

**2008 ANNUAL REPORT
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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION
JANUARY 27, 2008

**CALL TO ORDER AND
OPENING PRAYER**

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church was called to order at 11:58 a.m. on January 27, 2008. The Moderator, the Reverend Dr. Mark E. Porizky, opened the meeting with prayer.

CALL OF THE MEETING

The following call of the meeting which had been announced/published on the three successive Sundays of January 13, 2008, January 20, 2008 and January 27, 2008.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation: Will be held on Sunday, January 27th to review the Annual Report, elect an Elder and representatives to the Nominating Committee. Immediately after service we will adjourn to Fellowship Hall for a Potluck Luncheon before the Annual Meeting begins. We encourage all members of the congregation to join us for lunch and to learn more about the business of the church. Sign-up sheets for the Potluck Luncheon are posted on the bulletin board outside of Fellowship Hall.

QUORUM

The Secretary noted that a quorum of 52 active members was present out of a total active membership of 215.

MINUTES

It was voted to accept the minutes of the 1/28/07 Annual Meeting of the Congregation, 6/3/07 Special Meeting of the Congregation, and the 10/28/07 Fall Meeting of the Congregation meetings.

TERMS OF CALL

Brian Estep for the Personnel Committee presented the Terms of Call for the Reverend Dr. Mark E. Porizky.

Terms of Call—Pastor

Salary	37,926 (3%)
Housing	23,072 (3%)
Travel	2,850
Medical Deductible	1,700
Social Security Offset	4,880
Board of Pensions	19,214 (9.8%)
Continuing Education	1,300
Book Allowance	550
Reimbursable Expenses	500

Total 91,992

Pastor also receives:
Three weeks study leave
Four weeks vacation

**REPORTS OF BOARDS AND
ORGANIZATIONS**

The Moderator called upon the various Departments and organizations whose reports were available in the 2007 Annual Report, to respond to questions. The Finance Chair presented the approved 2008 budget which follows:

(not included)

AUDITORS' REPORT

The following Auditors' report was read by Bryan Driskill:

As the writing of this year's annual report, the audit of the financial reports, books and other records of the Church Treasurer for the year 2007 had not been completed. A report of the auditors' findings will be issued when the audit is complete. However, as in past years, no significant negative findings are anticipated.

Special recognition and appreciation should be made to Karen Popp, Treasurer, and Charles Detwiler, Finance Secretary, for their excellent reports and work to keep accurate records throughout the year.

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS

Karen Popp, Treasurer, gave the following statement of indebtedness of the church:

At the end of 2007, St. Andrew Presbyterian Church had the following debts:

1. Loan for Septic Repair – Presbytery loan for \$25,000 at 4.5% \$ 8,231.14 interest for 20 years. To be paid off on October 1, 2012.
2. Roof Repair – Money borrowed (in-house) from our Capital Fund. \$ 0.00
\$23,396.31 borrowed and \$23,396.31 repaid to date.

Total Indebtedness \$ 8,231.14

The following comments were made regarding the 2007 Annual Report:

1. Report of the Board of Deacons: balance should be as of December 31, 2007.
2. Property Committee Addition: Bill Clark, Joe Jackson, Reverend Mark Porizky and Charlie Detwiler for mowing.
3. Investment Committee typographical error on page 31; deposits should be \$38,000.00.

NOMINATIONS

The following active members were nominated from the floor to serve as congregational members of the Nominating Committee:

Jack Fix Mike Kerst Melissa Jankowski

There being no further nominations from the floor, it was voted that the nominations be closed, and the Secretary was instructed to cast one ballot for the slate.

It was moved, seconded and approved to elect Arline Culp to the Class of Elders 2010.

Session members on the Nominating Committee are: Karyn Hooper, Chairperson, and Jennifer Roberts. The member from the Board of Deacons is Katey Kokomoor, and the member from the Presbyterian Women is Jane Mosher.

Expressions of thanks were made to retiring Deacons Ann Barnes and retiring Elders Nicki Bresnyan.

**ADJOURNMENT AND
CLOSING PRAYER**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with prayer by the by the Pastor/Moderator at 12:42 p.m.

Attest: _____

Attest: _____

Moderator
Reverend Dr. Mark E. Porizky

Secretary
Bill Jankowski

SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES
FEBRUARY 26, 2008

CALL TO ORDER The special Session meeting of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church was called to order by the Moderator, the Reverend Dr. Mark E. Porizky, in Fellowship Hall at 8:38 p.m. on February 26, 2008.

DEVOTION AND OPENING PRAYER Reverend Dr. Mark Porizky

ROLL CALL In addition to the Moderator, the following Session members were present:

Arline Culp	Rich DeCoursey	Karen Eisenbeiser
Brian Estep	Jim Gentry	Debby Green
Karyn Hooper	Joe Jackson	Bill Jankowski
Mark Raymond	Jen Roberts	

Absent and excused: Bryan Driskill.

QUORUM Joseph I. Jackson, Clerk of Session, noted that a quorum was present.

PURPOSE The special meeting of the Session was for the purpose of taking Morgan Campbell under the care of the session as a candidate for ministry within the Presbytery of Southern New England following the annual joint session/deacon meeting.

MOTION A motion was made, seconded and approved to take Morgan Campbell under the care of the session as a candidate for ministry within the Presbytery of Southern New England. Bill Jankowski was designated to be the session liason.

ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m. with prayer by Reverend Dr. Mark E. Porizky.

Joseph Jackson
Clerk of Session

FALL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION MINUTES
NOVEMBER 2, 2008

CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING PRAYER The Fall Meeting of the Congregation of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church was called to order at 11:28 a.m. on November 2, 2008. The Moderator, the Reverend Dr. Mark E. Porizky, opened the meeting with prayer.

CALL OF THE MEETING It was voted to reiterate the following call of the meeting which had been announced/published on the two successive Sundays of October 26, 2008 and November 2, 2008.

Fall Meeting of the Congregation: The Session has called for a Congregational Meeting immediately following worship on November 2, 2008. The purpose of the meeting is to elect new deacons and elders and to review the 2009 budget and the 2009 Preschool budget.

QUORUM

The Secretary, Elder Joseph Jackson, noted that a quorum of 54 active members was present out of a total active membership of 198.

NOMINATIONS

Elder Karyn Hooper, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the following names for service on the Session:

Class of 2011	Ray Parker	Dave Gaiewski
	Jennifer Roberts	Debby Green

There being no nominations from the floor, a motion was made, seconded and passed to instruct the Secretary to cast one ballot for the slate as presented.

Elder Karyn Hooper then presented the following names for service on the Board of Deacons:

Class of 2010	Jane Ackley	
Class of 2011	Jane Schoonover	Bob Williams
	Tammy Gibbs	

There being no further nominations from the floor, it was voted that the nominations be closed, and the Secretary was instructed to cast one ballot for the slate as presented.

OTHER

Elder Mark Raymond, for the Stewardship and Finance Department, then led a discussion of the proposed 2009 budget and the 2009 Preschool budget.

**ADJOURNMENT AND
CLOSING PRAYER**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with prayer by the by the Pastor/Moderator at 11:47 a.m.

ATTEST: _____

ATTEST:

Moderator

Secretary

REPORT OF THE PASTOR

Christian brotherhood is not an ideal which we must realize; it is rather a reality created by God in Christ in which we may participate.

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer, German theologian, pastor, and martyr (1906–1945)

As I have often said to many of you, Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church is my family. I have now lived here twice as long as anywhere else I have ever lived. And so I spend a great deal of time thinking about our family.

By the numbers, Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church family had another very good year.

The bills were all paid, plus some. We put in a new furnace, a Bunyonesque closet, and are fixing, little by little, all the lighting in the building.

The number of people attending worship in the fall was up over 5% from the fall of 2007, and we continue to see faces that members of the choir don't recognize from their "miss nothing" perch.

Morgan Campbell continued his internship and Dr. Terrlyn Curry-Avery began hers (with thanks to our new Parish Associate, Rev. Lori Hedlund for mentoring Terrlyn).

Indeed, to date, though some of our members have been hurt by the recession (dare we call it the "D" word?), and will need our pastoral care, the church has continued to meet its obligations to the members and to the greater church (we again gave 10% of our pledges to mission activities).

Two items I would especially note, one personal, one corporate. The personal note is that I became a part-time staff member of Hospice of Southeastern Connecticut (no more than 10 hours a week, so far always less). This has been a win-win in my mind. I have become more aware of how to minister to the sick, and we have had at least two families become involved in SAPC because I was able to be there for them at a time of great need. I am indebted to the Session for supporting me in this ministry.

The corporate note continues, namely, Group Workcamps Service on the Sound outreach to our local community. By April this project will be consuming more of the church's time and energy. We have never had a project like this one. I continue to be excited about something I have no idea how we will accomplish. Except that I know we will.

My only regret is that I do not hear enough from all of you outside of worship. Let me be clear. I have lots of time...for you! PLEASE CALL ME! My cell phone is almost always on, 860-705-1262. I can usually meet with just about anyone within 48 hours, much sooner if the situation is a crisis.

And let's continue to pray for one another. The song has always been right about outreach: "They will know we are Christians by our love."

May it continue to be so in 2009 and beyond.

Yours and His,

MARK E. PORIZKY, Pastor

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF SESSION

The year 2008 was an exciting year. We were blessed to take on a significant Work Group mission project and make some much needed improvements to our facilities.

The Deacons recommended and the Session approved sponsoring a national Group Workgroup project for the Groton/New London/Norwich area. The name chosen is Service on the Sound. This project will strengthen faith in Christ while pouring over \$69,000 into the local economy while housing and feeding about 400 youth from various churches to make needed repairs for 70 low income, elderly and handicapped individuals/families. The work will occur in July 2009.

Morgan Campbell was taken under the care of the session as a candidate for ministry and Terrlyn Curry-Avery was designated a part-time parish intern.

Donna O'Hanlon completed her Associate Degree in Christian Education this year, congratulations.

Ben Estep made substantial renovations to the Memorial Garden for his Eagle Scout Project.

The furnace and ductwork for the sanctuary was replaced providing significant savings in future heating costs.

A wall was installed around the previous stage area in the Fellowship Hall to provide better and safer storage of chairs, tables, ladder and many other items.

Our membership stands at 198 and our average worship attendance increased to about 85% of our membership. During the year, 24 of the Sunday services had over 170 in attendance and 24 of the Sunday services had over 190 in attendance.

Our web site www.sapc-ct.org continues to support friends and members of St Andrew Presbyterian Church.

Sunday School reports 116 registered students and teachers with attendance strong this year.

SAPC Preschool had another very successful year.

Baptisms – 7 in all.

Easter service brought 278 worshippers, and the Christmas Eve service 235. Our talented senior, hand bell and junior choirs rang in with 49 members.

Our Parish Nurse volunteered over 100 work hours this year, serving 71 members. What a year!

Many prayer blankets were made and given to baptized babies and people in their time of need.

Over eighty thousand (80,000) plus nickels (over \$4,000) were collected in four years for our little 17-year-old "member", Nabaje Afusa in Uganda.

Our status as a tithing church continues. In addition, several drives raised over \$3,000 in additional money for mission.

Many in our congregation continue to give their time to help in the community including soup kitchens and Habitat for Humanity.

The prayer shawl ministry brought comfort to many dealing with illnesses and to welcome children at their baptism.

We had another trip to Guatemala in February 2008 to build schoolrooms. Again 20 went.

We ended the year with a surplus for the fifth year in a row thanks to the generosity of the members and the financial responsibility of the various departments and committees.

JOSEPH I. JACKSON, Clerk of Session

2008 Annual Statistical Report

	Male	Female	Total
Active Membership, December 31, 2006	83	132	215
Gains During 2007			
Profession of Faith	1	2	3
Reaffirmation of Faith	2	2	4
Certificate of Transfer	0	0	0
Total Gains	3	4	7
Losses During 2007			
Certificate of Transfer	2	2	4
Death	0	0	0
Inactive Rolls by Request	9	11	20
Total Losses	11	13	24
Active Membership, December 31, 2007			
Resident Members	68	111	179
Nonresident Members	8	11	19
Total Active Membership	76	122	198
Inactive Membership, December 31, 2007			
Resident Inactive	6	6	15
Nonresident Inactive	7	15	29
Total Inactive Membership	13	21	34
Associate Membership	1	1	2
Baptisms in 2007 – Infant / Child	4	2	6
- Adult			0
Pledging Units			90

Roll of Elders in active Service in 2008 - 7 males, 5 females

Ordained and installed during 2008

Bill Jankowski, 2010

Installed during 2008

Arline Culp, 2010

Bryan Driskill, 2010

Joe Jackson, 2010

Other Elders on the Session in 2008

Rich DeCoursey, 2008

Jim Gentry, 2008

Debby Green, 2008

Karyn Hooper, 2008

Karen Eisenbeiser, 2009

Brian Estep, 2009

Jennifer Roberts, 2009

Mark Raymond, 2009

Roll of Deacons in active Service in 2008 - 4 males, 5 females

Ordained and installed during 2008

None

Installed during 2008

Jane Ackley, 2010

Kirk Felton, 2010

Katey Kokomoor, 2010

Other Deacons on the Board of Deacons in 2008

Tamera Gibbs, 2008

Jane Schoonover, 2008

Bob Williams, 2008

Dale Green, 2009

Jeffrey Culp, 2009

Marcia Fix, 2009

JOSEPH JACKSON, Clerk of Session

REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Personnel Committee had an uneventful year in 2008. The major activities were the completion of employee performance reviews and the establishment of the budget requests for 2009.

I want to thank the members of the Committee for their service throughout the year. As always, each member brings his or her own special gifts and insight to issues before the Committee. The Committee members for 2008 were Jack Fix; Carole Lange; Gregg Wagman, and Teresa Mathwich. New members are always welcome.

Respectfully submitted,
BRIAN ESTEP, Chairman

2008 PASTOR’S TERMS OF CALL

Salary	37,926	(3%)
Housing	23,072	(3%)
Travel	2,850	
Medical Deductible	1,700	
Social Security Offset	4,880	
Board of Pensions	19,214	(9.8%)
Continuing Education	1,300	
Book Allowance	550	
Reimbursable Expenses	<u>500</u>	
Total	91,992	

Pastor also receives: Three weeks study leave, four weeks vacation

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REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

Earlier this past year, an audit was performed of the financial reports, books, and other records of the Church’s Treasurer and Finance Secretary by auditors Karen Hooper and Dave Evans. The auditors found the accounts to be properly kept and to record in an accurate and orderly manner the income and disbursements of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church for the year 2008.

Thanks go out to both Karen and Dave for volunteering their time to perform this audit. Thanks also go out to our Finance Secretary, Charlie Detwiler and Treasurer Karen Popp for their excellent reports and efforts to maintain accurate books and records throughout the fiscal year.

BRYAN DRISKILL, Chairperson
Finance Department

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

At the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on January 27, 2008, Jack Fix, Mike Kerst, and Melissa Jankowski were nominated by the congregation to serve on the Committee for 2008. Other members are: Session - Richard DeCoursey; Deacons - Katie Kokomoor; Presbyterian Women – Jane Mosher. Karyn Hooper was the Committee Chair.

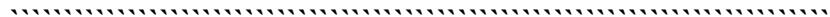
The Committee chose the following to serve as Elders of the Session in the Class of 2011: Deborah Green, Jennifer Roberts, Ray Parker, and David Gaiewski. This is a first term for Mr. Parker and Mr. Gaiewski and a second term for Mrs. Green and Mrs. Roberts.

Those Elders who served on the Session during 2008 are: Class of 2008 - Jennifer Roberts, Richard DeCoursey, Karyn Hooper and Deborah Green; Class of 2009 - Brian Estep, Karen Eisenbeiser; James Gentry and Mark Raymond; Class of 2010 – Bryan Driskill, Arline Culp, Joe Jackson and Bill Jankowski.

Elder Joe Jackson served as Clerk of Session.

On the Board of Deacons: Class of 2008 - Ed Endsley, Tammy Gibbs, and Kristen Lowney; Class of 2009 - Jeffrey Culp, Marcia Fix and Dale Green. Class of 2010 – Katey Kokomoor, Kirk Felton, and Wendy Slowick. Tammy Gibbs will serve a second term as the Class of 2011, and Wendy Slowick will be replaced by Jane Ackley; Ed Endsley will be replaced by Jane Schoonover; and Kristen Lowney will be replaced by Bob Williams.

KARYN HOOPER, Chair



REPORT OF THE DESIGN AND MEMORIALS COMMITTEE

The Committee met as needed during the year. This group also provides input to the Property and to the Worship Committees on aesthetic matters.

During the past year, new carpet and tile were chosen for the Preschool areas. Paintings in the Lounge are changed periodically during the year to add interest and display work of members and friends of St. Andrew.

The Memorials book, located in the Narthex is kept current by the Committee.

Members are Marge Buckley, Carole Clark, Gordon Lange and Marge Jackson, and the Chairs of the Worship and Property Departments.

JACK FIX, Chair

REPORT OF THE WORSHIP DEPARTMENT

The Worship Department Committee members for 2008 included Marge Buckley, Kate Felton, David Gaiewski, Tammy Gibbs (Deacon), Debby Green (Elder and Chair), Rachel Kokomoor, Eileen Newton, Reverend Mark Porizky, and Pat Smith. They met regularly to discuss the worship needs of the congregation.

Communion was served the first Sunday of each month and Maundy Thursday with the help of the Deacons and Elders.

In addition to sermons given by Rev. Mark Porizky; sermons were given by Rev. Barbara Porizky, Rev Lori Hedlund, intern Morgan Campbell and intern Dr. Terrlyn Curry-Avery.

To better serve the congregation and to review the duties of the head ushers; training was provided this summer. Thanks to all who participated. In addition, efforts are being made to improve the usher system.

Ten prayer shawls were given to those who were baptized and those in need of comfort as a ministry of St Andrew Presbyterian Church.

Flowers were made available for the lent and advent seasons and lists were added to the bulletins of those honored/dedicated by those who purchased plants. Palms were obtained for Palm Sunday thanks to the generosity of Virginia Petrides. In addition, wreaths and garland were put up around the church for advent. A Chrismon tree was selected by Morgan Campbell and Bill Jankowski organized the erecting of the tree at the front of the sanctuary.

Special services were held for Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Easter Sunrise and Christmas Eve (two candlelight services at 6pm and 8pm).

Memorial funds for Bill Martin were used to purchase a Nativity Set to be placed in front of the Chrismon tree. After a soup luncheon provided by the Fellowship Committee on the first Sunday of Advent the congregation was invited to participate in the 'Hanging of the Greens' (the decorating of the church and sanctuary). The advent readers were choir members. Due to weather conditions the Cantata for this year was cancelled.

The Worship Committee would like to thank all the members who served as ushers and communion servers through out the past year. The committee would like to especially thank those members who filled in when others were not available. We encourage and appreciate any comments or suggestions that might improve the congregation's worship experience.

Respectfully submitted,

DEBBY GREEN, Chairperson

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2009: Jeff Culp, Marcia Fix, Dale Green

Class of 2010: Jane Ackley, Kirk Felton, Katey Kokomoor

Class of 2011: Tammy Gibbs, Jane Schoonover, Robert S. Williams

“We will strive to meet the needs of our church and community both here and throughout the world as directed by Jesus Christ through his scriptures. We will meet those needs through local mission projects involving the help of the congregation.” (Mission statement)

During the past year the Deacons held 8 meetings on Sundays after church. Each Deacon served as a Deacon of the Month, and was available to arrange for meals and other needs for assistance. Additional activities are delineated below.

- Communion elements were prepared the first Sunday of each month.
- Using a Meal Makers list, meals were prepared and delivered to the members of the congregation as needed.
- Cards of concern for illness, deaths, births, and special days were sent.
- Roses were provided for the sanctuary following the birth of a child, and then delivered to the family.
- In April and October we sponsored blood drives for the Red Cross. Members of the congregation supplied snacks and registration assistance. 61 pints of blood were collected in April, and 44 in October.
- In June, 5 graduating seniors were recognized and presented with pocket sized bibles.
- In August the annual Back to School drive was held. The Deacons provided 35 backpacks and members of the congregation supplied the school supplies necessary to fill them. They were distributed to elementary and middle school children via Groton Human Services. We increased our donation this year by 15 backpacks as there was a greater need than previous years.
- The Deacons willingly hosted a reception following the funeral of Jane Mosher and organized the congregation's donation of sandwiches and cookies.
- Holiday food drives were held for Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas, with large donations of food and monies. These were distributed by the Groton Human Services to families in need of assistance.
- In December we solicited the help of the congregation in providing Christmas gifts for children identified by Groton Human Services. This Adopt-A-Family drive resulted in 96 gifts purchased for 24 children of 10 families. In addition each family was given a \$50 gift card.
- New Member receptions were coordinated with the Fellowship Committee to encourage present members to welcome new members into the fellowship of our community.
- The prayer chain was updated and messages sent out to identify those in need of care and concern.
- Being a Presbyterian pamphlets were purchased and displayed in the Narthex.
- A visitor program was initiated to provide companionship to those who were homebound or in need of support.

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The Deacons would like to acknowledge the generous support which the congregation has given to our many endeavors by donations of food, clothing, gifts, and dollars. We thank you.

Kristen Lowney and Ed Endsley have completed their time of service with the Deacons, and Wendy Williams resigned having moved out of state. We are grateful for their participation and contribution to our fellowship and activities.

The newest members elected to the Board of Deacons include Jane Ackley, Jane Schoonover, and Robert S. Williams. We welcome them and pray for God's guidance in carrying out the charge to meet the needs of our church and community.

Respectfully submitted,
MARCIA N. FIX, Moderator, 2008

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FELLOWSHIP DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

This year we've continued to linger longer in fellowship hall following service on Sundays. The congregation has enjoyed the simple soup luncheons provided by the Fellowship Committee during the cold, winter months. Recipes are now posted following the luncheons on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

We have continued the traditions of sandwich and cookie lunches for new members and a potluck luncheon for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation. The Annual All-Church Picnic, scheduled for Spicer Park was moved to Fellowship Hall due to rain – all for the best! Many more people stayed for the "Indoor Picnic" and enjoyed the good food and good company. Thank you Chef Bob Barnes for keeping the BBQs going!

It has been our pleasure as the Fellowship Committee to serve you and provide you with delicious food throughout the year. The Committee is always open and accepting new members and volunteers throughout the year to help as little or as much as you'd like. Join us! We are a great team!

Respectfully submitted,
JENNIFER ROBERTS, Chairperson



Health Ministry Program Annual Report 2008

Health Cabinet and parish Nursing

The mission of the Parish Nurse/Health Ministry Program continues to:

- ❖ Focus on wellness and disease prevention through health education
- ❖ Create a whole-person approach to health, emphasizing the connection between faith and health
- ❖ Act as a referral resource to community resources for the congregation

The mission is carried out through:

- ❖ Wellness education, disease information, community resource information, and thoughts for the body, mind, and spirit in *The Anchor* and during office hours
- ❖ Monthly blood pressure screenings
- ❖ Parish Nurse office hours on most Wednesday mornings, 9-11:30 am
- ❖ Special wellness education programs

The Health Cabinet met only once this year and planned some wonderful programs. Unfortunately, we were unable to provide them this year, due to health problems of cabinet members and of some family members of the Health Cabinet and Parish Nurse. We hope to be able to provide these programs in 2009.

The Parish Nurse was able to provide weekly office hours on Wednesday mornings from January through May as well as monthly Sunday blood pressure screenings. From June until November the Parish Nurse was unavailable and she was deeply grateful to Cabinet Member, Michelle Fazzari for providing the monthly Sunday blood pressure screenings.

Wednesday morning office hours did not resume in November due to the building of the new large closet in Fellowship Hall which abuts the Parish Nurse Office. Office hours will resume January 2009 when the office becomes available.

Statistics for 2008:

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| ❖ Total number of office visits – 90 | (last year -164) |
| ❖ Total number of phone calls – 5 | (last year – 43) |
| ❖ Total number of members served – 71 | (last year – 69) |
| ❖ Total number of nurse hours – 101 | (last year – 189) |
| At church – 45 | (last year – 85) |
| At home – 56 | (last year – 104) |

Health Cabinet Members are: Nancy Barnhart, Michelle Fazzari, Marcia Fix, Christine Gentry, Marjorie Jackson, Judy Jacobus, Katey Kokomoor, Pat Smith, Elyse Detwiler, Parish Nurse, and the Rev. Dr. Mark Porizky

Submitted by: **Elyse B. Detwiler, RN, MS**, Parish Nurse

REPORT OF THE PROPERTY DEPARTMENT

The Property Department report was not available at the time of printing. An addendum will be provided at a later time.

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THE STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS

At the end of 2008, St. Andrew Presbyterian Church had the following debts:

Loan for Septic Repair – Presbytery loan for \$25,000 at 4.5% \$ 6,671.74
20 year loan to be paid off October 2012.

TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS \$ 6,671.74

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REPORT OF THE ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESCHOOL

The preschool continues to thrive. It is a very special place designed to foster the social, emotional, physical, spiritual and intellectual development of every child as well as learning to develop a sense of community. All class programs are filled to capacity.

- 20 4 year old children
- 18 3 year old children
- 16 2 year old children

A total of 54 children began this past fall. We continue to have an ongoing wait list of children for the present and future years. This past April during our annual Open House, we filled to capacity for the 2008 -2009 school year.

PAT DALTON, Preschool Director

REPORT OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



*Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered
by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves:
to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study,
to support the mission of the church worldwide,
to work for justice and peace,
and to build an inclusive caring community of women
that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.*

The members of Presbyterian Women are all those who choose to participate in, or are supportive of, Presbyterian Women in any way.

The yearly Presbytery-wide women's retreat was held in February in Putnam, CT. Jane Mosher, Jane Schoonover, Jen Raymond and Nancy Parent all attended the retreat. The Spring Gathering was held in April and the Fall Gathering in October. Locally, the annual PW potluck was held on a beautiful evening in late August at Jane Ackley's home in Groton.

In 2008, PW sponsored a number of activities. The UNICEF collection was taken in October through the Sunday School and the children raised \$55.90 in the little orange coin boxes. Monthly baking continued unabated, including over 1,500 cookies & candies for approximately 20 Christmas cookie trays. Each month fresh baked goods are donated to the Care & Share Soup Kitchen at Pleasant Valley Church. Contributions are always welcomed by Martha Parker and are delivered to the Soup Kitchen for the third Thursday of the month. The Thank Offering coin boxes are collected year round and support mission & medical programs. The PW Mitten Tree was decorated in December with many new and handmade mittens, hats and scarves, which were all donated to Groton Social Services.

PW also sponsors a monthly Bible Study, running from September through June. We meet at various members homes for the study and fellowship. The 2007-2008 study was "Above & Beyond – Hearing God's Call in Jonah & Ruth." The ongoing 2008-2009 study is "Jubilee! Luke's Gospel for the Poor", a study we field tested in 2006. We are finding the final version to be much improved from the field tested version. All are welcome to join the ongoing studies.

PW also mourns the loss of stalwart member Jane Mosher. Jane truly led her life in a manner that exemplified the purpose of Presbyterian Women. In her memory, PW received \$2,225 in memorial funds, which were then distributed according to her wishes. One third of the fund was sent to PW in the Synod of the Northeast, one third to PW in Presbytery of Southern New England, and one third stayed with PW at St. Andrew. The St. Andrew funds were distributed to charities near and dear to Jane's heart: The New London Community Meal Center, the York Toy Project, the Katie Blair House and the Women's Center of Southeastern CT.

JENNIFER RAYMOND, Moderator

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN TREASURER'S REPORT – 2008

Checking Account Balance 12/31/07	\$ 905.50
Receipts	
Pledges & Donations	\$ 835.00
Thank Offering	112.52
UNICEF	55.90
Bible Study	5.00
Jane Mosher Memorial Gifts	2,225.00
Total Receipts	\$ 3,233.42
Disbursements	
PWPSNE Mission/Operating	\$ 300.00
Bible Study	46.50
Thank Offering	200.00
UNICEF	100.00
York CI Toy Project	200.00
Monthly Baking	75.00
PWPSNE Retreat Scholarships	140.00
Stamps	33.30
Jane Mosher Memorial Donations:	
PW – Presbytery Southern NE	745.00
PW – Synod of the Northeast	745.00
New London Community Meal Ctr	375.00
York Toy Project	125.00
Katie Blair House	125.00
Women's Ctr of SE CT	125.00
Total Disbursements	\$ 3,334.80
Checking Account Balance 12/31/08	\$ 804.12
Savings Account Balance 12/31/07	\$ 720.76
Interest	\$ 1.07
Savings Account Balance 12/31/08	\$ 721.83

Respectfully Submitted,

JENNIFER RAYMOND, Treasurer

REPORT OF THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Treasurer Karen Popp, Finance Secretary Charlie Detwiler, and Chairperson Bryan Driskill were the standing members of the Finance Department in 2008. Arline Culp was the Stewardship Committee Chairperson. This has proven to be another successful year for the Finance Department and Stewardship Committee thanks largely to the dedication and tireless support we have received from our volunteers Karen and Charlie. Their efforts have helped us to establish and operate within an annual budget that not only allows for us to maintain and make improvements on our facility, but to expand our worship programs and mission work as well.

In summary of the fiscal activities for the church in 2008, actual budgeted expenses were \$259,494.38, representing 99% of the budget established at the beginning of the year. Our actual income from pledges (envelopes) collected during the year was \$232,400.98 representing 103% of the pledges expected. In addition to this, \$17,850 was provided in December 2007 as a prepayment of pledges for 2008. Income from loose offerings this year totaled \$19,972.77 which was 133% of the loose offerings we expected. As a result, we ended 2008 with approximately \$103,837.52 in our combined checking and savings accounts, which is noted to be a decrease of \$15,706.41 from 2007. Of this sum, approximately 66% are noted to be designated funds, with the remaining 34% being undesignated.

Stewardship at St. Andrew continues to be reflective of an active congregation dedicated to the Church and its mission programs. Pledge letters were recently mailed to individuals/families considered to be regular givers during 2008, and to individuals/families who did not contribute on a regular basis. These mailings included active members, non-resident members, inactive members, regular visitors, and friends of the church. Eighty-three individuals/families responded to the mailings and made pledges for the year totaling \$220,452. Although the average pledge per family has remained unchanged as compared to last year, the number of people that responded this year has increased by two. Thank you all for your generosity!

Based on pledges received for 2009 as well as Finance Committee estimates for supplemental envelope income and loose offerings to be received, it is anticipated that our income for the coming year will be within \$1,000 of covering the proposed 2009 budget of \$261,478 as presented in this report.

Respectfully,

BRYAN D. DRISKILL, Finance Chairperson
ARLINE CULP, Stewardship Chairperson

REPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

The Christian Education Department covers five major program areas: Sunday school, Mini Church, Childcare, the Senior and Middle school Youth Groups, and Adult Education.

A new curriculum was implemented in the Sunday school program. Living The Good News is being used in Preschool – grade 8. The fall curriculum for the High school class was The History of The Church.

Sunday school classes prepared a cross display of Easter symbols during the weeks of Lent. Pentecost brought songs of Praise and Christmas brought The Peanuts gang. The children participated in Operation Christmas Child and filled many boxes to be shipped around the world.

Four Corner Puppets came to entertain our children with a puppet show called “That Darn Box” for Children’s Day.

The Service Project group for youth in grades 4 – 6, under the direction of Jody Wagman, baked for the food kitchen, wrote letters to Nabaje and provided a successful “Try and Buy “.

In 2007 – 2008, The Christian Education Department said goodbye to Sunday school teachers Kim Estep and Nicki Bresnyan. The teachers for the fall 2008 session were Ashley Parker (Preschool); Anthony Fazzari, Michelle Fazzari, and Michelle LaForte (K-1); Billy Souder and Pam Brown (2-3); Bill Jankowski, Kristen Lowney, and Colleen Driskill (4-6); Arline Culp and Jen Raymond (7-8); and Ray Parker (9-12). Thank you to all of the teachers, past and present, who generously give of their time and energy to support the children of St. Andrew.

The Mini Church continues to be a successful program for our children in Kindergarten through 3rd grade. This is possible due to the participation of numerous parent volunteers and teen assistants.

Allison Guiney and Kaley Kokomoor continue to be a valuable duo in the nursery and preschool rooms.

The Senior High and Middle School Youth Groups continue to be led by Morgan Campbell. A separate youth report has been included.

Adult Education under the direction of Pastor Porizky included the Bible Study which focused on The book of Psalms, and Sunday morning adult bible study which continues to draw 10 – 20 participants.

Thank you for the continued support of Christian Education by the congregation.

DONNA O’HANLON, Director

BILL JANKOWSKI, Chairperson

Reflecting on the first two-thirds of my internship at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, I can say that my entire time here has been characterized by joy and discovery. The joy comes through seeing God bring healing and renewal in the lives of our community, and particularly our teenagers. I have had a thrilling and delightful bird's eye view on God's amazing work, in my time leading our youth in the Sunday evening program and meeting with them on an ad hoc basis, interacting with church members in and outside of Sunday service, serving as Rector (director) of a teen retreat weekend called "Emmaus," in which many of our teens participated, and leading our students on a Group Workcamps mission trip. I have seen God help teens and families overcome academic, social, and spiritual problems; I have seen God develop students into leaders, and I have seen God bring comfort to families in the midst of sorrow. I wish that when God's people struggle with faith, they could all have this bird's eye perspective on God's work. Seeing miracles has brought me amazing joy. The discovery has come through learning how best to implement church programs and ministry strategies. Rev. Mark, other adults, and our youth have taught me how to use my gifts for the benefit of the community more effectively when I came to St. Andrew. I am now more eager than ever to serve the church in career ministry. Thank you St. Andrew Presbyterian Church!

MORGAN CAMPBELL, Ministry Intern

REPORT OF THE MISSION DEPARTMENT

The Mission Department had a dynamic year in 2008. The Mission Department members in 2008 were: Diana Kazolias, Jane Mosher, Martha Parker, Nancy Barnhart, Jennifer Raymond, Ken Borden, and Mark Raymond (Chair), as well as welcomed new members Lori Hedlund, Nicki Bresnyan and Donna O'Hanlon. Jody Wagman also provided us a strong link to the St. Andrew Youth Service Project Group.

Sadly, the Department mourned the passing of long-time member Jane Mosher, whose years of service to God's work are inspirational to many, and will long be remembered.

In addition to the above mentioned changes in membership, self-assessment (including beginning a search for a new mission initiative), beginning efforts to support the St. Andrew Group Work Camp "Service on the Sound" and re-vamping the alternative market, as well as continuing the standard staples of the Department, all made for an active year. Highlights are as follows...

Self-Assessment and Opportunities

Early in the year we examined the role of mission at St. Andrew through Department discussions and use of the State-of-the-Church meeting as an opportunity to canvas a cross-section of the Church. Personally, I believe that this is an important exercise to do periodically as a Department, to ensure that the Department is appropriately supporting the Lord's mission work in the world in a manner that coincides with the make-up and spiritual needs of our Congregation.

In general, we found that our Church Members are very active in many small-group and individual mission activities. Additionally, we seem to be a Church that will support with larger numbers for single events when asked, and will provide financial support to a variety of organizations and efforts. It also seems that the majority, but certainly not all, of the mission efforts are more local than worldly.

We did identify what we consider an opportunity area to complement the good mission work happening at St. Andrew. The Department sees a need to find a "worldly", Presbyterian based mission opportunity that we, as a Church, can form a relationship with and regularly support through action. To this end we are investigating opportunities that will allow the Congregation to support a single mission need, such as a hospital in Africa, with regular, but differing, Congregational service projects. Our hope is to form an ongoing relationship with this organization over several years through regular service, education and support, possibly culminating with sending someone from the Congregation to visit the site in the future. The Department has started to identify opportunities, so expect more information in 2009.

Presbyterian Networkers and Alternative Market

In May for Mother's Day, the Department "sold" mosquito nets to support the Presbyterian Networkers project. The \$420.00 collected was be used to purchase mosquito nets to protect pregnant women and children from malaria carrying mosquitoes in Africa and Southeast Asia. Additionally, the Alternative Market continued this year, and utilized advance ordering versus the traditional format. As in the past SERRV, MayaWorks, Heifer International and Church World Service goods and gift donations were all available. The new format proved to be very successful, with good participation allowing us to generated \$4,324.96 for the organizations.

“Service on the Sound”

The Mission Department began supporting the St. Andrew BHAG “Service on the Sound” Group Work Camp event coming in the summer of 2009. We decided to contribute \$5,000.00 of benevolence funds in 2008 and 2009 to the Service on the Sound building supply fund as St Andrew designated financial support for this effort. In addition, The Youth Service Project Group raised \$705.00 with their very successful “Try-and-buy” program. The proceeds were donated to the Mission Department, and we decided that they should also go to the “Service on the Sound” building supply fund. The group presented the money to Mark Raymond, Mission Department Chair, and Dale Green, Service on the Sound Coordinator, on Sunday, December 14, 2008. The group also signed a 2x4 piece of lumber which is displayed beside the Mission Department bulletin board, and will be donated to a “Service on the Sound” build in an effort to link the youths’ donation to actual mission efforts.

Special Offerings

As a congregation, we participated in three special offerings. One Great Hour of Sharing was promoted during the Lenten season. A total of \$1,563.80 was collected to help support three important programs: the Self-Development of People, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. The Peacemaking Offering, collected on World Communion Sunday, totaled \$435.75. This offering is used to promote peacemaking efforts both locally and throughout the world. The Christmas Joy Offering was received during the month of December and \$1,079.00 was collected. The Christmas Joy Offering focuses giving in two areas: to assist retired and current church workers by providing funds to help them through difficult financial times, and to promote education through establishing and supporting racial ethnic schools. Additionally, the loose offering of \$475.00 collected at the Christmas Eve service was included in our benevolence giving to Warm Thy Neighbor to assist people who are in need of assistance to heat their homes.

Habitat for Humanity

Saint Andrew is a Habitat for Humanity Covenant Church. In addition to our \$350.00 covenant pledge, Saint Andrew has also provided \$500 as part of our benevolence giving to support Habitat builds.

Benevolence Funds

Keeping our congregational commitment to be a tithing Church, 10% of SAPC budget and income surplus was designated for benevolence. It was the Mission Department’s responsibility to distribute these funds in accordance with our mission statement and congregation interests and need. Our giving breakdown is provided in the following table:

Organization	Description	Donation
A Sacred Place	Programs for incarcerated & newly released women to promote spiritual growth, emotional and physical wellness	\$200.00
York Chaplaincy	Chaplaincy program at York Correctional Institute	\$700.00
Katie Blair House	Transitional living for homeless women in Norwich	\$900.00
InterVarsity Christain Fellowship	College campus ministry – support for Val Gordon	\$900.00
L&M Hospital Chaplaincy	Hospital chaplaincy	\$900.00
Church World Service	Core Presbyterian world mission organization	\$900.00
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance	Disaster relief	\$900.00
Medial Benevolence Foundation	Support and work of hospitals & clinics in northern mountains in Malawi (Africa)	\$900.00
Warm Thy Neighbor	Fuel assistance in CT - (Christmas Eve collection)	\$500.00
Habitat for Humanity - Covenant	Covenant congregation pledge	\$350.00
Habitat for Humanity - Builds	Interfaith build support	\$500.00
Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship	Focuses on spreading God’s word throughout the world – support for Dan McNerney's	\$900.00
CROP Walk	Church World Service - Hunger	\$200.00
Group Work Camp Building Fund	St. Andrew financial support of the “Service on the Sound”	\$5,000.00
Groton Social Services	Locally provide miscellaneous social services	\$1,073.38
St. Mark's Care & Share Program	Locally provide gas and food cards	\$1,073.38
New London Community Meal Center	Local soup kitchen	\$1,073.38
Presbytery	Annual pledge – supports Presbytery efforts and missions	\$8,500.00
St Andrew Youth Programs	Youth Mission Trip	\$1,000.00

Total 2008 benevolences: \$26,470.14

I would like to thank the Department members for their efforts this past year. I look forward to continuing our activity in 2009.

MARK RAYMOND, Chairperson