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Agenda

Call to Order and Prayer by the Moderator.....Rev. Clark DeSarro-Raynal

Book of Reports

Pastor.....Rev. DeSarro-Raynal

Clerk of Session.....Kathy James-Webb

Director of Music.....Lois Reese

Hilton Presbyterian Preschool.....Judy Knight, liaison to preschool board

Administration and Finance Committee.....Pax Goodson & George Barber, co-chairs

Christian Education Committee..... Blythe Raines, chair

Congregation Care and Fellowship Committee.....Debbie Barber & Chuck Webb, co-chairs

Missions and Outreach Committee.....Lisa Schlickemeyer & Dan Chenoweth, co-chairs

Property Committee.....Joe Hogue & George Maculley, co-chairs

Worship Committee.....Jessica Watkins, chair

Adjournment with Prayer.....Rev. DeSarro-Raynal

Pastor's Annual Report

I give thanks for Hilton Presbyterian Church! I give thanks for your ready hearts and faithful steps. I give thanks for your openness to all the new ways God moves in our village. God lays out our witness in Christ to share. Responding in faith, our witness grows. Rejoice for the love of Christ so evident in our life together! We've had a wonderful year and I look forward to all the wonder God has yet in store!

Here are a few church highlights from 2016:

- We baptized Meredith Jackson, Woody Blackburn, Charlotte Baker & Suzanna Baker.
- Confirmation Class - Charlotte Baker, Suzanna Baker, Isaac Chenoweth, Josiah DeSarro-Raynal and Ryan Tremble professed their faith and joined the church.
- We also welcomed new members Woody Blackburn, Erik Foskey, Desiree Mujais Foskey, Dawn Ramirez, Bayley Shefelton, Chip Shefelton, Kinsey Shefelton, Shelly Simonds, and Megan Heatwole Thornton.
- All hands and hearts were on deck for our overnight PORT homeless ministry assignments at Korean Peninsula Baptist and Hilton Baptist churches. What a church wide effort!
- One City Marathon – We welcomed the hundreds of runners and cheered them on, “You can do all things through Christ who strengthens you.” Drums and cheers and hugs and cool water – our witness to Christ in Hilton Village! Worship then later that day >> singing a new song: Worship Stations...prayerful, interactive, from the heart, meaningful and fun!
- We set in motion our Sanctuary Renovations and Facilities Update plan. Smart, thorough and careful, the project will meet our facility needs for years to come. Our Capital Campaign is wonderfully successful. The project is now underway.
- Ash Wednesday Prayer – an intimate service of scripture, prayer and the imposition of ashes. A strong beginning to Lent – remembering God's faithfulness.
- Wonderful offerings in music throughout the year from all our music ministries: junior jam, youth jam, Hilton Ringers, Adult Choir and the Ensemble. We are so blessed for our musical gifts to share!
- SPARK Summer Reading Program for kids at Marshall Elementary. In just our second year, we grew the program to 29 volunteers reaching more than 500 kids over five weeks!
- Summer blessings of Vacation Bible School, Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference, and Montreat Youth Conference! Growing close to God!
- Halloween Fun – Toys and Cocoa for the whole neighborhood!
- Preschool Parents Night Out was a rousing success, and so appreciated!
- How often do we have Sunday worship on Christmas Day? Peace and great joy! I especially liked the spontaneous Christmas nativity! Christ is born!



Looking ahead:

- Let's do it again! Join in love! Lift your hearts and serve the Lord! We've vibrant ministries in congregational care, education, mission, worship and more! Jesus says, "Follow!" Pray we may be the church God calls us to be!
- Let's be there in Christ for everyone we know and everyone we meet. Let love be genuine.
- Let's be present in our neighborhood. Lord, send us out beyond these doors. Let's get to know our neighbors better and show the village we care. Share the Good News of Jesus!
- Let's be faithful in membership. Remember Worship Plus Two >> be regular in our Sunday Worship attendance, Plus be a part of Two other church ministries or activities. Imagine what we can do with God's help!
- We welcome all the renovations and facilities improvements to come. Blessings to all for your faithful gifts. Blessings to all the saints who've gone before. We are truly blessed for this wonderful church building.

Most of my work week is goes in preparing for Sunday morning worship. This includes Bible Study, prayer, sermon writing, and liturgy selection/writing. A typical work week also includes pastoral visitation, calls and letters, meetings and choir practice. Occasional duties include emergency visitation, preschool chapel and support, fellowship activities, youth activities, lesson planning and teaching, writing reports and columns, and special services (weddings, funerals, etc.). Duties in the larger church in 2016 included my serving on the Makemie Woods Viability Study Team. I also organized an elder training event for area churches.

My office hours are Tuesday and Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. As well, you are likely to find me at church throughout the day from Tuesday – Friday. If I'm not here, then I am working at home, on a pastoral visit, attending a meeting or to personal business. Monday is my day off. If you need to see me and none of these times work, please contact me, and we'll find a time that does! My mobile phone is 912-2081. My email is clark@hiltonpres.org.

On behalf of my family: Donna, Josiah, Eli, India and myself, let me say thank you so much for your love and care to us. We are truly blessed. I thank the Lord for Hilton Presbyterian Church. It is an honor and joy to serve among you!

For all our days, let us pray:

By your Word, O God, your creation sprang forth, and we were given the breath of life.

By your Word, eternal God, death is overcome, Christ is raised from the tomb,

and we are given a new life in the power of your Spirit.

May we boldly proclaim this good news, by the words of our mouths and the deeds of our lives, rejoicing always in your powerful presence; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

~ Book of Common Worship

Rev. Clark DeSarro-Raynal, pastor



Membership Report for 2016

Total # of Active Members 01/01/2016	345
ADDITIONS:	
Confession of Faith (Under 18)	5
Confession of Faith (Over 18)	1
Letter of Transfer	6
Reaffirmation of Faith by Confession	2
TOTAL:	
359	
LOSSES:	
Deaths	3
Letter of Transfer	0
Removal by Request	0
Active Membership as of December 31, 2016	TOTAL: 356

Names of Additions:

Chip Shefelton
Bayley Shefelton
Kinsey Shefelton
Dawn Ramirez
Shelly Simmonds
Woodrow Blackburn
Desiree Mujias
Eric Foskey
Isaac James Chenoweth
Josiah Cannon DeSarro-Raynal
Charlotte Anne Baker
Suzanna Rose Baker
Ryan David Trimble
Megan Heatwole Thornton

Marriages:

None

Baptisms:

Meredith Helen Jackson
Woodrow Blackburn
Charlotte Anne Baker
Suzanne Rose Baker

IN MEMORIAM – Necrology 2016:

Ann Richards
Louise Frehafer
Richard Richards

Kathy James-Webb, Clerk of Session

Administration & Finance Committee

The Administration and Finance Committee is responsible for two broad areas: financial management and human resources. It also maintains the information technology infrastructure of the church. It oversees the two volunteer treasurers and has three subcommittees: Personnel, Memorial Gifts and Stewardship. The members are:

- Pax Goodson, Chair and Treasurer
- Christine Maculley, Co-Treasurer
- George Barber, past Chair
- Blythe Raines, Chair of Personnel Committee
- Paul Clear, Chair of Memorial Gifts
- Dan Chenoweth
- Rev. Clark DeSarro-Raynal, ex-officio

Priscilla Bele, Dan Chenoweth, Paul Clear and Chris Maculley conducted the annual review of the church's books.

Treasurer's Report: Just as it did in 2015, the church finished the year with a modest operating surplus. Our general revenue, not including the capital campaign, was slightly over budget and was up 5.3% from the year before. Expenses were up from the year before, but were 3% below budget. Some highlights from 2016 include:

- Revenue went up from \$264,491 last year to \$278,656.
- Expense notes:
 - We spent less on maintenance, both compared to last year and to the budget.
 - We gave Pastor Clark a significant raise so as to make his compensation commensurate with Presbytery guidelines and his years of experience.
 - Other staff got smaller increase, more in line with cost of living.
 - Mission giving stayed about the same, except that we gave more to Presbytery.
- We had an operating surplus of \$17,407 in 2016, versus surpluses of \$11,411 in 2015 and \$1,140 in 2014. Session decided to commit:
 - \$8,000 of this to the capital campaign
 - \$2,000 to the music program.
 - \$500 to a Pastor's Discretionary Fund
- Our accumulated unrestricted surplus on the balance sheet rose from \$15,040 to \$21,947.
- The total amount of money in all of our Restricted Accounts dropped from \$158,111 to \$154,597, mostly due to a disbursement from memorial funds.

Capital Campaign: It was a joy to see the congregation support the capital campaign so strongly! The total amount pledged to the campaign is \$371,000. At year end, we had collected \$223,785 of this, over 60% of the three-year goal.

Budget for 2017:

The budget adopted by Session has relatively few changes from 2016:

- Compensation changes were minor except for the music director, who got a merit increase.
- Modest increase in unified giving to the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia.
- We added two new line items, one for Evangelism and Outreach, and the other for Furnishings. Each got \$1000.

Stewardship: This year's stewardship campaign was relatively low-key yet still effective. Thanks to George Barber for leading it. Actual pledges received were down by \$3,500 but we are confident unpledged giving will make up the difference.

Memorials: This committee accepts and disburses funds given to the church as memorials to deceased congregants. This year we transferred the funds in the Marge Cohen Memorial to the capital campaign; these were about \$69,000. The Hurt Endowment for seminary study made no disbursements and stands at about \$45,000. The General Memorial Fund for all other donations collected \$290 and now stands at just over \$12,000.

Paul Clear chairs the Memorial Committee.

Personnel: The Personnel Committee conducted annual evaluations of staff this year and recommended compensation adjustments. Blythe Raines led this committee. The most significant accomplishment of the year was hiring Megan-Drew Tiller, who has settled in nicely and is carrying the Office Manager job very capably. Blythe also recruited a new nursery worker to start in 2017.

Information Technology: With funding from the capital campaign, we installed four new Wifi access points, providing coverage throughout the building. We also replaced the computer that the audio/video team uses to drive the projector in the sanctuary. As far as we know, the Russians did not hack our systems!

Elder Pax Goodson

Hilton Presbyterian Church 2017 Budget

with Comparison to Last Five Years

	Actual Results					Budget
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Tithe, Offering & Misc Inc						
Total Operating Revenue	256,289	263,593	256,071	264,491	278,726	278,432
Capital Campaign Revenue					223,785	
Personnel Expenses						
Pastor	85,768	77,679	66,229	76,466	87,419	87,607
Office Mgr	38,557	40,260	40,908	39,792	40,052	38,348
Custodian	22,330	21,263	13,428	13,709	13,981	14,852
Treasurer	10,278	10,561	10,587	-	-	-
Choir Dir	18,849	19,568	19,415	20,303	20,999	22,413
Organist	9,713	9,981	10,005	10,704	10,910	11,118
Childcare	-	-	-	1,912	1,298	1,938
Insurance, PNC, Misc	1,479	3,279	16,734	(1,099)	937	1,600
Subtotal	186,974	182,591	177,306	161,787	175,596	177,876
Committees:						
A&F (Supplies, Copier, Accounting)	19,000	15,738	18,213	17,452	16,561	17,464
Property (Maint, Utilities, Insurance)	38,701	45,772	36,522	50,258	42,775	49,000
Christian Education	3,316	3,942	2,825	2,967	3,977	4,900
Worship	3,981	2,769	4,270	3,712	4,701	5,205
Stewardship	-	831	326	360	267	300
Missions	15,117	14,421	13,780	15,402	16,595	17,525
Cong Care	896	294	1,126	702	507	1,150
Total Expenses	268,150	266,508	254,941	253,080	261,249	273,720
Surplus/(Deficit)	(11,861)	(2,915)	1,130	11,411	17,476	7,067
Year-End Balance Sheet:						
Total Assets	139,967	168,972	164,978	169,638	288,585	
Total Unrestricted Equity	(22,615)	524	2,748	15,040	20,826	
Total Restricted Equity	170,531	167,833	158,111	154,597	267,759	

Christian Education Committee

The Christian Education Committee (CE) serves the Session and members by overseeing the education of all youth and adults in the Christian faith. The committee orders curriculum and supply materials, organizes and plans for many camps, educational classes, and activities. These include Rally Day in September, Sunday school, Bible study classes, Family Night In discussion group, Solomon's Porch, Youth Fellowship, Vacation Bible School jointly with other neighborhood churches, Advent workshop, youth conferences at Presbyterian retreat centers, and opportunities for the youth to serve the community through service and fundraisers (yard sales, Chili Cook-off and Pancake Supper). The Christian Education committee also acts as a liaison to the Hilton Presbyterian Preschool, which utilizes much of the first floor building area during the school year. The preschool families have been invited to participate in many of these church functions. The church members have been invited to and enthusiastically participate in reading time for the children.

This year the committee has been excited to see class sizes grow, as well as new faces in leadership. The Family Night In program has continued through the fall. Our Youth Fellowship has combined to include Middle and Senior Highs. In the spring a confirmation class was held. We rejoice five youth were confirmed in May.

The CE committee includes Blythe Raines, Patti Grayson, Beth Rivenbark, Vicki Signorelli, Leslie Trimble, Kim Hines, Charles Slagle, Chris Cann, Anna Chenoweth, Kathy James-Webb, Judy Knight (Preschool Liaison), and input from all of our Sunday school teachers and youth leaders listed below.

Sunday Classes

Children and Youth - Morning

Preschool- Kathryn Dabbs

Grades K-2- Anna Chenoweth, Carol Preston

Grades 3-5 – Chris Cann, Doug Baker

Middle School- Blythe Raines, Jessica Watkins, and Kathy James-Webb

Adults – Morning

Discussion Book Study - Margaret Lassiter, Barbara Savage, Jay Taylor, Chuck Webb,

Faithlink - Sue Hogue, Lisa Schlickemeyer, Pax Goodson, Dan Chenoweth

Men's Bible – Charles Slagle

Fellowship - Evening

Middle and Senior High Fellowship – Beth Rivenbark, Patti Grayson, Jym Newton,

Megan-Drew Tiller, Jessica Watkins, Clark DeSarro-Raynal

Solomon's Porch – Doris Slagle

Sunday Night In- Member Led

Confirmation

Patti Grayson, Jessica Watkins, Kathy James-Webb, Blythe Raines

Elder Blythe Raines

Congregational Care and Fellowship Committee

The Congregational Care and Fellowship Committee works faithfully to care for our church members and provide opportunities for fellowship throughout the year. Members are Linda Chapman, Jackie Connor, Diane Clear, Izzy Drewer, Margaret Lassiter, Leslie Leser, Desiree Mujais, Judi Riutort, Barbara Savage, Charlie Slagle, Jay and Carole Taylor and it is co-chaired by Chuck Webb and Debbie Barber. After many years of devoted service coordinating the memorial receptions, Margaret Lassiter has relinquished this responsibility. We are so very thankful for her leadership of this important service to our church members during what can be such a difficult time. Nola Atkins, who for many years has been the faithful leader of The Keenagers, has also decided it was time to have someone else take on this role. We are so grateful for her time and coordination of this fun group and pleased that Barbara Savage has agreed to take over for Nola. Charlie Slagle prepares coffee and snacks for all to enjoy every Sunday, and we are thankful for his devotion to this task! Chuck Webb coordinated the new and much needed, pictorial directory. Photographs were taken in March and we are pleased with the result.

A Care Chart is maintained by the committee as a way of assuring that homebound or convalescing members are supported. The chart is updated quarterly with the committee members assigned to individual church members, making sure to reach out to those identified as needing support by either cards, visits, or phone calls. At committee meetings we discuss those who have care concerns and offer prayers of support, healing, and comfort. Meals and rides are provided to church members as needed. Visitor mugs are provided in the Narthex as a way of welcoming visitors to the church.

A memorial reception was held for Dick Richards on December 10th where we were able to celebrate the wonderful life of Dick and his devotion and faithful service to the church.

Some of our fellowship activities this year included the ever popular lemonade socials, a light supper prior to the Maundy Thursday service, the annual Celebration Sunday picnic (once again Charlie Slagle was our chief griller!) and a summer luncheon on July 24th. As an outreach to the Hilton community several of our committee members, led by Chuck Webb, provided refreshments and dispensed the ever popular toys to hundreds of children on Halloween. In an effort to change things a bit the annual Christmas Dinner was held as a pot luck dinner with everyone contributing to the meal. We enjoyed an evening of good food, fellowship and singing to celebrate the Christmas season! Another fellowship activity was organized to attend a Peninsula Pilots baseball game together. Everyone who attended had fun and we hope to try again this year but move our dates to a little earlier in the season to avoid some of the hotter weather. We are very appreciative of the other committees that help with set up and clean-up for some of our larger fellowship activities.

We attempted a picnic with the congregation from Carver Memorial Church and are hopeful that a picnic, or some other fellowship activity might occur with Carver this year. We also hope to plan a meal after the One City Marathon when the worship service is moved to the afternoon. We plan to continue some type of Lemonade socials after church service despite the renovation of the sanctuary, however; we will have to be creative as space is limited! We sense that we are

entering an exciting time for our congregation as 2018 will be the Hilton Village Centennial and 2019 will be our church centennial.

We are always open to new suggestions for new fellowship activities and ways that we can provide care and support to all of our church members. We also welcome anyone that would like to join our committee, as “many hands make light work”!

Elder Chuck Webb & Debbie Barber, Co-chairs

Missions and Outreach Committee

As we seek to reach out to our neighbors in love, we reflect on the past year of local and global engagement:

- A faithful group of volunteers continued (and continues) to gather weekly at the soup kitchens to provide for our homeless neighbors.
- Several community groups use our facility monthly, offering classes and gathering spaces for local special interests (yoga, Girl Scouts, Yadkin, robotics clubs, blood drive etc.).
- Members donate food and clothing items each week, which are taken to LINK, the Food Bank, or Thrive.
- Many people helped with HPC's twice-yearly PORT commitment; preparing or serving food, checking guests in and out, staying overnight, and donating clothing and personal care items.
- HPC is one of 26% of PCUSA congregations that support all four Special Offerings.
- CNU students were "blessed" (their words!) with exam break snacks and encouragement in May and December.
- Tom and Nancy Rach visited us in May to share about their ministry in Chiapas, Mexico.
- We added several neighborhood schools to the prayer list, and some of our members graciously provided fruit baskets to staffs during August.
- The pastor and three members went to an evangelism conference held at Union Theological Seminary, and were inspired to pray for, and engage in, the community around us.
- The committee met with Dorcas Maneng in October, and were happy to grant her request of some costumes for a live Nativity to be presented at the Brikin church in Kinshasa, DRC; we also gave her the extra luggage funds.
- We participated as a church (for the first time in a long time) in the Peninsula Crop Walk. We were a group of 20, and our congregation gave \$505, more than double our goal.
- In November, sign-ups began to read at our preschool, and will continue throughout the school year.
- Also in November, we hosted a Preschool Parents' Night Out. Parents were very grateful, the (38) children had fun making crafts, playing, and watching a movie, and we hope our 17 volunteers enjoyed themselves!
- Members and visitors gave generously during Advent workshop, donating items for PORT and writing checks to both local and global charitable organizations.
- The Session approved quarterly collection of NAM, which will begin in 2017. The committee and youth groups will provide the congregation with the containers and information about the program, which we have supported in the past.

As we look forward, we pray that God will show us how to show and share agape love to all!

Elders Dan Chenoweth and Lisa Schlickemeyer, Co-Chairs

Property Committee

Members: George Maculley, Joe Hogue, Sam Heatwole, Bill Blowe, Paul Clear, David Fletcher, and much needed help from Pax Goodson.

This past year has been a busy one. Changing light bulbs and fixtures, dealing with roof leaks and working with John Rogers in keeping the heating and A/C systems in order has kept us rather busy. We have also had yard work and drywall work and painting by Paul and Pax.

We are planning on having a grass cutting service next summer to relieve the few people who usually do it of the responsibility. We also have a meeting the first Tuesday of each month from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., usually the same day as the Session meeting.

If anyone has any request or maintenance problems, there is a book in the office property committee slot in which they can be noted.

We will have another work day in the spring, and I promise pizza will be served. Watch for the details soon.

Elders George Maculley and Joe Hogue

Vision and Architecture Committee

It's been a busy year for the Vision and Architecture Committee!

We are well on our way to adapting our facility for the future needs of our church community. We aim to deliver a state of the art worship space that brings joy and spirit and faith to all who gather in God's name there.

Here are some of the highlights of the past year. We:

- Completed a capital campaign that raised \$300,000 in pledges. Combined with the Marge Cohen Fund, our total pot of fund is over \$380,000.
- Completed the planning and design phase, with the great help of our architects, PMA.
- Solicited bids and let a contract for the sanctuary renovation to GC Commercial.
- Planned a new audio and video system.
- Arranged long-term financing with the Presbyterian Investment Loan Program. We expect to borrow \$225,000 (less than originally projected) at 3.25%.
- Incorporated the church.
- Finished a host of improvements:
 - Upgraded the lighting in the hallways
 - Painted the exterior of the sanctuary
 - Extended Wifi throughout
 - Pruned the trees and started overhauling the landscaping
 - Replaced the glass in the narthex.
 - Started replacing our oldest flat roofs
- Met at least ten times and organized several workdays.

So far, we are on schedule and under budget, thanks be to God. Hopefully, Easter will see us back in our new space. May we use it to great effect in supporting the great ends of the Church! Thanks so much to all the volunteers for their work, and to the congregation for its generosity!

Elder Pax Goodson, Chair, with Pastor Clark, Paul Clear, Melissa Goodson, Debby Heatwole, George Barber, Francie Pearce, Lois Reese, Al Riutort and Kristen and Brian Witt

Worship Committee

The Worship Committee serves Hilton Presbyterian Church to provide meaningful, stimulating, challenging, and spirit-filled worship. We began the year with an immense amount of enthusiasm and excitement, and we were anxious to carry that into 2016. The committee is composed of an abundance of diverse gifts including music, art, community outreach, and technology.

We are so grateful for Pastor Clark's out-of-the-box thinking for our Ash Wednesday service. It was a very intimate service held in the Narthex. Everyone sat in a circle and meditated through readings of scripture, beautiful music by Lois Reese and George Barber, imposition of ashes, singing, and prayer.

Maundy Thursday was worshipped similarly to that of 2015. Diane Clear prepared a beautiful communion table where twelve worshippers at a time were seated representing the Lord's Supper. Beautiful songs were sung, the word was preached, and scripture was read by various of the congregation as part of a Tenebrae service.

The Worship Committee decided to hold worship at 3pm again to accommodate the One City Marathon. However, this year we decided to take advantage of this service, to worship by stations. We spent several months brainstorming different stations to represent prayer, forgiveness, thankfulness, hope, and our faith in Christ. It was a special way to bring movement and creativity into worship.

We held a Worship Walk on October 1 at the Mariners' Museum. Despite the rainy weather, we had a group of about nine join us on the walk as we took in the beauty of God's creation, sang songs, and prayed together.

A subcommittee of members from the Worship Committee put together a Congregation Survey. The survey was distributed to the congregation using Survey Monkey (online tool) and hard copies. Overall, the feedback from the survey was positive. The committee discussed the results at our annual Worship Committee retreat and brainstormed ways to improve worship and respond to any concerns presented. We also discussed considering themes in worship, the importance of involving children more, and ways to reach out to the community.

A subcommittee from the committee also brainstormed ideas for the Advent season and one of the biggest accomplishments was the advent devotional. We reached out to many members of our congregation, and asked them to write a devotion for each day of Advent. Megan-Drew collected all of the devotions and created a beautiful book that could be enjoyed by the congregation.

We ended the year by moving worship to the Fellowship Hall – our temporary home while renovations to the sanctuary are begun. The committee looks forward to continuing to find God's blessings through this period of change and new beginnings.

Elder Jessica Watkins

Director of Music

Lois Reese – Music Director

Doris Slagle – Organist

Highlights for the year:

- On Palm Sunday the Adult Choir presented Theodore Dubois' "Seven Last Words of Christ."
- On Celebration Sunday, the Youth and Junior Jam, presented a percussion story version of "Noah's Groovin Ark."
- Once again, Lois Reese, Doris Slagle, and Patti Grayson lead the musical team at Hilton VBS.
- Lois was the children's choir and handbell director at the Massanetta Springs Conference for Worship and Music.
- Doris attended the VA Wesleyan Worship and Music conference.
- The entire music program presented a Hanging of the Greens service for Advent.
- In the community the Hilton Ringers performed on the CNU United Campus Ministries concert and the Adult Choir performed at the 31st Anniversary Concert of "Ring in the Season" at 1st UCC in Hampton, a Habitat for Humanity fundraiser event and for a worship service at The Chesapeake with Pastor Clark delivering the message.
- Youth Jam and Junior Jam continue to grow musically and enjoy great parties both in house and at places like Pirate Putt Putt and MacArthur on Ice.
- Ensemble welcomed back Larry Knight on Guitar and Lynne Peterson on vocals. Hilton Ringers welcomed Eli DeSarro-Raynal to our ranks.

We look forward to the completion of the renovations to our sanctuary and all the new possibilities that it brings!

Lois Reese, Director of Music

Hilton Presbyterian Preschool

Period of July 1 2015 - June 30, 2016

The board of directors met 5 times during the school year to plan and discuss preschool business, focusing on student and family needs, fiscal status, operations, and staffing. As always, the meetings were well attended. Members included: Matthew Cox (chair), Amy Bailey (vice chair), Beth Klug (treasurer), Judy Knight (Church Member at Large), Katie Gillespie (secretary), Brooke Brame (parent representative), Jennifer Mills (parent representative), Sharon Rajanayakam (parent representative), and Susan Murphy (Preschool Director and advisor to the board). The board of directors is committed to supporting the purpose of the preschool in fostering a Christian environment that nurtures the student's readiness for literacy and celebrates the individual child.

Hilton Presbyterian Preschool had another wonderful year. Enrollment was steady throughout and the theme for the 2015-2016 school year was Noah's Ark.

There are no staffing changes to report. All teacher and assistant positions were renewed for the 2016-2017 school year. The staff worked hard to get the school ready over the summer. In addition to regular preparation, Laura and Susan painted and Margaret helped remove carpet. Nancy paid for painter to paint hallways, bookcases, and shelving.

This was the first year of implementing the Starz afterschool enrichment program. It was well attended and received favorable feedback from parents. The board as decided to continue it for the upcoming year.

Attached is the end of year financial statement that reports a summary of the receipt and disbursement of funds. Overall, the school finished with a net of approximately \$2270. The board of directors conducted a spring fundraiser and preschool fellowship dinner to support the preschool and its scholarship program.

In closing, 2016-2017 will begin the 52th year of Hilton Presbyterian Preschool. This is an exciting and special time for the preschool. This educational ministry of HPC provides a Christian foundation and love of learning for many of the children of Hilton and its surrounding communities. We are thankful to the church and session for its support and prayers for the years ahead.

Matthew Cox (Hilton Presbyterian Preschool Board Chair, 2015-2016)