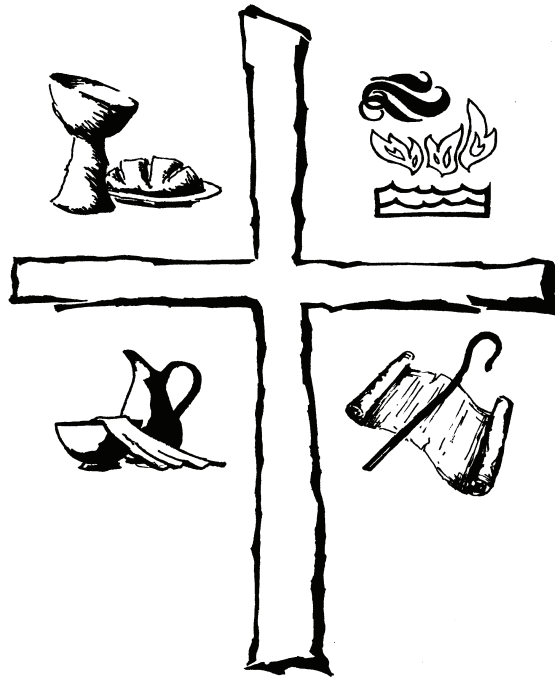


The Acts of the Christians

at the
First Presbyterian Church
of
Ellensburg



*A Report to the Congregation
Reviewing What God has
Done Among us in 2011*

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ELDERS in 2011

Judi Anderson, Clerk
 Todd Ames
 Jim Davis
 Sandra Gress
 Bruce Harris
 Julie Hiersche
 Shannon Hill
 Rick Holmstrom
 Shirley Hood
 Will Johnson
 Mary Kraft
 John MacRae
 Harry Matlin
 Nancy Moss
 Bruce Palmquist

DEACONS in 2011

Lorie Ames
 Dee Axthelm
 Dorothy Carmody
 Pat Jackson
 Marianne King
 Sydney Moe
 Jan Paxton
 Charlie Pringle
 Lianne Purcell
 Doug Ryder
 Bonnie Smith
 Janett Walker

In Memoria

Ernest Hadley, February
 Richard Bourne, April
 Bert Nuckles, April
 Ellen Gustafson Sorenson, May
 Peg Charlton Schnebly, September
 Martha Rosemond Marquett, October
 Loretta Jones Foote, October
 Bertie Daye Pross, December

From the Pastor

by Pastor Al Sandalow

I normally use my annual report to look back on the past year and this last year was pretty good. We finished the year financially in the black. We had good growth in young families. We've continued to increase our mission outside our doors, both locally and abroad. I sense the congregation is strong and healthy and I hear that from others.

I do want to talk about three challenges that we will need to meet this coming year.

First, we need to find a new Director of Children's Ministry.

This may be a part time position, but it is a critically important one. We've had a new resurgence of families with young children and we need to be sure we're able to help these families grow to Jesus Christ. Lorie Ames did a good job of this, but we now need someone to fill those big shoes.

We're not looking for a clone of the last director – just as Lorie was not a clone of Eva Matthews. A new person will bring their unique strengths to the position and we will need to adjust to help them do their best.

So, keep praying that God brings the right person to us and equally pray for the faithful volunteers in the education ministry who are keeping the lights on while the search goes on.

Second, this year we must seriously evaluate our relationship and place in the PC(USA).

Ever since I arrived here, over eleven years ago, I've had members ask me how long we would remain in the PC(USA) denomination. I have shared some of their frustration, but I'm not one who is drawn to this kind of action. I told them that I thought we should be a congregation faithful to God, grounded in Scripture, and wait for something to happen to propel us into this conversation. We seem to have come to that time.

Let me be honest, I am not looking forward to this. I have worked hard to keep the PC(USA) from this through most of my ordination. But, I do think now is the time to take a good hard look to see if the PC(USA) has moved to a place

we cannot be comfortable in.

The good news is that in the last year, some new options for congregations like us have arisen that give us opportunities we've never had before. Some things are still in the works, but I do believe we will have several options that will allow us to remain connected to the Central Washington Presbytery and give us good options for a positive way forward.

Our discussion of the way forward will start in our Session, but Session will certainly come to the whole congregation to share and listen as the process develops. There is no specific roadmap, but know that the process will be open and transparent and we will involve the whole congregation in it, at the right time. Pray for God's guidance and for our attentiveness to God's direction – we will need it!

Finally, church finances are a concern for 2012. You know that I'm very conservative financially, perhaps too much so. You have been faithful and generous in your giving in tough times. We didn't receive as much income as we budgeted for in 2011, but we were careful with spending and under spent the budget; so we finished the year in the black. Praise God!

However, pledges are down significantly for 2012. We know some people who regularly pledge have held back because they are waiting to see what happens in our denominational issues. We know that last year we lost all too many of older members, through death or because they moved away. These were people who both regularly gave and pledged.

We know that younger and newer members often give, but do not pledge. We're also aware that the economy is still uncertain and that many people who work at CWU are unsure what the year will bring.

So there are some financial clouds on the horizon which we have to keep in mind. I hope that you will all feel positive about what we as a congregation are able to do together, regardless of the other issues we face. I equally hope that you will be able to give as much as possible in these still turbulent times.

It comforts me to know that all this is in God's

hands. God knows where we will be in a year, even if we don't. The words of the prophet Jeremiah are a bit overused and taken out of context, but I hope these are words we can cling to as we enter this new year.

Jeremiah 29:11 *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

Yours in Christ;
Pastor Al



Education

By Nancy Moss

As a church congregation, we are responsible to present, promote and support the Christian education for children, beginning from the nursery, through adults. We have fostered these learning opportunities through various activities: nursery care, children's Sunday school, Kids in Christ, Christian summer camp and adult small groups. The focus on spreading the Word involves direct teaching, audio visual presentations, shared experiences, hands on activities, outdoor outings and small group discussions.

Our Children's Ministry Director, Lorie Ames, has guided that program for eight years. She has been dedicated, committed, organized and resourceful to sharing God's Word and love to children and their parents. Thank you, Lorie.

The church library is a valuable resource for books, reference materials, DVD's and CD's. Remember to use this well organized resource of our church.

Let us continue to bring God's children young and older into a learning relationship with Him and let

us remember that it is everyone's responsibility to educate both children and adults as we are all learners of the Word of Jesus Christ.



Youth

By Chris Hagan

2011 has been a busy and productive year for our youth. First, I would like to give recognition to the volunteers who have given their time to help make this youth program possible: Ariana Sandalow (mid-high leader and camp counselor), Abbey Graham (mid-high leader), Abbie MacRae (camp counselor), Bruce Harris (Bible study leader), Elizabeth Lenz (Summer Intern and camp counselor) and Tyler Waite (summer volunteer). Additionally, the youth program owes a huge thank you to the adult members of our New Orleans mission trip: Greg Phelps, Will Johnson, Ann Wichterman, and Vanessa Hill. Deanna Pringle and Lorie St. John also deserve special recognition for all their help with the many fundraising events the youth put on this year. Their help was invaluable. God has blessed this church with wonderful, caring people. Thank you to all the members of this church for your love and support for the youth program.

Youth Activities: We've had our regular meetings on Wednesday and Sunday evenings with about 12-15 youth in attendance at both ROCK and BASIC. In addition we have done special events like our summer trip to Silverwood, weekend retreats (Slamquest and Snowblast) at Camp Ghormley, volunteering for the FISH food bank's summer lunch program, collecting clothes and other necessities for the White Swan fire victims, and overnight Lock-Ins at the church. This year we had 13 high school students go on a mission trip to New Orleans! **Camp:** ROCK had a great time at summer camp this year! Elizabeth Lenz and Abbie MacRae did a fantastic job ministering to the girls who went to camp Ghormley this summer! Some highlights from summer camp were the night games that we played, Lake Day at Rimrock Lake, a great

speaker just to name a few! In the fall our Mid-High group attended Slamquest, a weekend retreat at Camp Ghormley where we played games, worshiped, and listened to speakers about how God works in our lives. In the winter our High School group goes to their weekend retreat at Camp Ghormley called Snowblast. We had fun skiing/snowboarding, sledding, playing games, worshipping God, and studying His word.

Mission Trip: Our mission trip to New Orleans this year was a great success both in terms of the work that we did for the families in New Orleans, and in the spiritual growth of our youth. Our youth worked hard and joyfully on the projects we were given. They also enjoyed meeting other people from all over the country working with Project Homecoming, visiting the Suburban Baptist Church for worship, eating great food, seeing the sights in New Orleans, and having fellowship with one another.

Youth Room Remodel: This year our youth room got a makeover! A big thanks to Rick Holmstrom, Will Johnson, Elizabeth Lenz, and Garrett Harris for the work they did renovating the ROCK room! Additional thanks to the Johnsons, Holmstroms, and Barkers for their generous donations of gently used couches for the youth rooms. And of course, a big thanks to all the youth who helped with the project!

College Ministry: 2011 saw the beginning of our college ministry program called Chi Rho. So far it is small, with only 2-3 students meeting each Tuesday night. We have been reading and taking a critical look at Rob Bell's controversial book *Love Wins*. My goal is to see the college ministry grow in the next year.

After School Ministry: In April we started our "After School Hangout" for students (high school and middle school) from 3pm-5pm here at the church. I felt that just as ASP is a safe place for younger children to be after school we should also have a safe place for middle school and high school youth to hang out, do their homework, and have fun after school. The remodeling of the youth room has been a great help in getting this program started as were the Property Committee's efforts to secure us the

space we now use. Thanks to all involved. A final thanks goes out to all the youth in the youth program. Thank you for all the help you have given over this past year: setting up and taking down for the Christmas Bazaar, setting up and serving at the Mother/Daughter Banquet, helping put up and take down the Christmas decorations in the sanctuary, putting on the youth mission auction, yard sale, estate sale, helping out at the fair booth, donating clothes and other necessities to the victims of the White Swan fire, volunteering to mentor younger kids during VBS and donating your time for a week this summer to help the FISH food bank serve free lunches to families here in Ellensburg. We have a great group of youth here at First Pres Ellensburg – I am very proud of them.



Nominating

By Willard Johnson

In 2011 the nominating committee needed to provide nominees for five Elder positions, five Deacon positions, four nominees for the worship committee, and three nominees for the memorial committee. Four members from the congregation were needed for the nominating committee. Two nominating committee members will be appointed from Session and the Deacons will appoint one member.

The six participating 2011 nominating committee members were:

From Session: Willard Johnson and Todd Ames

From the Deacons: Charles Pringle

From the Congregation: RaeLynn Faire, Clay McMechan and Steve Moe

The following list includes new and returning nominees. Nominees were approved at the November 20, 2011 congregational meeting. The nominating committee continues to seek nominees for the open positions listed below.

Nominee list for Terms beginning 2012

SESSION FOR THE CLASS OF 2014

Rhonda McKinney Rick Holmstrom
 Harry Matlin
 Two positions open, not filled as of 12/31/12

DEACONS FOR CLASS OF 2014

Marianne King Jan Paxton
 Sue Young Sandra Zech
 One open , not filled as of 12/31/11

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Class of 2014
 Dude VanTassel Kathy Matlin

NOMINATING COMMITTEE for 2012

Clay McMechan Steve Moe
 Charles Pringle
 One open, not filled as of 12/31/11

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE for 2014

Stan Dudley Jan Faltus Shirley Kern
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Missions

By Mary Kraft

Disbursements for 2011:

GENERAL MISSIONS:

Presbytery Causes	\$ 6,000.00
Per Capita	\$11309.76
Whitworth University	\$ 540.37
One Great Hour of Sharing (Special Offering)	\$ 2,684.95

GLOBAL MISSIONS:

Metcalfs (Campus Crusade)	\$ 300
Wiebes (Wycliffe)	\$ 300
Brubakers	\$ 2,000

LOCAL MISSIONS:

Ellensburg Health Clinic	\$ 300
Campbell Farm	\$ 400
Ellensburg Christian School	\$ 300
Habitat for Humanity	\$ 300
K. V. Ministerial Assn	\$ 300
Care Net	\$ 300
ApParent Project	\$ 300
Union Gospel Mission	\$ 400

Young Life	\$ 300
K. C. Women of Vision	\$ 300

SHORT TERM MISSION/DEPUTEE

\$2000

(\$500 for Emily Stevenson - Turkey mission, \$1,000 for Kathy Matlin to attend Church Wide Presbyterian Women Global Exchange to India, \$500 Jake Axthelm Haiti Mission Trip

In addition to these items in our General Mission and Mission Committee budgets, the Mission Committee helped facilitate the following activities.

The funds from the FAIR BOOTH are put into a designated account to be used for missions that are not funded within our regular church budget. Some of these funds were used for shipments of clothing, quilts, and Christmas presents to two Ukraine orphanages.

The Mission Committee also organized a World Vision Caregiver Kit assembly event. The kits are used by family members to care for people with aids, giving them improved quality of life and reducing the spread of infection. The congregation donated the funds used to purchase the kits and about 50 people gathered to assemble 120 kits.

The congregation also sponsored three families for the Community Christmas Basket. Thanks to all who helped contribute to this valuable community project.

Afterschool Safe Place, an after school program for elementary-aged children in the community, received approximately \$20,000 in in-kind services and benefits from the church this year. A new Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the church and ASP. Changes were made in the amount of space the ASP is allowed to use. Clarification was also made concerning responsibility for maintenance and repairs that are a direct result of ASP use. Use of the van and custodial responsibilities were also clarified.

Extra funds were requested and received from Foundation for the following mission activities:

\$1200 for purchase of sewing machines for the ApParent Project in conjunction with a Haiti Mission trip in February, 2012

\$2000 to Ellensburg Christian Schools for tuition assistance.

\$1000 to Brubaker MST

\$565 to CASA to assist with legal representation

Committee members: Dee Axthelm, Mary Kraft, (chair), Bruce Palmquist, and Helen Waddle.



Congregational Life

By Julie Hiersche

The Congregational Life Ministry had two new elders leading the group in 2011 – Shannon Hill and Julie Hiersche. We used the past experiences of former elders to guide us through the year. We hope to have continued the traditions of the group by celebrating and supporting each other in a Christian community throughout the year.

On Easter Sunday, April 24, the Congregational Life Committee served an Easter breakfast with the help of many volunteers. Pancakes, egg casseroles, sausage, fruit, juice, coffee and tea were provided for all who attended (approximately 200). The enthusiasm, fellowship, and appreciation of all those served was wonderful. We saw many new faces from the community that enjoyed the breakfast and fellowship. It was amazing to see everyone working together to get things done. We would like to give a BIG thank you to all who helped with this event, including the high school boys that served the meal!

The annual church picnic was held on September 18th at West Ellensburg Park. A crowd of about 50 enjoyed a wonderful potluck of salads, chips, desserts and beverages. The Congregational Life committee provided the hamburgers and hot dogs for the event, along with the drinks, plates and utensils. The weather was questionable that day, but it turned out to be warm and comfortable for all. We ate, played games,

relaxed and enjoyed fellowship with all who attended.

The Congregational Life committee helped the Stewardship Committee with the Harvest Supper in November. The meal included baked potatoes and every kind of topping imagined, including stroganoff, taco meat, and vegetables. It was a delicious meal!

Our traditional Round-the-Table Carol Sing was held on December 11. The Congregational Life Committee worked in conjunction with the Worship and Music Ministry. This was truly a spiritual evening. The Tjossem Fellowship Hall was decorated for the season and lit exclusively by candles. Beautiful candelabras surrounded the piano, where talented musicians shared their gifts of singing and playing instruments. We also were blessed with the voices of our scripture readers as they shared the story of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We served the traditional apple pudding cake with butter vanilla sauce. We are thankful to all those who helped with the program and the baking.

Congregational Life would like to thank all those who provided snacks for our “Quick Bites”. We know how important it is to provide that time between services for fellowship with our church family.

Shannon and I would like to express our gratitude to all those who have guided and helped us through this first year. We are always amazed at how everyone steps up to help when they see a need. We hope that we have done justice to the traditions within the church, and look forward to making new traditions in the next few years. We hope to find new opportunities to promote the church family, and we welcome any ideas and suggestions.



Property

By Rick Holmstrom

2011 was a busy and productive year for the

Properties Ministry and the dedicated group including co-elder Jim Davis, Cindy Johnson and Kathy Grauerholz. This Ministry's purpose is to maintain our Church to a standard that glorifies Him. While we strive to be pro-active in our approach, we often find ourselves in a reactionary mode to address the maintenance needs as they arise, whether it be plumbing, electrical, mechanical, structural, beautification or licensure needs.

Our annual church clean up occurred on Saturday April 9 and the results were positive and productive. Over 25 of our congregation attended to assist in cleaning, pruning, weeding, replanting, debris removal and freshening parking lot paint striping. An added bonus included securing ceiling tiles in our sanctuary that were separating from the structural arches.

One of our most successful ventures this year has been the Adopt A Garden program led by Kathy Grauerholz. The Church has nine designated "gardens" which, thanks to the volunteers from our Church, were tended and cared for during the growing season. Kathy prepared detailed "how-to" manuals which were provided to the volunteers and spent considerable hours answering questions and lending her very technical support. Thank you for volunteering and due to the positive responses we heard, we will continue the program again this year.

During the spring, a new cooperative FPC/ After School Safe Place Memorandum of Understanding was signed permitting simultaneous Church and ASP use of the Ed Wing. With conditions, the Church is now permitted to occupy room 8 within the Ed Wing, between the hours of 3-6 pm, Monday thru Friday. The condition, as required by the Washington State Department of Early Childhood Learning, is to ensure total separation during ASP hours of operation. In order to accommodate the requirement, a secret passage door was installed between the library and room 8. This new doorway allows our youth to enter room 8 without accessing the Ed Wing. The doorway, complete with some

minor electrical revisions including an additional light switch and outlets, has allowed our Youth Director Chris to expand our youth ministry during after school hours. Please stop by and take a look at the newly painted high school room! A reminder, please use the "not-so-secret" passage door if accessing the room during ASP hours.

While in the Ed Wing, please stop and take a look at the beautiful window coverings (curtains), which were installed this year. Many thanks to Carol Horrobin and the quilting ladies for their creativity, time and effort they provided to construct the needed replacement curtains.

The useful life of the Church tables used in Tjossem Fellowship Hall, and elsewhere in our Church, had expired and replacement tables were procured during the summer months. The Church purchased 22 new tables, complete with a wheeled transport cart. The ease of handling, especially set-up and takedown is an added benefit and we look forward to many years of use from these tables. A special thanks to the First Presbyterian Women as they donated \$1,000 towards the table purchase. The west entrance stained glass windows were re-glazed this summer. A new Education Director's office was created in room 3 of the Ed wing, and furniture and office needs were addressed. Hard wiring in the form of telephone lines was installed in the nursery and the new Education Director's office; and a new ethernet cable was installed also to the Education office. Additionally, our Church service can now be heard in the nursery.

Many thanks to all of you who donate your time and efforts to make our church function as it does. Many hands make light work! Also, a huge thank you is extended to Louis Tutino for his continued commitment and service to our Church, by providing weekly yard care.

For the new year, the needs are many and the list is long. The congregation can anticipate hearing more about the proposed construction of a garage/storage unit at the east end of the property. We are pleased that Mr. John Barker will be joining us this year and look forward to

his talents, input and ideas he will bring to our Ministry. Always, you will have your ideas and we welcome any and all input. We are here to serve Him, and for His glory.
Respectively submitted on behalf of the Properties Ministry



“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

George Matheson (1842-1906) wrote the words to this much-loved hymn while feeling intensely lonely and afraid.

Years back, his fiancé had broken their engagement upon learning he was going blind. Despite that challenge, Matheson had followed God’s call to a fruitful pastoral ministry — with his sister’s assistance. Now his sister was getting married, and Matheson worried about who would take care of him and if anyone would ever want to marry him.

Amid such despair, Matheson later shared, God gave him all four verses of this hymn in five minutes. It’s a poignant reminder that God’s love sustains us even when human love falls short.

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Presbyterian Women

By Deanna Pringle

Once again our Presbyterian Women ended the year with a very successful Bazaar. Many people, both men and women, worked to make it a success. A crafts group meets weekly each year, beginning in March, to make items for sale at the Bazaar. Their numbers are dwindling but their output is nothing short of amazing. In May the Mother/Daughter Banquet was held. It is an evening that the women of the church look forward to. Early Christians meet one Friday a month except in the winter, for fellowship and study. All women are invited to any PW event and suggestions are welcome. A financial report for 2011 follows this written report.



Presbyterian Women's Annual Report --12/31/10 thru 11/11/11

INCOME		INVOLVEMENT IN ACTION GIVING	
Bazaar	10,737.52	Afterschool Safe Place	200.00
Offerings	397.22	APOYO	125.00
Mother/Daughter	988.15	Carenet	150.00
Interest	18.11	Congregational Emergency Fund	400.00
Spring Gathering	277.00	Domestic Violence	125.00
Quilt Raffle	253.00	Emergency Shelter Fund	100.00
Weddings/Receptions	300.00	FISH	300.00
Donations	100.00	Free Clinic	175.00
Local Gatherings	<u>25.00</u>	Habitat for Humanity	125.00
Total	\$13,096.00	Hospice	125.00
LOCAL EXPENSES		KVMA Emergency Fund	200.00
Bazaar	2,035.63	Salvation Army	150.00
FPC Budget	1,500.00	Union Gospel Mission	<u>150.00</u>
House	1,208.59	Total	\$2,325.00
Mother/Daughter Banquet	841.53	FLOW-THROUGH FUNDS	
National Gathering	1,000.00	Birthday Offering	
Office	30.50	Least Coin	for year 2010
Quilt Retreat	278.50	Thank Offering	
Local Gatherings (Spring)	222.42	Total (pd 1/7/11)	359.06
Coffee	99.95	Birthday Offering	
Horizon Magazine (2 yrs)	49.90	Least Coin	for year 2011
Weddings/Receptions	<u>285.14</u>	Thank Offering	
Total	\$7,552.16	Total (pd 10/19/11)	\$224.95
MISSION GIVING		SUMMARY	
Campbell Farm	250.00	Beginning Balance	3,731.75
Church World Service	50.00	Income	13,096.00
Honorary Membership	190.00	Expenses	<u>15,626.17</u>
Presbyterian Hunger	200.00	Balance	\$1,201.58
PW in the Presbytery	1,575.00	SAVINGS	
Tall Timber	400.00	Balance as of 12/1/10	1,162.52
Youth Mission Trip	400.00	Savings interest	12.72
PC Camp Scholarship	800.00	Deposit from Checking Acc't	1,000.00
Quilters	400.00	Deposit (CD into Savings)	643.51
VBS—Elementary Ed	500.00	Balance as of 12/1/11	2,818.75
Undesignated (Mission to S. Dakota)	<u>400.00</u>	Total assets (as of 11/30/11)	<u>\$4,020.33</u>
Total	\$5,165.00		

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

JANUARY 30, 2011

On January 30, 2011, after noting that **a quorum was present**, Pastor Al Sandalow, moderator, convened the Annual Congregational Meeting with prayer at 6:07 p.m. in the Sanctuary of the First Presbyterian Church of Ellensburg.

Agenda

An agenda on the screen allowed members to see that the purposes of the meeting would be: approval the minutes of the 2010 congregational meetings, election of nominees to open positions,

receipt of the annual reports of ministries and entities, a review of financial reports, approval the Pastor's Terms of Call, and discussion of any other business brought up by members.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were in *The Acts of the Christians at the First Presbyterian Church of Ellensburg 2010* for the following meetings: Special Congregational Meeting of January 3, 2010; Annual Congregational Meeting of February 28, 2010; Special Congregational Meeting of May 23, 2010, and Fall Congregational Meeting of November 7, 2010, for election of Elders, Deacons, and committee members. Following a time to review

them and make comments, Dan Hiersche moved to approve the four sets of minutes as printed (s/c).

Election of Officers

Nominating Committee chairman Will Johnson presented for election Shannon Hill as Session Elder for the term of 2011 – 2013, and Joyce Franz for Nominating Committee for the 2011 term.

Following opportunities for nominations from the floor, Libby Street moved that a unanimous ballot be cast in favor of Shannon Hill and Joyce Franz (s/c).

Annual Reports of Ministries and Entities

These reports were in *The Acts of the Christians* and time was given for comments and questions.

No comments or questions were offered.

Review of the 2010 Financial Reports

Stewardship chairman John MacRae reported that the 2010 budget, due to economic conditions, was the same amount as 2009 (about \$299,800). There was enough revenue in 2010 for the church budget to finish in the black, and expenses were under budget by approximately \$1,200. This was due in part by the lower utility cost of having the new boiler system. It was noted that the boiler system is completely paid for. Conditions were such that Session was able to give bonuses to all paid staff, except to the recently hired Youth Director. John praised all those who gave so generously to the church.

2011 Budget

The budget for 2011 represents a commitment of approximately \$3,000 over the previous year. Most of this is due to giving the paid staff a 1 1/2% wage increase. Also \$500 was reinstated to pay for substitutes during the custodian's vacation time. The number of pledges received to date is less than last year, but that is partly due to the general economic uncertainty.

Pastor's 2011 Terms of Call:

Pastor Sandalow left the Sanctuary and John MacRae, Stewardship Chairman, took over as moderator pro tem to discuss the terms of call for the pastor's 2011 salary package. After review and discussion, Jan Paxton moved for approval (s/c). Pastor Al was given a standing ovation upon his return. The final terms are: \$28,166.37 for salary; \$28,166.37 for housing; \$18,986.33 for pension/benefits; \$2,600 for car allowance; \$2,000 for study leave; \$600 for professional materials; \$6,000 for medical deductible; and \$1,400 for miscellaneous expenses.

Other Business

Moderator Sandalow explained that at an annual congregational meeting any member may bring up a concern and asked if anyone had subjects they wished to discuss. Discussion was held on the following topics:

- Information was asked about the possibility of a new storage shed. That idea is in the works for the east end of the property, but there are no specific details at this time.

Information regarding The Foundation of First Presbyterian Church was requested – specifically if it has an annual financial report. It does give an annual report to the pastor. The Foundation has funds for congregational projects, but a request for funds needs to be given to a ministry for consideration and then brought to Session for its approval. If Session approves, a letter would then be sent to Foundation requesting the specific funds.

Motion to adjourn by Shirley Hood (s/c) was at 6:36 pm and the meeting ended with prayer by pastor Sandalow, in which he honored those members who passed away in 2010 – Jessie Parks Barnhill, Willabelle Harris Schnebly, Douglas Rehaume, June Morgan Hartman, Edward Treick, and Alfred Moss.

ATTEST: Judi Anderson, Clerk
Al Sandalow, Moderator

MINUTES OF THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MAY 1, 2011

A Congregational Meeting was held between services on May 1, 2011, in the Sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church of Ellensburg for the purpose of electing a nominee to fill a position on the Board of Deacons. Moderator Reverend Al Sandalow convened the meeting with prayer at 10:04 a.m.

A quorum was met and declared.

Pastor Al began the meeting by defining the purpose.

NOMINATIONS FOR DEACON: Nominating Committee chairman Elder Will Johnson recommended the nominee, Dee Axthelm, to be elected as Deacon for the class of 2013.

Following requests for nominations from the floor, but receiving none, Marianne King moved that nominations cease and that Dee Axthelm be elected by unanimous vote as Deacon for the class of 2013 (s/c).

After a motion to adjourn at 10:06 a.m. (s/c), Moderator Sandalow ended the meeting with prayer.

ATTEST: Judi Anderson, Clerk
Al Sandalow, Moderator

MINUTES OF THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 20, 2011

The Fall Congregational Meeting was held between services on November 20, 2011, in the Sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church of Ellensburg for the purpose of electing officers and committee members with terms beginning in 2012. A quorum was met and declared, and Moderator Reverend Al Sandalow convened the meeting with prayer at 10:00 am.

Pastor Al began the meeting with the stated purpose, and called upon Will Johnson, Chairman of Nominating Committee, to read the names of the nominees to the members present, and it was the recommendation of the committee that these people be approved for service.

Following three requests from Moderator Sandalow for nominations from the floor, Charlie Pringle expressed his willingness to be on the Nominating Committee. Wolfgang Franz moved that Charlie Pringle be added as a nominee for that committee and that nominations cease (s/c). Joyce Franz moved that a unanimous ballot be cast in favor of all the nominees (s/c).

Elders elected for the class of 2014 were Rick Holmstrom, Harry Matlin, and Rhonda McKinney. (Two more positions need to be filled).

Deacons elected for the class of 2014 were

Marianne King, Jan Paxton, Sue Young, and Sandra Zech. (One more position needs to be filled.)

Worship and Music Ministry members elected for the class of 2014 were Kathy Matlin and Dude Van Tassel. (Two more one-year positions need to be filled).

Memorials Committee members elected for the class of 2014 were Stan Dudley, Jan Faltus, and Shirley Kern.

Nominating Committee members elected for 2012 were Clay McMechan, Steve Moe, and Charlie Pringle. (One more position needs to be filled.)

After a motion to adjourn at 10:05 am, Pastor Sandalow ended the meeting with prayer.

ATTEST: Judi Anderson, Clerk
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Membership Roll	
Active members	
12/31/10	280
Gains by Confession	<u>0</u>
Total	280
Losses by Certificate	0
Other	24
Death	<u>8</u>
Total	32
Total 12/31/11	248

Six New Year resolutions

1. Forget the past and honor God more.
 2. Live for Christ in the world.
 3. Trust God with a strong faith.
 4. Remain faithful to my church.
 5. Witness to the lost.
 6. Cultivate the talents God has given me for His glory
- alow, Moderator

Memorial Funds

By Wolfgang Franz

Undesignated Funds

Beginning Balance	\$17,972.52
Gifts undesignated	375.00
Interest Income	464.02
Outlays	<u>184.99</u>
Ending Balance	\$18,626.55

Scott Fund

Beginning Balance	6,250.82
Gifts	0.00
Interest	206.26
Outlays	<u>300.00</u>
Ending Balance	6,157.08

Whitfield Scholarship

Beginning Balance	21,325.73
Interest Income	602.16
Outlays	<u>00.00</u>
Ending Balance	21,927.89

Organ Fund

Beginning Balance	11,849.12
Gifts	2,250.00
Interest	<u>348.91</u>
Ending Balance	14,448.03

All Accounts

Cash in Bank	18,859.55
Synod CD's	<u>42,300.00</u>
	\$61,159.55

Summary of Pledges and Gifts

	<u>No. Plgd</u>	<u>Am't Plgd</u>	<u>Pledges & Gifts</u>	<u>Loose Offrg</u>
2008	123	244,011	267,466.53	12,916.48
2009	104	214,069	289,279.79	10,554.05
2010	100	216,252	286,726.02	9,493.10
2011	88	209,670	267,138.44	12,871.47
2012	89	188,060		