyce Danzig, Committee Chair**



# Mission & Local Outreach

The Mission and Local Outreach Committee is responsible for the overall benevolence, giving, special offerings, and support for local, national, and international causes. It looks for ways to match congregation members' interests and skills with various projects and for ways to work ecumenically and in relationship with the Presbytery and General Assembly.

Committee members this year were Pete Berlowitz, Chad Board, Philip Davies, Don Mitchell, Leta Renich, Jane Wall and BJ Walworth. Pastor Scott Hoffman regularly attended meetings.

## Financial

The budget for 2014 was \$45,000 and was disbursed as follows:

- Local Missions -- \$18,775
- National and Global missions -- \$25,038.08
- Committee expenses (mission lunch) -- \$481.70.

The Committee provided financial support locally for the following.

- CMPC Pre-school
- Rebuilding Together
- Bridges to Housing Stability
- Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center
- Route 1 Day Resource Center (Grassroots)
- Laurel Advocacy and Referral Services (LARS)
- Habitat for Humanity for the Chesapeake
- Crisis intervention fund

The theme in many of these local missions is to work with groups to provide people with food, shelter, and support in times of crisis, especially with organizations where members are involved.

Support was also provided to the following national and global missions:

- Assyrian Aid Society of America
- ACCTS (Association for Christian Conferences, Teaching and Service)
- United Palestinian Appeal
- Presbyterian Disaster Relief (Nepal earthquake)
- Stop Hunger Now
- Friends of the Pakistan Education Board (Pakistan)
- Bethel Free Health Clinic
- Mars Hill, NC Mission trip
- Operation Care International (water project in Africa)
- Fuller Center for Housing (Katrina 10th Anniversary Building Blitz)
- International Students Inc. (Newbrander mission with foreign university students in Philadelphia)
- Sialkot Hospital (Pakistan)

## Special Activities

Special offerings totaling \$5896.70 were received for the Christmas Joy Offering, Nepal earthquake relief and the fifth Sunday Appeals. The Christmas Joy Offering was forwarded to the Baltimore Presbytery for local missions.

## Mission & Local Outreach (cont.)

The Fifth Sunday Appeals were designated for:

- Stop Hunger Now
- Friends of the Pakistan Education Board
- Katrina 10th Anniversary Blitz Build
- Ukrainian Refugee Relief in Moldova

During the last weekend in April, more than a dozen volunteers mobilized to perform home repairs for a low income family in Howard County. This was part of a broader effort by Rebuilding Together Howard County to rehabilitate the homes of disadvantaged local families.

May featured two special events. In partnership with the Christian Education Committee, the congregation held a meal packing event in which 10,000 meals were readied for Stop Hunger Now for shipment to needy places around the world. The committee also hosted a luncheon at which Ms. Veeda Javaid spoke of the work of the Pakistan Education Board and shared a special story concerning the education of young girls.

A mission trip to Mars Hill, NC in July had members working for a week in rebuilding efforts and sharing the love of Christ with other volunteers and families in need.

For the 12th year, the Cold Weather Shelter had dozens of volunteers working between Christmas and New Years as shift workers preparing meals, bag lunches, providing transportation, and making our 17 guests feel at home.

On several occasions during the year, volunteers from CMPC generously offered their time to work for the day at Christian Services of Howard County where they helped sort and organize donations.

Pete Berlowitz made several trips to Bethel Free Clinic in Mississippi where he supported the clinic in their continuing efforts to provide affordable health care to disadvantaged members of the community. He also participated in the Fuller Center's 10th Anniversary of Katrina Blitz Rebuild in August.

Two new opportunities for mission were initiated last year. Locally, CMPC is exploring the possibility of a mission partnership with Trinity Presbyterian Church. Globally, the Mission and Local Outreach Committee will establish an ongoing relationship with the Rev. Michael Weller and his wife Rachel so that we can learn about and support their work in Ethiopia.

**Respectfully submitted**  
**Donald Mitchell**

## Personnel

CMPC is blessed with a hard-working, dedicated, and extremely talented staff. The year 2015 was productive and successful on all fronts due in large part to their efforts. We remain grateful for the blessing they are to each and all of us. This year we welcomed Katie Foster to the staff—coming on board as our Communications Coordinator. She is proving to be a valuable asset and we are blessed to have her. We encourage all church members to share appreciation with all of our staff members as often as possible.

Members of the Personnel Committee in 2015 were Shelley Clemens, Joyce Danzig, Jane Preston, and Phil Henderson.



## Property

The activities of the Property Committee at Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church (CMPC) consisted of six main projects. These projects included exterior cosmetic repairs, mandated fire suppression/detection upgrades, interior/exterior security upgrades, partial lighting replacement in the Sanctuary, and the addition of our new Serenity Garden. In addition, many smaller projects were completed in-house as part of the general maintenance of the facility. The exterior of the church had been neglected for some time but with the help of church volunteers, Boy/Cub Scouts, and Orndorff Roofing, we were able to complete renovations to the narthex patio that were desperately needed to improve that entry way to the church. In addition, landscape timbers were added and stained to the wall on the south side of the facility to help control storm water run-off and improve the aesthetics of that area. Further, all benches, volleyball posts, parts of the playground, and the fence near the playground were stained this past year.

Another significant but unanticipated project involved fire suppression/detection upgrades, which were mandated by the Fire Marshall. These improvements were a surprise because they had not been requested of us in the past but certainly did improve our system. We applied for and were granted a waiver on a more significant project that would have required us to replace much of the fire alarm system to align with our new fire panel.

The interior security work included new signage to better identify all rooms, restrooms, storage areas, stairwell, and utility closets. We also replaced door locks and door handles to prevent accidental locks, to secure certain areas, and consolidate keys. The signage also will help prevent unauthorized uses of certain areas of the church. The exterior work included new lamppost LED light bulbs and balcony light fixtures to improve lighting, signage to prevent smoking and loitering as well as new traffic flow signs during pre-school hours to ensure the safety of our guests during that time. This work continues as our needs change.

The lighting work in the Sanctuary consisted of removing the old cove lights (in-house) and replacing them with LED lights. This was part of the third phase of the lighting project, which also includes eventually replacing the ceiling lights in that area. By completing this project, we removed 60 fluorescent light fixtures and replaced them with energy efficient LEDs, which contributed to our savings of \$6,000.00 in 2015 on our utility bill.

The last major project involved the plan to better utilize the property adjacent to the church and create a Serenity Garden. This would allow us to use the area for worship, various ministries, and remove tax liability. The area includes a plant garden, new flowered trees, a worship area, small path, and fire pit (Scout Project). In 2016, two new scout projects in this area include a permanent grilling space and a prayer labyrinth. Both of these projects have already been started and should be completed by the end of the spring.

We are grateful to have a committed group of volunteers on the Property Committee that continue to give of their time, energy, and abilities. In addition, members of the church and volunteers in the community were also helpful in assisting us through-out the year, but specifically on our semi-annual clean-up days last year. This allowed us to keep up with various repairs and maintenance projects that came up, which in turn helped us save over \$17,000 in 2015! The 2015 Project File "Property Committee Final Report" details all projects that were completed in the past year and is available upon request.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Jeff Orndorff**  
**Committee Chair**



## Stewardship

The Stewardship committee is charged with matching the time, talents, and treasures of the congregation with the needs of the church. In 2015, the CMPC Stewardship committee was led by elder Bob Ashman and included members Sue Ashman, Dawn Malmberg, and Gail Marinelli. The committee met to plan the annual fall stewardship campaign. During October and November, the fall campaign was conducted through mailings to members of the congregation. The campaign successfully collected pledges from the majority of the congregation in support of planned programs for 2016.

**Respectfully submitted by  
Bob Ashman, Committee Chair**

## Worship & Music

There were so many opportunities for worship and praise this past year it would take much too long to list them all. I would like instead to list a few of the highlights that were especially meaningful.

March 1st – Youth Sunday. Members of FISH (Fellowship In Senior High) prepared an interactive service full of special music and messages providing their unique perspective on faith and God.

March 15th was the wonderful LOGOS musical presenting *Livin' Inside Out (in an Upside Down World!)* by Celeste and David Clydesdale. This annual tradition continues to be a great blessing to CMPC.

March 22nd - The Messiah College Concert Choir led the music during worship that morning. The music that this amazing singing group provided included sacred classics, as well as traditional hymn arrangements and spirituals.

Holy Week - Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunrise, Easter Sunday – what an incredible time in the life of our congregation to reflect upon the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

In April CMPC hosted Flute Cocktail in Fellowship Hall. The group includes experienced musicians on C-flute, piccolo, alto, bass, and contra-bass flutes and played a variety of wonderful music.

June 14th – The Trinity Choir led us in worship with the first of two cantatas this year, *Our Father*, by Pepper Choplin. This wonderful work is a moving and thoughtful examination of the Lord's Prayer. My favorite part of the cantata was Pepper's original anthem *We Are Not Alone*, which says "We are never alone, for God is with us . . . through all our days, always. Forever and ever, we are never alone." Many thanks to Joy Exner for finding this wonderful cantata that blessed our congregation.

August 30th – The Vespers Service to dedicate the Outdoor Chapel and Serenity Garden.

September 13th – The annual outdoor worship service in our new outdoor chapel (followed by a great picnic.)

On Saturday, November 14th the 4th annual Columbia Jazz Band concert in the sanctuary. It was a great evening of music by the group. The free-will offering collected was generous enough to cover the cost of the event and provided a substantial donation to Christian Services of Howard County.

## **Worship & Music (cont.)**

Many thanks to everyone who participated in the all-church Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 13th. Special thanks go to Carrie Jenkins for her leadership in bringing everything together. What a blessing to have so many children in our congregation singing God's praises and telling the Christmas story.

The Christmas cantata, our second cantata for 2015, *The Silence and the Sound*, by Heather Sorenson was offered during worship on December 20th. This beautiful work is much more than just a retelling of the nativity. It explored both the mystery and the majesty of Christ's birth. The positive feedback that we have heard from so many in the congregation ensures that we will undoubtedly reprise this wonderful work in the not-too-distant future.

Later that day the Longest Night Service was held. "The most wonderful time of the year" can often be difficult for some due to loss, illness, or other hardships. The quiet meditative service of remembering, sharing our hurting places with God, and preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ was especially meaningful for those of us who lost loved ones this past year.

Christmas Eve was a double blessing with two wonderful services that included lots music and singing. I'll never tire of "Yo sheep" – thank you Pastor Hoffman! And thanks to everyone who made Christmas so special this year.

There are so many people to thank for their time and dedication to carry out the work and responsibilities of the committee. Thanks to all who have helped prepare communion and to all those ordained elders and deacons who have served; to all who have served as liturgists and have helped lead God's people in worship; to the sound system personnel for setting up microphones, running the sound board and recording the services; to Clarence Wingate for organizing and recruiting ushers and to those who served as ushers; and to Kathleen Hong for the monitoring and maintaining pew supplies in the sanctuary.

Shelley Clemens - what can I say? You bring such beauty to our sanctuary throughout the year with your wonderful floral arrangements! Thanks also for leading the effort for the greening/de-greening (and thanks to all of the volunteers) that makes our sanctuary such a holy place at Christmas.

Thanks to the Trinity Choir and Bells of Joy ringers for sharing the blessing of their talents and music with the congregation. Special thanks as well to Joy Exner and Lorri Yawney. Your gifts of music, time and talent are a true expression of the love of Jesus Christ in your lives and the whole congregation joins me in saying thank you.

Once again I want to express my personal thanks to our Pastor Scott Hoffman. God has blessed us with such a wonderful pastor. He continues to work tirelessly for God's kingdom as he leads us in our ever closer walk with Jesus. The work of our committee is a great blessing as we seek together to discern God's will for our congregation.

Thanks to the members of the committee and to the support from members of the session, the board of deacons and congregation. It takes many hours each week to provide a meaningful worship experience. I am reminded that our God inhabits the praises of his people. Let us all praise God!

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Allen Exner**  
**Chair**  
**Worship and Music Committee 2015**

## Care & Wellness

The Care and Wellness Committee has completed its thirteenth year of ministry as part of the Board of Deacons. Members of the committee for 2015 were Kris Bloom (moderator), Markita Garner, Colleen Hughes, Diane Kappes, Jan Keister, Marjay Laske, Eleanor Orndorff, Andrea Raid, Sandy Rowan, Barb Schmehl, Jennifer Seinfeld, and Nancy Walworth.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry, a sub-committee of Care and Wellness, provided shawls, which are knitted or crocheted by church members, to be given to friend or family members experiencing illness, birth, joys, or difficult times in life. Baby blankets and hats are also knit for church members who have had babies.

Our Card Ministry is an important part of the Care and Wellness Committee. Markita Garner sent homemade and donated cards to church members who were ill, members who requested prayers, bereaved families, shut-ins, or any others in our thoughts. Kris Bloom sent Valentine's Day and Halloween cards to CMPC college students. Barb Schmehl sent birthday cards to all members throughout the year. We also sent Christmas cards to all members. While our cards are donated, postage for all the cards accounts for a major portion of our budget.

Nancy Walworth coordinated meals, through Meal Train, to be provided for members and their families who have had illnesses, births, or deaths in the family, or families who are going through a difficult time. In 2015, 8 families were provided meals through Meal Train.

Colleen Hughes oversees and publishes the Prayer Chain with requests to initiate and respond with prayers. In April, members of the Prayer Chain were invited to a luncheon where Pastor Hoffman discussed the power of prayer.

The Care & Wellness Committee continued to organize memorial receptions following funerals. Marjay Laske and Jan Keister arranged for necessary donation of refreshments and coordinated volunteers who provided service during these receptions.

Occasionally, transportation is requested by church members for doctors' appointments, rides to church, and other needs. Members of the Care and Wellness provide or coordinate this service whenever possible.

Kris Bloom worked with the Red Cross to organize an annual blood drive in August. This year we were able to exceed the goal set for us by the Red Cross.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Kristine Bloom, Moderator**

## Fellowship

The Fellowship committee plans, organizes, and implements activities and programs that allow all members of the congregation to gather for relationship building and fun. Our activities are also open to non-members for their enjoyment. Listed below are the events and activities we sponsored this year. We plan on adding new events in 2016.

The committee members included Bob Clemens (Chair), Laura Frantz, Miriam Miller, Todd Stubbs, Wes Millard, Steve and Cindy Pettit, Clarence Wingate and Iris Dean.

## Fellowship (cont.)

Many other congregational members contributed to the success of these events.

- Sunday Fellowship Hour
- Movie Night
- Third Sunday Fellowship Events
- Chili Cook-off
- Orioles Game
- Christian Concert Event
- Mother's Day Flowers
- Strawberry Festival
- Father's Day Chocolate Bars
- Ice Cream Social
- Church Picnic
- Columbia Jazz Band Concert
- Greening & De-Greening of the Church
- Christmas Caroling

**Respectfully submitted by**  
**Bob Clemens**  
**Fellowship Committee Chair**

## Membership & Hospitality

In 2015 the Membership and Hospitality Committee was happy to welcome nine new members into the church. We have found that scheduling new member classes with a luncheon after church is more convenient than weekday evenings for prospective members with young families. The members of the committee, as well as many other volunteers, continued to be active in greeting people as they arrive for church services, being on hand to pass out literature about the church to guests, and reaching out to get acquainted with new people. We continue to greet first time visitors with a coffee mug full of literature about CMPC as well as the LOGOS program and the Preschool. We have heard often from new members that they immediately felt welcomed upon entering our doors. In November, we hosted a New Member Dinner for all members joining within the last year. Elders and Deacons were invited to join us for the evening. This gave our new members an additional opportunity to get to know some new friends, as well as ask any questions that they may have about the various programs, involvement, etc.

**Respectfully submitted by**  
**Ashlee Hoffman**  
**Membership & Hospitality Committee Chair**