



**ANNUAL REPORT
TO THE CONGREGATION
FOR 2011**

**CHAPEL IN THE PINES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
314 GREAT RIDGE PARKWAY
CHAPEL HILL, NORTH CAROLINA 27516-4122**

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Edith Dengler
Susan Walkup
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Class of 2013

Karen Meredith
Amanda Briggs
Karen Fisher

Class of 2014

Barbra Carson
Susan Pierson
Woody Shearin

Elders:

Class of 2012

Marcia Ladd
Michelle Morehouse
Vicky Raymond

Class of 2013

Forrest Johnson
Lynne Hoerter
Jerry WehmueLLer

Class of 2014

Cindy Massey
Rachel Stevens
John Walkup

Quadrants and Committee Chairs (2011)*:

Education Quadrant: Rachel Stevens, Quad Leader

Adult Education: Rachel Stevens, Spoke Leader

Young Adult Education: Emily Rose Davis, Spoke Leader

Youth Education: Keith Glidewell, Spoke Leader

Children: Karen Atkins, Forrest Johnson, Spoke Leaders

Leadership: Mindy Douglas Adams

Fiduciary Quadrant: Jerry Wehmueller, Quad Leader

Stewardship: Dale Chodorow and Jerry Wehmueller, Spoke Leaders

Finance, Administration and Budgeting: Jerry Wehmueller, Spoke Leader

Building and Planning: Lynne Hoerter, Spoke Leader

Personnel: Marcia Ladd, Spoke Leader

Community Quadrant: Mary Donna Pond, Quad Leader

Fellowship: Phyllis Greene and Emily Smith, Spoke Leaders

Outreach: Michelle Morehouse Spoke Leader;

Stephen Ministry: Mary Donna Pond

Inclusiveness: Julia Trimmer, Spoke Leader

Deacons: Bruce Raymond

Worship Quadrant: Vicky Raymond, Quad Leader

Chancel Art and Communion Table: Tina Stark, Spoke Leader

Music: OPEN

Spoken Word: Madge Webster, Spoke Leader

Worship Support: Elaine Hudak, Spoke Leader

*Pastor Mindy Douglas Adams serves as staff representative to all of these committees as necessary.

The Clerk's Statistical Report to the Presbytery

Active Membership of Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian Church
As of December 31, 2010: 120

Membership Gains in 2011 by:

Reaffirmation of Faith:	5
Baptism & Profession of Faith	1
Letter of Transfer	4
Total Gains	10

Membership Losses in 2011 by:

Letter of Transfer	1
Death	1
All other	2
Total Losses	4

Active Membership of Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian Church
as of December 31, 2011: 126

During 2011, Chapel in the Pines received 4 members by Letter of Transfer. One member, Hugh Chapin, died October 12, 2011.

The Session met in 12 stated meetings, 8 called meetings and 1 joint meeting of Deacons and Elders on November 12 at which minutes were received and reports given from all standing committees and the staff. There were 3 Congregational Meetings: on January 9 the congregation met to approve borrowing money for the construction of a building; on February 27 to elect Deacons and Elders; on April 11 to receive the 2010 Annual Report and receive a report from the Personnel Committee.

A roll of members and a file of minutes are maintained in the church office.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Donna Pond
Clerk of Session

New Members:

Christine Beh	January 23, 2011
Fredric Royal	January 23, 2011*
Elizabeth Tietz	January 23, 2011*
Michael Tipton	May 8, 2011
Katherine Brekke	November 11, 2011
Monte Brekke	November 11, 2011
Martha Juel	December 11, 2011
Shirley Mammen	December 11, 2011*
Heather Bogan	December 18, 2011*
James Bogan	December 18, 2011*

Infant Baptism:

John Michael Tipton	May 8, 2011
Eileen Rhea Bogan	December 18, 2011

* Profession or Reaffirmation of Faith

My dear friends,

As I look back on 2011, I am overwhelmed by how far we have come in such a short period of time! We are still a young congregation and yet we are growing in our faith, in our outreach and in our lives.

2011 will always be remembered, I think, as the year we built our first sanctuary. In February we broke ground, though the actual work didn't begin until April (always waiting on those permits!). Details of this process can be found in the building/planning report. So many congregation members and even a number of non-member friends gave endlessly and generously of time and talent and resource to help make this dream become a reality. I saw God at work in so many ways through our members, our architect Keith Shaw, our contractor C.T. Wilson, and our timber frame construction team Dreaming Creek. Working with patience, with faith and without anxiety, the construction "team" found answers to difficult challenges time and time again. When we thought we didn't have the money to build the education portion of the building, we won the Walton Grant and received a large donation from outside of our membership to supplement the already generous contributions from our members. God has been actively present in this process and I found the overall experience to be one that brought joy, gratitude and humility to me along every step of the way.

During this time, we continued to offer volunteer, resource and financial support to many local ministries, including the Take and Eat Food Pantry, Habitat for Humanity, Family Violence and Rape Crisis, Take and Read Book Program, Take and Wear Clothes Closet and Chatham County Together. We shared our resources through special offerings like Pennies for Hunger, the Peacemaking Offering and One Great Hour of Sharing, to name a few. We continued also to support our Global Mission Co-Worker, Karla Koll as well as our Mission Partner, CEDEPCA in the ministries and work they do in Guatemala and were grateful to have Karla and Guatemalan Juana Herlinda Yac Salinic with us on World Communion Sunday and for other events during the days of their October visit.

In worship we shared the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion. We learned new hymns and responses (Have I mentioned what an unusual and incredible congregation you are that you are willing to learn new music, even while embracing the old? You are!). We even tried a new seating arrangement for Palm Sunday!

This congregation continues to be a congregation that cares for one another and for those around us. In the prayers you offered up, in the meals you prepared, the cards and notes you wrote, the calls and visits you made, you have shared the care and love of Christ Jesus with those who are sick, or tired, or lonely, or afraid. You have been bearers of light in your lives and have made a difference in the lives of others. I continue to learn from you and I am humbled by the way you all give so freely of yourselves and of the gifts you have been given.

In December of this year we moved into our new building. Our first Sunday worship together was on December 11 and our congregation was full to overflowing. Such excitement, such joy, such a strong desire to welcome the community around us showed on all your faces as the doors opened and God's people entered into God's house. What an incredible way to celebrate Advent together - with hope and anticipation, with love and deep gratitude to God.

God is good, friends, and we have been the joyful beneficiaries of God's goodness in more ways than can be expressed in one report. I end my report giving thanks to God for you all and for the opportunity I have to serve with you in ministry as we follow Jesus Christ together.

To God be the glory, now and always.

Your pastor, servant, and friend,
Mindy Douglas Adams

STAFF

Parish Associate (10 hours)

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

Brothers and Sisters great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised! What a year it has been! Particularly prominent in my memory are moments from the summer of 2011. Elders leading worship and proclaiming the gospel, singing and laughing with choir members in Montreat, the good will, hard work and flexibility of the session as we worked together to continue the mission and ministry of the church during Mindy's sabbatical. And then there was December 11, the first day in the new building. I recall thinking how natural it all seemed; people were greeted, Sunday School classes held, prayers offered, songs sung, fellowship enjoyed, as if we'd been just here, like this, for years. It's a testament to the hours of careful planning that preceded it and to the faithful witness of CITP; that above and beyond all else we gather to worship, serve, and glorify God. And so we did and so we shall.

Thanks be to God that I may continue to do so among and with you.

Deacons

The office of deacon is one of compassion, witness, and service after the example of Jesus Christ. Each deacon is assigned a shepherd group which they get to know and care for through notes, emails, calls or visits.

Deacons coordinate memorial receptions, making sure there is food, drink, and volunteers so the family can focus on the memorial service. They also strive to acknowledge significant life events such as births, baptisms, and graduations with a special gift on behalf of the congregation.

Deacons extend the care of Chapel in the Pines to many as they assist with transportation, provide meals during a time of crisis, offer print versions of the e-newsletter, take the flowers from worship to the sick or homebound, and accompany the parish associate when homebound communion is provided.

Deacons also assist in greeting worshippers as they arrive ensuring that visitors and members alike find a warm welcome as we gather for worship.

Stephen Ministers

Stephen Ministers are members of this congregation who receive approximately 50 hours of training equipping them to provide compassionate, confidential, one-on-one quality Christian care giving.

In 2011 the Stephen Ministers of Chapel in the Pines provided approximately 280 hours of care to people who needed someone to listen.

Stephen Ministers often care for members of this congregation; however, in 2011 many care receivers came from the larger Chatham County community learning of this ministry through members, neighbors, friends, or other clergy.

The Stephen Ministers currently active are; Amanda Briggs, Beverly Long Chapin, Pat Chappell, Jay Olsen, Mary Donna Pond, Lu Stephenson and Susan Walkup.

In 2012 the Stephen Ministers anticipate offering a service in December that acknowledges the sadness, loneliness, and grief this time of year can bring for those who have experienced a significant life crisis or a loss. The service will be open to the community and will seek to provide an opportunity for comfort and care.

Friends, I am thrilled to update you on the growth of our music program. 2011 has been another exciting year of growth in the Chapel in the Pines Music Ministries. The choir has continued to be a large part of the worship service as well as a community building activity within the church community. This year we have seen new friends come sing with us and have had a few previous singers rejoin us. Even with a shrinking budget we have continued to raise the level of the music both in quality of the literature and of the performance. This year we have continued to allow the youth to sing as a part of the adult choir.

Mission:

1. To provide the congregation of CITP with music to enhance the worship service.
2. To engage the members of the church with meaningful expression of faith through the art of music.
3. To allow the members of the choir to participate in this congregational outreach through quality music and quality presentation.

Responsibilities:

1. Oversee the music of the church service.
2. Oversee the music staff.
3. Lead the Choir of CITP.
4. Arrange for special music outside of the traditional service music.
5. Encourage participation of the congregation in the music making of the church.
6. Include congregational music in the worship service.

Highlights of 2011:

- Choir met Tuesday nights from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
- The choir is blessed to be able to use the choir room of Christ United Methodist Church in Southern Village.
- In December we have transitioned from Christ Church to our new building.
- The Choir has grown having up to 26 members of the congregation singing with us at least once.
- The normal choir on Sunday has stayed consistent at 19-22.
- We have kept up congregational participation in service music with several people offering to add their own music to the service.
- Members of the choir continue to participate in Montreat.
- Led an Advent Service of Music based around the “Song of Mary”.
- Grew the music library to incorporate more music for our growing choir.
- The Church commissioned its first musical composition. “Prayer for a Church” by Zebulon Highben was written for the dedication of our new building. MorningStart Press, a publishing company who produces the Presbyterian Association of Musicians Choral Series, is publishing the piece. Chapel in the Pines is becoming a distinguished leader in Presbyterian musical worship.

Goals for 2012

- Find more ways to use our new building to enhance our musical leadership.
- Continue to increase participation of the congregation in the music program of CITP.
- Reach out to the instrumentalists of the Congregation to encourage participation.
- Find ways to incorporate the youth into the musical leadership of the church.
- Work on fostering the first bell choir at CITP.

Office Manger (25 hrs/week)

Nana Morelli

Principal Function: The Office Manager oversees the operation of the church office – office equipment, supplies, office volunteers, liaison with church committee chairs, Pastor and staff.

Responsibilities:

- Complete disbursement and reimbursement forms;
- Prepare and print worship (Sunday, special services) bulletin;
- Prepare the weekly emails;
- Handle requests for financial assistance, coordinate with community agencies;
- Coordinate Building Use requests;
- Order office, Sunday School, worship and music supplies;
- Office equipment acquisition and maintenance;
- Resolution of billing errors with vendors;
- Manage telephone, voice mail and inclement weather systems;
- Maintain Pastor's website & office calendar;
- Personnel time and leave record keeping;
- Collect new employee information, conduct orientation;
- Manage office volunteers;
- Assist Stewardship Committee during annual campaign;
- Back-up duties for book-keeper; print reports; write checks to be signed, in her absence;
- Assist other staff and church members with projects as requested;
- Make changes to ACS database, perform data searches, produce reports;
- Advise session committees regarding annual budget for office and administrative needs;

Highlights for 2011:

- MOVED into new building – need I say more?

Goals for 2012:

- Complete Publisher training.
- Complete new employee packet.
- Clean up ACS People file, remove old visitor names/information.

Spokes: Adult Education, Young Adult Ed, Youth Ed, Children

During 2011, the education committee held two major planning and evaluation mini retreats. Review of the current activities and programs in the education quadrant was done. Programs were evaluated by the group as to number of participants and if they were meeting the goals and activities of the program. Congregational demographics as well as County demographics were analyzed in relationship to current participation in the educational programs.

Major strengths of the educational program were the educational level and preparation of current teachers and dedication of these individuals.

Major challengers were the lack of leadership resources for additional classes, a small number of participants in the children and youth activities and a lack of space.

The issue of space has been resolved with the dedication of the new church building in December, and will influence greatly the activities in 2012.

Challenges in the coming year include viewing the educational program from a wider perspective than just Sunday School and recruiting new leadership as well as participants.

Activities during the 2011 year included three adult Sunday School classes, one youth class and nursery, two adult discussion groups, discussion groups (younger adults part of the year), and weekly Bible study. Leadership retreat was held for incoming deacons and elders led by the Minister with Salem Presbytery participation.

Youth activities for the year included Sunday School classes held for middle school youth throughout 2011, excepting the summer. Two teachers shared the Sunday School duty assisted by a college intern. There were also several youth activities scheduled during the weekends in the fall of 2011. Sunday School classes for younger children were held in the fall and taught by the middle school teachers. Two new teachers were added specifically for the younger children at the end of the year.

Next year's goals include the following:

- 1) Refining the scope of the educational program and developing goals and objectives to match;
- 2) Continue to review and evaluate offerings for their effectiveness and scope; and
- 3) Recruit and train new leadership.

FIDUCIARY QUADRANT

Jerry Wehmuller, Quad Leader

Finance, Administrative, and Budgeting (FAB) Committee

Jerry Wehmuller, Chair

Manage the development of an annual financial plan for CITP to meet the funding needs of all the committees consistent with the expected revenues.

Mission:

Review and control of annual financial plan throughout the year and make specific recommendations to the Session on necessary actions needed to insure fiscal responsibility.

Oversee the various operational activities of the church (office/worship space, equipment procurement, asset management, insurance, operating policies etc.).

Highlights:

Completed 2011 in good financial health. Current year revenues exceeded current year expenses through the first eleven months of the year. In December however, with the move into our new building, expenses were unusually high with a number of onetime expenses, while December revenues were lower than normal for the month. The result (as shown in the Treasurer's report) is that for the year of 2011 our expenses exceeded our revenues by around \$14,500 which came out of our operating reserve fund.

The FAB committee began work on the 2012 budget in the fall. This budget was a challenge as we have no past history for a number of new operational expenses. The 2012 expenditures will be tightly controlled through the first half of the year until we have some monthly history for those operational expenses.

The committee in conjunction with the Building Committee monitored the construction expenses throughout 2011. There were some additional expenses as the result of unexpected work such as the bio-retention ponds. However we received some additional income such as the Walton grant. At completion of the construction we knew we would have enough funds, when the remaining payments to the Capital Campaign are made, to pay the monthly mortgage payments for almost 35 months.

We continued to review the second year payments of our Capital Campaign. Our members have done an excellent job of fulfilling their pledge commitments which are so vital to allowing us to be fiscally responsible in managing the expenses of our new church.

Goals for our Ministry:

Continue to monitor our finances and recommend any actions needed to maintain our financial health.

Insure that any recommendations of the audit review are discussed and implemented when appropriate.

Periodically review our pass thru accounts to insure they are being properly handled.

Continue to develop and recommend policies and procedures to improve the operations of CITP as we grow and mature.

Committee Members: Jerry Wehmuller, Cindy Massey, Bob Hoerter, and Jack Zollinger (Treasure and ad hoc member)

Personnel Spoke	Marcia Ladd, Spoke Leader
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Mission

To oversee the personnel function of Chapel in the Pines, including hiring and evaluation. To develop and update policies and procedures governing the personnel functions for Chapel in the Pines.

Highlights

Personnel assisted in revising policies and practices, specifically those affecting youth workers and other changes as we transitioned into our own building.

Made recommendations concerning 2011 salary adjustments and 2012 salaries and their adjustments.

Goals for 2012

In conjunction with the pastor and session oversee the staff performance review process for Chapel in the Pines.

In conjunction with the pastor, relevant staff and committees, oversee the personnel function for the church, balancing the ever growing needs of the congregation with the committee's fiduciary responsibility. Assist in crafting the church's staffing during the year and in the future.

Committee Members: Marcia Ladd, Chuck Rickard, and Bob Hoerter

Stewardship Spoke	Dale Chodorow/Jerry Wehmuller co-leaders
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Mission:

To oversee the fundraising campaign to raise the amount needed from the congregation to meet the needs of the 2012 budget. To provide the congregation opportunities for stewardship during the year via time & talent forms.

Committee Ministry:

The Stewardship Committee, in coordination with the Session, determined what the campaign would include and the time frame for mailings; office staff prepared materials and mailings; bookkeeping staff oversaw collection of pledge cards and maintained a donor list (no individual pledge information was provided to the Committee by the staff member in charge of tracking the overall total pledge amount). With staff assistance, thank you letters were sent out to all supporters.

Highlights:

- 1) Minute for Stewardship announcements for three Sundays were prepared and presented;
- 2) Budget narrative was written;
- 3) Goals for members and goals for friends were prepared;
- 4) Decided the campaign would not be a personal visit campaign, but rather a letter/announcement campaign;
- 5) Special pledge request forms for the children and youth were prepared.

The goal was \$211,000. The campaign ended, during a difficult economic climate, with:

- 1) We received 64 pledges totaling \$182,600 compared with 60 pledges of \$205,245 the previous year;
- 2) 90%+ member participation;
- 3) Time and talent information collected separately from the pledge cards.

Goals for 2012:

- 1) Involve more of the congregation in the committee;
- 2) Keep the solicitation time frame in November;
- 3) Promote all ways to make financial gifts;
- 4) Establish a regular meeting time for campaign meetings in August, September, October and November;
- 5) Ensure that time and talent information is used by the committees to identify people who can assist;
- 6) Determine the leader for this critical activity for the 2012 campaign;

Committee Members: Stan Campbell, Doug Carson, Jerry Wehmuller, Dale Chodorow

Mission:

To guide CITP through the process of identifying the requirements of our own facility and planning the design and construction of that facility

Highlights:

During the first quarter of 2011 the members of the committee met regularly with C T Wilson Construction Company and the architect, Keith Shaw. Once a price for the construction of CITP was agreed upon, we broke ground in April.

Dreaming Creek Timber Frame Homes Inc. of Powhatan, VA was hired to construct the timber frame for our sanctuary.

Bruce Raymond oversaw the entire process and with Lynne Hoerter met weekly with the C. T. Wilson building team and our architect, Keith Shaw. Bruce's engineering background proved invaluable.

On December 11th we held our first worship service in the new sanctuary.

Upon completion of the building, the Building Committee was dissolved. In its place, the Building and Grounds Committee was formed with the duty of overseeing everything pertaining to the maintenance and care of the building and property. The chairman of this new five member committee is Bruce Raymond.

Committee Members: Lynne Hoerter, Bruce Raymond, Don Rorke, Jerry Wehmueller, John Walkup, and Jan Rickard

TREASURER'S REPORT**Jack Zollinger**

Chapel in the Pines had a challenging year in 2011. Operating revenue was just under \$232,000 and expenses were approximately \$247,000. Both income and expenses were less than the amount budgeted. The deficit has been taken from our Operating Reserve Fund which now stands at approximately \$35,000. These funds are available to the session which has allocated them to balance the 2012 budget. The hope is that we will not need the total amount during 2012 and that pledges received will exceed the budgeted amount.

Spokes: Inclusion, Fellowship, Outreach and Membership**Inclusion Committee****Julia Trimmer, Chair**

In 2011, the Inclusion Committee continued to learn about the Covenant Network of Presbyterians and More Light Presbyterians to for guidance and inspiration in helping Chapel in the Pines continue on a deliberate path of inclusion of all believers. Mindy Douglas Adams and Mitzi Leshner-Thomas, as well as several other members of the congregation, attended the 2011 Annual Conference of the Covenant Network hosted by First Presbyterian Church of Durham. Tricia Dykers Koenig from the Network's staff preached at Chapel in the Pines November 6 and answered questions at a luncheon following worship that day.

The committee expanded the definition of inclusion to address congregants with disabilities and social needs.

Members of the committee: Cindy Massey, Stephanie Miller, John Walkup, Amanda Briggs, Julia Trimmer, chair.

Fellowship Spoke**Phyllis Greene and Emily Smith, Co-Chairs**

The Fellowship Committee is responsible for providing regular opportunities for fellowship among members and friends of Chapel in the Pines.

Pot luck suppers were held in January in the homes of several members, offering small group fellowship for those who attended. Refreshments were provided at the February groundbreaking celebration and a chocolate pot luck was hosted for Valentine's Day. We welcomed our pastor back from sabbatical leave with a pot luck luncheon in August.

The following people served on the committee: Phyllis Greene, Mary Myers, Emily Smith, Elaine Hudak, Mary Donna Pond and Barbra Carson.

Membership Spoke**Sally Wehmueller, Chair**

The Communication Committee was combined with the Membership Committee in late 2010.

In 2011, the Membership Committee continued the following activities:

- First time visitors were welcomed with a note from a committee member and the pastor.
- Members of the committee circulated before and after worship to meet/greet visitors and church members.
- Visitors were directed to the Visitor's table where they completed a name tag and a yellow visitor's card.
- Mentors volunteered to get to know and introduce new members on "New Member Sunday."
- The nursery was available every Sunday for infants and pre-school children with both paid and volunteer caregivers. A notebook with procedures and guidelines was available to help the weekly nursery volunteers.
- The pictorial directory was updated regularly and copies made available to every new household and it is posted on our web site (login required). The decision was made to change the format of the directory and work began at the end of the year to make that transition.
- Activity bags for young children are available for children during worship.
- With the move to the new building, a fresh look at our welcoming and membership activities was taken and changes were made to accommodate new spaces and an expected up-surge in new visitors.

Committee members: Sally Wehmueller, chair; Barbra Carson, Lynne Hoerter, Mary Donna Pond, Lynne Hoerter, Susan Walkup, Mary Myers, Dale Chodorow, Harriet McGraw. Stephanie Miller, as communications coordinator, also serves on the committee.

Outreach Committee

Michelle Morehouse, Chair

The Outreach Committee reflects the mission of Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian Church to share the love of God by caring for those in need, locally and globally.

We have worked actively during 2011 to meet our goals of serving our local and global communities through hands-on involvement, financial support, and prayer. Our activities during the year are detailed below.

Global Mission

We continued our support for Mission Co-worker, Karla Koll, and for CEDEPCA's (Evangelical Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America) Biblical, Theological and Pastoral Training Program in Guatemala.

On World Communion Sunday, we were delighted to have Karla and Guatemala native Juana Herlinda Yac Salinac participate in worship with us. Juana Herlinda visited our congregation as part of the Presbyterian Church-USA's International Peacemakers tour. The evening before, they shared their stories and faith with us in the Morehouse home over dinner. We also received the Peacemaking Offering that day.

We supported several projects in Guatemala, including purchasing school supplies for the Francisco Coll School located at the Guatemala City garbage dump and medical supplies for the Health Post in Pachaj.

Fair trade coffee, tea and chocolates are available to the congregation for purchase following worship services.

Local Mission

The following local projects were again supported in 2011:

- Take and Eat Food Pantry
- Take and Read Book Club
- Take and Wear Clothes Closet
- Chatham Habitat for Humanity
- Nature Trail tutoring
- Family Violence and Rape Crisis Services
- Chatham County Together

An offering of "First Fruits and Vegetables" is received on the first Sunday of each month. Non-perishable foods are donated to the Take and Eat Food Pantry.

The monthly Pennies for Hunger offering enables Salem Presbytery to assist the hungry both locally and all around the world. We receive that offering each month but also applied for a hunger grant to be used for the Take and Eat Food Pantry. We received funds from this program in the amount of \$1,000 in 2011.

The Take and Read Book Club expanded distribution of books to several social service agencies in Chatham County

In March, the Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee sponsored "A Conversation about Immigration" featuring Julia Thorne, Manager for Immigration Issues and Immigration Counsel in the Office of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA), who spoke about the theological, historical and legal aspects of immigration.

Until All Are Fed, an event to raise awareness about hunger issues in the world was held in April, sponsored by the Presbyterian Churches of Chatham County.

In May, Chapel in the Pines combined with Chatham Community Church for "The Church Has Left the Building." Instead of gathering for worship, we joined the North Chatham PTA for a morning of service, improving the physical facilities and grounds of the school and writing notes of gratitude to teachers and staff.

In the fall, we collected school supplies for the Kits for Kids program. Take and Eat, Take and Read, Take and Wear participated in the Pittsboro Street Fair. In December, we donated gift cards to three area schools for families in need at Christmas. Along with Evergreen United Methodist Church we sponsored a community-wide alternative gift and fair trade market.

A brochure and web page (found on the CITP website) were kept up-to-date to describe our congregation's involvement in the local and global communities.

In December Amanda Briggs and Julia Trimmer agreed to serve as co-chairs for this committee.

Committee Members: Michelle Morehouse; chair, Amanda Briggs; secretary, Dianne Birch, Janet Dopler, Phyllis Greene, Mary Pringle, Susie Smith, Sally Wehmuller, Peggy Wilkerson.

WORSHIP QUADRANT

Vicky Raymond, Quad Leader

Spokes:

Worship Set-up: Elaine Hudak

Chancel Art and Communion Table: Tina Stark

Music: OPEN

Spoken Word: Madge Webster

In 2011 the four committees in the Worship quadrant continued their efforts to support a meaningful, inviting, and inclusive worship experience for the members and visitors of Chapel in the Pines.

Among the highlights:

- For eleven months in 2011 we worshiped at North Chatham School. During this time, monthly set-up teams made sure that chairs, pulpit, table and backdrop were in place and the multipurpose rooms was transformed into a space for worship. In December, we moved into our new space and transitioned from set-up teams to a worship support committee, which began the work of overseeing ushers (led by Marcia Ladd) and flower sign-up.
- The Lord's Supper was celebrated every first Sunday of the month as well as on special days in our liturgical year (Easter, Pentecost, Christ the King Sunday, and Christmas Eve). A small team prepared the elements for the Sunday's we celebrated this sacrament.
- Three baptisms were celebrated during the course of the year – one adult and two infants.
- The Music spoke was served faithfully and joyfully by Pianist Adam Lefever Hughes, Director of Music Ministry Jeremy Nabors and the choir. The Worship and Music Conference at Montreat (with 12 attending) was a meaningful and fun way to expand the musical horizons of our worship leaders. The choir grew to approximately 16-20 singers on average.
- The Spoken Word spoke now included a number of trained lay readers; schedules were filled on a quarterly basis. A rotation of volunteers shared preparing the children's sermon.

Hopes for 2012:

- Strong congregational participation in worship leadership and support;
- Increased participation in creative designs and ideas from the Chancel Art Spoke;
- Congregational participants (both youth and adult) to prepare simple, yet powerful drama elements to the scriptural part of the worship service;