

# 2009 Annual Report Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church

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## A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

The half of the year of 2009 that I spent with you was indeed a New Year - new beginnings, new relationships, new opportunities, and new experiences.

I want to pay tribute to our Elders and Deacons who have been ready to face up to all the challenges of helping lead Oakland Avenue through a pastoral transition and into a new phase of shared ministry. Their continued faithful, strong leadership provides the energy and guidance that allows our many programs and activities to flourish. These Officers of the congregation have advised and supported the Staff, reached out to members facing difficult days, organized, planned, led and prayed for a whole host of situations, activities and programs. As well as thanking them, I also celebrate the contributions of the many helpers, leaders, teachers and volunteers who have participated in making the year 2009 a year in which OAPC continued to live out its God-given mission.

It is a great privilege to be able to work alongside all of my staff colleagues. Individually and together our staff team is first rate. Their advice and counsel to me helped ensure a relatively smooth transition, they see the need to plan ahead, to make wise use of resources and are passionate about their faith and service. They always look to identify the very best way to enhance the life and mission of our church, with your encouragement and support they will continue to thrive.

As you read the individual reports within this Annual Report, I hope that you will see the results of your commitment to Christ allowing Oakland Avenue to express its faith in its Lord. Notice how we have tried in the Annual Report this year to highlight the ways in which every committee's work connects to our call to be the Body of Christ by living out WORDS – Worship, Outreach, Relationships, Discipleship and Support. All of this good work can be further enhanced as members play their full part within the life of our church in 2010.

In closing I would record my appreciation to all of you for welcoming Janice and I into the Oakland family, and for extending that same welcome to our children, family and friends. On November 8, in all the celebrations associated with my Service of Installation, you demonstrated that welcome with grace and enthusiasm – and I can assure you we, and our friends and family members noticed! I look forward to all that God will ask of us and bring to us in the years ahead.

With best wishes to all of you for your faith and your commitment,

- Jim Simpson

**Vision:** We are the Body of Christ.

**Mission:** To become like Christ as we live by His WORDS.

**Worship:** Celebrate God in all that we do.

**Outreach:** Serve our neighbors.

**Relationships:** Connect through caring relationships.

**Discipleship:** Follow Jesus in practices that lead to spiritual relationships.

**Support:** Empower OAPC as a corporate-size church.

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**Annual  
Congregational  
Meeting  
Sunday,  
January 31,  
12:00 p.m.  
in the Sanctuary**

## Session Committee Reports

### **Evangelism Committee**

Members: David Gill, Chair; Neal Latham, Vice-Chair; Stokes & Sissy Mayfield, Bill Beaty, Jim Simpson

Purpose: To increase the membership rolls of OAPC through outreach to the greater Rock Hill area.

Accomplishments:

- ◆ 37 new members joined OAPC
- ◆ Discovery Class initiated with 2 successful sessions, held in Oct. and Nov. Next Discovery Class to begin on Jan. 10, 2010.
- ◆ New Friendship Register pad developed, which provides greater detail for follow up with visitors.
- ◆ OAPC represented at Rock Hill School District "Welcome Home" event for new teachers at South Point High School.
- ◆ OAPC represented at Winthrop Convocation.

### **Operations Committee**

Members: Claude Burns, Chair; Gary Brannan, Scott Turner, Addie Rutledge, Brian Hamel, Jim Williford, Ed Duffy, Clarke Moore, Jim Simpson

Purpose: On behalf of the Session, the Operations Committee oversees the appropriate management of Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church's physical, fiscal, and personnel matters.

Accomplishments: Operations helped OAPC to reach out to our neighbors and improve relationships with our members by providing the fiscal resources to operate OAPC through its staff and physical plant to serve Christ's desire for us to be like Him.

We studied budget allocations to find we are within the ranges of most churches in personnel, property, program and benevolence expenditures. Additionally, we will utilize "standard entries" into our accounting to better balance our monthly expenditures of annual fees for better year-round reflection of our accounting. Our Personnel Manual was updated, as were job descriptions. Our Transportation Policy was updated, as well. The Activities Center was repainted and the gym floor repaired, too. The Green Team started a garden that gave H.O.P.E. half of its produce. The Stewardship Campaign succeeded in an awful economy to provide resources for 2010. The Endowment Committee is underway to assist in providing for our needs going forward.

### **Witness/Mission Committee**

Members: Addie Rutledge, chair; Craig Thomas, vice-chair; Rev. Art Gatewood, staff liaison; Sandra Thomas, Sue Smith, Marilyn Hyman, Pam Varraso, Tom Ferrara, Hannalie Ferguson, Kristen Wunderlich, Bob Crowe, Ann Volland

Purpose: The purpose of the Witness/Missions Committee is to coordinate the many vital ministries supported through OAPC.

Accomplishments: The accomplishments of the Witness/Missions committee in 2009 reflect the Outreach and Support aspects of WORDS. The agencies that are supported by our committee reach out to those in need in our local community as well as the international community. This is done through events such as the Alternative Gift Fair, CROP Walk, Red Cross Blood Drive, and through agencies such as Project H.O.P.E., The Haven, Pilgrims Inn, Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen, IHN (now Family Promise) and NAMI to name a few. The Special Offerings approved by the Session also play a major role in our efforts to reach out to those in need.

The support aspects of our committee is demonstrated by the support given to our missionaries and to our Seminary students.

### **Worship Committee**

Members: Ann Adams, Lil Adickes, Vice-Chair; Rebecca Evers, David Hyatt, Tony Jones, Martha Anne McFadden, Tim Moe, Bill Murdy, Brenda Nicholson, Chair; Will Read, Fred Smith, Richard Summers, Jason Sutton, Tim Templeton and Jim Simpson- staff

Purpose: The Worship committee supports all worship activities at OAPC. These include the Early Worship in Fellowship Hall, 8:45 and 11:00 Worship services in the Sanctuary. This committee also coordinates communion and supports baptisms, special services, weddings and funerals. The music program is also supported by Worship.

Accomplishments: The Worship committee is exploring information on baptism and communion in an effort to involve more members in the administration of the sacraments. Representatives have met with new church members regarding worship opportunities at OAPC. A wedding guild is in draft formation to support weddings of church members. It has been a great year working with our church staff!!

## Nurture Committee

Members: Teresa Thomas, preschool ministry; Lucinda Sutton, Jane Modla, elementary ministry; Rebecca Oliver, youth ministry; Dan Young, youth ministry staff; John O’Kain, young adult ministry staff; Alice Campbell, adult ministry; Mary Love Hammond, library/archives; Janet Duffy, chair; Chris Williamson, vice-chair; Debbie Love, past chair; Tammy Winchip, staff.

Purpose: The Nurture Committee seeks to foster lifelong growth in the Christian faith for all ages, to encourage the spiritual practice of prayer, Bible study and the living out of faith through Christian discipleship in day to day living.

Accomplishments: The Nurture Committee is divided into ministry teams and each team planned activities and opportunities for learning and growth in faithful Christian Living. These offerings included Sunday School and Vacation Bible School for all ages, Bible Study Classes, Book Discussions, Lenten Discussions, Fellowship and Service Projects, and Mission Trips.

A report from each ministry team follows.

## Preschool Ministry Team

Members: Teresa Thomas, Chair; Reggie Grigg, Erin Hamel, Anna Richards, Lynn Rutland, Joanna Swofford and Anna Winstead.

Purpose: To provide fun events and activities for our preschool children that educate them about God, foster relationships with their church friends and develop their joy of participating in church.

Accomplishments: In 2009 the work of the Preschool Ministry Team (PMT) centered on **Worship, Relationships and Discipleship**. The PMT recruited volunteers to provide caring assistance in the church nursery. The PMT distributed a Nursery Welcome Folder to parents new to the OAPC nursery. The PMT oversaw the Kid’s Kirk Worship Class, which prepares preschoolers for worship in Big Church. We coordinated the Easter Butterfly Release from the chrysalis stage to the release in the Memorial Garden, an event that fosters relationships spanning many age groups. The PMT provided opportunities for our preschoolers to learn more about God and each other through the Egg Hunt, Bethelwoods Water Day, Family Fun Night including a Mission Pro-

ject and Christmas Cookie Baking. The PMT partnered with the mission of the Joyful Praise Choir to develop more participation in the Choir and to provide child care for the teachers during Choir on Wednesdays (Holy COW!).

## Elementary Ministry Team

Members: 2009-2010: Lucinda Sutton; chair, Gina Jones, Angela Kendree, Lisa Knight, Ginger Warren. We thank the following members for their service in 2008-2009: Kathy Hurley, Ashley Landrum, Jane Modla and Mark Pack.

Purpose: The purpose of the committee is to provide nurture, and coordinate Christian Education opportunities and fellowship activities for the (grade 1-5) members of OAPC.

Accomplishments: Recruited teachers for Sunday School classes, assisted with the following programs: Vacation Bible School, Advent Wreaths and Wee Worship for 1st graders learning the basics of worship in "big church". Held various fellowship events throughout the year including: Flashlight Egg Hunt Easter Party, Movie Night and Dinner, Summer Swim Party at Bethelwoods, Christmas Party and Caroling to shut-ins, Basketball participation, made and distributed Easter cards with lilies.

## Youth Ministry Team

Members: Rebecca Oliver - Chair; Debbie Love - Elder Representative; Jeanie Adickes, Melanie Burnette, Kathy Emerson, Don Hebert, Kathy Watkins

Purpose: The purpose of the Youth Ministry Team is to coordinate and support the education and spiritual growth of the youth, grades 6-12, of OAPC.

Accomplishments: The Baccalaureate breakfast and celebration was held for our graduating seniors. (**Worship**). The Senior High Youth group went on a mission trip to Canada and worked in the town of Kazabazua, at area schools and at Gracefield Camp. (**Outreach**). Both youth groups had overnight ski trips, as well as a combined trip to Doe River which included biking the Virginia Creeper Trail. (**Relationships**). The Montreat Youth Conference was well attended in July. (**Discipleship**). The Youth Ministry team continues to support the youth in their weekly meetings by providing and coordinating meals along with fellowship opportunities. (**Support**).

## Adult Ministry Team

Members: Barbara Aycock, Alice Campbell, Chair; Tom Ferrara, Sally Herlong, John Moore, Sarah Stewart, Sue Summers, Chris Williamson

Purpose: The purpose of the Adult Ministry Team is to coordinate and provide nurture and Christian Education opportunities for the faith development of the adult members of OAPC.

Accomplishments:

This year Adult Ministry Team has focused on encouraging members to be a part of a small group experience, which reaches towards the goals of building stronger relationships within the congregation and developing faith and biblical knowledge of our disciples. Opportunities included:

- 2 Disciple I classes,
- 1 Psalms class;
- 2 Book Studies-The Shack and Same Kind of Different As Me
- 1 Crossings (survey) class,
- Scripture Through the Eyes of Art Classes,
- VBS-Faith in Words Class, Work projects (in conjunction with the Property Committee), and Adult Crafts,
- Presbyterian Women- introduced 2 new circles (Westminster Towers & PAW)

In addition we made available a variety of Bible Reading Schedules on the web (with the assistance of the Communications & Technology Committee), continue to support Friendship Fellowship, and hosted the Presbytery-wide E3 Event with the Education and Equipping Ministry Team.

## Planning & Development Committee

Members: Bryant Barnes, Beth Gault, David Grigg, Dana Harkness – Chair, Sally Herlong, George Hook - Past-Chair, Tony Jones, Will Read, Jim Richardson and Jim Simpson – Staff Liaisons.

Purpose: To periodically review the vision, mission, goals, and objectives of OAPC, and to evaluate the church's organizational structure to ensure it continues to be effective.

Accomplishments: In accordance with the recommendations from the Mission Study, which was completed and approved by the Session in 2007, the Planning and Development Committee formed a Mission Study Implementation Team in 2008, charged with the task of reshaping the church's systems, structures,

attitudes, and expectations to support OAPC as a corporate-sized church. The members of this team were the Vice-Chairs of the Session and Diaconate Committees in 2008, who were recruited to become Chairpersons of their respective committees in 2009. The members were: Claude Burns, Susan Collins, Janet Duffy, Kathy Emerson, David Gill, Dana Harkness – Chair, Keith McGuire, Brenda Nicholson, Addie Rutledge, and Tammy Winchip, Laura Smith Conrad, and Jim Richardson – Staff Liaisons. The product of over a year's work of the Implementation Team was a re-design of the Session and Diaconate, a change in the number of Officers serving on the Session and Diaconate and their term of service, a reorganization of the committees of the church that placed them all under the responsibility of the Session, and the creation of a stronger church member shepherding program to be referred to as "DeaconCare." The re-design was approved by the Session in January 2009, and was presented to the congregation, which approved the change in the term of call of Officers in June, 2009.

To support the newly approved reorganization, The Planning and Development Committee worked the remainder of 2009 developing a transition plan that included reviewing and approving the Session Committee Descriptions and Responsibilities to be implemented in January 2010. An ad-hoc team comprised of Kathy Emerson, David Grigg, and Sally Herlong made additional contributions toward the completion of this work. Because the approved reorganization re-assigned the past responsibilities of Planning and Development to the Session in the future, the Planning and Development Committee will be dissolved beginning in January 2010. The newly approved organizational structure scheduled to go into effect in January 2010 is shown on the following page.

## Communication and Technology Committee

Members: Senior Leadership Team — Will Read, Chair; Brian Hamel, Vice Chair; Senior Project Manager, Jon Hull. The Leadership Team, the decision making body of the committee, consisted of Leslie Bickford, Michael Bollar, Jim Crook, Weenie Daniel, David Gill, Brian Hamel, Marion Hicklin, and Jim Wilkerson. Dana Harkness served ex-officio as chairman of Planning and Development, the parent Committee, and John O'Kain as-



ments for publications, posters, flyers, publicity releases, and web pages for the church website.

Graphic Arts and Illustration in cooperation with other teams and committees of the church produced ten high-quality brochures for internal and external distribution, numerous flyers and posters in support of programs of the church, exterior banners, PowerPoint presentations, and logos.

Information Technology Equip-

ment and Infrastructure carried out the monumental task of maintaining the church’s twelve computers, two servers, and the infrastructure that ties them all together; upgraded the personal computers to the point that no production computer was more than three years old; saw to the maintenance of the Narthex Monitor; upgraded the alarm system in the education building; oversaw the maintenance of the phone system; and maintained the security system.

Public Relations and Advertising significantly increased activity to make the community aware of programs at the church through newspaper articles and advertising, news letter articles, presbytery publications, radio advertising spots, Yellow Pages advertising, banners on Oakland Avenue and Park Avenue, website links, promotional material distributed to Winthrop Students and new school district employees, and cable TV spots and broadcasting.

The Publications Team printed and oversaw the distribution of about four thousand brochures, six hundred posters and flyers, and thirty prospective member notebooks for the Discovery Class.

The Photography Team took over four thousand pictures of services, events, new members and offi-

sumed the duties of Staff Liaison in October. The work of the committee was performed by the forty-one members of nine technology, production, and communication teams.

Purpose: On behalf of the Session and for the benefit of all committees, programs, and staff of the church, the Communication and Technology Committee oversees and manages all communication, technology, and related programs, projects, and tasks for the church. The purpose of the committee is to provide coordinated support in nine specific areas: Broadcasting and Video; Content, Reporting and Editing; Graphic Arts and Illustration; Information Technology Equipment and Infrastructure; Public Relations and Advertising; Publications; Photography; Software Development, Maintenance and Website; and Technology and Communications Training;

Accomplishments: During the year the Broadcasting and Video Team provided sound and video support for the Sunday Worship Services, provided copies of the services to CN2 for broadcasts, ran the PowerPoint projector, and maintained the equipment.

The Content, Reporting and Editing Team created, proofed, and edited numerous written docu-

ments for publications, posters, flyers, publicity releases, and web pages for the church website.

cers for use on the church website, in brochures, posters, and flyers, and for storage in the church archives.

The Software Development, Maintenance and Website Team developed two web-based applications, maintained the primary email distribution system for the church, emailed weekly duty reminders, updated and maintained the church website which consists of about three hundred web pages and documents, and in partnership with the Library Committee, worked with a team of Winthrop Computer Science students who are developing a computer program for the church library.

The Technology and Communications Training Team was not called upon to provide any training in 2009.

## **Diaconate Committee Reports**

### **Fellowship Committee**

Members: Jane Pittman Modla and Rhett Rutland, Co-Chairs, Denise Hooten, Kerrina Fewell, Lisa Lagen, Mark Thomas, Scott Oliver

Purpose: The Fellowship Committee and The Athletics Committee joined forces in the middle of this past year to create one joint committee in preparation for the new committee structure born out in the mission statement. Our committee plays a major role in the Church's vision through Outreach and Relationships. We reach out to our neighbors through our basketball program. We help connect through caring relationships by providing fellowship opportunities for varied age groups in casual settings.

Accomplishments:

1. In Jan.-March another successful basketball season with any number of players, coaches, and referees participating and a huge banquet feeding approximately 300 with many visitors from outside the church playing ball.
2. In April we organized a church-wide reception after MusicFest with approximately 125 attending.
3. Spring Montreat had over 86 members attending. (The Fall Montreat Retreat comes under our Committee also but a separate committee took charge under Mandy Oliver.)
4. In July we hosted a cookie/punch reception on the lawn for the new pastor.

5. In July we also helped host a cookie/punch reception on the lawn for the interim pastor.
6. In August, after Rally Day, we organized a Church-wide Picnic and intergenerational games at Bethelwoods. Over 200 attendants.
7. In November, we organized the sit-down dinner after the Installation of the new pastor. Over 400 attending.
8. In November, we organized the Church-wide soup supper after the Hanging of the Greens service. Approximately 250 attending.
9. We are also organizing a church-wide Christmas dinner for the Joy Gift Service in December. Last year we had approximately 250 attending.

### **Commitment Committee**

Members: Art Gatewood as staff liaison and support, Reggie Grigg, Erin Hamel, Eva Jenkins, Julie Joyner, Marie McDow, Keith McGuire, Chair; Jimmy Robinson, Mary Rogers, and Lynn Rutland. Two former members, Leila Hicklin and Ashley Landrum, were also called on to offer their input and feedback.

Purpose: The Commitment Committee is charged with deepening the commitment, relationships, and discipleship of confirmed members in the life of OAPC by helping members identify ministry areas to utilize their gifts and abilities in service to God and God's people.

Accomplishments: Commitment worked with Evangelism to pair each of our new-member families with a mentor family. Mentors support our newest members as they identify ministry areas through which they can serve and make connections with God's people. The Commitment Committee also hosted or co-hosted several events allowing new members to make the connections necessary to participate fully in the life of OAPC: a Sunday luncheon to introduce new-member families to staff and officers, a reception on the front lawn honoring the confirmands, the All-Church Picnic with Fellowship at which new members were introduced, the Oyster Roast providing a casual time of fellowship with our newest adult members.

Julie Joyner coordinated Commitment's efforts to publish a new pictorial directory for the purpose of helping all members identify and make connections with other members of the congregation. The direc-

tory will be available for distribution early 2010.

Thank you, Commitment, for your passion for and dedication to the work of this committee. Peace be with you all.

### **Congregational Care Committee**

Members: Susan Collins, Mary Jacumin, Karen Beaty, Judy Ferguson, Nancy Oliver, Carolyn Tutwiler, Anita Case, Sara Thacker

Purpose: To nurture the members of OAPC especially at times of births, deaths, illnesses, and those members needing TLC. We provide general oversight of the following: One-Another ministering, deliver sanctuary flowers, send cards to TLC list, baptismal memory books, organize bus transportation to church, and establish Bereavement Response teams.

Accomplishments: Our goal for 2009 was to continue the level of caring that Congregational Care Committee has established with its volunteers who provide the time, help, and work needed to accomplish our mission. We took a lead role in the transition and development of a new member-to-member "DeaconCare" program that encompasses all members.

### **Congregational Care—Stephen Ministry**

Purpose: To provide one on one care for congregation members & the community for people in a life crisis.

Accomplishments: The Stephen Ministers have recruited a new class to begin training the first of 2010. In 2009 there were 20 active Stephen Ministers. As of Nov. they were serving 17 Care Receivers. During 2009, 23 Care Receivers were provided care.

## **Staff Reports**

### **Reflections from Art Gatewood Interim Associate Pastor**

Since May it has been my privilege to serve all of you in this extraordinary church of Jesus Christ. My primary role is congregational care. Hospital visits are top priority, and I've met many dear people who live in assisted settings. Home visits with older adults help us get acquainted and share our faith journey stories. You have welcomed me into your lives.

I provide staff support to session ministry committees such as Commitment, Witness, and Congre-

gational Care, through which many leaders multiply care and service to the needy in Christ's name. I support your excellent Stephen ministry. Please read their reports on their ministry emphases for the past year.

Jim is coaching me so I'll be well equipped to be the primary staff support for your new DeaconCare ministry, to be launched early 2010, with the potential to connect all members with God's care, and with a broad range of church life and service.

It's an exciting time to be part of your dynamic pastoral team, and to serve with your talented and committed program and support staff. As a Fort Mill pastor, for years I admired the ministries and mission outreach of this leadership church. Now, as a temporary staff member, I'm energized to be in the midst of your congregation. I'm grateful to God, and to you, for this opportunity to grow the Kingdom of God with you for awhile. When you install your next Associate Pastor, that person can expect a vibrant ministry experience with you.

### **Message from Tammy S. Winchip, Director of Christian Education**

Committee Liaison to: Nurture Ministry Teams (Preschool, Elementary, and Adult), Library, Athletics & Recreation, and Fellowship.

Accomplishments: I don't know how many of you do this, but when I have to write a yearly report, I look back over the reports I've written for the few years preceding. In doing so, I read words about *coming change* and *patient waiting*. At times I must admit my own personal frustration with waiting to implement change or with waiting to make decisions, and had to repeat a personal mantra from the book of Habakkuk, Chapter 2 verse 3,

<sup>3</sup>*For there is still a vision for the appointed time;  
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.  
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;  
it will surely come, it will not delay.*

Two years ago, with a new mission statement in hand we had to be open to seeing things in a new way. Last year we were searching for new leadership and waiting for reports from the personnel committee. This year we wrap up with a recently installed pastor and a newly developed church structure. Here we are, on the cusp 2010 with new responsibilities and renewed vision for our future.

With all of that said, I feel compelled to say (at *least* one more time), “Thank you!” to everyone who helped get us to this point. For everyone who pitched in where needed during multiple staff transitions, for search committees who have brought great colleagues to be a part of this church family, to committee chairs who have served on the implementation team and/or may serve a second year as chair as we move into the new structure...to everyone who hung on, supported, and encouraged when the ride wasn’t so smooth. It is because of your faithfulness that we stand ready to meet this new year and to be the *Body of Christ* here in Rock Hill.

### **Message from Dan Young, Interim Director of Youth**

WOW!!! It has been such a busy year, I hardly know where to start. We kicked off the year with our first ever Middle School Ski Weekend (they used to go for just one day) at Winterplace. This was such a huge success we already have several youth signed up to go again this year. We had a couple of opportunities to worship together and look at God’s Word while we were there. This had such a big impact on one of the youth that they wanted to lead one of the Sunday night programs. This youth led the last program of the year at our house with a cookout. She really did a great job of sharing the story about the mustard seed. The Senior Highs went on a ski trip as well and had a wonderful, blessed time.

The spring kept me very busy gearing up for our summer events. The Spaghetti Supper was a huge success and raised over \$10,000.00 for our mission trip to Canada in June. Speaking about Canada, this turned out to be a great growing experience for our Senior High youth. It started off a little slow, but by the week’s end we had accomplished a great deal for our friends to the north. This was a great opportunity to build a relationship with our sister camp to Bethelwoods, Gracefield.

In July, we took a great group of youth to Montreat for the Senior High Youth Conference. This was another tremendous trip. Suzanne went as our cook for the week, so the youth did not lack in the food category. The theme was “World on Fire” and those who went really seemed to come back ready to set our youth on fire. The very next week, Suzanne

and I went to the Middle School Conference at Presbyterian College. We only took one youth from our middle school, however we chaperoned the others that went from the Presbytery. This was a great worship opportunity for everybody involved. Suzanne and I are so excited about it, now that we have been, that we hope to get more to go this summer.

Fall is always a busy time of year getting things kicked off for the upcoming year. Our annual Fall Outreach Weekend to Doe River was a terrific time for all. We took about 30 youth on this trip and it turned out to be a great weekend, capped off with a worship experience of walking in silence on an old railroad bed while thinking about our relationship with God. The views were amazing; they really seemed to enjoy this exercise immensely.

So as this year comes to a close, I want to say thanks to all of the Middle School and Senior High Advisors for a very successful year and I look forward to what it is that the Lord has in store for us in 2010. Thanks for all that you do to help, encourage and challenge our youth to grow in Christ.

### **Message from Tim Moe, Director of Music**

In the Music Ministry of Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church, 2009 produced some very significant events. Using WORDS as a model, our primary emphasis is, and always will be, on worship. With this in mind, we’ve included all our choirs in the weekly worship of the church on a regular basis. In addition to that very significant commitment of gifts, time, and talent, we have made other opportunities for people express ministry in other areas. I will hit a few highlights in this report. Out Music at Oakland Concert Series event is an outreach to the community. This year, we had the appearance of Brass Act Carolinas in March, combined events with the presentation of Missa Gaia and Musicfest. Missa Gaia involved almost all the choirs, and also emphasized the goals of the ‘green’ team. This was a challenge, but not the last of this past year. The performance of “Amahl and the Night Visitors” in December is as classic Christmas opera, with a timeless message of giving and receiving God’s grace. Relationships are fostered within all our musical organizations through the shared goals, purposes, and concerns, and regular rehearsals. The Agape Choir attended the

'Festival By the Sea' in March, in concert with the Oakland Baptist Youth Choir, and the Youth Cue Converge event in Charlotte in August. The bells attended the South Carolina Spring handbell festival.

In the fall, we worked with Christian Education to develop a coordinated theme based on a scripture from Colossians, developing gifts, and growing in disciples. In the area of children, we sponsored a music day camp with the Episcopal Church of Our Savior in August. In terms of my professional development, I attended the Choristers Guild Institute in Louisville in July, which was very enriching. This coming year, I hope to return to the St. Olaf Conference on Music, Theology, and the Arts. Our ministry goals for the coming year include an Agape Choir tour, and a combination Art display and organ concert by Monty Bennett on the theme of Death and Resurrection

### **Message from John O'Kain, Campus and Young Adult Minister**

Our ministry to and with Winthrop University continues to grow at OAPC, and there are lots of highlights to our year. Consider just a few:

We started 2009 off right by attending the Outrageous Generosity College Conference at Montreat.

Our Wednesday night FLIGHT program (Finding Life in God's House Today) continues to attract and engage Winthrop Students as well as our College Feedback lunch offering after each 11:00 service.

The Campus Ministry and Providence Presbytery hosted a cultural event on Winthrop's campus. Featured speakers were Dr. Ingrid Reneau and Rev. Orozu Daky of Sudan.

We are in the process of formalizing a covenant agreement between Providence Presbytery and OAPC regarding our shared responsibility of campus ministry to Winthrop.

We took students on a Spring Break Mission Trip to Washington D.C. where we prepared and delivered meals with the Food & Friends network; we also visited the offices of Bread for the World.

We did other awesome things as well! We distributed care packages to all the OAPC college students we could find; we hosted an international student dinner; We had Winthrop students building benches for the community garden, we raised funds

for our 2010 Mexico mission trip; we participated in Operation Christmas Child! The list goes on and on!

We also re-energized the Young Adult ministry of OAPC. We've jumpstarted a Sunday School class and have held several fellowship events.

On a personal note, I took Spanish at Winthrop in preparation for our mission trip next year and did quite well. More importantly, I also passed four out of five ordination exams in 2009 and look forward to passing the fifth and final exam towards the transfer of my ordination into Providence Presbytery.

## **Other Reports & Information**

### **2009 Session Members**

**Class of 2009:** Bill Beaty, Gary Brannan, George Hook, Sharon Johnson, Debbie Love, Martha Anne McFadden, Marilyn Hyman

**Class of 2010:** Cathy Rose Hicklin, Tim Templeton, Mary Rogers, Brian Hamel, Claude Burns, Nancy Oliver, Clarkson McDow, Brenda Nicholson, Addie Rutledge, David Gill, Janet Duffy, Dana Harkness

**Class of 2011:** Cindy Mayfield, Kristi Holler, Tony Jones, Bryant Barnes, Jim Williford, Gloria Moe, Beth Taylerson, Lil Adickes, Craig Thomas, Jim Barnes, Chris Williamson, Scott Turner

### **2009 Diaconate Members**

**Class of 2009:** Susan Collins, Kerrina Fewell, Beth Gault, Eva Jenkins, Scott Oliver, Jimmy Robinson, Mark Thomas

**Class of 2010:** William (Red) Ferguson, Keith McGuire, Kathryn (Kathy) Grier, Jane Modla, Ashley Landrum, Rett Rutland, Lisa Largen, Sara Thacker, Marie McDow, Sally Shive

**Class of 2011:** Anita Case, Denise Hooten, Janice Culp, Marty Jackson, Les Dickert, Julie Joyner, Rebecca Evers, Sue Smith, David Grigg, Jason M. Sutton

## 2009 Membership Information

<b>Membership, January 1, 2009</b>	<b>912</b>
Additions by Confirmation	16
Additions by Profession of Faith	2
Additions by Reaffirmation	6
Additions by Transfer	12
Additions by Reactivation	1
<b>Total Additions</b>	<b>37</b>
Reductions by Death	9
Reductions by Transfer	4
Reductions by Inactive Status	26
Reductions by Dismiss from Roll	1
<b>Total Reductions</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Membership, December 31, 2009</b>	<b>909</b>
<b>Average Worship Attendance for 2009:</b>	<b>447</b>

## Other Financial Details

### **Memorial Garden**

Since the inception of our Memorial Garden, we have had 24 interments.

### **Sanctuary Renovation Debt**

Our Church Sanctuary was renovated in 2002 at a cost of approximately \$910,000. This cost includes upgrades made to the organ. Our capital campaign raised approximately \$760,000 to fund the renovation project. Our campaign is now complete. Our current debt for this project is \$138,833.

### **Park Avenue Rental Property**

This property was purchased in June of 2002. It consists of the rental units directly across the street from our church parking lot, the two story brick bungalow currently known as HOPE House, and the vacant lot in between. The property was purchased for \$595,000. A payment of \$100,000 was made at closing and the balance of \$495,000 was borrowed from SC B&T. The mortgage balance at 12-31-2009 was \$250,763. The loan is amortized over 30 years with a 10 year call. Interest is 5.95 fixed and adjusts on the fifth anniversary. Our monthly mortgage payment is \$3,388.

Improvements to the Park Avenue apartments have allowed us to somewhat stabilize rents, even in a soft rental market. But the conversion of the rental

house into the center for our HOPE House ministries took some \$1,500 of potential monthly rents away, causing our 2009 expenses to be higher than income by some (\$10,029). HOPE is a core ministry of our church, but losing that revenue requires us to absorb the lost revenues in other parts of our budget.

### **OAPC Endowments**

Oakland Avenue Presbyterian has two endowments. Our General Endowment was established about 10 years ago at which time the Session voted not to draw any income from the endowment until it reached \$100,000. At the end of 2009, the General Endowment balance totaled \$46,112.

The Moore Music Endowment was established in 2006. The purpose of the endowment is to provide income for special music programs such as the OAPC Concert Series and the AGAPE Choir Tour. The total amount in this endowment at the end of 2009 was \$29,020.

### **Unbudgeted Benevolent Gifts**

In 2009, OAPC received \$40,662 in unbudgeted benevolent gifts. These gifts went to organizations such as Park Avenue Adult Daycare Center, Church World Service, Habitat for Humanity, Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen, HOPE, Safe Passage, Heifer Project International and Hospice to name just a few. Also, included in this number are all the special offerings we received last year, the silent auction proceeds, service and mission projects, and gifts to our Compassionate Care Fund. In addition to the \$40,662 noted above, we show \$18,000 of in-kind charitable support to HOPE as part of our benevolent support for that mission.

### **Non-Profit Organizations**

#### **Using OAPC Facilities in 2009**

The following non-profit organizations used our facilities for meeting space in 2009: National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, Piedmont Tri-County Chapter, ALANON, American Red Cross, FACT (Families for Adoption Coming Together), Guardian ad Litem Training, Interfaith Hospitality Network, Park Ave. Adult Day Care, Rock Hill Music Club, Catawba Care Coalition, Providence Presbytery, Winthrop University, The Women's Club, Brownies and Girl Scouts, and various churches for retreats and renewal events.

<b><u>OAPC Budget</u></b>			
	<b><u>Actual</u> <u>2009</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u> <u>2009</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u> <u>2010</u></b>
<b>Income</b>	<b><u>1,100,393</u></b>	<b><u>1,086,914</u></b>	<b><u>1,167,978</u></b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
<b>Operations</b>	<b>730,797</b>	<b>766,604</b>	<b>813,196</b>
<b>Program</b>	<b>116,079</b>	<b>131,310</b>	<b>128,376</b>
<b>Benevolent / PCUSA</b>	<b><u>222,532</u> <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b><u>214,000</u></b>	<b><u>226,406</u></b>
	<b><u>1,069,408</u></b>	<b><u>1,111,914</u></b>	<b><u>1,167,978</u></b>
<b>Deficit / Surplus</b>	<b><u>30,985</u></b>	<b><u>-25,000</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>

**Notes:**

2009 - Revenues were in line with budget (\$13,000 higher than budget) and expenses ended the year some \$43,000 favorable to budget. You will note that where we budgeted a deficit of \$25,000 for 2009, we actually ended the year with a surplus of \$30,985. The detail 2009 financial report (11 pages) will be provided to anyone upon request. Call Lisa in the church office if you want the detailed report.

(1) Includes support for Providence Presbytery of \$92,142 plus other benevolences of \$71,728 plus special offerings of \$40,662 plus in-kind support of the Hope House of \$18,000.

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## 2010 Lay Leadership

### Session

**Clerk of Session:** Cathy Rose Hicklin  
**Vice-Clerk:** Cindy Mayfield  
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**Presbytery Representative:** Cathy Rose Hicklin  
**Evangelism Committee Chair:** Dave Gill  
**Christian Education Committee Chair:** Janet Duffy  
**Commitment Committee Chair:** Mary Rogers  
**Communication & Technology Committee Chair:** Brian Hamel  
**Congregational Care Committee Chair:** Nancy Oliver  
**Congregational Fellowship Committee Chair:** Tim Templeton  
**Finance Committee Chair:** Claude Burns  
**Personnel Committee Chair:** Clarkson McDow  
**Property Committee Chair:** Dana Harkness  
**Mission/Witness Committee Chair:** Addie Rutledge  
**Worship Committee Chair:** Brenda Nicholson

### Diaconate

**Moderator of Deacons:** David Grigg  
**Vice-Moderator of Deacons:** Julie Joyner  
**Secretary of Deacons:** Anita Case

## Annual Congregational Meeting

**Sunday, January 31**

**12:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary**

The purposes of this meeting will be: 1. To receive the 2009 Annual Report, and 2. To deal with any changes in the Pastor’s Terms of Call.

## Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church

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