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## Annual Report For 2010

There is no  
Holy One like  
the LORD,  
there is no  
ROCK  
like our God.



1 Samuel 2:2

### Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Norm Story, Pastor

Rev. Dr. Marcus L. Burr Jr., Minister of Pastoral Care

Rev. Dr. Wayne Hawkins, Parish Associate/Hispanic Ministries

Mark Hellman, Youth Director

Kristine Lambert, Salt & Light/VBS Program Coordinator

Shannon Kilburg, Youth Intern

David Klement, Choir Director

Beth Borchert-Thomas, Youth Choir Director

Lynn Lawson-Jones, Pianist

Howard Smolleck, Organist

Lois Cook, Bell Choir Director

Linda V. Ramirez, Office Secretary

Michelle Del Rio, Bookkeeper

Randy Calkins, Sexton

Mike McClanahan, Custodian

Judi Ferguson, Nursery Attendant

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## PASTOR'S INTRODUCTION TO THE ANNUAL REPORT OF 2010

*Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 1:3-7 NRSV)*

When I was a boy, my mother insisted that I write thank-you notes for my Christmas presents before I was allowed to play with them in earnest. So the day after Christmas I wrote thank you-notes before they piled up. As I have reflected on our past year together, I realized that I have not kept up with expressing my thanks and gratitude.

First, I am very grateful to God for all the blessings we have enjoyed, for truly this has been a good year. I believe that we stand on a good and strong foundation upon which to build a favorable and faithful future.

I am grateful for your generous financial support. Despite economic challenges, your giving matched our budget expenses this past year with even a tiny bit to spare. In addition, your financial gifts have paid off our Phase I debt, provided 21 deacon Christmas baskets to families in need, a wheelchair-accessible van, and a new garage to protect and store it. Beyond our church budget, you funded a very successful Vacation Bible School, sent our high school and our mid-school youth groups each on a mission trip, and you continue to give toward our Salt and Light program. In countless other ways you support our church's mission and outreach with your giving, and I thank you.

It is an amazing blessing that so many of our congregation faithfully love this church enough to commit so much of their time, talents and efforts to our shared mission. The people of this church work an amazing number of hours on the behalf of our shared ministry, usually with little or no public recognition. I see people constantly coming in and out of our church doing jobs and attending to details, not including all the hours spent at home planning and arranging. I wonder how many phone calls and emails you exchange in a year as you care for one another and work on the programs and ministries of this church. We are truly blessed with amazingly faithful servants of God who freely give their time and their passion for the mission of this church to our community and to the world. I cannot say, "thank you" enough, for all you do and give.

I am also pleased and grateful for the growth and change we have experienced, especially this past year. Without abandoning our heritage, we are moving toward new opportunities for ministry and outreach, such as our Saturday evening "Faith and Fellowship" worship service. Church members who have been around for a long time have been generous in welcoming new people into our church family. Our faithfully aging saints have gracefully invited those new folks to share in doing meaningful ministry and entrusting them to help lead us as elders and deacons. It is a very good thing that new members and families are so quickly invited to serve and participate in the full life of this church. I am grateful beyond words for the faithfulness of

our long-standing members and for the participation of new members and families in our shared mission. In so many ways I see God at work in the lives of our church family and in our mutual relationships. It is my joy to serve as your pastor and share in the life and ministries of this church. I want you to know how grateful I am for your continuing friendship and support.

I am truly grateful for this past year and for all the signs of God's presence, power and promises for our future. We are blessed in so many ways. I believe that we are poised for a wonderful and exciting year ahead. We have a strong and stable foundation upon which to build a glorious future for this church, and surely the best is yet to come. Our God is always faithful and always blessing us toward new life, as we respond to the Lord's gracious love, God's call, and our church's mission on into the future.

***For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. (Jeremiah 29:11 NRSV)***

## **Mission through Iglesia del Pueblo 2010**

2010 was a pivotal year in the mission of Iglesia del Pueblo. A huge wave of thanks is due to the First Presbyterian Church of Las Cruces in this work.

First, the challenges! Last year was a very difficult one for immigrant families. Some from our congregation without legalized status were deported, thus dividing families and creating intense hardship. Others of our congregation have faced severe health and family difficulties. Others suffered from issues of injustice, like working for months with a promise of pay that was then denied. The problems of poverty are many, and they will continue to present difficult realities in the lives of many of our people.

On the other side of those challenges, the church – First Presbyterian of Las Cruces, the Presbytery of Sierra Blanca, the Synod of the Southwest, and the General Assembly – has acted with faith, vision, hope and sacrifice to serve the Lord of all life in a mission to facilitate ministry that brings spiritual and physical healing to those around us.

We lost between fifteen and twenty participants and prospects for our church. We gained the same number in new participants.

We formed effective relationships through the department of International Relations at NMSU that are working hard to support realistic and just immigration reform. The web of community relationships was further expanded through the area wide ad hoc committee on immigration issues that recently conducted a countywide forum that brought broad affirmation. We developed solid relationships with community organizations that have become a part of our mission every day of the week.

The staff and volunteer workers at First Presbyterian have provided loving relationships and resources for Christian Education, fellowship, and worship. The Deacons have responded to many emergency needs including food, medical assistance, and clothing. The staff of the church has generated a loving atmosphere in which our people are at home.

We have also developed relationships with the Mexican Presbyterian Church in Ciudad Juarez that have provided connections between our families here and there. Witness to our faith is being made on both sides of the border.

Two of our university students are now in southern Mexico giving six months of their lives in service at the Hogar Infantil Marsh, an orphanage where I (Pastor Hawkins) has life-long ties.

All of this, and much more, is happening because of the loving mission of the church. Thank you! Thank God! 2011 will bring more of the same. -Pastor Hawkins



## BOARD OF DEACONS

<u>Class of 2010</u>	<u>Class of 2011</u>	<u>Class of 2012</u>	<u>Class of 2013</u>
Pat Felhauer	Marianne Maley	Rusty Smith (C)	Donna Mathis
Ralph Miller	Austin Breck	Theresa Armendariz	Neil Moe
Paul Vaughan	Ken Osborne	Debbie Austin	Winnie Quinzi
Cindy Tafoya	Janice Sherman	Bea Conner	Bruce Pearson
Rosemary Maddox	Corina Armendariz	David Medina	Dennis Thomas
Mike Bartholomew	Doris Silva	Mel Parish	Harry Topley
Sam Bartholomew (youth deacon)			Emily Grandle (youth)

The Board of Deacons serves the congregation and the community in many ways.

These services include:

Ushering - Greeting our worshipers, handing out the service bulletin and collecting the offering.

Transportation - Helping our church families to attend Services.

Transient meals - Providing sack lunches to transients.

Visitations - Visiting our home bound and hospitalized church family member.

Soup Kitchen - Setup teams of workers for the local soup kitchen

Special Events - Coordinates events such as the annual Deacon Hamburger Fry, Christmas Food baskets, and the Socks and Undies – School Supply drive for children in need.

Each Deacon is assigned to one of the six Deacon Committees above and one of the six Session Teams as well. Additionally the Deacon Moderator attends the Session Meetings to provide communication between the two Boards.

The deacons have furnished financial assistance to members of our congregation and local needy families of the community in cases of special needs. This supplied support and emergency assistance has been provided in the form of sack lunches, gas vouchers, bus tickets, medical bill payments, and rent assistance, food baskets, under wear, blankets, gifts certificates and inspirational materials.

The above-mentioned activities of the Board of Deacons are generously financed by you, the congregation. Our funds are generated by our annual hamburger fry, one-half of the loose offerings and monthly communion offerings. Additionally, your generosity helped us provide Christmas food baskets for 21 needy community and church families. You also purchased, and completely paid for, a wheel chair accessible bus and garage. Through your generosity, your Board of Deacons is able to make a positive contribution and lasting impact to our surrounding community as well as to our own community of believers. Thanks be to God!

In Christ's love,  
Rusty Smith

# Deacons Financial Report

## First Presbyterian Church - Deacons Cash Assets and Liabilities December 31, 2010

Current Assets	
Cash on Deposit	\$ <u>7,949.45</u>
Fund Balance	
Restricted Fund Balance	\$ <u>7,949.45</u>

## First Presbyterian Church - Deacons Statement of Revenue & Expenditures December 31, 2010

Revenues	
Communion	\$ 4,021.00
General Donations	2,351.43
1/2 Loose Offering	868.90
Hamburger Fry	2,537.00
Hospice Project	1,565.00
Casa de Peregrinos	550.00
Bus Fund	<u>20,275.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$ 32,168.33
Expenditures	
Emergency Assistance	3,386.93
Community of Hope Donations	2,400.00
Community of Hope Gas Vouchers	1,800.00
Soup Kitchen	1,934.58
Hospice Baskets	2,504.47
Casa de Peregrinos	1,125.00
Iglesia del Pueblo - Deacons (Gift)	1,200.00
Transient Meals	106.34
Fundraisers - Deacons	347.32
Special Projects/Events	249.24
Handicap Bus	12,184.38
Garage for Bus	<u>7,730.90</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ 34,969.16
Net Receipts & Expenditures	\$ <u>-2,800.83</u>



## Ministry Team: ADMINISTRATION

The Administration Ministry Team is responsible for the administration of church policy, personnel matters, financial matters, including the tracking of all church income and expenses, reporting the status of our income and budgeted expenses monthly. Elders serving on the team during 2010 were Carl Connor, Joan Rawson, and Gene Christensen. Deacons serving on the team were Mike Bartholomew, Ken Osborne, and Mel Parish.

The Administration Ministry Team would like to thank John Grant for his diligent and extensive review and reconciliation of our church financial records for 2009; and the guidance he gave us for improvements in our 2010 tracking and reporting practices. The detailed accounting practices implemented during 2009 have enabled us to provide accurate and comprehensive financial reports during 2010. We will continue to review our reporting formats as necessary to provide the various Ministry Teams, Deacons, and other non-budgeted organizations with the data they need. We will implement their format requests for 2011 reports wherever possible.

We would also like to thank the members of the Congregation for their response to our 2011 Stewardship campaign, although it was not as successful as the 2010 campaign. For 2011 we received **113** pledges totaling **\$347,577.00** compared to 2010 when we received **114** pledges totaling **\$362,860.00**. We hope that the historic generosity of the congregation will provide the financial resources necessary to continue our church's ministry during 2011.

Only two personnel actions occurred during 2010, one affecting the Christian Education Salt & Light Program and one the Buildings & Grounds janitorial services. Kristine Lambert was hired as Salt and Light & Vacation Bible School Program Coordinator after the resignation of Michelle Osborne, who needed more time to settle into her new home. Randy Calkins was hired as a part-time maintenance man and janitor to reduce the cost of outsourcing minor facility and equipment repairs.

We continued the selective revision of our Church's Employee Policy and Procedure manual. At the Annual Congregational Meeting on 28 February 2010 the Congregation voted to approve the new Church By-Laws that were approved in 2009 by the Session. We worked hard to prepare new Amendments to the By-Laws that address the relationship between the Church and the Church Foundation, as well as how to distribute the income received from the leasing of Church property. The latter was precipitated in part by the **total repayment of the outstanding Phase I Bonds** to the members who loaned their funds to the church.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlton Connor, 2010 Moderator  
Administration Ministry Team

The 2011 Administration Ministry team especially thanks the 2010 Moderator, Carl Connor, who took over for Mary Kammann late in 2009 when she moved to the Reno, NV; and guided us through the tough budget tightening of 2010 that resulted in spending less than we received. The 2011 Moderator Joan Rawson, and the 2011 Elders and Deacons on the Administration Ministry Team are moving to deal effectively with the projected 2011 budget shortfall.

## **Ministry Team: BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

I would like for you to help me thank the 2010 Building and Grounds team who have served our church faithfully. Alphabetically they are:

- Debbie Austin
- Bill Brady
- Austin Breck
- Jerry Grandle
- Ralph Miller
- Bob Paul
- Charlie Yaryan

We have had a very busy and productive year. In addition to ongoing maintenance and seasonal issues to address, we contributed in the following major projects:

- Columbarium Project
- Purchase of and payment for a wheelchair capable bus
- Purchase and construction of a garage for the new bus
- Removal of 2 large trees from the quadrangle
- Leveling, re-constructing of the sprinkler system and re-seeding of the quadrangle
- Improvements to the children's playground

Columbarium: A major building project of the building and Grounds Ministry team is essentially complete. The columbarium and memorial garden is scheduled to be dedicated on February 27. The project got underway many years ago when Bob Taylor polled the congregation on the desirability of a columbarium. A sub-committee of the Building and Grounds Ministry team was formed. The present chairperson, Jon Daniels, has supervised the construction at the northwest corner of the sanctuary where forty niches are available. A variety of plants have been placed at the west end of the garden while Ephesian pavers cover most of the eastern area. The committee has established the framework for operating the columbarium. A folder giving instructions for reserving niches is available in the office.

It has been a pleasure and honor to work with such a capable and active team during 2010. I wish the best to the Building & Grounds Moderator for 2011, Bill Brady.

Charlie Yaryan  
Moderator for 2010

## **Ministry Team: CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Members: Corina Armendariz, Theresa Armendariz, Gena Breck, Mark Hellman, David Medina, Kristine Lambert, Derek Mechant, Martha Mitchell, Michelle Osborne, Greg Temple

This year has been a year of many blessings for the Christian Education Ministry team. We have continued to grow and reach out and draw in the community through many of the programs we offer at First Presbyterian Church.

Every Sunday, Sunday School is offered for everyone from birth through adults. Our birth-kindergarten program continues to be lead by Judith Ames and Carol Goss. Our Elementary Sunday School Class had doubled in size this year! We are blessed to bring the love of Christ into these children's lives.

We also had a celebration ending a year of the Discipleship Project. The church had many people who participated by reading the Bible, doing devotions, participating in Sunday School, attending sermon discussions, and reading Christian books and magazines. It was wonderful to see so many people of our congregation develop their walk with our Lord.

We were thrilled to have Michelle Osborne run both the Salt and Light programs and Vacation Bible School through August. Michelle ran both of these programs with much care. VBS was "Son Harvest County Fair" themed. It was a wonderful time to bring in members of the community that have connected with our church, and experience the love of Jesus Christ within our walls. Michelle left the position of program coordinator in August. Kristine Lambert was able to join the staff days before Salt and Light had its fall kick off. Salt and Light continues to thrive. On any given Wednesday night our church offers rides, homework time, snack, Bible Study, Music and Worship, and a family style meal to about 80 children. Neither of these valuable programs could be successful without the support we receive from so many people.

With the support of the congregation we were able to give away 30 Bibles to the children of First Presbyterian Church. It was a real blessing to see so many children excited about receiving God's Word.

We were also excited to have "Safe Sanctuaries" training at our church this year. This is a program that allows us to insure we are a place where all children are welcome and safe.

The youth ministry at First Presbyterian continues to be a place where the youth of our community come to grow in their faith. Mark Hellman has settled into leading the young people of our church. The youth went on mission trips to Cortez, CO and Austin, TX. Both trips allowed the youth to work serving the communities that they visited. The youth also participated in various fund raising and local service projects.

In His Service,  
Gena Breck

## YOUTH DIRECTOR REPORT

This has been a very active year even more than 2009. There is so much to talk about, however there are a few things that stand out.

The first is we had other churches that are located in both California and Texas that spent the night in the youth rooms. The thing that stood out to me was the fact that so many of our youth showed up and tried to make their stay as comfortable as possible. They baked cookies, made sure they had plenty of cold water, and greeted the visitors when the churches arrived. There was a definite showing of how much these young people care and want to help others.

Another thing that stands out is how the youth have started to police themselves. It was evident when one of the youth started to use inappropriate language and the group told him that was not appropriate. I do not think that would have happened even a few months ago.

One of the best things that happened in the last year is seeing the growth in many of the youth. Last year was hard because I was still getting to know the youth and who they were and what their stories are. This year I had something to compare to and it has been really cool to see how they have grown up and in many cases come out of their shell. Even the shy ones are coming alive, interacting, and speaking up. There are a number of youth that are becoming leaders and have great potential if they can continue to control their emotions and grow with Christ. They are also showing their maturity by looking outside of themselves to help others. On more than one occasion this year they have showed up to help people clean up or do what needed to be done to help out. For instance I had an incident at my house, and I had 8 people over to my house the next day helping get the house back in order. We helped a neighbor of the Smollecks that needed help with their yard, and moved books for another couple that was moving and needed to get the books packed up and taken away. They really are showing a giving heart and looking for places to serve those around them.

We were also blessed this year with many of our youth bringing their friends. This has contributed greatly to the growth of this group over the past year. We started January with few seniors and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. That combined with a number of youth moving from our area dropped our numbers, over the summer. That started to reverse the second week of Salt & Light when our numbers especially in middle school, really started to take off. We went from 6 to 16 over that period. The high school went from 11 to 17 over that same period of time. All the growth is from youth outside of the church. It is friends bringing friends. It is very exciting to see all the new faces and that fact that they are staying around is very encouraging.

One of the goals for this past year was to average three events a month. The breakdown was suppose to be one service project, one fundraiser, and one fun event. The other goal was to give parents the opportunity to meet with me and other parents so I planned on 4 parent meeting taking place over this past year. This was pretty well accomplished. We had 11 fundraisers, 19 service projects, and 15 fun events or parties and 4 parent meetings. In total we had 56 special events or activities over this past year that would include planning meetings and the 4 parent meetings. This does not include weekly youth group nights of which we had forty. For more information please contact Mark Hellman.

There are a couple of needs that we have in the youth program. The first is we desperately need volunteers. As a group grows there needs to be more adult leaders to keep everything running smoothly. Helping to greet the youth when they arrive, get to know them a little, giving some

more discipline when needed, and encouraging the youth to reach out beyond themselves. Possibly even being a mentor could mean a great deal and make an impact on the rest of their lives. This is a job that no one person can do alone so please prayerfully consider volunteering to help the next generation.

The other thing that we need is prayer. This is by far the most important thing that we need this year. Specifically prayers as stated in the previous paragraph for more adult leaders, but also youth leaders that will rise out of the youth themselves. Prayer is the thing that will get us through the next year and continue to grow what is going on here at First Presbyterian Church.

God Bless all of you in the coming year,

Mark Hellman  
Youth Director

## **Ministry Team: CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & OUTREACH**

The Congregational Life and Outreach Committee consisted of the following members: Carissa Brealey-Rood (moderator), Larry Felhauer, Bea Connor, Cindy Tafoya, Pat Felhauer, Stephen Taylor and Kathy Story. The "congregational life" part of our committee refers to ministering within our congregation, and finding ways to keep our congregation connected. The "outreach" function refers to reaching out into the community to bring new folks into our congregation. The two functions are related, as the congregation is made vibrant and fresh by the infusion of newcomers, and newcomers feel welcome when the congregation is active and connected. Our committee was very active during 2010, and we hope to continue that trend in 2011 with new imaginative events designed to bring our congregation closer together and reach out into our community.

Some of the recurring activities we continue to sponsor are the after church fellowship time, the movie night during the summer, and various dinners and "get-togethers". The after church fellowship time has been continually improved so that hosting is spread out over all the church's ministry teams. The intention with this program is to make the process very straightforward so that the host views this as an opportunity and not a burden - we believe we have accomplished this goal. The movie night during the summer was lightly attended on some evenings while drawing a good crowd on others. We plan to continue these events next summer with increased visibility within the congregation. We will continue to support any opportunity to bring members of the congregation together, and the tried and true method of feeding each other always works.

Our committee initiated several new events this year. The first was a Bingo Night, which was a very enjoyable evening of eating, making new friends, and – of course – playing Bingo. We also held a very successful wedding vow renewal ceremony in June, and hosted the fourth annual Trunk-or-Treat event on Halloween. For the second year in a row, CL&O coordinated a well-attended Thanksgiving dinner on the Sunday before the holiday in an effort to draw in college students from NMSU and introduce them to our church family. The team has also begun planning activities for the upcoming Gospel of John performance that CL&O will be hosting on February 13, 2011. This is a major undertaking that will be the primary focus of the committee for the first part of 2011, and we hope it will be an excellent opportunity to reach the community and bring them into our church.

In the outreach area, our committee focused on advertising and making personal connections with newcomers. We have decided to reduce our Yellow Pages ad in the coming year to invest the savings in other publications, such as Las Cruces Magazine. We have begun handing out visitor gift bags containing literature about our church, cookies, and name tags. The idea is that elders, deacons, and other members of the congregation will be able to easily identify visitors who carry these bags so that they may take the opportunity to introduce themselves and welcome the newcomers. We also hope that every event we sponsor will bring in friends and neighbors to come and meet our church. This area also spills over into other committees and throughout the congregation. One of the continuing difficulties is figuring out what works and what doesn't in the outreach area. To this end we will focus in the coming year on better tracking of the visitor pads used in the worship service. We will continue to look for new and better ways to spread the good news and give folks a chance to come and see for themselves the vibrant life of our church. More important is to reach people who don't know Jesus and look for opportunities to be a witness to the new life we have through him.

Submitted on behalf of the Congregational Life and Outreach Committee,  
Carissa Brealey-Rood

## Ministry Team: MISSION

Regular team members include Alex Burr, moderator and Rosemary Maddox as recording secretary. Also members were Blaine Goss, Lloyd Kirschenmann, Jacque Parks, Janice Sherman, Richard Paul and Bob Taylor. From time to time other people contributed. The team is always open to new members who would like to be part of our church's effort to expand the kingdom of God.

The efforts for which the local church has budgeted contributions can be divided into three groups: those related in some way to the national church, those related to other missions efforts, and local efforts.

### The national group included

- Harvey in England
- Haspels in Ethiopia (Suri-Baala)
- Prasad in India (Dalits)
- Synod of the Southwest
- Presbytery of Sierra Blanca
- Pasos de Fe in Juarez
- Cristo Rey Outreach in Sunland Park

### Other missionary efforts, most of which have some personal ties to the church included

- Barrons from Campus Crusade
- Evans from Wycliffe Bible Translators in Philippines
- Lyttons from Global Outreach in China
- Priscilla School in Mexico
- Pontiers from Africa Inland Mission
- Trudells from Wycliffe Bible Translators in Africa
- Waguespacks from Latin American Mission in Mexico

### Direct local support included

- Gospel Rescue Mission
- St Luke's Heath Clinic

The team promotes four special offerings during the year. They are listed below with the amount collected in 2010.

- One Great Hour of Sharing – Easter - \$ 3,720.19
- Pentecost Offering - Pentecost - \$ 957.00
- Peacekeeping Offering – World Communion Sunday - \$ 994.00
- Christmas Joy Offering – Christmas - \$ 3,463.13

In 2010, we had missionary visits in our church from Manual School, Kim Lytton, and Jaime from Pasos de Fe in Juarez.

## **Non-Budgeted Mission Giving**

### **Local Missions**

#### **Deacons**

Emergency Assistance	3,386.93
Community of Hope	4,200.00
Soup Kitchen	1,934.58
Hospice Baskets	2,504.47
Transient Meals	106.34

### **Missions**

One Great Hour of Sharing	3,720.19
Christmas Joy Offering	3,463.13
Pentecost Offering	957.00
Peacemaking/World Communion Sunday	994.00
Trudells	2,245.00
Lyttons	700.00
Local Missions	357.47
Other Missions	115.00
Total Mission Ministry	\$24,684.11



## **Ministry Team: MUSIC AND WORSHIP**

The Music & Worship Ministry Team members included:

Congregational members: Melanie Grant, Joanne Kersting, Marsha Topley

Elders: Florence Hamilton, Wayne Maley, Jim Parks,

Deacons: Marianne Maley, Paul Vaughan

We were assisted by Rev. Dr. Norm Story and our music staff Beth Borchert-Thomas, Lois Cook, David Klement, and, Howard Smolleck

Sam Bartholomew was also assigned to the team by the Deacons.

The team greatly appreciates the participation of many members who assisted in worship services during the year. Thank you to those who gave young disciple talks, led as liturgists, operated the sound system, served communion, greeted worshipers, ushered and provided other deacon duties, and the many who contributed to enrich our worship time. Thank you to Rev. Story for consistent leadership, to David Klement who took on more service planning duties, to Linda Ramirez for the weekly bulletin and attending to numerous details, to Judith Ames for coordinating young disciple talks and preparing communion wafers, to Mariann Novak for the artistic Lenten and advent sanctuary decorations and adding her professional touch every week, and to Esther Smolleck for her quiet effort to maintain the children's bags for worship.

Some highlights of the M&W Ministry Team in activities in 2010 were:

Concert Series in February, Festival of Hymns and Anthems, featured a concert and workshop led by composer Michael Burkhardt

April Concert Series featured Freedom Trilogy with NMSU students participating

Advent Christmas Worship and Music brochure was created for community distribution.

As part of our outreach to the community, concerts were presented in our sanctuary--by each of the three high schools, the Las Pastores singers, and two by the American Guild of Organists,

With our choral scholars mission, five college students sang with the choir

Youth Ringer Bell Choir and Youth Singers Choir were established and featured in worship services.

Major organ renovation was completed with new electronics that provide over 100 pipe combinations

Closet shelves were added for storing candle lighting supplies

A Pumpkin Carol Sing was successfully presented for Trunk or Treat night

Mariann Novak created beautiful new Christmas wreaths for the sanctuary

A computer was set up to record services and another now catalogs the music library

More hymns were sung from The Presbyterian Hymnal

Additional microphones were added for children's programs and greater service flexibility

Respectfully Submitted,  
Wayne Maley, Moderator

## **Ministry Team: NOMINATING**

Thanks to the Nominating Team for 2010 for their dedication in attending meetings, offering of prayers and visiting with nominees. Team members included: Jerry Grandle, Charlie Yaryan, Marsha Topley, Dina Schroeder, Paul Deason, and Dorris Hamilton.

Deacons:

Class of 2013

Emily Grandle - youth

Donna Mathis

Neil Moe

Winnie Quinzi

Bruce Pearson

Dennis Thomas

Harry Topley

Elders:

Class of 2013

Administration Ministry Team – Tom Morehart

Buildings and Grounds Ministry Team – Paul Vaughan

Christian Education Ministry Team – Brian Griffith

Congregational Life Ministry Team – Nora Yaryan

Missions Ministry Team – Kate Puckett

Music and Worship Ministry Team – Lloyd Kirschenmann

# **ORGANIZATIONS**

## **FELLOWSHIP GROUP**

### **IN-BETWEENERS**

The In Betweeners had a busy and interesting year in 2010, beginning with a slide program on the churches of Norway by Alex Burr in January. The slides and discussion were great. In March, Bill Kuyper presented a fascinating look inside the New York Philharmonic Orchestra where he spent much of his career. April brought a tour of a local winery. Even though only a few attended, they all found it to be quite interesting to hear the vintner describe the various grapes, wine types and their history. On May 7th, Harry Beckett provided a scintillating evening of music and mirth and even got us to participate and move around a bit. In June, we heard from Sara Walker Vaughan on her work and travels in Pakistan and beyond. July was the Independence Day Prayer Breakfast. Thanks to Don Rhodes and all his helpers, this was a great patriotic event. That was followed in August by Clyde Treat and his band who gave us a real evening of foot stomping, great entertainment. In September, Kelly Clark, from Mountain View Medical Center, enlightened us about the 'Code Heart' program that seeks to get coronary patients into the heart catheterization lab in a timely manner so that more lives can be saved. October was our time to help Congregational Life with the big Trunk or Treat event which was once again a huge success. We also helped prepare (and enjoyed eating) the Thanksgiving dinner along with several students from the area colleges.

Finally, we prepared for the Advent of our Lord by decorating the Sanctuary under the leadership of decorator Mariann Novack. And, of course, we finished out our year with our annual progressive dinner and hymn sing. Many thanks, to Howard Smolleck and Arnold McMillan for their help with our little songfest.

Along the way, we've had lots of good fun, good food and good fellowship. We expect to have more of the same in the coming year. If you've never tried an In Betweeners event, we hope you will join us soon. We are open to adults of all ages, and are always looking for new ideas for activities.

## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE CONGREGATION**

Presbyterian Women is an independent organization with its own leadership, program and budget. It is organized with the consent of the Session, and is a member of Women of the Presbytery of Sierra Blanca, the Presbyterian Women of the Synod of the Southwest, as well as the Presbyterian Women of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Presbyterian Women (PW) is organized into circles to provide opportunity for Bible study and fellowship. The circles meet at various times to provide meeting times convenient for the members. Each group selects its own leaders and study materials. Overall leadership is provided by a Coordinating Team consisting of a Moderator, Treasurer, Secretary, Coordinators of the Circles, and Coordinators of programs.

PW members are given the opportunity to participate in supporting local missions through offerings at circle meetings. Local missions supported during 2010 included Gospel Rescue Mission, Casa Peregrinos (food bank), St. Luke's Clinic (health care for homeless or near homeless people), The Bridge (NMSU Campus Ministry), Los Niños (child care for children of homeless people), and La Casita (a part of the Border Ministry supported by the Presbytery of Sierra Blanca). In addition to monetary support, various in kind contributions of food, clothing, bedding and other specific needs are supplied.

National programs were supported through donations to the Offering of the Least Coin, The Birthday Offering, and the Thank Offering.

PW publishes a yearbook annually to outline meeting times, rosters of circle and study groups, the budget, and other information.

PW is a member of the Church Women United and participates in its programs.

Memorial Student Aid Fund: This fund was established in 1965 with the money realized from the sale of a manse (which PW had built sometime in the past). The fund was invested with the stipulation that the principal was to remain intact, only the interest was to be used for scholarships. The funds were to increase only through donations. The fund is now invested in New Covenant Funds with General Assembly oversight. Because the fund has suffered loss during the current economic situation, no dividends have been issued, and therefore no scholarships were awarded in 2010. The value of this investment was \$6,930.03 as of December 31, 2010.

Evelyn Horst, Secretary of Presbyterian Women

## Presbyterian Women - Financial Report for 2010

### Presbyterian Women 2010 Financial Statement

#### Income

<b>Balance forward from 2009</b>	2,521.59	
Pledges	2,575.00	
Missions, Designated	1,568.58	
<b>Total</b>		<b>6,665.17</b>

#### Disbursements

National Missions Support		
Thru PWP*	1,000.00	
PWP Support	150.00	
Together in Service	600.00	
La Casita Hunger Fund	150.00	
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>1,900.00</b>

#### Designated Funds

Gospel Rescue Mission	167.00	
Casa de Peregrinos	246.00	
St. Luke's Clinic	315.00	
Community of Hope	45.00	
Memorial - Church Bus Fund	50.00	
Las Niños Day Care	140.00	
La Casita	50.00	
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>1,013.00</b>

#### Special National Offering Transmitted thru PWP

Birthday Offering	230.00	
Thank Offering	295.00	
Least Coin	30.58	
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>555.58</b>

#### Budgeted Local Expenses

Church Women United	50.00	
Receptions	500.68	
Office Supplies	100.00	
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>650.68</b>

**Total Disbursements** **4,119.26**

#### Summary

Balance from 2009		2,521.59
Pledges		2,575.00
Designated		1,568.58
<b>Total</b>		<b>6,665.17</b>
<b>Less Expenditures</b>		<b>4,119.26</b>
<b>Check Book Balance December 31, 2010</b>		<b>2,545.91</b>

\*Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Sierra Blanca

## **Salt and Light/Vacation Bible School**

Every Wednesday night, through the Spring and Fall, First Presbyterian actively devotes itself to helping children become stewards of Christ. Our program is geared towards grades K-12. Thanks to dedicated and loving volunteers, we are able to reach out into the community providing God's word and love, through music, bible study, fellowship and a warm family-style meal.

Our Lord, Jesus Christ, took us through our Spring semester with the learning of repentance, confession, baptism, and prayer. Fall, brought the stories of our beginnings, through Creation, Noah, and Abraham (kinder), God's messengers (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>), and the Beatitudes (Mid & High Schools). The children and worship team did a beautiful job with "Our Annual Country Christmas Spelling Bee" musical pageant.

On average, Salt and Light utilizes 55 volunteers per week, teaches 80 children and youths, including Iglesia de Pueblo, and feeds a crowd of 130 hardworking and hungry volunteers, children and their families. The Grace in this is not all in the number. It is in the giving. This "Donation-Driven" program is successful due to the individuals who donate countless hours every week and those who make financial sacrifices, all out of the love and belief in what they are doing.

This year, we have had the joy in watching new families become a vital part of this congregation because of our wonderful family programs and generosity.

Vacation Bible School:

VBS is a highly-anticipated and exciting way to spread God's word to EVERYONE! This is our most productive outreach program. Michelle, along with amazing contributions and volunteers, made this past summer's VBS a huge success! Our theme was "Son Harvest County Fair." Overall, we ministered to about 55 children a day with 70% of those attending from outside of our church! Your generous donations throughout the year make this incredible event happen.

Upcoming VBS Dates: Monday June 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
9:00am-noon

Submitted by: Kristine Lambert, Salt and Light/VBS coordinator

**Salt and Light Ministry  
2010 Financial Report**

**16200 · Salt & Light**

16201 · Donations S/L	7,070.50
16202 · Meals	1,260.00
16203 · Community Partners	652.96
16205 · Snack Contributions	107.63

**16206 · Tuitions**

16206a · Spring Semester	455.00
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**Total 16206 · Tuitions** 455.00

16207 · Scholarships	895.00
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**Total 16200 · Salt & Light** 10,441.09

**31200 · 12 - Salt & Light Expenses**

31200t · Sales Tax Paid - S & L	2.43
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31201 · Snacks	651.78
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**31202 · Dinners**

30102b · Paper Products - S/L	77.34
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30102c · Kitchen Supplies	618.45
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31202a · Food	5,246.22
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31202 · Dinners - Other	67.24
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**Total 31202 · Dinners** 6,009.25

**31203 · S/L Supplies**

30103e · Promotional Items	12.74
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31203a · Crafts	207.80
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31203b · Copier Paper	175.12
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31203c · Thank You Gifts	109.25
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31203d · Gifts for Children	425.39
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31203 · S/L Supplies - Other	532.53
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**Total 31203 · S/L Supplies** 1,462.83

31204 · S/L Postage	84.00
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31205 · S/L Curriculum	377.72
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31206 · Publications	8.86
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31207 · Music - S & L	64.73
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31208 · Training	390.28
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**31210 · S & L Fundraisers**

31210a · Food	163.80
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31210 · S & L Fundraisers - Other	439.35
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**Total 31210 · S & L Fundraisers** 603.15

**Total 31200 · 12 - Salt & Light Expenses** 9,655.03

**Salt & Light 2010 Net Income** 786.06

## SCOUT COMMITTEE REPORT

Our Boy Scout troop, Troop 62, is chartered by First Presbyterian Church. The charter agreement is basically an agreement between our church and the Boy Scouts of America, with mutually beneficial goals. Our church is a tremendous benefit to the Boy Scouts, providing a great place to meet and occasionally do special projects. One other invaluable benefit is the use of the church van, which enables us to go on trips that would otherwise be more expensive if we had to use individual vehicles. The Boy Scouts are 100% self-funded through the fund-raising done by the boys.

The Boy Scouts of America practice many of the morals of Christianity as outlined in their oath: On my honor, I will do my best To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; To help other people at all times; To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight

The Boy Scouts meet every Tuesday night to work on skills and plan larger activities. To teach leadership skills, Boy Scout activities are planned and run primarily by the boys, a concept known as boy run - boy led. This year, the Boy Scouts did several food drive service projects. A couple of our boys also went to summer camp where they learned diverse outdoors skills. The boys also went camping, hiking, and backpacking as a troop. As each boy learns new skills and demonstrates living up to the oath, he progresses in rank. We have had four boys in our troop achieve the highest honor in boy scouts, the rank of eagle.

Lon Anderson



First Presbyterian Church  
 General Fund & Designated Ministries Receipts & Expenditures  
 As of December 31, 2010 for the Year Then Ended

	Actual 12/31/2010	Budget 12/31/2011
<b>Receipts</b>		
Tithes and Offerings	\$ 443,468.59	\$ 416,760.00
Per Capita Tax	2,657.70	2,800.00
Investment Income	8,785.16	8,880.00
Children's Garden	9,300.00	20,140.00
Designated Ministries	35,614.42	34,800.00
Foundations		14,500.00
Total GF Income	<u>\$ 499,825.87</u>	<u>\$ 497,880.00</u>
<b>Ministry and Stewardship Expenditures</b>		
Salaries	\$ 167,149.49	\$ 172,000.00
Payroll Taxes	11,748.78	13,000.00
Housing & Other Allowances	55,159.14	56,000.00
Staff Employee Benefits	26,717.57	27,000.00
Administrative Expense	28,150.27	28,500.00
Utilities	33,027.27	34,000.00
Umbrella & W/C Insurance	17,478.25	18,000.00
Bus & Van Insurance	7,765.32	8,000.00
Repair & Custodial Services & Repair	23,119.54	24,000.00
Landscaping Expenses	11,968.31	8,000.00
Total Stewardship Costs	<u>\$ 382,283.94</u>	<u>\$ 388,500.00</u>
<b>Ministries</b>		
Mission - Benevolences	\$ 45,369.50	\$ 45,600.00
Music & Worship	26,976.89	24,000.00
Christian Education	19,758.30	18,800.00
Salt & Light	9,655.03	12,000.00
Congregational Life	7,450.37	9,360.00
Total Various Ministries	<u>\$ 109,210.09</u>	<u>\$ 109,760.00</u>
Total Fixed and Ministries	<u>\$ 491,494.03</u>	<u>\$ 498,260.00</u>
Net Revenues or (Expenditures)	<u>\$ 8,331.84</u>	<u>\$ (380.00)</u>

First Presbyterian Church  
 General Fund & Designated Ministries Receipts & Expenditures  
 As of December 31, 2010 for the Year Then Ended

	Total 12/31/2010	General Fund 12/31/2010	Designated Funds 12/31/2010
<b>Receipts</b>			
Tithes and Offerings	\$ 443,468.59	\$ 443,468.59	\$
Per Capita Tax	2,657.70	2,657.70	
Investment Income	8,785.16	8,785.16	
Children's Garden	9,300.00	9,300.00	
Designated Ministries Foundations	35,614.42		35,614.42
<b>Total GF Income</b>	<b>\$ 499,825.87</b>	<b>\$ 464,211.45</b>	<b>\$ 35,614.42</b>
<b>Ministry and Stewardship Expenditures</b>			
Salaries	\$ 167,149.49	\$ 167,149.49	
Payroll Taxes	11,748.78	11,748.78	
Housing & Other Allowances	55,159.14	55,159.14	
Staff Employee Benefits	26,717.57	26,717.57	
Administrative Expense	28,150.27	28,150.27	
Utilities	33,027.27	33,027.27	
Umbrella & W/C Insurance	17,478.25	17,478.25	
Bus & Van Insurance	7,765.32	7,765.32	
Repair & Custodial Services & Repair	23,119.54	23,119.54	
Landscaping Expenses	11,968.31	11,968.31	
<b>Total Stewardship Costs</b>	<b>\$ 382,283.94</b>	<b>\$ 382,283.94</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Ministries</b>			
Mission - Benevolences	\$ 45,369.50	\$ 45,369.50	\$
Music & Worship	26,976.89	24,370.63	2,606.26
Christian Education	19,758.30	4,697.83	15,060.47
Salt & Light	9,655.03		9,655.03
Congregational Life	7,450.37	7,212.89	237.48
<b>Total Ministries</b>	<b>\$ 109,210.09</b>	<b>\$ 81,650.85</b>	<b>\$ 27,559.24</b>
<b>Total Ministries &amp; Stewardship</b>	<b>\$ 491,494.03</b>	<b>\$ 463,934.79</b>	<b>\$ 27,559.24</b>
<b>Net Revenues or (Expenditures)</b>	<b>\$ 8,331.84</b>	<b>\$ 276.66</b>	<b>\$ 8,055.18</b>

First Presbyterian Church  
 General Fund & Designated Ministries Receipts & Expenditures  
 2011 Budgeted & Designated Funds

	Total	General	Designated
	12/31/2011	Fund	Funds
		12/31/2011	12/31/2011
<b>Receipts</b>			
Tithes and Offerings	\$ 416,760.00	\$ 416,760.00	\$
Per Capita Tax	2,800.00	2,800.00	
Investment Income	8,880.00	8,880.00	
Children's Garden	20,140.00	20,140.00	
Designated Ministries	34,800.00		34,800.00
Foundations	14,500.00	14,500.00	
<b>Total GF Income</b>	<b>\$ 497,880.00</b>	<b>\$ 463,080.00</b>	<b>\$ 34,800.00</b>
<b>Ministry and Stewardship Expenditures</b>			
Salaries	\$ 172,000.00	\$ 172,000.00	
Payroll Taxes	13,000.00	13,000.00	
Housing & Other Allowances	56,000.00	56,000.00	
Staff Employee Benefits	27,000.00	27,000.00	
Administrative Expense	28,500.00	28,500.00	
Utilities	34,000.00	34,000.00	
Umbrella & W/C Insurance	18,000.00	18,000.00	
Bus & Van Insurance	8,000.00	8,000.00	
Repair & Custodial Services & Repair	24,000.00	24,000.00	
Landscaping Expenses	8,000.00	8,000.00	
<b>Total Stewardship Costs</b>	<b>\$ 388,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 388,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Ministries</b>			
Mission - Benevolences	\$ 45,600.00	\$ 45,600.00	\$
Music & Worship	24,000.00	21,200.00	2,800.00
Christian Education	18,800.00	800.00	18,000.00
Salt & Light	12,000.00		12,000.00
Congregational Life	9,360.00	7,360.00	2,000.00
<b>Total Ministries</b>	<b>\$ 109,760.00</b>	<b>\$ 74,960.00</b>	<b>\$ 34,800.00</b>
<b>Total Ministries &amp; Stewardship</b>	<b>\$ 498,260.00</b>	<b>\$ 463,460.00</b>	<b>\$ 34,800.00</b>
<b>Net Revenues or (Expenditures)</b>	<b>\$ (380.00)</b>	<b>\$ (380.00)</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

First Presbyterian Church - General Fund  
Balance Sheet  
As of December 31, 2010

<b>Assets</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking & Savings	\$ 30,318.42
Accounts Receivable and Prepaids	744.48
Petty Cash	<u>23.17</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>31,086.07</u>
 Total Assets	 \$ <u>31,086.07</u>
 <b>Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	
Current Liabilities	
Payroll Taxes	2,921.71
Accounts Payable	\$ 13,690.38
A/P Special Offerings, Missions, & Gifts	<u>5,267.08</u>
Total Current Liabilities	\$ <u>21,879.17</u>
 Other Liabilities	
Children's Garden Security Deposit	\$ 3,157.81
Children's Garden Final Months Rent Deposit	<u>4,195.86</u>
Total Current Liabilities	\$ <u>7,353.67</u>
 Total Current & Other Liabilities	 \$ <u>29,232.84</u>
 <b>Fund Balance</b>	
General Fund - Cash Balance	\$ 1,853.23
 Total Liabilities & Fund Balances	 \$ <u>31,086.07</u>

First Presbyterian Church - General Fund  
Statement of Changes in Fund Balance  
As of December 31, 2010

Balance as of December 31, 2009 - Positive (Negative)	\$ (19,491.34)
 Phase 1 Session Authorized Transfer to the General Fund	 21,067.91
 2010 Income (Loss)	 276.66
 Balance as of December 31, 2010 - Positive (Negative)	 \$ <u>1,853.23</u>

## NEW MEMBERS

Brian Griffith  
Raul Ernesto (Ernie) Armendariz  
Neil Moe  
Kyle Temple  
Thomas Morehart  
Everett Slavens  
Johnnie Aldrich  
Sandra Lee Valencia  
Elizabeth Loman  
Stephanie Trujillo

Margery Feters  
David Henderson  
Eunjeong Moe  
Cynthia Medina  
Kaaren Morehart  
Samantha Armendariz  
Grayce Green  
Timothy Griffith  
Dennis Thomas

Holy God, we praise you for calling us to be a servant people, and for gathering us into the body of Christ. We thank you for choosing to add to our number, sisters and brothers in faith. Together may we live in your Spirit, and love one another, that we may have the mind of Christ. Guard these your servants and let your Holy Spirit be with them forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love:  
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.*

*Before our Father's throne We pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our comforts and our cares.*

*We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear,  
And often for each other flows The sympathizing tear.*

*From sorrow, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free;  
And perfect love and friendship reign Through all eternity.*

## NECROLOGY REPORT

Remembering members of First Presbyterian Church who died in 2010:

Barbara Phillips (2009)

Maria Brown

Caroline Darr

Lois Welles

Mary (Deede) Lutz

Harold Blakely

Tom Hanning

Mary Derringer

Jesse Parker

James Faircloth

Sam Nelson

Eternal God, loving Father and Creator of us all, amid all the changes of life, you alone remain the same and unchanging. We acknowledge the uncertainty of life; for we are given a mere handful of days. All life is as grass, and all its beauty fades like the flower of the field. But our hope is in you, O God. Even in the valley of the shadow of death, you are with us. O Lord, help us remember that our days are numbered and that you are eternal, gracious and loving.

We thank you for the great company of those who have kept the faith, who have finished their race, and who now rest from their labor. We praise you for those dear to us, and especially we thank you for the life and victory of these your servants, whom you have now received into your presence. Receive them into your arms of loving mercy, into the blessed rest of eternal peace and eternal home. Now Lord, let your servants go in peace, your word fulfilled. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever more shall be. Amen and Amen.