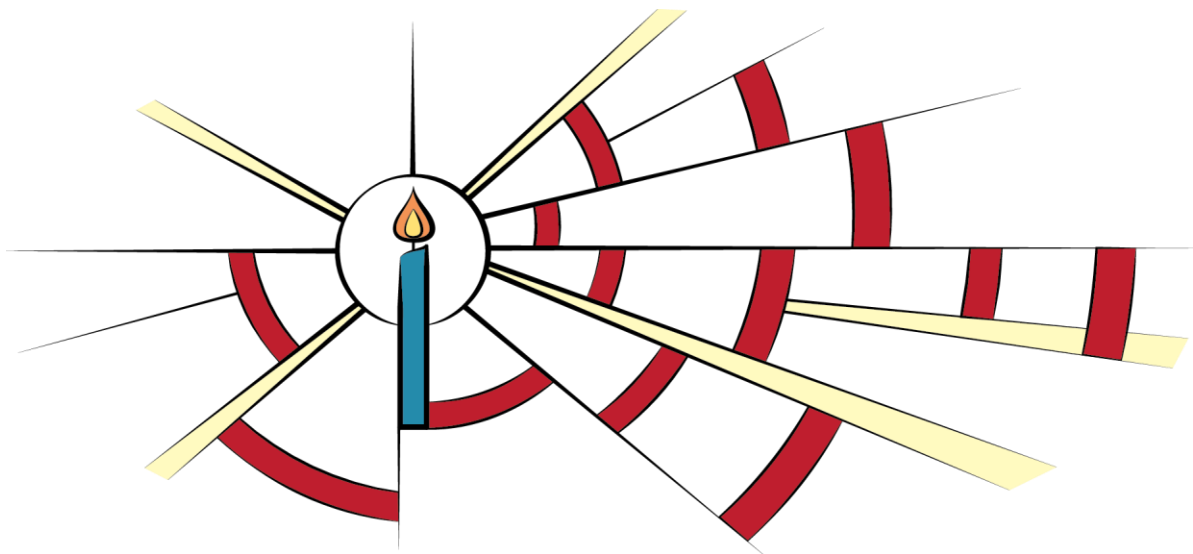


2017 Annual Report

White Lick Presbyterian Church



And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:18-20

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**Annual Congregational Meeting
Annual Corporation Meeting
White Lick Presbyterian Church
February 4, 2018**

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Moderator: Rev. Daren Hofmann

Attendance: Call for a quorum

Clerk of Session: Ginny Sheets

Meetings of the Congregation

Moderator: Rev. Daren Hoffman

Article 5 By Laws

Section 1: Congregational Meeting

The session shall call an annual meeting of the congregation for January of each year to receive reports of the part year's activities and for the transaction of any business to include but not limited to:

- a) Receive annual reports from the church's ministries (information only)
- b) Receive financial report for the preceding year (information only)
- c) Receive budget for the current year (information only)
- d) Grant permission for the corporation to sell cemetery plots during the ensuring year; and,
- e) Review and approval of the terms of call for the pastor.

Section 3: Meetings of the Corporation

A corporation by the same name shall be formed and maintained under the laws of the State of Indiana, to receive, hold, and transfer property and to facilitate the management of its temporal affairs on behalf of the congregation.

The Board of Directors, including its officers for the corporation shall be active ruling elders serving on session. The session shall elect officers for the corporation prior to the annual meeting of the congregation. The clerk of session shall serve as secretary for the corporation.

Board of Directors for 2018 include:

Erik Johnson, President

Diane Buxton, Vice President

Maureen Boulanger

Lynn Turner

Mary Mitchell

Mike Cooper

Virginia Sheets, Secretary

2017 Annual Report

Moderator Daren Hofmann

Copies of the annual report are available at the meeting and will be sent electronically to members and friends who have email addresses registered with the church office. Hard copies will be available at the church and mailed upon request.

Annual meeting agenda continued

2017 Financial Report 2018 Annual Budget

Treasurer Ron Hoke

Budget summaries are included in this document of pages 5-6. The session has the responsibility for review of the financial status of the church and the approval of the annual budget. Details of final income and expenditures and the entire annual budget are available for review. Treasurer Ron Hoke shall make the presentation on behalf of the Finance Team.

Pastor's Terms of Call

Treasurer Ron Hoke

On behalf of the Finance Team, the Pastor's Terms of Call for 2018 can be found on page 6. The congregation will be asked to approve these terms of call.

Recess the Congregational Meeting

Moderator Daren Hofmann

Convene the Business Meeting of the Corporation

President Erik Johnson

The congregational meeting is recessed to conduct the business meeting of the corporation as follows:

Sale of cemetery plots: The congregation of White Lick Presbyterian Church grants permission to sell cemetery plots at White Lick Cemetery for the year 2018. Approval will enable the Building and Grounds Team acting under the authority of the session to sell cemetery plots without calling a special meeting during the year. Notification of any sale shall be recorded with the Board of Directors of White Lick Presbyterian Church as well as Whitewater Valley Presbytery.

Receive the 2017 annual financial statement as recorded in the Annual Report.

Receive the 2018 annual budget.

Adjourn the Corporation Meeting.

Reconvening the Annual Congregational Meeting Moderator Daren Hofmann

Adjourn the Annual Meeting with prayer.

Financial Report

December 31, 2017

INCOME:

Pledges	\$113,324.09
Non-pledged	40,641.00
Loose/plate offering	2,205.11
Per Capita share	2,027.70
Flowers (lily & poinsettia)	340.00
Kitchen Fund	651.71
Study books & materials	-18.00
Youth Group	2,127.00
Stewardship envelopes	132.00
Mission special fund	100.00
Special one time gift	4,070.00
Miscellaneous income	226.59

TOTAL INCOME

\$165,827.20

EXPENSES:

Pastoral staff	\$ 71,180.56
Clerical support	3,768.00
Professional contracted staff	8,851.50
Employer TAX	3,341.57
Administrative	3,108.93
Buildings and Grounds	47,168.82
Worship	1,348.37
Education	1,599.00
Outreach	6,687.58
Hospitality/Deacons/Session	1,811.61
Accounting adjustments	130.96

Mortgage 12/31/2017 \$128,836.58 interest rate @ 3.5% Payoff in Fall of 2022
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TOTAL EXPENSE

\$148,996.90

INCOME over expense

\$ 16,830.30

Fund Balances

December 31, 2017

01 General	\$34,409.86	40 Music	\$ 112.58
05 Deacons	2,645.79	41 Weddings	814.77
10 Pastor Benevolence	63.09	50 Flooring	169.48
15 Pastor's 403B	2,000.00	70 Bldg Maintenance	4,259.98
20 Offerings (pass thru)	4,383.50	71 Landscaping	315.14
21 Denny Mission	8,983.59	73 Kitchen	138.24
28 Church Pentecost	252.00	75 Technology	100.81
29 Church Peacemaking	428.00	80 Memorial	4,868.35
30 Youth	771.92	81 Cemetery	2,068.53
35 Special Mission	305.14	85 Mortgage Reserve	2,591.69
36 Easter Sunrise	178.06		
39 Celebration Sunday	1,379.56	TOTAL	\$71,240.08

2018 Budget

INCOME:

Pledges	\$131,805
Non-pledged	18,593
Loose/plate offering	2,500
Per Capita share	2,200
Flowers (lily & poinsettia)	400
Kitchen Fund	550
Study books & materials	100
Youth Group	4,000
Stewardship envelopes	100

TOTAL INCOME

\$160,248

EXPENSES:

Pastoral staff	\$ 75,994
Clerical support	4,244
Professional contracted staff	10,100
Employer TAX	287
Administrative	3,650
Buildings and Grounds	52,000
Worship	1,200
Education	4,400
Outreach	6,273
Hospitality/Deacons/Session	2,100

TOTAL EXPENSE

\$160,248

Pastor's Terms of Call

	2018	2017	2016	2015
Salary (presbytery = 47,315) + 3% = 48,734	13,734	11,552	11,412.50	12,712.50
Housing	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
Effective Salary	48,734	46,552	46,412.50	47,712.50
Self Employment Tax (presbytery = 7.65%)	3,728	3,562	3,551	3,575
Pension & Insurance (presbytery = 37%)	18,032	16,992	16,941	17,780
Professional Expenses reimbursement	1,000	500	800	800
Mileage reimbursement @ 54.5 cents	1,000	100	2,800	2,800
Continuing education	2,000	2,000	6,300	5,000
Medical reimbursement	500	0	500	500
403 B Match	1,000	0	1,000	1,000
Sabbatical Coverage	0	0	0	0
Total Pastor Expense	75,994	69,706	78,304.50	79,167.50

4 weeks annual paid vacation, including four Sundays

2 weeks annual paid professional development leave, including two Sundays

Pastor's Annual Report

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.



God is good, all the time. All the time, God is good! We have come once again to the end of another year, a time to reflect and look forward to what God is doing new in our midst. And White Lick Presbyterian has a lot that it can reflect upon; many blessings and many moments of joy. We have been called into new and vital ministry in 2017, and you have stepped up to the call.

We began 2017 in a bit of a struggle. We had just come off a difficult year and the leadership of the congregation extended an invitation for this congregation to step up to support the ongoing ministries of this congregation. And you have done just that. Many of you increased your giving to the church. Many of you have given more of your time and energy to outreach activities, church cleaning and maintenance, and to caring for our congregation members in need.

This has been the year of new energy and new activities. Many of these activities have been directed toward getting out into our community. This included having a float in the 4th of July Parade, connecting with the community at the National Night Out event, and sharing hot chocolate at the Christmas Parade. We also had many events that welcomed people to the church including a Gospel Quartet, Movie/VBS weekend, Desert Fest, Chili Supper, and Gingerbread House Party. Along with increased outreach we also continued wonderful mission activities, frequent adult Bible studies, and continued diversity of worship opportunities.

Through all of this activity, we also had the fortune of ramping up our New Member Classes; needing to host two sets, one in the spring and one in the fall. All together, White Lick welcomed 13 new adult members into the mission and ministry of our congregation as well as 5 children (including 2 baptisms). With these new faces and families, White Lick continues to work to grow disciples and send them out to serve God in their everyday life.

On top of the increase activities and the welcoming of new members, White Lick also replaced the old carpets of the church. Through the generous offerings of this congregation and a special donation, we now have new flooring throughout the church.

As always, I must take a moment to celebrate our volunteer leadership. From the challenges that began our year; through the increased activities; to the joyous celebration of Christmas: our leader and members have put in countless hours, vast amounts of energy, and much of their own finances to keep White Lick focused on growing and deepening its ministry within our community and beyond. I could not be the pastor I am without the many leaders who are doing their part.

So it has now been more than five years of called ministry at White Lick. Each year has come with opportunities and challenges that cause me to grow and focus in new areas of ministry and congregational life. Each new year has brought new joys and triumphs and places of loss and a need to reflect and grow. I have been blessed to serve as pastor of White Lick for these five years and look forward to continuing that service in 2018. May God continue to bless our Little Church in the Wildwood and may we continue to be a blessing to our community and the world.

Grace and Peace,
Rev. Daren Hofmann



Spring Membership Class



Fall Membership Class



Brownsburg 4th of July Parade



Moana Movie Night

2017 White Lick Church Officers and Leaders

Ephesians 4:11-13 (NIV)

*¹¹ So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers,
¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we
all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining
to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.*

Teaching Elder/Minister of Word and Sacrament:

Rev. Daren Hofmann

Ruling Elders on Session

Dave Halterman

Krisanna Johnson (resigned)

Mary Mitchell

Gerald George

Diane Buxton

Lynn Turner

Ginny Sheets, Clerk of Session

Erick Johnson

Maureen Boulanger

Board of Deacons

Jeannine Fancher, Moderator

Sara Edwards

Mary Eversman

Evelyn McKee

Ron Hoke

Mary Ann Hoke

Diana Temple

Shirley Halterman

Ministry Teams

Buildings and Grounds

Building: Dave Halterman

Grounds: Wayne and Ginny Sheets

Cemetery: Linda Pyles

Tom Jackson, Sara Edwards, Jeanette Blackstone, Sandy Ridolfo Sunnier, Kent Rumbaugh,
Ted and Joanne Williams (cemetery restoration)

Christian Education

Mary Mitchell, Sarah Hofmann, Lynn Turner, Amy Chambliss, Ginny Sheets

Finance and Stewardship

Ron Hoke, Treasurer

Ron Hoke (resigned) and Dotti Laas, Audit Committee

Carol Johnson and Kathie Bush, counters Sunday receipts

Brenda Blue, Power Church records

Hospitality

Sara Edwards, Jeannine Fancher, Mary Eversman, Evie McKee, Terry George, Diane Buxton, Dotti Laas and others who pitch-in to help with food and cleanup.

Nominating

Erik Johnson, Moderator
Jeannine Fancher, Kathie Bush, Judi Starks, Ginny Sheets
Daren Hofmann, ex officio

Outreach/Mission

Terry George, Diane Buxton, Dave and Shirley Halterman, Gerald George, Lynn Turner

PAL

Jeanette Krohne and Diane Buxton

Presbyterian Women

Mary Ann Hoke (Moderator), Lynn Turner (Treasurer), Jeannine Fancher (Secretary) Dotti Laas (Devotions), All the women of the congregation.

Worship

All our liturgists and communion servers, choir, and organists Jacob Pruis and Mitch Reiman.

2017 Membership Report

prepared by Virginia Sheets, Clerk of Session

Active Membership as of 12/31/2016		104
Active Membership as of 12/31/2017		93
Gains:		15
01-Rebecca Turner 02-Zach Parker 03-Cassie Brooks 04-Linda Pyles 05-Ted Williams 06-Joanne Williams 07-Erin White 08-Alicia Rosales 09-Jacqueline Rosales 10-Israel Rosales 11-Carman Gray 12-Nancy Gray 13-Jeanette Blackstone 14-Charles (Kent) Rumbaugh 15-Gretchen Peterson		
Losses:		26
Deaths: 01-Ruling Elder Gerald L. Poole, January 1, 2017 02-Ruling Elder James Austin Williamson, June 25, 2017		
Removed from the rolls: 03-Elizabeth Frazee 04-Eichinger, John 05-Eichinger, Nancy (Leistensnider) 06-Johnson, Carl 07-Johnson, Kimberly Lynn 08-Kirby, Diane M. (Jackson) 09-Kirby, Willie Green Jr. 10-Lawson, Mike 11-McGuire, Beth 12-McGuire, Rachael 13-McGuire, Rebecca 14-Mallory, Hannah 15-Mallory, Nowell 16-Meinders, Jeremy 17-Meinders, Jerri 18-Nash, Chloe Leigh 19-Nash, Kelli (Mrs. Greg) 20-Okuhara, Amy 21-Starks, James 22-Truitt, Arthur Thomas 23-Truitt, Jennifer (Nicely)		
Members transferred: 24-25-Steve and Linda Schorling to Avon United Methodist. 26-Lauren Bryant transferred to Traders Point		
Active Membership as of 12/21/2017		93



Session Report

prepared by Virginia Sheets, Clerk of Session

As I began reviewing session minutes to write this report, I realized that anything that could be written about session has been well covered by all the other reports. The session has been busy; not micromanaging teams; but, making decisions where decisions needed to be made resulting in everything included in this annual report.

So how do I fill up a page that might reflect the session during 2017? For help, I turned to my favorite Super Bowl ads.

January 2017 felt like the Budweiser Clydesdale horses pulling a heavy wagon with the session elders being the horses pulling the pending financial burden hanging over us a year ago. Thanks to the congregation generously opening their pockets, the budget deficit was met and thanks again to the generosity of our members and being able to make a few budget adjustments, the new flooring was installed. The wagon suddenly became manageable.

Betty White became known for her Snickers commercial “You’re not you when you’re hungry”. We certainly do not suffer with hunger at White Lick and we have become so generous in bringing food items to help children over holiday breaks. Our mission report is six pages long! If you have a heart for mission, there is a place for every member regardless of age to serve.

The most iconic commercial for me is the 1980 Mean Joe Greene ad for Coke. A nine-year-old boy hands the limping, hurting football player a Coke on his way to the locker room. In exchange, Joe tosses the boy his jersey. Yes, the jersey got passed twice this year with the deaths of Jerry Poole and Austin Williamson, two iconic ruling elders who left their marks on White Lick in so many ways.

One of the session’s strengths, along with the deacons, has been the relationships developed amongst the members. Our church officers are willing to listen to each other, tease each other, and work together for Christ’s church putting aside their personal agendas. Again, I turn to the humor of so many Clydesdales who play team football in the snowy pasture or coach the younger members in how to pull the wagon. Our church officers represent the best of White Lick.

For Pastor Daren, I am sure he feels like he is herding cats (another favorite Super Bowl commercial). Ideas seem to come out of nowhere and get well into the implementation phase before somebody remembers to tell him. Although frustrating, this speaks well of our leadership who are willing to try something different. 2017 was a year of doing different things, thanks to our #1 leader—Pastor Daren.

So, I end with my favorite of favorite commercials. It is the guy in the swamp eating cheese pizza loaded with bottles of tabasco sauce. He watches a mosquito on his arm just sucking away. The mosquito flies off and explodes in mid air. And, the message is like many of Jesus’ parables...left to the reader’s imagination, intelligence, energy, and love. Thanks be to God for a great year.

Board of Deacons

prepared by Jeannine Fancher, Moderator

The office of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of sympathy, witness and service after the example of Jesus Christ. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, warm sympathies, and sound judgment should be chosen for this office. The Deacons meet on the second Wednesday of each month at the church, 7 p.m.

8-12-2017 Women's Retreat



9-16-2017 Gospel Concert



In 2017, the Board of Deacons:

- provided and served Communion for church services and participated in providing Communion to shut-ins;
- communicated with/cared for Community Care Groups assigned to each Deacon;
- maintained the Urgent Prayer Chain;
- continued to deliver food/dinners and visits to shut-ins as needed;
- participated in the Sunday Fellowship Lunches after the 10:30 service;
- continued to collect aluminum cans to fund Deacon projects;
- donated \$25.00 in memory of each person, who passed away this year from our congregation, according to the family's wishes;
- provided lunches for the families of members who passed away this year as requested;
- purchased and delivered a "carload" of items to Sheltering Wings from their "Wish List" in May;
- encouraged birthday card showers for Eileen Williamson and Rhea Fischer;
- held 3rd annual Women's Retreat on August 12th led by Rev. Joy Bilger Goehring;
- sponsored the Gospel Concert featuring *Mission* on September 16th;
- Deacon Ron Hoke initiated a Men's Breakfast on November 8th;
- donated to the new flooring fund;
- worked diligently to update congregation info (with Ron Hoke's leadership) for the church's permanent database; being entered by Deacon Shirley Halterman.

Building and Ground Ministry Team

Building Accomplishments:

prepared by Dave Halterman, Team Leader

Major accomplishment for 2018 was the flooring project. The Flooring Committee spent many hours getting competitive bids and after thorough analysis selected R & R Flooring to do the installation. Thanks to Ron Hoke and his team for a job well done. Thanks to everyone from the congregation who assisted with the moving of furniture out and then back into place in each of the rooms.

The furnaces were serviced in the Fall and the air conditioners in the Spring. A bad capacitor was found and replaced in the Air Conditioner in the Spring.

We appreciate everyone who attends Work Days.



Church Grounds

The south sidewalk was removed. This walk was not being used and was crumbling. The area was sodded. Thanks to Ben Buxton for his masterful work on the jack hammer. The concrete rubble was dumped behind the north parking lot guardrail to stop the erosion from runoff during heavy storms.

The outdoor worship center was cleaned prior to the Easter sunrise service and again for the summer worship.

The trees were trimmed and/or removed along the edges of the church yard and around the cemetery. The majority of the work was done by a professional tree service.

Special thanks to Jeanette Blackstone who did considerable work in the flower beds.

Cemetery Work

prepared by Linda Pyles and Ginny Sheets

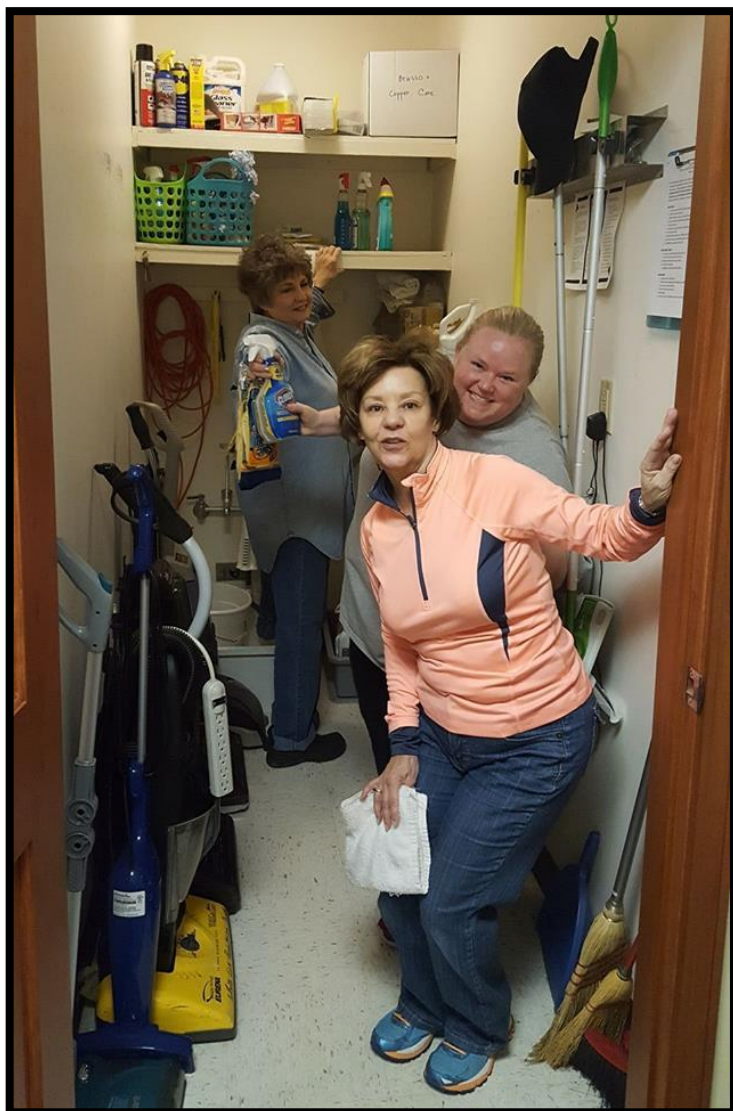
The farm fence along the north property line was removed after a large tree from the neighbor's yard fell, damaging the fence and one of the headstones.

The major focus has been cleaning and repairing of the headstone. Five members of the church attended Mark Morton's clinic on how to repair, reset and clean headstones. Repair and resetting of four headstones was done by Gravestone. They also repaired the headstone damaged by the fallen tree and, made a new top for the largest headstone in the front of cemetery. Volunteers reset three large headstones on the Day of Caring. Another twelve stones were reset and repaired by Linda Pyles, Joanne and Ted Williams. All stones in the cemetery were cleaned and scrubbed in the spring

We continue to try to improve the grass and landscaping at the cemetery. Yucca plants were cleared in front of cemetery. Hostas thinned and mulch was applied to the bed in back of the cemetery. Decorative fence was placed around the "White Lick Presbyterian stone" in front of cemetery and the sitting bench stained.

Jerry Poole and Austin Williamson were interred in the cemetery. Jerry's gravesite was sodded; Austin's will be sodded in the Spring. A non-member Alice Hazelgrove was also buried.

Linda has finished the on-site inventory of all marked graves. A database is being assembled this winter.



Gleam Team

prepared by Mary Mitchell

Every month the Gleam Team met on Saturday mornings to clean the church building, and frequently did "touch up" work throughout the month. Several core members, led by Sara Edwards met regularly and several other members of the church were able to help throughout the year. The cleaning supplies were purchased and organized by Sara and others on the team. The team works rather effectively getting the entire church building cleaned in a couple of hours, proving once again that many hands make light work.

Thanks to all these ladies who were willing to pitch in and stretch our limited professional cleaning dollars. The team will not need to work nearly as hard during 2018 as we will be able to go back to a cleaning service provider twice a month.

Challenges:

We need help shoveling the sidewalks during the winter months. Ice conditions are particularly challenging and a real effort is needed to get the walks safe for use on Sundays. Linda Pyles has

generously been plowing the parking lots; however, hand shoveling is needed where her plow can't reach.

Ginny and Wayne would graciously give up mowing the church yard so they can provide Linda with additional help in the cemetery. Flower beds always need weeding, watering, and new plantings. Anyone want to adopt the outdoor worship center?

Christian Education and Discipleship

prepared by Mary Mitchell, Team Leader



Children and youth:

Sunday school for elementary ages is held nearly every Sunday during 10:30 worship; taught by Sara Hofmann. At the start of the 2017-18 school year Sunday school for teens was discontinued due to lack of interest.

Confirmation:

A confirmation class was held from Feb. to April 2017. Zach Parker and Becca Turner were confirmed.

Family weekend:

On Saturday Aug. 19th and Sunday Aug 20th "Catch the Wave" family weekend was held. The Disney animated film "Moana" was shown in Fellowship Hall on Saturday evening and VBS style skit, lessons, crafts and games were held during worship the following Sunday morning.

Montreat:

Several fund raisers were held to fund Stacia Cooper and Becca Turner who attended Montreat Youth conference with Northminster PC youth. Mary Mitchell attended Montreat as a small group leader the same week. Stacia and Becca led worship on Youth Sunday upon their return.



Advent events

Families gathered to construct and decorate gingerbread houses. Sara Hofmann directed the annual Christmas Pageant followed by cookie decorating.

Adults:

Mary Mitchell led a Wednesday evening Bible study on *Preaching the Women of the Old Testament* by Lynn Japinga.

Monday Bible study group led by Ginny Sheets meets at Crestwood Village. The group read the book *Waking Up White* which was recommended by the General Assembly Co-Moderators for all PCUSA churches followed by another study on racial issues *Be the Bridge*. The final Fall study was an in-depth analysis of the Book of Hebrews using a study guide written by Earl Johnson.

Advent studies were led by Mary Mitchell and Daren Hofmann. Mary led a group on Sunday mornings using a Thoughtful Christian study "Spiritual Practices for Advent". Pastor Daren's group met evenings at Buffalo Wild Wings and explored different accounts of the Christmas story in the gospels.



Promoting our Moana weekend at National Night Out

Family:

White Lick Presbyterian participated in several community events this year. Linda Pyles volunteered the use of her truck for the Fourth of July Parade in Brownsburg. And several members handed out leis and fliers at the National Night out event in Avon. Hot chocolate was handed out at the Christmas Under the Stars parade in Brownsburg.



Serving Fat Tuesday pancakes. One of the fund raisers for Montreat.



Stacia Cooper and Rebecca Turner prepare to board the bus for Montreat Youth Conference.



Christmas cookie decorating

Hospitality

prepared by Sara Edwards, Team Leader



Mission: To serve God by encouraging our faith community and welcoming everyone with love, care, and friendship. This includes working with other teams to create a welcoming atmosphere in and around the Church.

Our primary focus is to see that Fellowship Lunch is provided after 10:30 service on Sunday. That means scheduling those lunches with the various mission teams, who take turns preparing and serving the meals. We assist other mission teams who need help. The first Sunday of each month is Pitch-In, when everyone brings a dish to share. We make drinks, set up and facilitate the food line and clean up,

on those days. The Hospitality Team, itself, is scheduled for 4-6 lunches a year.

We also try to greet visitors and encourage everyone to join us for lunch.

Our responsibilities include keeping the kitchen stocked with a wide variety of paper goods, beverages and condiments, for use by anyone in the Church.

We decorate the Welcome Center and Wildwood Café, as seasons change.

We assist with Hanging of the Greens at the beginning of Advent, as well as dismantling after Epiphany.

We are available to help facilitate picnics, dinners and other projects, as needed.

Mission and Outreach Team

Accomplishments for 2017:

- 1) Purchased gas cards for anyone in need.
- 2) Members of the Mission Team and the congregation donated school supplies for Avon schools.
- 3) Purchased (6) \$25.00 gift cards from Kroger for (6) families from Avon Intermediate East for Thanksgiving.
- 4) Members of the Mission Team and the congregation donated food items for the six Avon Int. East families and donated toys and clothes for these families through the Giving Tree.
- 5) Supported the Cornerstone Food Pantry collecting donations the second Sunday of each month (January- October).
- 6) Participated with Indy Love Train in feeding the homeless the third Saturday each month.
- 7) Participated with serving lunch the second Saturday each month at Good News Mission.
- 8) Donated \$250 to Sheltering Wings for items needed.
- 9) Donated \$250 to PAL.
- 10) Donated funds to Get Real.
- 11) Second Annual Day of Caring was held Sunday, September 17. The White Lick community gathered for worship at 8:30 and spent the rest of the morning in service. A total of 110, gallon sized Blessing bags stuffed with food, clothing, and hygiene products were given to members to carry in their cars for the homeless and sent to Indy Love Train and Good News Mission. Cookies were baked for First Responders. Two homebound families: Bill and Rhea Fischer and Sam and June Thompson were visited. Two assisted living facilities were visited. Cemetery headstones were repaired. Church flower beds were weeded. Over thirty-five persons participated (Including Hope Presbyterian Church, in Plainfield) in contributing goods and supplies for the various projects. White Lick joined over twenty churches from the Whitewater Valley Presbytery in this initiative.

Projects planned for 2018:

- 1) Continue serving at the Good News Mission.
- 2) Continue helping to feed the homeless with Indy Love Train.
- 3) Helping with Sheltering Wings. (\$250.00 budgeted)
- 4) Continue with gas cards.
- 5) Helping families in need with Christmas or any other time throughout the year.
- 6) Second Sunday monthly food donations for the food pantry.
- 7) Help with heat/light bills for those in need.
- 8) Assist PAL group with \$250.00 to help with refreshments and supplies.
- 9) Continue to help Avon Schools at Thanksgiving and Christmas with food and gift donations.
- 10) Continue assistance with Get Real.
- 11) Continue with the Day of Caring.

A closer look at White Lick Presbyterian Mission Ministries continues on the next page-

Good News Mission



Good News Mission located in Indianapolis, offers men a clean, warm bed and three nutritious meals a day. Over 1,000 men come to the mission every year in search of food and shelter. Good News provides clothing, medical care, educational or vocational training assistance and counseling as needed. Though these men come to Good News in need of basic human services, they are offered so much more. Good News Mission staff and volunteers minister to clients through mandatory evening chapel services, group and individual Bible studies and addiction counseling sessions. Unlike most missions, Good News offers a "home" to the men as long as they have a need. Good News addresses the root problems whether it is drugs, alcohol, bitterness, anger, abusive parents or pornography. Known as the "working man's mission", everyone who is able must work. Whether it is an outside job or work detail at the mission, Good News believes that men need to experience the self-respect that comes from simple, hard work. Clients take advantage of appropriate educational opportunities including obtaining a GED, college or vocational training.

White Lick Presbyterian volunteers serve at Good News Mission the second Saturday afternoon of the month including serving a meal, cleaning-up after the meal and sharing the gospel. There are three volunteers who served at Good News Mission in 2017- Robby & Lynn Turner and Linda Pyles. There is a need for 4 additional White Lick volunteers to serve a few months of the year; to maintain a personal relationship with Good News Mission; in addition to the financial relationship that White Lick has through donations of non-perishable food items, clothing, and monetary donations. Contact Lynn Turner for additional information.

Indy Love Train



An outreach that started 7 years ago in downtown Indy. We serve to feed our brothers and sisters of the homeless/poor community. White Lick has been a part of Indy Love Train all 7 years. Many of our congregation including Pastor Daren, have experienced this wonderful outreach. We meet once a month; 3rd Saturday from 10:30-noon. Location is Unity church on Delaware St, Indy. Many donations have come from our congregation including clothing (weather appropriate), hygiene items, blankets, sleeping bags, canned food etc. A meal is cooked and served by the volunteers

every month. Volunteers consist of all denominations who have a heart to serve the least of God's children.

What can happen when volunteering:

- Asked to say a prayer for someone;
- Give a hug and/or listen;
- Help them to find clothes;
- Hold a baby while Mom shops for clothes;
- Meet new friends;
- Set Up/serve food/clean up afterwards.

Be the hands and feet of Christ and receive more than you give. Indy Love Train also has a Facebook page, just type, *Indy Love Train*, on Search. Contact Diane Buxton for details as more volunteers are needed to monitor the tables ensuring that everyone gets their fair share of the goods available.

2017 Day of Caring



Fischer Visit



Thompson Visit



Indee visits The Hearth

On September 17 (8:30-noon), our church participated in the second annual "Day of Caring" along with other churches in our Presbytery. The Day of Caring is just that. We take one day and "Care" for our community. What that looks like is making Blessing Bags (hygiene kits, socks, hats) to give to our homeless, make cookies for our first responders, visited church members (Fischers and Thompsons). Congregational members & pet minister (Indee) visit assisted living facilities, and volunteers helped in the church cemetery with clean-up and repairing head stones. Contact Lynn Turner or Diane Buxton with questions and/or suggestions for projects for 2018.



Avon Intermediate School East P.R.I.D.E

The Mission team collected food for our outreach to Avon Intermediate – East school families. The food was used to help families stretch meals over the Christmas Break. Non-perishable items collected included: pasta & sauce, peanut butter & jelly, cereal & fruit cups.



July- Back to school supply donations

The mission team collected school supplies to donate to Avon schools at the start of the 2017 school year.



A special "Thank You" for all who helped with our Mission and Outreach ministries this year.



PAL (Parents of Addicted Loved Ones)

report prepared by Facilitators Jeanette Krohne and Diane Buxton

We are going on five years since the beginning of PAL, meeting on Thursday evenings at WLPC. The PAL group has grown over the past five years, from the first PAL meeting here at White Lick to eight PAL meetings in Indiana at this time. We continue to grow.

PAL grew nationally in 2017 now having 43 meetings across the U. S. Each meeting follows an agenda of prayer first, educational topic about the disease of addiction, sharing and end with prayer. We have shown documentaries on the disease of addiction, entertained guest speakers such as those in recovery, addiction counselors, Senator John Crane and Deputy Prosecutor Loren Delp to name a few. Through God's Grace, we have spread the word of HOPE by TV, articles written, speaking engagements and the support of Pastor Daren and our White Lick Family.



Every Thursday of the month there is a PAL phone meeting facilitated by trained facilitators for those in the U.S. who are not able to find a PAL meeting in their area. We continue to educate ourselves by attending drug symposiums, panel discussions and lectures. We are very active in our community of spreading HOPE. Diane has often been a panel guest, serves on the Hendricks County Drug Task Force, and gave a presentation at a Whitewater Valley Presbytery meeting.

We had our first PAL Golf Outing Fund Raiser with the support of our church family, prayers, donations for our silent auctions, and other type of donations needed to make it a success. It costs \$250 to open each new PAL meetings. The money that was raised went to help the new groups in Indiana and the U.S.

Because of PAL and prayers, some of our addicted loved ones have gone into rehab. Parents have been given vital tools and support to learn how to live with an addicted family member. And most important, we have seen members of our group come closer to God.

If you have a family member or know of a family confronted with addiction of drugs or alcohol, talk to either Diane and Jeanette. Confidentiality is primary and those facing such family issues are treated with grace and compassion.

Outreach to the Greater World Community

prepared by Ginny Sheets



SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Your financial contributions

Every year White Lick participates in the four churchwide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church.

One Great Hour of Sharing Contributions are generally received on Easter Sunday, Passion/Palm Sunday or both. A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program and the Self Development of People receive their funding through the One Great Hour of Sharing.

Pentecost Offering The Pentecost Offering is traditionally received on the day of Pentecost. A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own communities. The remaining 60% is used to support ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency such as the Young Adult Volunteers, Triennium Youth Conference (held at Purdue), and other youth ministries.

Peace and Global Witness The Peace & Global Witness Offering is received during the Season of Peace, which ends on World Communion Sunday. Contributions enable the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

Christmas Joy Offering The Christmas Joy Offering is traditionally received during the Advent Season on the Sunday closest to Christmas or on Christmas Eve. Contributions provide assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges.

For stories and more information on these vital outreach programs, go to <http://specialofferings.pcusa.org/index.html>

White Lick also budgets a portion of its annual operating budget to the mission projects of the Whitewater Valley Presbytery. Thanks to your annual pledge, we can help support local church new initiatives, new church starts, and Hispanic ministries. Ginny Sheets has been active for a number of years within the Hispanic Ministries Leadership Team. During 2017, the team engaged in a variety of activities.

- Sent twelve Dorcas baskets to rural churches in the Dominican Republic; stocked with supplies for vacation Bible schools.
- Coordinated a mission exploration trip to our partner churches in the Dominican Republic. Betsy Spencer participated on this trip.

- Led a Women's Retreat in the Riviera Maya Presbytery in Mexico.
- Led a Lead Like Jesus leadership retreat in the Dominican Republic. One of our Mexican pastors helped teach the course for the second time.
- Organized a music fest for church musicians in the Dominican Republic; complete with teaching seminars on various types and techniques of music.
- Sponsored two music students from the Dominican Republic to attend two weeks of Fall classes at Earlham College, Richmond, IN and coordinated their participation in worship at Second Presbyterian, Indianapolis.
- Wrote the curriculum and led a retreat for pastors and church leaders in Cancun, Mexico jointly with three Mexican pastors being trained as trainers. Using Glenn McDonald's book *The Disciple Making Church*.
- Provided counsel and guidance to our Indianapolis Hispanic Church Nueva Creación meeting at John Knox PC.
- Support/coordination for various churches in presbytery who have partnerships in the DR and Mexico.



December 2017 planning meeting in Playa, Mexico at Alpha and Omega PC.

"In the works" for 2018:
Women's Retreat Jan. 2018

Leadership Retreat,
Cancun, Aug. 2018

Barcelona, Spain
leadership retreat
Oct. 2018

Faith Ministry leadership retreat early 2019 for Mexican presbytery across border from Brownsville, TX.

Voices for Peace and Justice

Whitewater Valley is building a greater voice for peace and justice issues facing not only our denomination but the country as well. Both groups are open to anyone (and not just Presbyterians.)

Justice Advocates organized late in the Fall. Although interested in all venues from the opioid crisis in Indiana to economic disparity, the group is focusing on racial issues. Members of the group participated in the Women's March here in Indianapolis in Jan. 2018 and is planning a major event for April 4, 2018 at Tabernacle Presbyterian, the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Immigration and Refugees are another concern of a group forming in early 2018. The primary direction of this group is still in the discussion phase.



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

White Lick Presbyterian Women (PW)

Everything we do as an organization and as a community is guided by our purpose, and that includes ministry, resources and relationships.

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.

All women are invited to participate in White Lick Presbyterian Women. We meet the third Monday of the month, at 7:00 pm, at the Church. Usually we gather at 5:15 pm at Charbono's restaurant, in Avon, for fellowship and a meal before our meetings.

2017 Activities and Projects:

- Made and gifted snowmen to the memory care unit at The Hearth.
- Hosted a consultant from Michelle's Boutique to model using scarves to accessorize.
- Collected and delivered Mother's Day gifts to the women of Sheltering Wings.
- Sponsored a Spring Banquet with entertainment from the Tri West Middle School Choir.
- Organized the annual Dessert Fest /Bake Sale.
- Organized the annual Chili Supper/Bake Sale.
- Assembled and delivered 19 Christmas Cheer Baskets.
- Prepared and served quarterly Fellowship Lunches.
- Jeannine Fancher gave a demonstration on how to make a simple, no fail pie crust.
- Linda Pyles presented a lesson on how to declutter our minds.

2017 PW Donations:

Get Real Ministries (\$600)
Good News Mission (\$400)
Sheltering Wings (\$400)
Montreat Youth Trip (\$500)
Get Real Mission Trip (\$600)
Tri West Choir (\$100)
Least Coin Offering (\$135.72)



Worship



You go nowhere by accident. Wherever you go, God is sending you. Wherever you are God has put you there. God has a purpose in your being there. Christ who indwells you has something He wants to do through you, where you are. Believe this and go in His Spirit's grace and love and power. Halvorson Benediction