

WEST HAVEN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



ANNUAL MEETING
REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION - 2009

January 24, 2010

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of West Haven Presbyterian Church is to be a covenant community of Christ's people grounded in the Reformed tradition. As a covenant community, we join together in Christ's name:

- to worship God
- to grow in the knowledge of God
- to serve the human needs within the covenant community and in our larger community
- to reach out and welcome others into this covenant community

Toward achieving our mission, we pledge our time, talent and resources.

Vision Statement

We are being renewed in the Spirit by worshipping, growing, serving and loving all God's people.



West Haven Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church
(USA)

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LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Thanks be to God for God's grace and blessing through this past year. And what a year it was. You will find a chronicle of 2009 in the pages of this annual report. I hope you will read each of the stories of the Ministry Teams to see how this church has sought to give honor and glory to God. As we begin another year, it is always a good idea for each of us to reflect on the year past, its ups and downs, its successes and its disappointments. As disciples of Christ, there are ways in which we have brought glory to Jesus Christ and ways in which his highest honor has not been upheld. May we consider our walk with Christ in 2010.

My hope and prayer is that gathering with the community of faith will be top priority this year. Our attendance at morning worship is less than 50% of our active membership. As my mother told me when I was in 7th or 8th grade when I complained about church being boring: "You must put yourself within the place of the means of grace." What that means is that the way to receive God's grace is to gather with the worshiping community each week and to hear the Scripture, say the prayers, share the sacraments and listen for God's voice. It is power that those who attend weekly worship can attest to.

Primarily the means of grace are delineated in the Protestant marks of the Church – the preaching of the "pure word of God, the due administration of the sacraments, and the community rightly ordered." While these are not the only means of grace, these are the primary means by which God communicates grace to individuals and communities. As people are exposed to the means of grace, or as they place themselves in the flow of the means of grace (as they hear the Gospel, partake in baptism and Holy Communion, and participate in the Body of Christ), grace capable of creating saving faith is made available. The means of grace are seen as the most likely places for God to transmit His grace, but there is no assurance that grace will be given. Therefore, not every time the Gospel is preached, the sacraments duly administered, and the community rightly ordered is grace communicated. There are times when the Gospel is preached, when "little" or "nothing" happens, while there are other times when God is working to draw, convict, and convince a person or people through the means of grace.

You will find an updated roster of our members and friends of West Haven – with pictures - as well as addresses and phone numbers. You will also find important phone numbers to local and area hospitals and nursing homes. Please keep this by your phone and refer to it often!!

We are a wonderfully diverse community of faith, and your Session Ministry Teams continue to seek ways to provide opportunities of worship and service that will speak to each of us individually as well as showing the unity of the body of Christ to the world. If you have a suggestion for the leadership of the church, please contact any elder or me, so that we may discuss it.

May God's grace be sufficient for the mission to which we have been called in this place.

Peace,
Connie

STAFF

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 131 Wilkinson St., Rocky Mount, NC 27804 Telephone (252) 450-6814
 Al Hyde..... Music Director/Organist
 Georgia Stussie Paying Treasurer
 Joyce Pendergrass Receiving Treasurer & Administrative Assistant

SESSION

Constance M. Button, Moderator Kelly Allen, Clerk of Session

<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Rick Adams	Jim Piner
Jim Baldinger	Kevin Stussie
Betsy Newton	Debra Vester
George Adams	Trudy Martin
Kelly Allen	Greg Nelson
Jim Bruce	Elaine Weisner

MODERATORS OF MINISTRY TEAMS

Building and GroundsRick Adams, Trudy Martin & Greg Nelson
 Congregation LifeKevin Stussie, Jim Baldinger & Debra Vester
 Finance and Personnel Jim Piner, Kelly Allen & Jim Bruce
 Worship and Mission Betsy Newton, Elaine Weisner & George Adams

NOTE: Your Session provides many opportunities for involvement in the life of the congregation and growth in your life of faith through the four ministry areas above. If you are not now engaged in some aspect of one of these areas of ministry to our own community of faith, or to the world beyond our walls, you are invited to renew your commitment to Jesus Christ and His church by pledging to God the ways in which you will participate as a member of West Haven Church this year. Please contact the pastor to discuss the ways in which the Spirit is encouraging you to serve God in this place.

A faithful member accepts Christ's call to be involved responsibly in the ministry of his Church.

Such involvement includes:

- a. proclaiming the good news,*
- b. taking part in the common life and worship of a particular church,*
- c. praying and studying the Scripture and the faith of the Christian Church,*
- d. supporting the work of the church through the giving of money, time and talents,*
- e. participating in the governing responsibilities of the church,*
- f. demonstrating a new quality of life within and through the church,*
- g. responding to God's activity in the world through service to others,*
- h. living responsibly in the personal, family, vocational, political, cultural, and social relationships of life,*
- i. working in the world for peace, justice, freedom, and human fulfillment. [G-5.0102]*

Accepting the privilege and responsibility of membership in the church is a commitment to Jesus Christ that binds the individual to fulfillment of the obligations of membership. Members shall, when encouraged by the session, regularly review and evaluate the integrity with which they are involved in the ministry of the church and consider ways in which their participation in the worship and service of the church may be increased and made more meaningful. [Book of Order G-5.0501]

2009 ANNUAL REPORT

To the Members of the West Haven Presbyterian Church

I. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

NEW MEMBERS

Wayne Bailey	Ruth Little
Vernon & Guildaroy Baker	Richard & Marion Moore
Phil & Liz Broomell	Bill Pridgen
Nancy Bullock	Nan Russ
Bobby & Audrey Clark	Brandon & Caroline Stussie
Amaryllis Dawes	Ralph & Lois Webb
Juanita Fountain	Lois Weeks
Edna Greer	

BAPTISMS

Riley Stussie August 16

MARRIAGES

Jenny Cobb & Michael Adams	September 12
Candace Brogren & Michael Williams	December 13

ACTIVE MEMBERS WHO HAVE TRANSFERRED TO OTHER CONGREGATIONS

Maggie Combs Reed	Sammie Crumley
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MEMBERS WHO HAVE JOINED THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Pattie Cawthorne	April 29
David Thomas Weaver	May 30
Corinna Denson Hedgepeth	September 7
Lois Lynch Weeks	December 30

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP - December 31, 2008

Active	157
Inactive	13
Baptized Children	<u>10</u>
	180

II. FINANCIAL UPDATE

A. Operational Budget	2008	2009
Program Expense Budget	\$175,752	\$189,700
Income toward budget	161,808	185,295
Expenses from budget	159,744	169,466
B. Scholarship Funds	12-31-08	12-31-09
1. Phipps & ZL Williams, Jr. Funds ¹	\$ 53,391	\$ 53,770
2. Anderson Scholarship Fund ²	0	0
<i>12 Scholarships awarded</i>	<i>7,655</i>	<i>3,480</i>
C. Permanent Endowment Funds	9-30-08	9-30-09
1. Pemberton Endowment Fund	\$ 92,145 ³	\$ 91,514
2. WHPC Endowment	42,637	51,940
D. Other Funds for Ministry	12-31-08	12-31-09
1. Matthews Capital Fund ⁴	\$ 35,209 ⁵	\$ 10,287
2. Matthews Benevolence Fund	884	884
3. New Covenant Fund	27,285 ⁶	27,285
E. Additional Gifts Received for Ministry		
Gifts and Memorials	\$ 4,460	\$ 1,015
Music Endowment Fund	1,345	905
New Kitchen Refrigerator	700	0
Landscaping Fund	700	725
Re-paving of parking lots		2,000
Rinehart Capital Campaign		15,115
F. Wish List of Future Needs for Ministry		
Columbarium		
Atrium entry way or courtyard		
Spruce up classrooms		

¹ Invested in Certificate of Deposit

² Set by action of Session with gifts to WHPC in memory of Charles V. Anderson; completely depleted in 2008

³ It was a very bad year for investments!

⁴ From Estate of George & Dorothy Matthews

⁵ Invested in interest bearing CD

⁶ Used for matching funds for new roof

G. Other Designated Gifts & Offerings	2008	2009
Barium Springs Home ⁷	\$ 492	\$ 320
Christmas Joy ⁸	466	375
Christmas Eve	196	370
Pentecost	515 ⁹	400 ¹⁰
Two Cents a Meal/Hunger	243	248
“Souper” Bowl	311 ¹¹	278
One Great Hour (Easter)	764	573
Presbyterian Homes ¹²	183	191
Thanksgiving ¹³	191 ¹⁴	110 ¹⁵
Peacemaking	671 ¹⁶	352 ¹⁷
Local Benevolence	343	450
Disaster Relief	665 ¹⁸	0
Mission Fair	621	959
Total	\$5,661	\$4,626

⁷ Thanksgiving Offering

⁸ 50% for retired servants of the church; 50% for PCUSA racial ethnic schools

⁹ 40% local portion to BSA Troop #11 (\$206)

¹⁰ 40% local portion to Communities in Schools

¹¹ United Community Ministries

¹² Older Adult Offering for PCUSA retirement homes in NC

¹³ Received when we host joint Thanksgiving Worship

¹⁴ FIGS-Filling In the Gaps to assist needy families

¹⁵ FIGS-Filling In the Gaps to assist needy families

¹⁶ 25% local portion to Terrebonne Parish Schools in south Louisiana

¹⁷ 25% local portion to My Sister’s House

¹⁸ To south Louisiana Terrebonne Parish Schools after Hurricane

H. Changes in Pastor's Terms of Call (effective January 1, 2010)

<u>Pastoral Expenses:</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Salary	\$ 21,380	\$ 21,500
Housing/Utilities	17,000	18,000
Social Security (1/2)	3,319	3,404
Deferred Compensation*	5,000	5,000
Total	\$ 46,699	\$ 47,904

*Portion of salary set aside for 403(b)

Also included is Presbytery's minimum four weeks paid vacation and two weeks paid study leave.

Administrative Expenses:

Annuity/Insurance*	\$ 13,210	\$ 14,018
Prof. Exp Reimb Acct**	4,600	4,603
Total	\$ 17,810	\$ 18,621

*Computed on Salary, Housing, & Deferred Comp at 31.5%, Board of Pensions 2010 rate.

** \$3,103 for Mileage reimbursement; \$1,500 for Study Leave reimbursement for 2010

I. Budget

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Pledges	\$ 145,904	\$ 157,710
Loose offerings	8,000	8,000
Miscellaneous	1,000	1,000
Sunday School	300	300
Carry over	22,096	34,369
Interest	1,500	0
Youth Ministry [Held in escrow]	10,400	10,400
Total	\$ 189,700	\$ 211,779

Expenses

Worship & Mission	\$ 20,300	\$ 22,655
Congregational Life	3,000	3,600
Building & Grounds	53,000	48,300
Finance & Personnel	1,509	1,525
Pastoral Expense	46,699	47,904
Administrative Expense	18,522	18,621
Staff	46,670	55,111
Sinking Fund	0	14,062
Total	\$ 189,700	\$ 211,779

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chairpersons: Betsy Newton & Jim Piner
Members: Vickie Dew, Jim Dickens, Steve Davis

The Church Officer Nominating Committee, after prayerful deliberation, places in nomination the following persons:

FOR THE OFFICE OF ELDER---Class of 2012

In 2004, the congregation voted to change the format of the Session into two classes of 6 elders each. Therefore, each year 6 elders will be elected.

- 1. Pat Adams** is an ordained elder and has been a member of West Haven for many years. Pat is serving on Worship Ministry Team and Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team. She is an optometrist at Optometric Eye Care. She is married to Rick and they are the parents of Dennis and Justin, both students at UNC Chapel Hill.
- 2. Candice Davis** is a new-comer to the office of elder. Candice works for Doctor's Vision Center. She and her husband Steve have been members of West Haven for 3 years. They have been active in Sunday school. They are the proud parents of one young son, Will.
- 3. Patsy Pridgen** is one of our newer members. She and her husband Al, both with roots in this area, joined West Haven in 2008. She is an active member of circle and teaches English at Nash Community College. She and Al have three daughters and two grandchildren.
- 4. Brandon Stussie** will be serving his first term as elder. Brandon works for Lambert's Cable Splicing Company. Brandon grew up at West Haven. He is married to Caroline and they are the proud parents on one young son, Riley. Even before joining the church last year, they have been active in work days and Sunday school.
- 5. Georgia Stussie**, a long-time member, confirmed in this congregation and ordained as an elder in 1987, is presently serving the church as our Paying Treasurer, sings in the choir, and plays handbells. She is married to Kevin, and they have four children: Brian, Brandon, Grant, Morgan and 4 grandchildren.
- 6. John Stratton** is an ordained elder having served several terms on Session. John has been a member since 1994 and has been active in almost all phases of the life of the church. You will see John in the choir, at the computer, staying late to close up and do all sorts of things that will help the life of the church. John works for Ceco Building Systems in Rocky Mount.

ANNUAL REPORTS OF MINISTRY TEAMS

WORSHIP & MISSION MINISTRY TEAM

Moderator: Betsy Newton

Members: Co-Moderator Elaine Weisner, George Adams, Pat B. Adams, Bev Baldinger, Dan Davis, Linda Davis, Cheryl Piner, and Lyn Stephens

The Worship and Mission Ministry Team provides services within and outside the walls of West Haven. The team is responsible for all the policies and plans that include music, pulpit supply, ushers, greeters, communion, weddings, funerals, and special services (Christmas Eve, Thanksgiving, and Easter). The Decor Committee, chaired by Lyn Stephens, is a sub-committee of our team.

With our time, talent, and financial support, we are able to support various ministries such as Boy Scout Troop and Cub Pack #11, the Bassett Center and United Community Ministries, My Sister's House, Habitat for Humanity, Gatekeepers Work Camp, CareNet Counseling Center, and Rev. Becca Young, missionary in Jakarta, Indonesia.

We held our second Gifts of the Spirit Mission Fair, featuring items from Ten Thousand Villages, which helps support employment of third-world persons, enabling them to become self-sufficient by selling their arts and crafts in a fair-trade setting. We also sold items made by West Haven members. The monies collected were designated for missions both at the local and global level.

There are seven special offerings collected throughout the year: Souper Bowl Offering, One Great Hour of Sharing (Easter), Pentacost Offering (May or June), Older Adult (May or June), Peacemaking (World Communion Sunday, October), Barium Springs (Thanksgiving), and the Christmas Joy Offering.

The Worship and Mission Ministry Team:

- Served Communion eighteen times during the year including five weekdays during Holy Week and six Lenten Sundays.
- Served Communion to the homebound.
- Prepared the Officer in Charge, Usher, and Communion schedules.
- Supplied the Pulpit as needed.
- Collected \$276.61 at Souper Bowl of Caring. (\$50.00 to My Sister's House and \$226.61 to United Community Ministries).
- Held Ash Wednesday services for area Presbyterian churches.
- Held Holy Week morning and Maundy Thursday services.
- Participated in Easter Sunrise Service at Wildwood Park with First Christian Church and hosted breakfast in Rinehart Fellowship Hall afterwards.
- Started the recording of services on CDs.
- Supported Pulpit exchange with Conetoe Baptist Church.
- Hosted visiting members from Conetoe Baptist Church.
- Donated \$250 to Conetoe youth center for new computer equipment.

- Donated to the Lighthouse to help deal with utility bills.
- Arranged volunteers for UCM Soup Kitchen on the second Saturday of each month.
- Collected food and personal care items on Outreach Sunday (first Sunday of each month).
- Supported Rocky Mount Fun Run and donated money in the name of CareNet Counseling.
- Held “Worship By the River” service in September.
- Hosted the North Carolina Boys Choir.
- Hosted a special Thanksgiving service and reception with First Christian Church.
- Gave financial support to PCUSA via the General Assembly, Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, and New Hope Presbytery.
- Celebrated special services, including Youth, Women’s, and Christmas Eve.

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Average Sunday attendance	77	76	71	64	63	59
Average number of guests			11	10	9	10

Ministry of Music
Al Hyde, Director of Music

Adult Choir

Soprano

*Connie Button
Barbara Hyde
Starr Pearson*

Alto

*Linda Davis
Peggy Griffin
Ann Martin
Betsy Newton*

Tenor

*Georgia Stussie
David Pearson*

Bass

*Wade Martin
John Stratton
Bruce Inscoe*

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**Adult Handbell Choir**

*Pat S. Adams  
Bev Baldinger  
Connie Button  
Barbara Hyde  
Ann Martin  
Wade Martin  
Linda Davis*

*Ginger Bruce  
Peggy Griffin  
John Stratton  
Betsy Newton  
Georgia Stussie  
Jim Bruce*

*The Handbell Choir contributed to worship several times. The Adult Choir presents anthems each Sunday as well as special musical offerings at Easter and Christmas.*

*During 2009, there were several musical events for the community:*

|                                                          |                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <i>North Carolina Boys Choir</i>                         | <i>May 1</i>       |
| <i>Community Thanksgiving Service</i>                    | <i>November 22</i> |
| <i>Tar River Children's Chorus</i>                       | <i>December 13</i> |
| <i>Christmas Cantata, by chancel choir of West Haven</i> | <i>December 13</i> |



**Boy Scouts Troop #11**

Scoutmaster: **David Pearson**  
Committee Chairman: **John Stratton**

The Scout troop meets on Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. September through May. Boy Scouts

is for boys in grades 6-12 [or until age 18]. Troop #11 has been in existence in Rocky Mount since 1911. The Committee meets on the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. The troop has 32 scouts as of January, 2010. For information, please contact Scoutmaster Pearson, 446-7474 or John Stratton, 972-3508.



## **Cub Pack #11**

Cubmaster: **Christopher Sandy**  
Committee Chairman: **Chris Davis**

The Cub Pack meets the first Tuesday night of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Gym September through May. The Cub Dens [Tigers - grade 1; Bears - grade 2; Wolves - grade 3; Webelos - grades 4-5] meet the other Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m. in Rinehart Fellowship Hall September through May. The Committee meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. The pack has 22 scouts as of January, 2010. For more information, please contact Cubmaster Sandy, 883-8900, or John Stratton, 972-3508.

**John Stratton** - Charter Organization Representative (liaison between both the troop and the pack & the sponsoring organization, West Haven church)

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE MINISTRY TEAM

Moderators: Patty Shearin, Kevin Stussie, Jim Baldinger  
Members: HC Shearin, Pat S. Adams, Nancy Adkins, Ann Martin,  
Starr Pearson, Debra Vester

This ministry team is responsible to develop and administer Sunday school, other types of Bible study, teacher workshops, confirmation and communicant training, VBS, library and officer training to enhance understanding of Christian faith and encourage growth in faith.

The ministry team also develops programs, for members, prospective and new members. Areas of responsibility are to nurture the membership, fellowship and communication to increase our ability to give and receive love in the spirit of Christ.

The Congregational Life Ministry Team activities for 2008:

- ◆ Men of West Haven meet 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 8:30 am for breakfast and fellowship.
- ◆ Lunch Bunch members meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday for lunch after worship.
- ◆ Presbyterian Women meet each month for Bible study and fellowship in two circles, morning and evening.
- ◆ Gems (55 and older) meet on 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday each month for lunch and fellowship.
- ◆ Shawl Ministry meets on 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of month to knit or crochet shawls for others.
- ◆ 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Fellowship after worship with light refreshments served.
- ◆ 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fellowship with light refreshments between SS and worship hour.
- ◆ Plans Lenten Lunches, which includes Bible study.
- ◆ Hosts Palm Sunday Salad Bar Luncheon after worship.
- ◆ Meals planned for congregation during the year to strengthen fellowship.
- ◆ Meals for grieving families and the sick provided.
- ◆ Meal gift certificate sent to college students twice a year during exam time.
- ◆ Hosts annual Souper Bowl lunch.
- ◆ Hosts annual Ice Cream Social.
- ◆ Provides monthly newsletter for members and friends of congregation.
- ◆ Provides brochure for worship guests.
- ◆ Organizes visitation team for ailing and absent members.
- ◆ Sends cards to ailing or absent members.
- ◆ Provided daytime and evening Bible studies.
- ◆ Responsible for Sunday school curriculum and soliciting teachers when needed.

# The Men of West Haven

The Men of West Haven have been meeting for breakfast since the spring 2005. Every third Sunday, unless there is a church-wide event, the men gather at 8:30 am for food, fellowship and morning devotion. Additionally there is usually a discussion of issues affecting our church and our community. During 2008, we averaged about ten men in attendance each month.

All men who attend West Haven, and their guests, are invited to join us. You can even join in the cooking if you would like!

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL 2008-2009**

Sunday Church School classes meet each Sunday morning at 9:45 a m

|                     |               |
|---------------------|---------------|
| SUPERINTENDENT      | Nancy Adkins  |
| ASST SUPERINTENDENT | John Stratton |

**JANE PARKER CLASS** – This class of adults meets in the Pemberton Conference Room. Curriculum varies from DVD led classes to books of the Bible to contemporary issues. Leaders arise from the members of the class.

**NURSERY CLASS** – This class is for youngsters ages birth to 2 years. It is staffed by volunteers.

**TODDLER CLASS** – This class is for youngsters ages 2 - 4 years. The class meets in the Toddler Nursery with Starr Pearson as lead teacher.

**ONE ROOM CLASS** – This class is for youngsters in grades 2-8. It is lead by Patty Shearin.

**YOUNG ADULT CLASS** – This class which began in 2009 is for our growing group of young adults with young children. In the spring they read and discussed *Making a Home for Faith The Spiritual Life of your Children* by Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Caldwell, Presbyterian Church (USA) professor at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. In the fall they studied *The Bible from Scratch - Old Testament* by Rev. Don Griggs. In the spring 2010, they will study *The Bible from Scratch – New Testament* by Rev. Don Griggs. The class meets upstairs in the Education Building. Pastor Connie is teaching.

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL** – During the summer 2009 there was a class of about 10 who learned more about Dietrich Bonhoeffer and *Being Presbyterian in the Bible Belt*.

Our goal this year is to have every PERSON make a commitment to take part in a Sunday School class. We will depend on parents to help make this a priority for our children and teenagers. Sunday School is the place where we have an opportunity to meet informally and share in studying God's word. Join us each Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

# Shawl Ministry Report 2010

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*Members : Connie Button, Peggy Griffin, Betsy Newton, Nancy Smith, Lyn Stephens, Georgia Stussie, June Wynne, Amaryllis Dawes, Guildaroy Baker, and Ann Martin.*

It was a very busy year for the Shawl Ministry!

Ten shawls were lovingly created and dedicated for members and friends of West Haven. All the shawls are either knitted or crocheted with patterns based on power of three, representing the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. As the artisans work on the shawl, they are in prayerful thought about the trinity and the person who will receive the shawl.

When each shawl is completed it is prayed over by all members touching it as we pray the **Prayer of Blessing** by Janet Bristow 2000

*May God's grace be upon this shawl...  
warming, comforting, enfolding, and embracing.  
May this mantle be a safe haven...a sacred place of security and well being.  
Sustaining and embracing the good times as well as the difficult ones.  
May the one who receives this shawl be cradled in hope, kept in joy,  
graced with peace, and wrapped in love.  
Blessed Be!*



As an outreach project, we made 35 sets of hats and scarves that were donated to Williford Family Resource Center for students in need this winter. Williford is the elementary school for the church neighborhood.

Another ongoing project for the ministry is to crochet edges on caregiver blankets that are given to United Hospice. These are given to caregivers of hospice patients in a show of support and comfort.

The shawl ministry welcomed several new members this fall from Second Presbyterian. We meet from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month, October through May, in the Pemberton Building boardroom. We can teach you if you don't know how to knit or crochet. We have an assortment of yarns that have been donated to get you started.

Come and visit, the more the merrier!



# WEST HAVEN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

2009- 2010

## OFFICERS

|                                |               |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Moderator</b>               | Ann Martin    |
| <b>Vice-Moderator</b>          | Cheryl Piner  |
| <b>Secretary/Treasurer</b>     | Peggy Griffin |
| <b>Special Projects/Search</b> | Cheryl Piner  |
| <b>Historian</b>               | Patty Shearin |

**TOTAL: 77**

## CIRCLE MODERATORS 2009- 2010

Circles meet on Mon @ 7:00 pm & Tues. @ 10:00 am after the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun.

**Circle 1** Nancy Adkins  
Pat S. Adams

**Circle 2** Trudy Martin  
Andrea Mitchell

## NURSERY ASSIGNMENTS

**Circle 1** September, November, January, March, May, July  
**Circle 2** October, December, February, April, June, August

## FINANCE & PERSONNEL MINISTRY TEAM

**Moderator:** John Stratton

**Members:** Peggy Griffin, Jim Piner, Georgia Stussie, and  
Connie Button

RESPONSIBILITIES: Finances, Scholarships, Endowment Funds, Memorial Funds, Stewardship Program and Human Resources

The F&P Ministry Team provided oversight over the financial affairs of the church throughout the year in a manner commensurate with its responsibilities.

The Endowment Fund's committee continued overseeing the fund and publicizing it and encouraging members to contribute to it.

Our traditions was extended when those of our young people who are eligible received scholarships for assistance in their college studies. [See related article.]

### **STEWARDSHIP 2009** Chaired by Peggy Griffin

Last year's Stewardship Program *New Consecration Sunday* was so successful that we opted for our 2009 Stewardship Program to again focus on our stewardship being based on the need of each of us to give for his or her own spiritual benefit rather than on the need of the church to receive a balanced budget.

Over the weeks leading up to Consecration Sunday on November 15<sup>th</sup>, we challenged the congregation to consider this important question prayerfully-----**“What is God calling me to do at this time and in this place?”**

Consecration Sunday was a great success!! Beautiful day, wonderful message from Rev. Bob Inskip, delicious food and great fellowship (that's a lot of adjectives but all were necessary to describe the day). We had 75+ in attendance for lunch and our pledge commitment that day was \$139,850—that's about \$10,000 more than our first day pledge in 2008.

Our campaign ended with a total of 54 families pledging for a total of \$159,198. A big thank you to our congregation, because the wonderful response enabled us to boost our outreach giving and grant small salary increases to our staff. We are looking forward to the year 2010 being a good year for West Haven – as we, individually and corporately, continue to seek through prayer and action—**“What is God calling me/us to do at this time and in this place?”**

# WEST HAVEN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Scholarship funds are made possible through the generosity of:

- ❖ **Roy and Eugenia Phipps Memorial Fund**, set up in 1990 by Roy, Jr. and Eugene Phipps in memory of their parents.
- ❖ **Zeno Williams, Jr. Trust Fund**, set up in 1961 by Zeno and Margaret Williams in memory of their son.

Only earnings of each of these funds is to be used for scholarships for members or their children, and for other educational purposes.

Applications are received by the Scholarship Committee in the spring each year.

The Session seeks to be good stewards of the funds in their care and has designated 10% of the earnings to be returned to the principal each year.<sup>19</sup>

## 2009 Scholarship Recipients

Anndria Martin, NCSU  
Drew Pearson, ECU, Greenville  
Lyn Stephens, Wilson Community  
Josh Vester, UNC-Wilmington  
Kevin Weisner, NCSU  
Nathan Weisner, NCSU  
Grant Stussie, ECU, Greenville  
Dennis Adams, UNC - Chapel Hill  
Justin Adams, UNC - Chapel Hill  
Emily Adkins, ECU, Greenville  
Clay Nelson, UNC - Chapel Hill  
Sarah Koonce, UNC - Asheville

- ❖ **Chuck Anderson Scholarship Fund** was created in September 2006 for qualifying college students who apply and who are active members of West Haven Presbyterian Church. The fund will disburse scholarships beginning in July, 2007. In the event no applications are received in any given year, gifts are to be made to United Community Ministries and My Sister's House. This scholarship fund will be administered under its particular guidelines. The final disbursement of funds was in 2008.

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<sup>19</sup> Effective: August 1992, by action of Session - 23 Aug 92

## Guidelines for Awarding Scholarships<sup>20</sup>

The guidelines used in determining the amount of scholarship awarded to the applicants from the West Haven Scholarship Funds is as follows:

### Applicants must:

1. Be an active member or a child of an active member of West Haven Presbyterian Church
2. Be enrolled in college for the following school year.
3. Complete the application form.

### Priority for determining amount of scholarship:

1. First year attending college [Freshman status]
2. Full time undergraduate
3. Part time undergraduate
4. Full time graduate
5. Part time graduate

### Limitations:

1. Limit to six [6] years or \$3,000.00, whichever comes first.
2. Maximum of \$500.00 per year per student.
3. 100% of money from the Matthews is to be used or balance forfeited to NC Wesleyan College.

Other monies not distributed will revert to principle of respective fund and may be applied toward subsequent year's disbursements.

## WEST HAVEN ENDOWMENT

The West Haven Endowment was officially established in 2007 with seed money in the amount of \$50,000 from the Pemberton Fund. Members of the congregation have been encourage to participate in this continuing fund as a way for mighty ministry to take place in the name of Jesus through West Haven Church. Ways in which members might contribute are:

- To annually make a gift on your birthday in the amount of your age
- To make a gift to honor your children on their birthday
- To honor your spouse on your anniversary
- To remember a loved one
- In your will

Proceeds from the Endowment will be used in accordance with the Articles establishing the Endowment will be used each year. For more information, please contact Pat B Adams, Moderator, or Peggy Griffin, Secretary.

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<sup>20</sup> Effective: January 2003, by action of Session - 19 Feb 02

## BUILDING & GROUNDS MINISTRY TEAM

**Moderator:** Rick Adams

**Co-moderators:** Trudy Martin, Greg Nelson

**Members:** Jim Newton, Wade Martin, Nancy Smith

Building and Grounds is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of all the church buildings, equipment and the surrounding property. We review all requests for use of the facilities. Our committee meets once a month and is always looking for new members. The following is a synopsis of some projects undertaken in 2009.

- Oversaw removal and installation of new boiler and heat pumps in the Rinehart Building. Thanks for the heat.
- Several planned workdays to spruce up the grounds, plant new flowers, put out pinestraw and fix-up the playground
- Had all floors stripped and waxed in Pemberton and Rinehart Buildings
- Cleaned and waxed pews in the sanctuary
- Had several trees removed and limbs trimmed over Hammond Parking Lot
- Hired new cleaning service for the church
- Reviewed Insurance policy and renewed with same company
- Reviewed and approved multiple building requests for a plethora of community and civic activities including Boy Scouts, Junior Miss, weddings and community watch meetings