

ANNUAL REPORT 2016

for the year January - December 2016



Summit Avenue Presbyterian Church

Annual Congregational Meeting

January 22, 2017 11:30 am

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AGENDA

Declaration of Quorum	(10% of the congregation or 16 members)
Opening Prayer	Pastor Susie Beil
Adoption of Agenda	
Annual Reports	Team Chairs
Deacon Financial Report	Deacon Moderator, Delcea Wills
Review of 2016 Income & Expense Report	Elder Paul DuFresne
Present 2017 Budget to the congregation	Elder Paul DuFresne
Pastor's Terms of Call	Personnel
Nominating Committee	Rick Chapman
Motion to adjourn	
Closing Prayer	

CLERK'S REPORT

2016 MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS:

Average Attendance: 105
Average Lord's Supper: 99
Groups Participation: 155
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP: 130

Compared with 2015

2015 Average Attendance: 112
Average Lord's Supper: 108
Groups Participation: 145
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP: 129

NEW MEMBERS in 2016:

Gayle Conrad
Frances Ikegami
Dennis Kurzrock
Louise Royce
Steve Royce
Marilyn Saba
Teagan Taafe

IN REMEMBRANCE:

Maynard Charles "Rocky" Hoffman	January 16
Sara Melson	February 20
Maria Arima	April 27
Al Jensen	June 29
Shirley LeMay	September 24
Patricia Alexander	October 6
Patricia Knudsen	December 31

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STAFF REPORTS

Pastor Susie Beil

Grace and peace to you all. I am ever thankful for the privilege of serving Christ at Summit as your pastor, and count it all joy to worship, grow and serve among you. This past year we have once again experienced many moments of celebration, witness and growth.

Some of my own personal highlights from 2016:

- The “Rooted” Women’s Retreat at Island Lake Camp February 5-6. We had over 30 women gather for prayer, worship, laughter, and sweet reflection.
- Spring Break week in Tijuana, Mexico with our Youth Mission Team building a home for a family, and building up young people to be life-long disciples.
- The New Initiatives Group that met for 8 Sundays to listen for God’s leading to connect more intentionally with our neighborhood. We walked our streets and attended local events, talked with community members and birthed three exciting new “baby” ministries.
- MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) has grown from 12 to 40 moms, and our Steering Team has nearly tripled in number and grown in leadership.
- “MomTalk” Bible study and book group that grew from 3 to 15 moms!
- Another fabulous VBS Kids Camp with our biggest crowd of neighborhood kids!
- SUMMITFEST 2016!! What a fun day we had together at Ruth Martin’s Sunnyhill Farm. My heart was full for weeks having spent such a lovely day of friendship, music, food and warm (!) sunshine together with you all.
- A growing list of Groups with each season.
- Two truly life-giving Session retreats, one in January to look at our individual and team Strengths (using StrengthsFinder), and one in September at North Point Church in Poulsbo to continue growing as leaders and as a congregation.
- Studying God’s Word, learning and laughing and praying with a wonderful group of men and women in our Sunday morning adult class.
- Joining the Presbytery’s “Catalyzing Missional Communities” committee, working with other pastors and elders in our region to look for ways God to use us in birthing and catalyzing new churches and worshiping communities.
- And, as always, gathering for worship each week with you all.



We ended 2016 with a Retirement Party and fond but teary farewell to our beautiful and dear Faith Parker. After 10 years as our beloved church secretary, Faith is now enjoying more time with her horses and dogs, though we miss her greatly. She loves to see and hear from her friends at Summit!

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Youth & Kids – Nathan Perry

Kids

EGYPT VBS Kids Camp! This year we offered VBS for free. That, along with some better advertisement, resulted in our biggest turn out for VBS Kids Camp in the 3 summers I have been here at Summit. We had over 50 students registered and about 47 in attendance each day, many from right around the neighborhood. Through our efforts we have been able to connect with more families and a few have stuck around and continued attending Summit worship services on Sundays. Many thanks to all the volunteers, and especially Christina McGaughey and John Lemm who built us a magnificent Egypt set!



In Sunday school we averaged 5 students a week as a few more students moved up to the youth group age! We have developed more of a rhythm and consistency this past year in how we use our time balancing group time and icebreaker questions, and games to connect with one another, as well as Bible learning and reflection to connect with God. We also had some celebrations during holidays we'd like to continue to get better at like our annual Easter egg hunt, Harvest party near Halloween, as well as our kids Christmas party.

Youth

Easter Project Mission to Tijuana! We built a home for a family who did not have adequate shelter. We partnered with Northpoint Church in Poulsbo, as well First Pres Spokane, the latter of whom provided our meals and led us in worship and group times, and with Alex Knopes from DOXA ministries who graciously led our team through the house building experience. It was a powerful trip for leaders and students alike.

Youth Mission Auction! Our goal was \$5,000, and with the help of donations from the congregation and the whole community we were able to raise \$7,000 which helped cover additional costs from transportation and room/board. God knew what we needed and he provided! The auction was a huge success in many ways.

BTWN BASH (Bremerton Bash) at Evergreen Park on the last day of school. We partnered with Seaside Youth, newlife Youth, and WestSound Youth for Christ. We gave away over 200 hotdogs and nearly 80 students in attendance for our 3x3 basketball tournament and 3 point shooting competition. We gave away many prizes and invited students to come to other youth events during the summer.

Triennium Youth Conference in Indiana! Over 5,000 other students from all over the world descended upon

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Purdue University for a week of worship, discipleship and fun. We had 2 of our own students attend with 17 others from the Seattle Presbytery.

Weekly Youth meetings incorporated serve group, small group, and youth worship gathering. We served the homeless with Kitsap Rescue Mission each month with about 3-5 students and many adult volunteers from Summit each month.

Friday Night Live Summer Fridays we played games, barbequed and ate together each week and we celebrated the end of summer with a big overnight camp out in Seabeck where we partnered with another youth group and had over 20 students in attendance.

Burnt Toast Confirmation Class this fall with eight students.

In Christ's service,
Nathan Perry

Office Manager & Communications Coordinator – Julie Mirth

We did a lot of amazing new things this year here at Summit. I am so excited to be part of a team that is growing disciples by loving God, loving others, and serving the world! Some of the new things I did this year in communications: Coordinate the sign-up and registration and advertisement of our first ever Women's Retreat. Create advertising for the youth auction for the Easter Project, for our inaugural youth Mission Trip. Administrative lead and advertising creator for our largest VBS Kids Camp on record.

I would like to thank everyone that so graciously welcomed me in my first year here at Summit. It has been such a pleasure to get to know all of you. I also want to thank all of the desk volunteers that come in and do such a wonderful job helping us around the office every week. Monday: Aggie Schulthies, Bethany Nupen, Tuesday: Sharon Plowman, Joyce Hersch, Wednesday: Phil McGaughey, Judy Wieck, Thursday: Mary Urwin, Sue Kela, Sue Hall. A thank you to, Bud Taylor & John Lemm for their willingness to fill in when needed.

In December I took over the Office Manager & Financial Secretary position when Faith Parker retired. Faith was dedicated to this position for the past ten years and I am both honored and saddened to be taking over her position, as the office is not the quite the same without her smile (and Sidewinder!).

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Mirth

TEAM REPORTS

Worship - *Loving God*

Team Members: Bethany Nupen, Chair, Gary Dahl, Cheryl Sanlin, Rick Walker, Susie Beil, Christina McGaughey

Mission Statement: To further our church mission of **growing disciples in all generations**, the Worship Team plans for, evaluates, and leads the congregation in loving God through corporate worship and special services.

Highlights of 2016

The Worship Team has worked to live out our mission in 2016 in a variety of ways. We collected funds throughout the year for our Sanctuary Upgrade Project to add screens and upgrade our speakers. Music is still a great experience here at Summit. The choir, Bells and our wonderful musicians all contribute to the worship experience. Pastor Susie led us in several meaningful sermon series in 2016. We started with a lectionary series in the winter and through Lent and Easter. Then the “Renew” series on the book of Romans, followed by “For Such a Time as This” on Esther in August, and this fall “Rebuild” on the OT book of Nehemiah.

During Holy Week we held a beautiful Tenebrae Good Friday service, though with only 22 in attendance. Easter services were held at 9:00am and 10:30am. Both services followed the same format, with the bells playing at 9 and the choir singing at 10:30.

This year we again held two Christmas Eve candlelight communion services, one at 7:00pm and 10:00pm, with a total of 89 at the early service and 49 at the later service. It was a beautiful evening no matter what service you attended; what a wonderful way to celebrate the glorious birth of Christ.

Looking ahead to 2017

We look forward to putting those Sanctuary Upgrade funds to work as the screens and new speakers are expected to be installed early 2017. Training on the new equipment will begin as well, and we will be looking for additional volunteers to help run the projection software while the sound techs continue their job managing the sound board.

In 2017 we plan to host a Seder Dinner Maundy Thursday service. We will not have a Good Friday service this year, but will incorporate some of the Good Friday readings into the Maundy Thursday service.

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Many thanks and gratitude to our faithful team - Pastor Susie, Choir Director: Gary Dahl. Bells: Cheryl Sanlin, Sound System: Rick Walker, Liturgical Arts: Christina McGaughey, Elder: Bethany Nupen, Organists: Len Guyt, Woody Bernas, JoAnn Richardson.

Fellowship – Loving Others

Fellowship team consists of several other teams that work to provide opportunities for loving one another in groups, events, and programs.

Hospitality

Team Members: Ruth Martin, Sue Kela

Hospitality Mission Statement:

To further our church mission of growing disciples in all generations, the Hospitality Team plans, supports and leads activities for our congregation that encourage and demonstrate our love for God and our heart for loving others. We endeavor to provide a welcoming, loving, safe and pleasing environment for our members and guests to gather and share their lives so that we may all become more connected to one another, to God and to the mission of the church.

Highlights of 2016

The Hospitality Team has worked to live out our mission in 2016 through:

- Providing a welcoming environment and refreshments for coffee hour.
- Advising family members and supporting their wishes for memorial receptions.
- Supporting various teams when their events involve use of the kitchen.
- Special Events:
 - This year the Hospitality Team hosted a Church Picnic – SummitFest
 - Saturday, August 13th at Sunnyhill, the home of Ruth and Tim Martin.
 - We had great participation from all generations with 113 members and guests attending.



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- Highlights of the day included music, games, food and water sports.
- Special thanks to the following folks who helped in the planning, marketing, setup and success of the day:
 - Gary Dahl, Nathan Perry, Sue Hall, Sue Kela, Julie Mirth, Cheryl Sanlin, and Brian Henderson.
- Thanks to our musicians:
 - Gary & Solveig Dahl
 - Tineke Dahl & Julie Ross string duo
 - Dixieland Band – Rick Chapman, Russ Warren, Wayne Jordheim, Gary Dahl & Len Guyt
 - Megan Kranenburg – Keyboard, Guitar & Vocals
 - Len Guyt – Keyboard
 - Smiley-D - Christian Rap
 - Nathan Perry – Ukelele & Rap
- Thanks to Wallace Ross who kindly agreed to be our MC.
- A kitchen handbook has been created with information provided by Sue Kela. This notebook is saved in digital form and is available in the kitchen as a reference tool.
- Our congregation continues to help us serve each other through their assistance each week in the kitchen for coffee hour. We will continue the practice of assigning duty for four workers each week with notification via the newsletter and the weekly bulletin. Thanks to all of you that have helped in the kitchen in 2016. Your assistance is very much appreciated!

Looking ahead to 2017

- For 2017, the Hospitality Team will continue to host coffee hour in the Robinson Fellowship Hall each Sunday. We are exploring alternatives for the coffee service and will endeavor to provide healthy snack alternatives.
- We plan to have one church wide event, likely a picnic in August. We will continue to support memorial receptions and Team activities which require use of the kitchen.
- As the use of our church facility increases due to programs like MOPS, we will work with the leadership from these groups to ensure that the kitchen is made available and that any training on the use of the kitchen facilities is provided.
- We hope to recruit additional team members to share the Team Lead role on Sundays.

Special recognition and thanks to Sue Kela who continues to lead all efforts that involve the kitchen. Her on-going commitment to serving our community of faith and God with her special gifts of hospitality and organization cannot be undervalued.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth A. Martin, Hospitality Team Lead

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Groups

Team Members: Elder Russell Warren, Coordinator + all the Group Leaders 😊

Groups Mission Statement: To further our church mission of growing disciples in all generations, the Groups Team leads the congregation in loving others by organizing, supporting and advertising seasonal and on-going groups to meet the needs and interests of our church family and community.

Highlights of 2016

The Groups Team has worked to live out our mission in 2016 through: work parties, music practices and performances, discussions about caregiving and studies of the Bible and other books. We had over 150 people participate in our groups this year!

Looking ahead to 2017

New groups will be organized to meet the needs and interests of the congregation.

Submitted by, Russell Warren

Two of our newest groups include:

MOPS – Mothers of Preschoolers

In our second year of Summit MOPS, we have seen a consistent 30-35 moms join us the first Wednesday of each month for breakfast, speaker, creative activity and discussion. We are so very grateful to our many faithful childcare volunteers and staff who care for the little ones while moms get a much needed break and fill-up!

TeenMOPS

This fall we launched a partnership with WestSound Youth For Christ and Kitsap TeenMOPS to host a gathering the 1st and 3rd Monday evenings of each month. Young moms meet with mentors for dinner, a speaker, craft and discussion. We currently serve 10 teen moms and their children. Our



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shed is nearing completion and we will soon move our Mom & Baby Shop into it. We look forward to partnering with Summit and other area churches for diaper drives in the near future.

MISSIONS

Team Members: Ken Davis and Brett Harrison, elders; Jim & Alonda Droege, Rev. Susie Beil, Ellen Middents, Dennis Kurzrock, Sue Kela

Mission Statement: To further our church mission of growing disciples in all generations, the Missions Team plans for, supports and leads the congregation in **servng others** locally, regionally, and internationally.

Highlights for 2016

Global Missions

- We support two programs which help children with education. One of these is the Masters' Hands Ministries in Haiti. The other is Go! on a Mission which sponsors children in Senegal.
- This year, we also supported the Wheelchairs for Nigeria program. This helps victims of polio so they can go to school and work.
- Last Spring Break, our Youth went to Tijuana and built a house for a family.
- Pam S, a missionary working in southern Turkey is supported by our church. You may remember she was here in August to talk about her work.
- Four times a year, our church supports the Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church USA: One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost Offering, Peace & Global Witness Offering, and Christmas Joy Offering.

Local Missions

- Kitsap Rescue Mission Sunday meal
- the Lord's Diner Saturday meal
- Benedict House meals for two weeks each September
- The Helping Hands Fund and Food Bank donations help feed local families throughout the year. We have had many dedicated volunteers working for these programs.
- Our church helps fund Coffee Oasis through the annual Taco dinner.
- In December, gifts for children were collected through the Kitsap Community Resources' Christmas Angels program.

We have been working on Emergency Preparedness for the church. Emergency lanterns for the restrooms in the event of power outage have been purchased.

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The Mission Committee wants to sincerely thank all of you, who have donated their time, talents and monetary funds to help our church to help others.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Team Members: Griff Ames, Bud Taylor, John Lemm, Rick Walker, Brian Henderson, Ken Davis, Dan Kranenburg, Wayne Jordheim, Tim Taylor



Team Mission Statement: To further the Summit Avenue Presbyterian Church mission of growing disciples in all generations by maintaining a safe and functional building for worship, fellowship, and mission activities.

Highlights of 2016

The Building and Grounds Team has worked to live out their mission in 2016 through:

1. Improving in the sprinkler system by identifying where the controls are and replacing hardware.
2. Installing post holes for the sign at the top of the parking lot area.
3. Removing hideous carpeting in the upstairs classrooms, painted the walls, and also built and installed all new molding.
4. Applying moss control to the church roof.
5. Three Eagle Scout Service Projects: Nathan Taylor (playground wood chips), Tyler Jilek (benches replaced/repainted), Zach Jilek (Teen MOPs shed—still in process).

Looking ahead to 2017

1. Get estimates to replace the windows in classrooms.
2. Get two more estimates for new carpeting for the Robinson Fellowship Hall.
3. Restripe the parking lot to bring it into compliance with ADA requirements.
4. Begin the work on the upgrades for the sanctuary.
5. Hang the dry erase boards in the upstairs classrooms.

People we'd like to thank:

The Building and Grounds Team would like to extend their sincere appreciation to all the church members and friends who have donated their time, efforts and finances for the maintenance of our

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facilities and grounds. We couldn't do it without you!

Submitted by,

Griff Ames