

St. Giles Presbyterian Church



2018 Annual Report

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Mission Statement

In the midst of today's world, Saint Giles is called by God to be a vibrant, Spirit-filled, Christ-centered covenant community which lives out its call by:
~Celebrating and proclaiming God's love through Jesus Christ;
~Encouraging spiritual growth;
~Nurturing and educating for discipleship;
~Reaching out in service and peacemaking;
~Bringing people to Christ.

Adopted by the Session, December 2003, Re-Affirmed, June 2008

St. Giles Presbyterian Church 2018-2019 Session – Tree of Faith

Every member and friend of Saint Giles is actively involved! Getting, being and staying involved is one of the best ways to use your God-given gifts, make a meaningful difference, and nurture your relationship with God and others. When we are all involved, we grow as a community of faith. Each elder leads a team of volunteers who help in a variety of ways (at home, church or in our community). *Where would YOU like to serve?*

Tree Division -

The Tree Division oversees aspects of church ministry that focus on programs and are captured by the phrase “We grow in faith by...”

Bobbi Jo Boyd (19) – Young Adult/Family Ministry
Lori Coble (20) – Mission Ministry
Chris Gospodarek (20) – Mission Ministry
Jennifer Gospodarek (21) – Fellowship Ministry
Cindy Hemminger (20) – Adult Ed Ministry and Session Transformation
Bob Lindsay (19) – Worship Ministry
Chris Maxwell (21) – Congregational Care Ministry
Marie Minani (20) – Youth Ministry
Joe Moody (20) – Senior Adult Ministry
Karen Patterson (20) – Children's Ministry
Nancy Ross (19) – Fellowship Ministry

Roots Division -

The Roots Division oversees aspects of church ministry that focus on infrastructure.

Steve Allison (19) – Property Ministry
Leslie Pressel (19) – Administration & Staff Ministry and Session Transformation
Scott Vollmer (20) – Finance and Stewardship Ministries
Ben Watson (19) – Clerk of Session

Ruling elders, together with teaching elders, exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships. When elected by the congregation, they shall serve faithfully as members of the session.

~The Book of Order (2013-2015), G-2.0301

<http://www.mission-presbytery.org/documents/BookofOrder2013-2015pdf.pdf>

The Annual Meeting
of the Congregation and Corporation

Saint Giles Presbyterian Church
Raleigh, NC
Sunday, January 27, 2019

Please note: Items may be added to this agenda.

The Moderator will communicate any additions
near the beginning of the meeting.

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Prayer
3. Declaration of a Quorum (10% of active members)
4. Presentation of 2018 Annual Report
5. Election of 2019 Congregational Nominating Committee At-Large Members
6. The Pastor's Terms of Call
7. Adjourn and Close with Prayer

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Pastor's Report

2018 Annual Report

Dear Friends,

What a gift it is to serve as pastor at Saint Giles! Saint Giles is a welcoming, caring and vibrant community of faith – a place where grace and mercy are key expressions in our worship, learning, service and fellowship. 2018 was an exciting and Spirit-led year at Saint Giles. 2019 will certainly be just as Spirit-driven.

During 2018, we:

- celebrated two baptisms: Carolyn Larkin Knudsen and Flynn Thomas Knudsen,
- welcomed one infant: Rowan Rose Loyd,
- welcomed five new members: Roberta Dibble, Jessica & Clayton Knudsen and Megan & Justin Loyd,
- navigated staffing changes (departures, vacancies, beginnings) and lots of transitions,
- participated in a successful stewardship campaign: We're Leafin' Out: Growing in Discipleship,
- voted to reduce the size of Session from 21-12 over a three-year period,
- adopted Tree of Faith as our model for organizational leadership, and
- committed significantly to further the work of the Long Range Planning Ministry Team by hiring Dr. Kathy Sturgis. Dr. Sturgis facilitated officer retreats and monthly trainings at Session, provided one-on-one leadership consultations with many elders and led Session through a process of envisioning, drafting, discerning and revising a Statement of Core Identity as well as setting Strategic Priorities. As soon as these items are approved by Session, we will introduce them to you – members and friends of the congregation.

We are confident Saint Giles can and will grow. We believe getting, being and staying involved with ministry is one of the best ways to nurture and grow our community of faith. And we are committed to encouraging every member and friend to be actively involved in our community of faith - involvement helps us use our God-given gifts and nurtures our relationships: with God and one another.

This Annual Report provides detailed information about our ministry in 2018. I urge you to read the report with a lens of celebration and thanksgiving. Take time to notice the countless ways God's gifts are revealed in:

- talented and generous members and friends,
- a devoted staff-team dedicated to our growth,
- a hunger to know God's vision and pursue God's kingdom,
- a commitment to love our neighbors and grow in discipleship,
- the ways we come together in worship, fellowship, service, and
- how we strive to embody the unity God envisions while taking time to acknowledge the particular ways we experience God in one another.

My friends, God's Spirit is Present and Moving in palpable and exciting ways at Saint Giles. I believe God is calling all of us to a season of discovery that will lead to more effective ministry and more meaningful lives of faith.

I offer this report – and all the reports that follow - with deep gratitude for each of you and in thanksgiving to God: who walks alongside us and loves us – no matter where, no matter when, no matter what.

Peace to you and yours,

Katherine

The Rev. Dr. Katherine L. Kussmaul, Pastor

What follows is a compilation of the monthly statistics from my reports to Session:

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

Worship Services: 57

(including 5 memorial/funeral/committal services, 2 weddings
and 2 community worship services)

Preaching: 48

Appointments & Meetings: 45

Session, Division or Team Meetings: 82

Pastoral Care Contacts (phone, in-person or extended text): 145+

Meetings with staff: 66

Programs Led/Taught: 41

Programs Attended: 10

Presbytery Events: 23

Community Connections: 7

On-Call for Other Clergy: 0

SAINT GILES STATISTICS

~Active Membership on January 1, 2018: **256**

Membership Gains:

Profession of Faith/Confirmation: 1

Restored from Inactive Roll: 0

Reaffirmation of Faith: 4

Transferred In: 0

Other: 0

Total Gains: 5

Losses

Dismissed/Transferred Out: 0

Removed from Active Roll: 0

Deaths: 2

Total Losses: 2



~Active Membership on December 31, 2018: **259**

~Age Distribution of Members

25 & under: **32** Ages 26-45: **58** Ages 46-55: **29** Ages 56 - 65: **36** 65 +: **104**

~Average attendance per Sunday in 2018

The average worship attendance per Sunday for any and all services was **96**.

- REPORTS -

Tree Division

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Adult Education Ministry

Cindy Hemminger

This year the Adult Education Ministry continued the programming we debuted last year. In general, we offer one Bible Study class and one video-based class that uses either TED talks or a Great Courses video series. In response to a survey, we try to choose TED talks that correspond to the lectionary for that Sunday. After some discussion, the video-based adult classes continued through the summer, and were well attended.

The following items were purchased in 2018: books for the library, new curriculum for Sunday morning, and a heavy duty utility cabinet that locks in which to store the projector and the library laptop.

To make room for the new cabinet, the closet was cleaned out and organized. In that process, we uncovered a box of photos and a box of VHS tapes and other media. We are in the process of digitizing some of these (many thanks to John Lavender and Denise Stevenson.) We have also begun the process of weeding books out of the library that are in poor condition or that do not reflect current Presbyterian theology (many thanks to our librarian Sue Moody.)

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Hemminger

Children’s Ministry

Karen Patterson

We have had a busy year planning and implementing our wishes for the children and friends of Saint Giles. Our Christian Education Team includes: Christine Zaineddin, Rita Hart, Elise Stiles, Charlotte Brown, Jennifer Gospodarek and Karen Patterson. Thanks for all of their time and talents. We are also grateful for new Pastor for Children’s Ministry & Creative Transformation, Vanna Fox, who joined us in October and has been a welcome addition to our team. Vanna has rejuvenated our spirit and we look forward to good things to come.

Sunday School:

Music: We have continued our weekly music time with the children which takes place before Sunday School under Pat Lindsay’s direction. A friend of Vanna’s has graciously donated her time to accompany the children on the piano. Many thanks to our teachers’ commitment!

Nursery: (Infant to 2 years old)

Jeanette Lopez and Jordan Dickinson have continued to take care of our littlest members. They are helped by Saint Giles volunteers weekly. Kathy Matthews has done an excellent job coordinating the nursery volunteer scheduling.

Joy Journeys: (3 years old to 2nd Grade)

We have continued with the Young Children and Worship Curriculum written by Stewart & Berryman. Each week a small group of children has responded to the stories and parables and learned how to worship God in a respectful way.

Whirl: (3rd-5th Grade)

We are well in to our second year of the Whirl Curriculum and everybody has adjusted well. This weekly curriculum follows the lectionary and includes a short video and wondering questions. The lessons do a wonderful job of taking scripture and bringing the lessons into everyday life.

Kids 4 Mission: (All Children)

On the third Sunday of most months, the children do hands on projects to help our community. This year we filled Good Samaritan bags to hand out to the needy, made pot pies for members of the Saint Giles Family, and sponsored the Empty Soup Bowl Luncheon after our annual meeting. Thanks to Rita Hart for her continued devotion to the children and helping our community!

Highlights of Our Year

Serve and Celebrate VBS

Our theme this year was the Good Samaritan. Tricia Downs from St. Francis Brown Bag Ministry lead us in making sandwiches and preparing bag lunches for approximately 85 seniors. We then delivered them to Morehead Hills Senior Apartments in Durham where the kids knocked on doors and distributed the bags. We returned to Saint Giles, where Katherine told the Good Samaritan story which was acted out by James Brown and Ethan Matthews.

Summer Sundays

Volunteers were available during the Sunday School hour to provide activities for our children while their parents attended Sunday School. The children participated in crafts, baked for our coffee hour, and tended to the garden.

Children's Building

The Children's Committee assisted with the rental of the Children's Building on Thursdays to a group of homeschoolers. The building was prepared, purged and cleaned in preparation. We have had a positive relationship with this group and we hope it continues.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Patterson

Youth Ministry

Marie Minani

Sunday School

We continued using Echo the Story curriculum by Sparkhouse in the winter and spring of last year's Sunday School. Following the summer break, our format changed somewhat. Now during Sunday School, we begin with a snack and announcements, and then the youth sing 2-4 songs with James playing guitar. At the beginning of the 2018/2019 school year, we had a large influx of 6th graders, adding nine youth to our roles. We lost only one active senior from last year. Because of this larger middle school group, we have divided the middle school and high school groups during Sunday School. Middle School students are continuing to use the Echo the Story, and High School youth are discussing questions that were selected by James and Katherine to help them do some in-depth learning about their faith. Before the end of the Sunday School hour each week, the youth join back together again to close in prayer.

Once per month during the school year, the Sunday School classes join together to bake goodies and host Coffee Hour. The youth love to do this and they enjoy providing this service to the church.

Youth Group

In the winter and spring of 2018, youth group met every Sunday night for an hour and a half. After the summer break, it was decided that youth groups would meet from 5-7pm, twice a month on Sunday evenings. This is a longer time together, and less frequent, which allows for more activities and time to connect, while being less of a commitment on calendars. It also allows James to spend more of his time connecting with youth one-on-one and attending youth activities such as sports

games, concerts, plays, and more.

Throughout this year, we've had some great events and service projects. The youth have enjoyed cookouts, a beach trip, a camping trip, Super Bowl party, Christmas party, and movie nights. The Saint Giles BLT party, leaf raking, and car wash were all youth fundraisers that we held to also support the church community. We supported the Young Adult and Family Ministry with the Shrove Tuesday Pancakes Supper, after our Chili Cook Off fundraiser was snowed out! These activities benefit our youth while allowing them to appreciate ownership of their actions in church. We intend to do the same this upcoming year.

Joint Activities

This year we have partnered with numerous local youth groups to create a larger community for our youth. Collaborating with their youth and youth leaders have enriched our youth group's learning experiences and encouraged growth. Primarily we work together with West Raleigh Presbyterian Church's youth group. We have done a few activities together with them over the year including a lock-in and camping trip. We attended Montreat Senior High School Conference with Trinity Presbyterian and West Raleigh Presbyterian. We attended the Massanetta Middle School Conference with the Kirk of Kildaire Presbyterian Church.

Youth Council

James continues to serve as an adult leader on the Presbytery's Youth Council and Luke Carter joined the Youth Council as a youth member to represent Saint Giles. In August, Saint Giles hosted an overnight planning retreat for the YC with over 40 youth and leaders present. Parents and youth from Saint Giles volunteered to cook and serve breakfast and lunch to the YC members. We had six youth attend the Youth Council's middle school retreat in October and three senior high youth that attended the high school retreat in March.

Other

We continue to be blessed with James Brown as our Youth Program Director.

The youth continue to request participation in aspects of our church such as ushering, serving coffee hour, and being a part of intergenerational events in the church.

James and Ethan Matthews helped Katherine with the Serve and Celebrate event this summer, acting out the story of the Good Samaritan.

As we head into the new year, we are excited about another great season of learning and growth. Once again, we have a great youth ministry team and an awesome youth group ready to grow and help others. We are very grateful to the many parents, youth, and volunteers who support our Youth Ministry here at Saint Giles.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Minani

Worship Ministry

Bob Lindsay

Thank you to . . .

- The many musicians, both staff and volunteer, and liturgists who help lead our worship each Sunday with Katherine.
- Those who enhance our worship experience through the appearance of our sanctuary through creative worship arts, flowers, changing the paraments through the seasons, and general maintenance of the sanctuary.
- Those who support worship in the background tasks helping worship move smoothly including ushers, greeters, projectionists, sound board operators, Communion prep and clean up, etc.

In Music . . .

- We updated all Music Staff Job Descriptions
- We hired Mona Dowell when Gerald Longoria requested a sabbatical through the summer and then hired her permanently when Gerald resigned in the fall.
- We are searching for an accompanist to replace Brenda Fernandez when she resigned in August.

We continue to recruit additional volunteer helpers to serve as Liturgists, Ushers, Greeters, Projectionists, Soundboard operators, Communion preparation.

We updated the guide for "Communion Preparation at Saint Giles"

Our goals for 2019 are . . .

- To hire an accompanist.
- To continue to recruit and maintain a volunteer base for worship leadership support, including liturgists, head ushers, greeters, soundboard engineers, projectionists, communion preparation, and sanctuary preparation.
- Support Katherine with worship resources to provide a vibrant worshipping community for the Saint Giles family of believers.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Lindsay

Congregational Care Ministry

Chris Maxwell

This team is charged with providing opportunities for our church members to grow in faith and have a place to serve others and fellowship with one another. The following groups are listed under this heading:

Crisis Care

This team assists church members and their families in times of crisis or need. The entire Saint Giles congregation is encouraged to send cards, provide transportation, provide meals, and visit members in need of assistance. Typically, in response to a death, the team provides food for the family, or if requested, assists with providing a small reception at the church following a memorial service. This past year, the Crisis Care team and others provided assistance for two funeral receptions at Saint Giles and provided numerous meals and rides for families and individuals in need.

Joy Bag Ministry

This ministry has been supported by Saint Giles for 19 years and has been led by the team of Chris Maxwell, Sallie Taylor, and Chris Gospodarek. A group of volunteers work to assemble and deliver special bags of goodies (Joy Bags) and/or a plant to individuals and families within the Saint Giles family. In December 2018, 54 Joy Bags were delivered by 17 deliverers; this was the 28th Joy Bag Delivery event. This is a ministry of love made possible and carried out by many Saint Giles members.

House Church

House Churches provide a chance for smaller groups of our members and friends to join together in an informal setting. House Churches may meet monthly in homes to share a potluck meal or may meet in restaurants. The program may be a spiritual study or a small group fellowship. There are several groups now ranging from 6 to 15 members. All members (especially new members) are encouraged and invited to join one of these groups. If you any interest in joining a group, contact Chris Maxwell.

Presbyterian Women

Blended from two groups into one in September 2017, the Esther Circle includes about 21 members

and is vibrant and enthusiastic! Meeting at 11:30 a.m. in the Adult Center Parlor on the second Tuesdays September through May, we are following the 2018-2019 Horizons Bible Study, "God's Promise: I Am With You", written by Rev. Amy Poling Sutherlun. This year's study is a journey through Scripture, focusing on the promise itself and how it speaks to specific circumstances and, perhaps most importantly, to our circumstances. In December, we celebrated Christmas with a potluck luncheon and enjoyed a talk by Vanna Fox, followed by our traditional singing of carols; in May, we concluded the Circle year with a potluck salad luncheon. Historically, all women of St. Giles have been invited to participate in those two events, whether or not they were part of a Circle. Our gatherings provide excellent opportunities for learning, sharing, prayer, and inspirational fellowship. As part of our commitment to helping those in need, we support the Episcopal Farmworker Ministry in Newton Grove, N. C. by collecting clothing and personal-care items to be assembled into kits and distributed to local migrant farm workers through the Raleigh/Wake unit of Church Women United. In February 2018, our women packed 100 toiletry kits for the workers—far more than any other area church! We strongly feel that the migrant workers are surely some of what Jesus called "...the least of these", and it is indeed a privilege to help our sisters and brothers in a seemingly small-but-important way. We also continue our collection of eyeglasses for the local Lions Club for the Blind and "Box Tops for Education" to benefit local schools. (We no longer collect stamps or soup labels). Our Circle goals for the new year always include the welcoming of any new members, support of the Saint Giles congregation, and the gaining of awareness about local and global issues. All Circle members enjoy working together in the name of Christ to do God's will, and looking for opportunities to share His love.

Saint Giles Book Group

Saint Giles has a daytime book group that meets in the Adult Center on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. The group discusses books selected by members. The books include novels, historical fiction, and nonfiction. Many interesting books have been read, and usually, there is a great discussion. Look for the title of the current month's book in the newsletter or contact Jean Smith for more information.

Purls of Compassion

Members of this group knit or crochet prayer shawls and lap robes for church members who are dealing with serious illness or who need a concrete symbol of the congregation's love and support. We meet at 1:00 p.m. on the first Monday of each month and welcome new contributors. We will provide yarn and instruction for anyone who would like to join us. In November 2018, we again collected warm weather gear for those in need. Thanks to the congregation's generosity, we were able to donate 16 hats, 21 scarves, and 12 pairs of gloves to the Helping Hand Mission. If you would like more information, contact Leslie Pressel.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Maxwell

Young Adult/Family Ministry

Bobbi Jo Boyd

The purpose of the Young Adult/Family Ministry group is to discern, plan, and promote ministry to and by Young Adults and Families.

This year we hosted the following events:

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner (Tuesday, February 13th, 2018)

We held this event in the Fellowship Hall and served pancakes, breakfast casseroles, bacon, sausage, and all the fixings! We had great attendance this year. The event doubled as a fundraiser for the youth after their Chili Cook Off was cancelled due to a winter storm.

Following worship on Sunday, April 29th, we hosted the annual **BLT Party**. This was also a fundraiser for the youth group, but it served primarily as a celebration in honor of our Duke Intern

Rachel Baisden, on her last day with us.

On May 11-13, we held our annual Saint Giles **Churchwide Retreat at Camp Albermarle**. Lots of fun and relaxation was had by all who attended.

In the afternoon of Sunday, October 14th, we hosted a “**GaGa & Games Day**” for the church community. We had games of all kinds set up in the parking lot and youth center. People of all ages and abilities came and enjoyed GaGa Ball, puzzles, board games, and more.

Lastly this year we were excited to bring back our annual **Christmas Eve Hike** at Umstead State Park! We enjoyed a hike along the Potts Branch Trail. We had a great crowd and many people and dogs enjoyed the trek through the woods.

In the next year, as part of the reduction in size of Session, we anticipate the responsibilities of Young Adult/Family Ministry may be combined with, or absorbed by, one or more other areas of ministry. While we may reduce the number of actual events, our commitment to ministry with and alongside our young adults and families remains strong. If you would like to take the lead – or be a co-lead – in planning one of the above events OR a new event that aligns with this area of ministry, please speak with Bobbi Jo Boyd.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Jo Boyd

Senior Adult Ministry

Joe Moody

In 2018 the Senior Adult Ministry team experimented with some operational and administrative changes. These changes were initiated to aid in increasing our group membership and to reduce work assignments and time, particularly on the scheduled meeting dates for our team. Some examples of the latter goal were using paper products, rather than chinaware, for our church meals and eating some meals at off site locations.

Our winter and spring programs covered a variety of topics ranging from a movie in January on “The Fourth Wise Man” to a guided tour at our state’s Museum Of Art in March. February’s program featured a return visit from Amy Slater, a professional trainer, who addressed the importance of quality sleep in our everyday lives. This talk represented a supplementary follow-up to our spring 2017 series on the topic of “Aging Successfully”. In April, our group participated in the church-wide activity of packaging food boxes for hungry children sponsored by the “Rise Against Hunger” organization which reaches out worldwide. In June, our group participated in a survey to determine programs of choice for the 2018-19 year.

This fall’s calendar included a presentation by one of our church members, Kathy Matthews, on water issues in North Carolina. One of the most compelling aspects of her presentation were some satellite image of storm damages resulting in erosion of some of the beaches in our state. Also, she discussed different types of water pollution and their effects on our land. Our group was scheduled to attend a showing at the Morehead Planetarium in Chapel Hill on December 9th but inclement weather caused a cancellation. Plans are in place to reschedule this event in January 2019.

A new group activity called “Friday Favorites” was initiated in September involving some senior church members not associated with the “Prime Timers”. The group membership numbered 12 persons which enabled us to purchase tickets at discount prices for six concerts conducted by the NC Symphony. We have attended two concerts this fall.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Moody

Fellowship Ministry

Jennifer Gospodarek & Nancy Ross

Recognizing the importance of enjoyable gatherings with other Saint Giles Family members, the Fellowship Team aspires to provide or facilitate such events as graciously and enthusiastically as possible. Breaking bread together feeds our bodies AND our souls, and gives us all excellent opportunities to get to know new friends and to visit with long-time ones. Our goal is for event attendees to feel welcome, be well-fed, and be inspired to again participate in fellowship offerings.

Hosting meals and receptions requires a good deal of planning, purchasing supplies, setting up, and serving on schedule, and simply would not be possible without the help and support of our team's reliable volunteers, to whom we are deeply indebted. They go "above and beyond" to execute their duties in an outstanding manner—and they do it all quite cheerfully! For 2018, our volunteers included Joyce Vollmer, Jill Augspurger, Martha Jennette, Pat Lindsay, Chris Maxwell, Marti Ranney, and Jerry Watson. A special "thank you" is also due to Denise Stevenson, who tirelessly continues to recruit and organize coffee hour volunteers. For that weekly event, the Fellowship Team provides fair-trade coffee and snacks as appropriate/needed.

Jennifer Gospodarek was installed as co-chair with Nancy Ross, when Susie Heath's term of service on the Saint Giles Session ended in May, 2018.

Here are some of the highlighted events from 2018 that the Fellowship Ministry prepared or helped to plan:

Tuesday, Feb 13 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Thursday, March 15 - Arranged for Annual Food Truck Catering

Thursday, March 29 - Maundy Thursday, Meal & Worship

Sunday, April 1 - Easter Sunday Brunch

Sunday, April 29 - Farewell Reception for our Duke Intern, Rachel Baisden

Sunday, Sept 9 - Kick-Off Sunday, (Breakfast)

Thursday, Oct 11 - Cooper's BBQ Meal (cancelled due to storm)

Sunday, Nov 18 - Thanksgiving Meal, following Worship

Sunday, Dec 2 - Farewell Reception for Contemporary Svc. Director, Gerald Longoria

Sunday, Dec 16 - Cantata Reception, following Worship

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Gospodarek & Nancy Ross

Mission Ministry

Chris Gospodarek & Lori Coble

In April of 2018 Saint Giles members spent a Sunday morning packing meals for Rise Against Hunger. There were about 100 volunteers who packed 10,000 meals. The Fellowship Hall was all abuzz. The Rise Against Hunger people came with all the supplies and a staff to train us. Saint Giles paid for the rice and vegetable protein and dried vegetables and nutritional supplements that went into each bag. Our bags were to be shipped to Rise Against Hunger which serves people in need all

over the world.

Habitat for Humanity built houses in Raleigh and Saint Giles spent 4 Saturdays helping. Tom Augspurger again organized our team. There were many workers including some first timers. One Saturday Saint Giles served lunch to our group and anyone else who needed a sandwich and a beverage.

There was a CROP Walk in Raleigh on November 6. Saint Giles had 14 walkers/runners and took in \$381. Both the Mission team and Youth participated. All walkers gathered at a starting point on the NCSU campus. The length of the walk could be adjusted to fit a person's available time and physical capability. It took about an hour.

The church garden was planted and watered and harvested in 2018. Corn was given to Raleigh Gardens as well as yellow squash. You might have noticed the gigantic sun flowers also. They were fun and attracted birds. One pumpkin grew to mature size but it disappeared. Maybe it became a Halloween decoration?

In an effort to encourage alternate giving, Saint Giles invited 10,000 Villages of Cary to have a sale in our Fellowship Hall in November. They represent crafters from all over the world. Some crafts sold were made from materials that are sometimes cast-offs from another industry. Some are very sophisticated and made by highly skilled workers. Each crafter is promised a fair wage for their labor. We sold \$1611.17 worth. Of that, Saint Giles got to keep \$231.68! The plan is to invest that in next year's mission trip expenses.

We host Cooking Matters, a six week nutritional cooking course offered to our neighbors at Raleigh Gardens and at Casa del Sol. The YMCA and Interfaith Food Shuttle schedule and lead the courses.

In 2019, our national mission work will find us helping our neighbors recover from the devastating effects of Hurricanes Florence and Michael. Working with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, we will send teams to the affected area to help with rebuilding.

Community Hope is the tutoring program in which we partner with the YMCA to provide space, financial support and mentors for the program. Community Hope serves elementary and middle school students in Raleigh Gardens and Casa del Sol. At the Christmas banquet, Saint Giles alone provided the gifts. We provided books for 52 children, 39 in the program or wait listed and 13 siblings. As you can see, we need more tutors to help the children who are asking for help. Please consider volunteering!

Church of the Good Shepherd in downtown Raleigh hosts a feeding ministry 364 days a year. 5-6 Saint Giles volunteers participate 4 times a year.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Gospodarek & Lori Coble

Roots Division

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Administration and Staff Ministry

Leslie Pressel

1. Communicated with paid staff regarding 2018 salary increase and cap in reimbursable hours.
2. Participated in meetings and handled communications related to staff concerns.
3. Worked on review of position descriptions and finalizing terms of employment for musicians.
4. Conducted mid-summer performance review for Mona Dowell – drafted questions, surveyed appropriate persons, and prepared summary report.
5. Participated in search process for organist/accompanist. Wrote and posted job notice, helped to schedule and conduct interviews, participated in discussions of candidates and salary details. This process continues as we seek to find the right person for our position.
6. Met with Children's Ministry team to define staffing needs and worked on identifying other ministry areas which could benefit from additional staff support. Participated in interview process which led to our hiring Vanna Fox as Pastor for Children's Ministry and Creative Transformation.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Pressel

Property Ministry

Steve Allison

2018 was another good year for the Saint Giles Property. We made significant improvements to the facilities at Saint Giles. We continued maintaining the facilities through a joint effort of our property team. A recap of improvements and maintenance items is listed below:

- Several of our storm drainage lines were blocked by root growth in the pipe lines. We had to use various equipment to unclog the lines to ensure good drainage.
- Improvements (new systems) were made to heating/cooling systems in the Children's Center along with improvements to the system in the Sanctuary. One outside system (Children's Center) was damaged by vandalism and our insurance company paid to replace it. We also had to do some maintenance to the heating system in the Youth Center.
- Helped with the Eagle Scout Project to make improvements to the Meditation Garden. Added a new sidewalk and plantings along the walkway to the Garden.
- Put a new roof and gutters on the Children's Center.
- Made improvements to the drainage ditch along the walkway in front of the Fellowship Hall. This included removing trees, excavating the drainage ditch and placing stones. Thanks to Scott Vollmer for designing this project.
- Started soliciting prices for the remediation of the mold issues in the Adult Center.
- Installed hearing assisted devices in the Sanctuary. There are 8 units with most being used each Sunday.
- Sealed the parking lot by the Adult Center and Office and repainted lines.
- Vandalism resulted in 6 windows in the Children's Center being broken and replaced. Plexiglas was used to cover one large window near the basketball hoop.
- All windows on the campus were washed inside and out.
- As a result of the vandalism, a security camera was installed on the youth center. This camera monitors 24 hour activity and records on a computer. Signs were put up to indicate that security cameras were present.

The main project for 2019 will be trying to remediate the mold issues in the Adult Center, which will include removing the carpet and tile along with trying to clean the furniture or replacing it if necessary. We will also continue to handle normal maintenance items and any new breakdowns of existing facilities.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Allison

Finance & Stewardship Ministries

Scott Vollmer
Dave Gospodarek (Church Treasurer)

The Finance & Stewardship Ministry team has responsibility for promoting Christian stewardship of time, talent and financial support within the congregation and is responsible for the accounting and disbursement of funds received from the congregation. It also has oversight responsibility for the financial activities of all other groups within the church.

Stewardship Giving:

The 2018 Stewardship campaign for financial giving was conducted in October 2018. In summary we have received 78 estimates as of 12/23. There are a few estimates still to be received and when they are received, the total is expected to be \$333,240. That is an increase of \$13,572 over 2018. A table with more detailed information is below:

Stewardship Campaign Data	2019 (thru 12/23/18)	2018 (total)
Number of units in	78	79
Dollars In	\$330,802	\$319,668
Increases or new units	40	27
Increases Dollars	\$ 23,234	\$ 23,732
Decreased or lost units	6	14
Decreased Dollars	\$ 6,660	\$ 25,404
No changes - units	33	34
No changes - dollar amount	\$147,860	\$133,320

Special Offerings:

Along with our monthly Presbytery Hunger Offering Collection, four (4) special Presbytery offerings were collected in 2018 with the majority of these gifts supporting long-standing missions of the PCUSA. Four (4) additional SGPC special offerings for more local missions were also collected. The offerings collected are documented in the table below with their associated contributions:

<i>Special Offering</i>	<i>Focus</i>	<i>Distribution</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Offering Date</i>	<i>Offering Designation</i>
Hunger Offering	Monthly Hunger Offering	100% to Presbytery for Distribution	2018	January - December	Presbytery
Easter Lilies	Easter Lily dedications and memorials	50% of Easter Lily donation money go to charity	2018	March	International Trip
One Great Hour of Sharing	Disaster Assistance, Hunger Relief and Community Dev.	<u>100% to Presbytery</u> 36% Presbyterian Hunger Program 32% Presbyterian Disaster Assistance 32% Self-Development of People	2018	April 1	Presbytery
Pentecost Offering	Investment in our Youth	40% Congregational ministries with children at risk 60% Presbyterian Mission Agency	2018	May 20	Church Camp Scholarship Fund
Peace & Global Witness Offering	Education, mission support & conflict resolution programs	25% Congregational peace and mission efforts 25% Presbytery and synod peace and mission efforts 50% Presbyterian Mission Agency	2018	October 1	Habitat Build
Poinsettias	Poinsettia dedications and memorials	50% of Poinsettia donation money go to charity	2018	December	Interfaith Food Shuttle
Christmas Joy Offering	Presbytery related Ethnic schools & colleges and Retired Church Workers	<u>100% to Presbytery</u> 50% Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions 50% Racial ethnic education at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges	2018	December 23	Presbytery
Special Christmas Eve Offering	Special Collection on Christmas Eve	100% congregation choice	2018	December 24	Stop Hunger Now

Finance

This portion of Finance & Stewardship Ministry worked in conjunction with the Church Financial Secretary and Treasurer to accurately count and record monetary gifts from the congregation and other sources. Counting is done by volunteer church members every Sunday; the team appreciates the efforts of these volunteers very much.

The team also worked closely with the Church Treasurer and members of the Session to formulate and execute a budget for the Church. Expenditures versus the yearly budget are reported quarterly to the Session as well as recommended actions for their information and approval when necessary.

Endowment Fund Committee

This Committee is appointed by the Session and is responsible for administering the Endowment Fund as well as the Memorial Fund. The Committee consists of five members. The members, and their terms of service, are the following:

Cindy Hemminger (3 years; 2020)
Mark Evans (3 years; 2020)
Scott Vollmer, Chair (2 years; 2020)
Emily Morgan (3 years; 2019)
Dave Gospodarek, Church Treasurer (permanent voting member)
Katherine Kussmaul, Pastor (ex-officio non-voting member)

In July 2018, \$6,000.00 was authorized and transferred from the Endowment Fund earnings for the training and activities related to the down-sizing of the Session. This was used to hire a transition consultant.

Please see the financial report at the end of this annual report (pages F1-F6).

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Vollmer & Dave Gospodarek

CONGREGATION FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2018

January 5, 2019

TO: The Congregation

FROM: Dave Gospodarek, Treasurer

Results for 2018 – Page F-2:

1. Receipts from members came in less than the expected amount for 2018 by ~\$4,500. This was primarily due to members not paying their original estimates due to death, change in job circumstances, health issues, etc. Other income from investment earnings and use of our building increased by ~\$2,200. As a result total Income was down only ~\$2,300 from the budgeted amount for 2018.
2. Expenses were ~\$32,700 than budgeted amounts for 2018. As a result, there was a surplus of income over expense of ~\$3,400. The budget indicated a potential deficit of \$26,830. Expense reductions occurred by having open staff positions for the DCE and organist, and others not spending their budgets.

Budget for 2019 – Approved by The Session on 1-21-2019 – Page F-3:

1. The budget for 2019 contains the amounts that were requested by each division. Some reductions were made based on discussions that were had between the Finance Committee and the division leaders. The overall deficit projected for 2019 is \$16,300.
2. Staff salaries for the Pastor, Your Director, DCE, Choir Director, and office administrator have been budgeted at a 2% increase. This represents what inflation has been for this last year.

Assets on Hand – Page F-4-5:

The Church continues to have a very ample supply of cash to meet today's needs and needs for the next several years. In addition to having a good reserve for general fund needs, there are funds set aside for the building fund that appears to be adequate for the needs of 2019 through 2021. Expenses from the Building Fund are listed on F-5.

Certain Statistics – Page F-6:

Benevolences spent by the Church represent 21.41%. This decrease for 2018 was primarily due to the Mexico Mission Trip taken in 2017.

Giving to the General Fund is listed for each of the last 18 years. The highest giving was in 2008.

**ST. GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
GENERAL FUND
ACTUAL FOR 2018 COMPARED TO BUDGET**

	Actual 2018	Session Approved Budget 2018	Budget Differences	Explanation
Income:				
Estimates of Giving Received	\$ 325,129	\$ 322,000	\$ 3,129	Higher than budget
Additional Giving not Pledged	27,305	35,000	(7,695)	More provided estimates
Earnings on investments	4,793	3,100	1,693	More earned on savings
Loose offering & building use	8,806	8,300	506	
	<u>\$ 366,033</u>	<u>\$ 368,400</u>	<u>\$ (2,367)</u>	
Expenses:				
ROOTS DIVISION				
Administration & Staff				
Director of Music	16,304	16,304	-	
Organist	9,918	16,604	(6,686)	Only 3 quarters
Administrative Secretary Including Benefits	45,428	45,565	(137)	
Director of Contemporary Music	9,921	13,610	(3,689)	Only 3 quarters
Ministerial Intern	2,250	5,000	(2,750)	Scholarship from Duke
Transformation Ministry	-	0	-	
Other Staff Expenses	1,142	475	667	
Social Security Taxes	5,641	6,470	(829)	
	<u>90,604</u>	<u>104,028</u>	<u>(13,424)</u>	
Director of Children's Ministry and Creative Transformation	12,605	20,815	(8,210)	Only 8 months
Youth Director Including Benefits	18,300	17,709	591	More travel expense
Minister's Compensation, Benefits, etc.	108,947	108,947	-	
	<u>139,852</u>	<u>147,471</u>	<u>(7,619)</u>	
Session expenses	370	100	270	
Operations Expenses	22,955	22,400	555	
Property Expenses	44,314	42,200	2,114	Utility costs higher
Stewardship	-	300	(300)	
Long Range Planning	-	150	(150)	
TREE DIVISION				
Adult Education	397	1,150	(753)	Did not spend
Children's Ministry	2,305	4,100	(1,795)	Did not spend
Congregational Care	379	1,450	(1,071)	Did not spend
Fellowship Ministry	2,083	2,800	(717)	Did not spend
Membership	-	450	(450)	Did not spend
Mission:				
Community Hope Program	15,000	15,000	-	
Presbytery	20,000	20,000	-	
Mission Outreach	16,960	22,500	(5,540)	Did not spend
			-	
Senior Adult	-	300	(300)	Did not spend
Worship Ministry	4,050	6,331	(2,281)	Did not spend
Young Adult Programs	550	1,400	(850)	Did not spend
Youth Ministry	2,752	3,100	(348)	Did not spend
	<u>\$ 362,571</u>	<u>\$ 395,230</u>	<u>\$ (32,659)</u>	
Total expenses				
EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF INCOME OVER EXPENSES	<u>\$ 3,462</u>	<u>\$ (26,830)</u>	<u>\$ 30,292</u>	Better than Budget

**ST. GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
GENERAL FUND
SESSION APPROVED BUDGET FOR 2019**

	Actual 2018	Session Approved Budget 2019	
Income:			
Estimates of Giving	\$ 325,129	\$ 333,000	Increase in Giving Estimates
Additional Giving not Pledged	27,305	30,000	
Earnings on investments	4,793	4,500	
Loose offering & building use	8,806	9,000	
	<u>\$ 366,033</u>	<u>\$ 376,500</u>	
Expenses:			
ROOTS DIVISION			
Administration & Staff			
Director of Music	16,304	16,630	2% salary increase
Organist	9,918	15,000	Estimated
Administrative Secretary Including Benefits	45,428	45,864	2% salary increase
Director of Contemporary Music	9,921	6,000	Estimated
Ministerial Intern	2,250	5,500	Assume no scholarship
Other staff expenses	1,142	1,200	
Transformation Ministry	-	1,000	
Social Security Taxes	5,641	5,800	
	<u>90,604</u>	<u>96,994</u>	
Director of Children's Ministry and Creative Transformation	12,605	19,900	
Youth Director Including Benefits	18,300	18,921	2% Salary Increase
Minister's Compensation, Benefits, etc.	108,947	111,125	2% Salary Increase
	<u>139,852</u>	<u>149,946</u>	
Session expenses	370	200	
Operations Expenses	22,955	23,100	
Property Expenses	44,314	48,800	
Stewardship	-	300	
Long Range Planning	-	150	
TREE DIVISION			
Adult Education	397	1,200	
Children's Ministry	2,305	4,100	
Congregational Care	379	1,450	
Fellowship Ministry	2,083	2,650	
Membership	-	450	
Mission:			
Community Hope Program	15,000	13,000	
Presbytery	20,000	20,000	
Mission Outreach	16,960	19,400	
Senior Adult	-	200	
Worship Ministry	4,050	6,060	
Young Adult Programs	550	1,400	
Youth Ministry	2,752	3,400	
	<u></u>	<u></u>	
Total expenses	<u>\$ 362,571</u>	<u>\$ 392,800</u>	
EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF INCOME OVER EXPENSES- GENERAL FUND	<u>\$ 3,462</u>	<u>\$ (16,300)</u>	

**ST. GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ASSETS ON HAND**

	<u>12/31/2018</u>	<u>12/31/2017</u>
Cash and assets for General Fund	\$ 398,299	\$ 394,826
Cash in Building Fund	59,388	75,328
Investments in Endowment Fund	44,085	51,533
Columbarium Fund	24,196	24,196
Memorial Funds	4,535	3,990
Special Funds, held for designated use	51,114	72,941
Cash for Youth Projects	7,232	7,972
	<u>\$ 588,849</u>	<u>\$ 630,786</u>

Assets Held in:	<u>12/31/2018</u>	<u>12/31/2017</u>
Interest Bearing Checking Account	\$ 50,691	\$ 107,896
IBM shares held sold in January	-	-
Savings & CD's - First Tennessee, Fidelity Investments	481,072	467,843
Cemetery plots - Montlawn, and Insurance Policy	2	2
Sales tax refund due	1,351	996
Prepaid Expenses for 2018	7,292	5,752
Estimate of Giving for 2018 received 1/2/19	8,189	
Investments in Endowment Fund	44,085	51,533
Less unpaid bills	<u>(3,833)</u>	<u>(3,236)</u>
Total net assets held as of 12-31-2017	<u>\$ 588,849</u>	<u>\$ 630,786</u>

BUILDING (VISION) FUND
For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

	Total
Balance 12/31/2017	\$ 75,328
Donations received in 2018	32,343
Repairs and Maintenance	(3,925)
Replace 2 furnaces and 2 AC units in Children's Center	(7,902)
New Roof on Children's Center	(12,687)
Meditation Garden excavation and concrete	(1,150)
Wash all windows	(1,876)
HVAC repairs	(4,119)
Leaf blowing and grass cutting	(3,180)
Seak office parking lot	(700)
Replace broken windows net of insurance	(2,713)
Tree removal - dead and drainage areas	(3,350)
Clean out drainage pipes	(1,400)
Security camera and monitoring	(1,740)
Carpet Cleaning	(2,340)
Rock for drainage ditch	(1,051)
Deposit on Adult Center Clean-up	(150)
Balance 12/31/2018	<u>\$ 59,388</u>
Potential Commitments for Vision Fund - 2019 and 2020:	
Resolve Mold Issue in Adult Center	(20,000)
Regular Maintenance	(6,000)
	<u>\$ (26,000)</u>
Building Fund Donations Due for Years 2019-2021	<u>\$ 50,460</u>

ENDOWMENT FUND
For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

	Total
Balance 12/31/2017	\$ 51,533
Donations received in 2018	-
Transfer to Special Session Planning Program	(6,000)
Change in market value for the year	(1,448)
Balance 12/31/2018	<u>\$ 44,085</u>

ST. GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CERTAIN STATISTICS
For the Years Ended December 31,

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	%	%	%	%	%
	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Total Receipts from General Fund and Special Funds	\$ 411,187	\$ 406,032	\$ 429,471	\$461,765	\$433,397	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
General Fund Benevolences Paid	51,960	59,250	53,115	71,572	69,033					
Special Fund Benevolences Paid	36,075	39,798	36,103	34,527	41,001					
Total Benevolences Paid	\$88,035	\$99,048	\$89,218	\$106,099	\$110,034	21.41%	24.39%	20.77%	22.98%	25.39%
Ministers' Compensation and Benefits	\$ 108,947	\$ 110,061	\$ 104,716	\$ 116,909	\$ 159,140	26.50%	27.11%	24.38%	25.32%	36.72%
Other personnel costs	\$ 121,509	\$ 125,884	\$ 118,120	\$ 103,503	\$ 74,729	29.55%	31.00%	27.50%	22.41%	17.24%
Operations and Property	\$ 67,269	\$ 70,332	\$ 68,163	\$ 61,963	\$ 63,191	16.36%	17.32%	15.87%	13.42%	14.58%

Giving Income History - General Fund - Last 18 Years

2018	\$ 352,434
2017	356,318
2016	370,078
2015	382,267
2014	382,597
2013	357,531
2012	356,583
2011	386,824
2010	390,891
2009	389,521
2008	400,260
2007	382,277
2006	406,635
2005	378,361
2004	370,863
2003	363,028
2002	347,375
2001	333,356