

RIVERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
2006 Annual Report
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Annual Report Of The Interim Pastor

A year ago Riverside was merely a name on the map to me. Now it has taken on flesh and blood – at least flesh and blood of Presbyterians. A year ago I was looking at all new faces, now I recognize faces – but still have challenges with names. That remains my problem, not yours! It was not long and you began to let me know where your boat was headed and I could climb on board.

At the beginning of the year there seemed to be some lack of clarity re: direction, an uncertainty about the future and a deep sense of loss regarding the past pastorally leadership. Many of you were surprised at what seemed to you a short stay following the 20 plus years of the previous pastor. That all has seemed to move to the background and the church is looking forward to the future with anticipation and enthusiasm. Evidence of that is found in:

The willingness of members to serve on the **Mission Study Committee** and the **Pastoral Nominating Committee**. The Mission Study Committee did a thorough and rapid examination of our mission and did an excellent job in preparing its final report. When elected the Pastoral Nominating Committee began its work and is now ready to receive Personal Information Forms from pastors who are interested in serving this congregation. There is excitement in the air.

The **Finance Committee** began the year with a Herculean task – a \$72,000 shortfall in the budget. With continual oversight and periodic challenges they continued to narrow the gap between the shortfall and the receipts until at the end of the year (this being written December 26) we are hoping for less than a \$10,000 deficit. Good work has been done in that committee.

The **Stewardship Committee** for 2007 also had a major challenge – not to begin the new year with a \$72,000 shortfall! With several members sharing their experience of and vision for RPC the “estimates of giving” reflected a twenty-three percent increase over last year! While we will still begin the year 2007 with a shortfall it has been substantially decreased from last year.

The **Staffing Pattern** has moved from an inordinate number of “interims” to only one. Stability looks to be the order of the day rather than an uncertainty of who would be where? Volunteers had done an extremely good job of plugging some of the gaps. Now permanent positions have replaced the temporary ones. The children’s ministry is in the capable hands of Lynda Nadkarni and it is having a great year with 81 children participating in the Christmas Eve Service. At this writing we have hopes of filling the youth position in the near future as well as looking forward to the work of the Pastoral Nominating Committee some time in the new year.

The **Session, Deacons and Trustees** did a super job in coordinating their efforts this year. Communication was for the most part very good. Where there was break-down we tried to immediately deal with them and establish better ways of accomplishing our goals. You will ready their reports to see the number of accomplishments they attained in 2006. We all look forward to a new year, with new pastoral leadership and a renew commitment to the future which may include new relationships with our Presbyterian neighbors. See your January Vision for more information about that.

Your Interim Pastor, Rev. Dr. Edwin J. Dykstra

Christian Education

Christian Education (CE) has been staffed in five different ways over as many years. From a full-time associate pastor to a full-time equivalent (FTE) job share between trained clergy, to a ¾ FTE job share of a pastor and a lay-person.

In August 2006, I was delighted to accept the current ½ time position overseeing all children's education and related programs, working with Dodi Krug in her ¼ time position overseeing youth group activities.

We are supported by a wonderful committee of the Session, led by Lisa Aulerich-Marciniak.

Fall 2006 launched the fifth year of RPC's **Passport to the Promised Land Sunday School** program for school-aged children, Kindergarten – Jr. High. Average attendance has dramatically increased over last year, now 50 children per week.

This program is based on the rotational model, which takes one Bible lesson or story for each unit and teaches it to the children a different way each Sunday for the five Sundays of that unit. Normally, the classes consist of a cooking class, an arts and crafts class, a gym class, a map or Bible study class and a story teller using the Cornerstones curriculum.

Second and Third graders have a special rotation every-other-year in preparation for receiving their own Bibles. This rotation focuses on the order of worship, music as worship, books of the Bible, and being Presbyterian. As this was completed in March 2006, it will be offered again in fall 2007.

The Sunday School offering continues to be contributed to the Heifer Project. Special emphasis has been placed on Mission this year, with the Celebration Sundays (weeks between rotations) focusing on the story of the Feeding of the 5,000 and how we can use that as an example in our everyday lives. The children have a \$750 Heifer Project goal which they are more than ½ way towards reaching.

A special thank you to those who have given of their time and talents to teach a rotation (or more):

Lisa Aulerich-Marciniak	Lisa Burke
Jeannine Buttmer	John Cain
Susan Deems –Dluhy	Frank Fieseler
Lorri Floros	Lisa Freel
Tara Gregus	John Hauguland
Connie Kelly	Jenny Kolinski
Susan Lisle	Joe Ourth
Kathi Rocanova	Greta Schramm
Carrie Staubus	

An extra-special thank you to our shepherds who guide their classes each week throughout the entire school-year:

Kindergarten – First Grade	Serina Ranft and April Floros
Second – Third Grade	Holly Meizio and Donna Cermak
Fourth – Fifth Grade	Tom Kedzie and Donna Mitchell
Jr. High	Bill Vogel and Laura LaBeau

Preschool Sunday School has evolved many times over the last few years. Initially, they were part of the rotation. Then, preschoolers had two classes (2-3 yr. old and pre-K) at the same time as the older children, but instead used the Group Publishing curriculum. Attendance dwindled and one class was held for older 3-year-olds – pre-k children. In fall 2006, it evolved again, this time running concurrently with worship. This change was made because there were more pre-schoolers in childcare during worship than those attending during Sunday School an hour earlier. In addition, having a structured activity after the children's sermon will prepare the children for Godly Play. This class is being led by Heather Pomey and Keri Nekovar.

Godly Play, held after the Children's Sermon, is a Montessori-based worship education which recognizes that children have the potential to experience God in deep and meaningful ways. The goal is to encourage that potential through the telling of Bible stories and allowing children to work with the story materials. Leaders and children worship together utilizing song, sign language, artwork, and prayer as responses to God's love. Each week requires a leader and greeter to deliver the service of worship for children kindergarten – second grade.

Our Leaders this year are Lisa Freel, Lisa Kreft, Lorraine Meyer, Marika Floros-Nadkarni Brooke Schwarz, and Mary Smith. We were blessed by Alice McLean as a Greeter and several new Greeters, youth of RPC: Christine Armstrong, Tyler Floros, Emily Hastings, Lindsay Hayes, Alex Krug, and Max Marciniak.

In addition to these programs, **childcare** is provided Sunday mornings for infants and toddlers by a three-person team of paid staff. An average of four children per week is cared for in the infant room and eight per week in the toddler room. We are blessed by Barbara Ebehardt, Heather Pomey and Keri Nekovar's loving care of our infants and toddlers each Sunday.

Wednesday Night Live (WNL!) started back up in fall 2006. An inter-generational program for the whole community, Wednesday Night Live (WNL!) is composed of eight-week sessions, one in fall, winter (January-February ending before lent) and spring (post-Easter). This fall, WNL met at 6:00 p.m. for a shared meal, with vespers at 6:45. At 7:00 p.m., there were activities for the whole family. A registration cost of \$35 for adults and \$20 for children offset the meals and materials. Junior High-aged children attend Centercourt Youth Group from 7:00 – 8:00. Younger school-aged children participated in a creative learning time, while adults had a program of contemporary Christian issues. Childcare is provided for the youngest family members.

After reviewing the fall semester, we've decided to keep the format, but condense the time for the winter session which begins on January 24, 2007. Dinner will be at 6:00 and programs from 6:30 – 7:30. Pastor Ed will lead the adults in Presbyterian 101, I will have the children participating in a Biblical Arts and Crafts program, and Jr. High will hold their weekly meeting.

Beginning fall 2006, immediately preceding WNL, children Kindergarten – Sixth Grade participated in Riverside Singers (4:15 – 4:45) and Ringers (4:45 – 5:15) to learn music fundamentals, note reading, vocal techniques and hand chimes. This is our children's choir, a change for Dr. Sally Sloan rehearsing with children for 10 minutes before Sunday School. In between Singers and Ringers, and WNL, children stayed for Skills and Games, where Lorraine Meyer graciously volunteered to work on homework and work off some energy.

Confirmation for the freshman class was led in 2006 by John Cain and Joe Ourth. Their program was well-planned and executed and they have agreed to lead it again, beginning January 7, 2007.

Vacation Bible School, held in July one evening per week for four weeks, was something new this year. Following the WNL! Format, it began with a supper, was for an inter-generational crowd and focused on a different mission each week. Coordinated by Pastor McClennehan of the Methodist Church, and hosted by Ascension Lutheran, it has had little attendance overall, with 4 RPC families attending. While we will likely return to a traditional "children only" format, following the rotational model, it was still a wonderful opportunity for an interdenominational activity mid-summer.

Saving the best for last, the coordination of the family worship at 4:00 pm. on **Christmas Eve** was my pleasure this year. Much thanks to Sally Sloan for her music ministry, without which the service would be "just a bunch of words" (to quote one of the children of our church). Traditionally a pageant, this was changed to a "lessons and carols" format last year. We followed that format again with the new children's choirs, adult choir

and bell choir providing music and youth readers of the lessons. In total, 81 children and youth planned to participate in the service which was attended by nearly 300 people.

This felt as a fitting end to a wonderful year of re-growth of our CE programs at RPC. The last year and a half have been full of transitions and finally there is a sense of stability again. I must thank with great gratitude, Kathi Roccanova who retired from the asst. CE director role at the end of the summer. Kathi laid down a strong foundation which made this year of growth possible.

Also, much thanks to Dodi Krug for continuing to be the interim director of youth services. There are two **youth group** opportunities for teens. Centercourt Junior High youth group meets as a part of WNL. Thank you to Ron Krug, Lisa Aulerich-Marciniak, and Jeannine Buttimer for assisting with Jr. High youth group.

The Senior High group has a 20-plus year tradition of a summer week-long mission trip. In 2006, the senior highs and adults visited the New Orleans area to help with Katrina recovery projects. New in 2006 and well-received, was a requirement of eight hours of service to the church in preparation for attending the summer Mission Trip. The service both helped the RPC facility and its people as well as teaching the youth the skills which would be used in Louisiana.

Participating in the mission trip were youth: Jordan Ballerine, Tim Donfris, Katie Forsberg, Jake Gregus, Kelly Grisafe, Lily Henderson, Alison Heine, Joshua Jansky, Alex Krug, Andie Krug, Dylan Krug, Jordan Messner, Joe Monahan, Anthony Paneral, Emily Piersialla, Katherine Pike, Stephanie Sauer, Martha Sitkiewicz, Caley Shannon, Dylan Shannon, Justin Smith, Maggie Sundry, Rachel Teune, Sara Wert, and Amanda Wright.

Adults assisting were: Ann Davidson, Tom Davidson, Tara Gregus, Mike Heine, Liz Franzo, Josh Fulton, Dodi Krug, and Ron Krug.

CE at RPC is unique in that the adult Sunday school is self-sufficient and not part of the purview of the CE director. Much appreciation to Roberta Gates for taking the helm in September and coordinating this academic year's programs for Human Scene. Her time and efforts are appreciated by the regular participants of that class and by me.

Finally, I have appreciated the opportunity to get to know so many people in new ways this year, especially the children. I am thankful to them for teaching me while they participate in Sunday School, WNL!, and even children's sermons. My knees quaked when I gave my first sermon this summer. Now, I look forward to every-other-week as a special opportunity to grow spiritually along with the children in worship. The opportunity to lead CE this year has given to me at least as much as I have given to our church. Thank you all for trusting me with this role.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynda Nadkarni

Membership Report

Active members as of December 31, 2005 486

Additions:

New members	3
Confirmands	9

Losses:

Member deaths	8
Letters of Transfer	9
Other losses	28

Active members as of December 31, 2006 453

Infant/child Baptisms 11

Weddings 8

In Memoriam

 Jack Withers*
 James P. English
 John Brakas
 Robert Jackson*
 Florence Williams
 William Jansky*
 Delores Gustafson
 John L. Clarke, Jr.*

* ordained elders

Note: The RPC Annual Report for 2005 showed membership as of December 31, 2005, at 516. However, the number shown on the Report to the General Assembly was 486 and this is the figure used as the basis for this 2006 report.

Mary Ann Sadilek
Clerk of Session

CARERS' Committee 2006

Committee Members:

Margaret Abbott, Mary Frick, Margie Martin, Albertia McCabe, Shirley Misare, Sylvia Schade, Marilyn Slanec, Mary Lou Schwarz

Our area of interest and expertise follows: Requesting items from the congregation, collecting, sorting and distributing items to the intended recipients, as well as sponsoring field trips for the committee and others who might be interested in visiting the organizations we assist. These are listed below:

BEDS

Food of the Month

Constance Morris House

First Presbyterian Church

Interfaith House

Kemmerer Village

Pine Avenue Church Pantry

University of Chicago Comer Children's Hospital

Cards for Prisoners

We are always interested in investigating other organizations where we might help. We list our needs in the Vision. They include food, clothing, hygiene items, school supplies, books, blankets, bed linens and special food of the month needs.

Our Giving Tree this year was again for the Christmas joy of residents of Interfaith House. Bountiful gifts from our congregation were received with grateful thanks. We donated 300 "Cards for Prisoners"

We were responsible for a large box decorated in a patriotic theme that held contributions of non-perishable treats and hygiene items and over 150 Christmas cards all of which were shipped to members of the armed services overseas, under the auspices of "Operation Stars and Stripes".

Our budgeted \$200 was spent to purchase items for the organizations we assist.

Our constant thanks go to the very generous members of our congregation. Shirley and Mary thank our willing and hard working committee and thank especially those other persons who helped make deliveries.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Frick and Shirley Misare, Co-chairwomen

Board of Deacons

Deacons 2006-2008: Anna Dill-Hartford, Michael Gates, Dale Heilenbach, Gwen Heine, Nick Nadkarni, Jeanne Smith, Sylvia Schade (Moderator), Larry Allen, Peter Carl, Donna Mitchell, Steve Teune, Bill Vogel, Lucille Christensen, Christ Floros, Lisa Freel, Sanlee Radigan, Mary Lou Schwarz, Brad Staubus

Led by the capable guiding hands of Rev. Ed Dykstra, the Board of Deacons had a very busy and productive year in 2006 of moving forward in our vision of serving God as we serve others.

Spiritual service and sustenance to members of our congregation as well as the community at large were high priorities this year. With more stable leadership from the pulpit, we were able to undertake projects and ministry efforts strongly in keeping with our role as Deacons. As well, our relative financial strength allowed us to expand these efforts, with almost \$4,500 in direct giving in addition to subsidizing most of our events.

Following our annual kick-off *Steak Fry* in January, it was right down to business for the Board, with discussion of the many projects we would be undertaking for 2006. Coordinators and other volunteers committed their time and energies towards these projects, and Deacon Districts were assigned after much prayerful concern about the increased need for us to reach out to the congregation as a whole.

As the Board of Deacons underwent personnel transitions over the next couple of months, we were able to completely fill our ranks with hard-working and dedicated Deacons who stepped up to volunteer their talents.

We continued to maintain our traditional ministry efforts, including *Community Outreach Meals* and the monthly worship service at the *British Home*, the latter of which was tremendously enhanced through hand-made hymnbooks lovingly constructed by former Deacon David Wilson as well as a beautiful music CD put together by the efforts of the Rossels and Musical Director Sally Sloane.

Our responsibility for *Communion* continued, and who could forget the savory Communion bread skillfully baked every month by the youthful Marika Floros-Nadkarni! Led by Dodi Krug, the youth of the church in general played a much stronger role in Deacon events this year, culminating in the establishment of two *Junior Youth Deacon* positions to be filled beginning in 2007.

In the spring, the old tradition of *Deacon Home Visits* was resurrected, and involved members of the Boards of Deacons as well as Elders in pairs visiting all interested members of our congregation over two successive Sundays. Such Herculean effort as coordinated by Sylvia Schade and Lisa Freel was fruitful, and many congregants told us that they felt welcomed back into the church family after a period of uncertainty last year. These visits will likely become an ongoing annual concern of the Deacons as we strive to unify all members of our church family.

Our annual summer *Strawberry Social* led by the capable Anna Dill-Hartford in July brought with it beautiful weather, great entertainment and a tasty mélange of ice cream, toppings and fresh strawberries, the latter painstakingly hand-sliced and sugared by several Deacons. A lot of work to be sure—but well-worth it to see the smiles of pleasure on everyone's faces!

More good times were had at the annual *Church Picnic* in September, with Larry and Chris Allen manning the grills for the traditional Deacon dogs and burgers. Notwithstanding the weather a bit on the gray side, we all

enjoyed each others' close company in the Social Hall where there were side dishes and desserts to share. Anyone who didn't gain a few pounds at this event probably wasn't trying hard enough!

We decided to defer conducting a *Service Auction* this year until 2007, and rather decided to concentrate on the good we could accomplish with monies from last year. In that spirit, we opted to make a *Reverse Offering* of \$50 to each family from the Deacons Empowerment Fund, and challenged congregants to use these funds in unique ways. The feedback regarding the spiritual imagination and caring of our church family was astounding in its creativity: youth trips were funded...supplies were bought for a congregant who was serving Habitat for Humanity...funding was made available for the project of an Eagle Scout...just to name a few great examples.

As the year drew to a close, our efforts were concentrated on the holiday season, especially for those less fortunate. Led by the Rev. Cathy Caliendo of Wesley UM Church in Berwyn, selected women from Cook County Jail received a *Thanksgiving Dinner* courtesy of the Deacons. Coordinated by the enthusiastic creativity Sanlee Radigan, *Caring Christmas* resulted in the creation of Christmas Caroler dolls out of humble plastic milk-jugs. We continued to donate funds to good causes, including the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) and Night Ministry, and we made a special donation to Seguin Services in the memory of our late congregant Jim English.

Finally, as a Board, we began to look ahead to the work lying in front of us for 2007. Plans are being made to expand Family Nights, culminating in Family Camp in Saugatuck, MI in the summertime. We have decided to name an Honorary Deacon every month, recognizing a non-Deacon congregant who best fulfills our mission and spirit of service.

Efforts to continue strengthening the bonds of our congregation will continue apace.

Yours in Christ, Nick Nadkarni, Board of Deacons

Endowment Committee

The members of the Committee were:

Representing the Session:	George Armstrong and David Fulton
Representing the Trustees:	Nancy Jensen
Elected at-large:	Jeanine Buttimer, Cyril Friend, Mike Heine, Cindy Reynolds Rayfield, Al Rossel, and Jim Ulrich

Gifts made to the endowment fund:

	Opening Balance	2006 Additions	Closing Balance
Unrestricted	\$223,644.83	\$ 2,489.06 17,210.00	\$243,343.89
Property [Bldg.] Maint.	33,500.00		33,500.00
Church Budget	5,000.00		5,000.00
Mission Outreach	15,250.00		15,250.00
Education	3,100.00		3,100.00
Music	3,225.00		3,225.00
<u>Pastor Home Equity</u>	<u>17,210.00</u>	<u>(17,210.00)</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total:	\$300,929.83	\$ 2,489.06	\$303,418.89

Between 12/12/05 and 12/10/06, 10 contributions were received totaling \$2,489.06.

Earnings from the fund allocated for 2006 programs were \$4,573.24. Additional funds were received from the endowment of a former member in the sum of \$441.88. The total earnings/receipts applied to the Church's 2006 programs were \$5,015.12. Earnings on non-designated gifts invested in the Growth Fund of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Foundation were reinvested. Funds made available in 2000 to establish the Pastor Home Equity Fund plus earnings thereon were re-invested.

Distribution of 2006 earnings/receipts was as follows:

General Budget	\$ 2,741.22
Property [Bldg.] Maint.	1,383.13
Good Samaritan	629.63
Education	127.99
<u>Music</u>	<u>133.15</u>
Total:	\$ 5,015.12

The RPC Endowment was established in 1980. Only the earnings on endowment contributions are eligible for allocation to our Church's programs.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Heine
Endowment Committee Chair

Finance Committee

Committee Members

Jim Ulrich
Cindy Reynolds Rayfield
Tony Miezio
Alan Ashby

Scott Schwarz
Mike Heine
David Fulton
David Hilpp

Financial accountability and predictability is the main concern of the committee.

The Finance Committee has had the responsibility of reviewing RPC financial statements on a month to month basis that are presented to the committee by Jim Ulrich, RPC treasurer. The committee reviews and monitors all receipts and expenditures and tracks month to month progress to ensure compliance with the goal of a balanced budget.

The 2006 RPC budget presented some unique challenges. We began the year projecting a budget deficit of approximately \$82,000. Through the extreme generosity of RPC members and continuous communication to Session by the Deacons, Trustees and Finance committee, the deficit was reduced to \$13,168 by the end of the year.

The Finance Committee balanced the deficit by utilizing the Contingency and Good Samaritan Funds and borrowing from the Memorial, Organ and Youth Mission Funds. An extremely generous stock gift that was received at the end of the year but not liquidated until January will be used to repay all of the loans in their entirety. It is the Finance Committee's priority to replenish what was used from the Contingency and Good Samaritan Funds as quickly as possible.

The 2007 budget was presented to Session by the Budget Committee at the December 21, 2006 Session meeting. There is a planned deficit for 2007. Through the efforts of Stewardship and Membership, the deficit is projected to be significantly less than the projected 2006 deficit.

Cindy Reynolds Rayfield, RPC Financial Secretary, and Jim Ulrich have implemented an electronic check writing program and have been very active in sending out personalized letters of recognition to those members that have contributed above and beyond pledged amounts in the efforts to balance the budget.

The Finance Committee does have a few goals for 2007. We feel it is important to see an increase in the percentage of pledging members. We would also like to see an increase in the number of members that pledge electronically. It is also the goal of the Finance Committee to be more proactive in communicating to Session the current issues affecting the budget of RPC.

Appreciation goes out to all of the members of the Finance Committee for their participation and support throughout the past year and we look forward to the challenges of this upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Tony Miezio

Membership Committee

The membership committee contacted Sunday morning visitors and gave them the opportunity to become more familiar with our Church activities. We assisted our Pastor in hosting meetings for prospective members.

We are contacting members who have not been active this past year in an attempt to improve their active participation with the Riverside Presbyterian Church or to join a local church if they have moved from Riverside.

New members received in 2006:

Douglas Roland Harvin
Paul and Andrea Sterner

The following 2006 Confirmation class was received into membership:

Jordan Messner
Lindsay Hayes
Rob LeBeau
Katherine Pike
Lily Henderson
Kelsey Buttimer
April Pratico-Floros
Lauren Vogel
Graham Risley

A photographer has been contacted and we will consider a new directory with pictures when our actual membership roll has been confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille Christensen
Mary Ann Sadilek
Sylvia Schade
George Armstrong
Bill Vogel
Schofield Gross

Memorial Committee

Committee Members:

Lonnie Womack
Beverly Aieta
Ruby Henderson
Debra Jansky
Shelley Reichle

The Memorial Committee wishes to thank all of those who made donations to the Memorial Fund throughout the year.

Donated to the fund for the Stained Glass
Window Restoration project, from the fund
given in memory of Jack Withers.

Respectfully submitted,

Lonnie Womack, Chair

Mission Outreach Committee

In 2006, the Mission Outreach Committee continued several of the mission programs that were established in previous years.

The Night Ministry outreach, under the direction of Ellen Hamilton, continued with monthly trips to Chicago providing soup and sandwiches (and hot dogs in the summer) to Chicago-area homeless in conjunction with the Night Ministry's mobile clinic. This program continued to provide opportunities for a large number of individuals and groups within the RPC family to participate in this outreach throughout the year.

Members of the Committee also continued with outreach programs including the C.R.O.P. Walk, B.E.D.S., the Greater Chicago Food Depository, and work with the First Presbyterian Church of Chicago. We also continued to work closely with and support the Mission Carers' Committee with their wonderful efforts. Many thanks go to Marilyn Slanec, Lou Heine, Sylvia Schade, Matt Ranft, and many others for their efforts in 2006.

Over the course of four Sundays in September/October, the Committee held a "100 Hearts for Mission" campaign. The purpose of this campaign was to increase awareness of the various mission outreach opportunities available to RPC members. The mission opportunities highlighted were The Night Ministry, C.R.O.P. Walk, B.E.D.S, the Food Depository and the Presbyterian USA-sponsored disaster relief trips to the Gulf Zone. Although we fell short of our goal of signing up the full 100 members, the campaign was a success as many members became aware of and committed to participate in mission opportunities in the coming year.

One of our initiatives for 2007 is to coordinate an adult mission trip to coincide with our annual Youth Mission Trip. We feel that this will create a great opportunity for adults and youth to work side-by-side on a collective mission-oriented goal.

In addition to the challenge of continuing to identify new opportunities for our members, the greater challenge for the Committee in 2007 will be to bring more focus to the general goal of RPC with regards to mission outreach, so that our outreach reflects the vision of our members.

We are confident that the members of RPC will respond to this challenge as they always have in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Fiesler
Fred Mitchell
Co-Chair

Music Ministry 2006

2006 brought the Reverend Ed Dykstra to RPC as our interim pastor. It has been a pleasure to work with Ed, as with the rest of the very capable and supportive RPC staff. 2006 has been a year of transition for our church, but also a year of planning for the future. The Music Ministry has also been looking to the future to supply our choirs with new members and to infuse the worship service with new youth choirs.

1) In July I attended the national AGO (American Guild of Organists) convention, which was held in Chicago. During the convention, I was particularly inspired by a workshop called, "The Children's Choir: Our Future Hope". I decided to alter my home teaching schedule in the fall to make room for a rehearsal time for a beginning children's choir. With the support of our staff, this was easily accommodated. The Riverside Singers now meet every Wednesday evening from 4:15 - 4:45 pm. We work on basic singing techniques, breath control, note reading, rhythmic reading, solfege, and work on repertoire for occasional Sunday morning anthems. The response from the children of RPC and the Riverside community has been wonderful. We have about 20 singers whose attendance is unusually faithful. We have begun to sing in parts, and accompany ourselves on various Orff instruments: xylophones, recorders, and percussion instruments. The parents of the Singers have been very helpful and supportive. The group has proven to be a vehicle for musical learning, developing choral techniques, and a supportive social experience. We should be hearing great things from them in the future.

2) In 2004 RPC started a bell choir. The bell choir, in many ways, is the high-point of my week. Bell choirs require such a terrific team effort. Every bell choir that I have conducted has experienced a close fellowship. RPC's bell choir is no exception. The problem with bell choirs, is that you must have 100 % of ringers present in order to have a fulfilling rehearsal. Every bell choir needs to have back up ringers that can fill in when a ringer must be absent. During the summer, I realized that RPC owns a full 3 -octave set of hand chimes. These would be the perfect instruments for training new ringers. Thus, the Riverside Ringers, our new training bell choir was born. Again, staff, parent, and community support have been very rewarding. We now meet every Wednesday from 4:45 - 5:15 pm. We are learning basic musical skills, ringing techniques, and anthems for use in church. We are also having a blast! I predict that a few children from this group will be ready to substitute in the adult bell choir within a couple of years.

3) Our faith community at RPC has long been enriched by a local musician and composer that have close ties to our church. In 2006, the RPC Session named Karena Mendoza as our official Artist in Residence. In this capacity, Karena will write occasional anthems for the RPC choirs and accompany or substitute for services a few times per year. The Music Ministry at RPC is truly blessed to have Karena as part of our adjunct staff.

4) 2006 brought many changes to RPC. Many vital members of the congregation moved away due to job changes or retirement. Our adult choirs lost two long-time faithful members: Carol and Al Rossel. Before they left however, we worked together on recording several hymns and a hymn booklet for use for the British Home. I believe there are 20+ hymn accompaniments recorded in the British Home Collection.

5) While the congregation lost some members in 2006, the Music Ministry has added some new members to the choir rosters. Our children's' choirs and bell choirs are comprised of several people from the Riverside community who are not members of RPC. They have chosen to partake in our community of faith through the joy of making music. Hopefully, RPC will touch these people spiritually as well as musically. I am also grateful for the addition of a few new members to the Chancel Choir.

6) Our 2006 Christmas season at RPC was fulfilling on many levels. The Messiah brought in record attendance and receipts. While the entire production was musically rewarding, the choir in particular was amazing. Again, our Music Ministry has been a wonderful source of outreach to the community. The Messiah had a record 48 choir members, many from other Riverside or Oak Park faith communities.

The Christmas Eve family service also had record attendance. All four choirs participated in this service for the first time. The candlelit Silent Night sung by the congregation and accompanied by the Riverside Ringers was one of the highlights of my Christmas season.

The RPC Bell Choir once again participated in the Riverside Christmas Walk. This year we helped to ring in the season at the Riverside train station, despite the year's first snowfall.

7) Finally, as a follow-up to last year's report, Jim Gruber and I consulted and some much-needed repairs were made to the 100+ year old RPC organ.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Sloane, B.M., M.M., D.M.A.

Passport to the Promised Land Committee

**And all thy children shall be taught of the LORD;
and great shall be the peace of thy children.**

Isaiah 54:13

May of 2006 marked the end of the fifth year of our Passport to the Promised Land rotational model Sunday School program. At that point in time, Kathi Rocanova, who had stepped up to take over after the departure of Rev. Lynn Barger Elliott, turned her work over to Lynda Nadkarni who was already overseeing the preschool, Godly play, and child care aspects of our work. We thank Kathi for all she did to see that our Sunday School program continued to be solid and vibrant during this time of transition in our church, and for making the handoff to Lynda remarkably smooth. From one set of capable hands to another...we continually thank God for the blessing of caring and competent staff drawn from our own congregation.

2006 continued to be a time of transition at RPC in regards to children and youth as we evaluated and evolved, always seeking to make our programs the best they can be.

Our biggest changes this past year came in the scope of our committee. Last year, as the Passport to the Promised Land Committee, our responsibility was basically supporting Kathi by helping with the Sunday School program. This continued in 2006. As the new school year began in September, it became obvious that it made sense to consolidate all programming for youth and children under one committee. In October, the Passport to the Promised Land Committee was officially combined with the Youth Advisory Committee and renamed the Committee on Youth and Children. Our first action was to look at the Mission Study survey responses that pertained to youth and children and determine how RPC should act on each. Along with that, we began to review all aspects of RPC's programs for youth and children and we now see our agenda as including the following:

- Reviewing our church Child Protection Policy
- Overseeing the Passport to the Promised Land and preschool Sunday School programs
- Overseeing Godly Play, children's worship
- Overseeing and energizing our junior and senior high youth groups including coordinating the annual Mission Trip and other mission opportunities for our youth
- Cultivating leadership opportunities for our young people and encouraging active participation of our youth in the life of our church
- Assisting with the confirmation process
- Programming for youth and children attending Wednesday Night Live!
- Nurturing the relationship between the church and our scout groups
- Participating in the covenant of churches Vacation Bible School
- Maintaining and promoting our church library as an educational tool

Progress is already being made in many of these areas, and work on all of them will be our focus in 2007.

We can plan all we want, but without manpower and funding, most of our work would go undone. The committee would like to thank the countless volunteers who help with these programs and the congregation at large for supporting us in our endeavor to reach and teach the children of our church and our community that they are valued and loved by us and by God.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Aulerich-Marciniak

Personnel Committee

Personnel Committee members on 12/31/06 Dennis Sadilek, Steve Teune, John Cain.

As Committee Chair for a scant two months of 2006, I have little context from which I can draw for my report. In September 2006, then committee chair Cassandra Smith-Fields moved her residence along with her job, leaving the post to be filled for November and December. In September, John Cain was asked to fill Cassandra's open Session slot and role as Chair of Personnel. John continues his role as Personnel Chair into 2007.

From my perspective, both the strength of the committee members and the organization of the group have contributed to its successes in 2006. Here are some highlights:

Staffing is now stabilized and currently filled by eminently capable people. A few notes:

- Ed Dykstra started his ministry at RPC as our Interim Pastor on January 3, 2006. His experience and calm confidence are a welcomed and stabilizing influence upon RPC.
- Sally Sloan continues in her role as Music Director. Her contract is renewed though 2007 with the addition of a RPC contribution to her 401k fund. Her efforts led the congregation to name music program among the highlights our of "Self Study" project (related to our PNC).
- Julie Wert and Mary Lescher have done an outstanding job running the church office. Their dedication and 'can do' efforts have been appreciated by all.
- Joel Hastings continues his invaluable efforts as Building Manager.
- Lynda Nadkarni has taken on what were once two separate roles and combined them into one: Director of Christian Education. We're lucky to have such a capable, knowledgeable and dedicated member of our staff and congregation.
- Dodi Krug "retired" in her role as Director of Youth Services at the end of 2006, but is back in 2007 shepherding the senior high Youth group. Her enthusiasm, creativity and spark are welcomed by students and parents alike.

Role descriptions –a first for RPC- have been created for most roles. These allow for smoother transitions between personnel, clearer accountability, guidelines for job performance, a faster way to write jobs ads, to name a few benefits.

Salary review. In November and December the committee put forth a motion to Session to extend a 3% across-the-board cost of living increase for all staff. This motion was unanimously approved.

Personnel Committee member for 2007. The committee is please to have Joe Dvorak, Jeanine Buttimer, Serina Ranft and Kathi Rocanova joining for 2007.

Respectfully submitted January, 2007
John Cain

Presbyterian Women Committee

The year 2006 was a year of changes. The Coordinating Team resignations included Millie Slapansky, Treasurer (moved to Ohio); Audrey Withers, Program Moderator (moved to Lombard); Kohar Havelka, Secretary. We are grateful to Millie and Audrey for their years of faithful service to R.P.W. Kohar will remain active in P.W. activities. Marjorie Lewe kindly offered to be Program Assistant, and thanks to Lucille Christensen for taking over the duties of Treasurer.

We are grateful to Carol Sprunger for arranging Gathering programs for September, October and December, and a special presentation by Lou Heine and Jim Sit in November. This, in addition to her efficient and dedicated handling of all of our publicity.

Our programs included a report on the Heifer Project; "An Overview of Riverside History"; an Easter presentation, "The Women at the Cross"; reports on Church World Service; a very special program on Joyce and Jay VanCura's trip to Singapore; Lou Heine and Jim Sit's report on Lou's work on Hurricane Relief; and a Christmas musical program by the R.B. Madrigal Singers. Gatherings were held in the Heritage Room of the Scottish Home on the second Wednesday of the month.

Bible Study for January-May – "For Everything a Season, a Study of the Liturgical Calendar." September-November – "In the Beginning – Perspectives on Genesis." We have been privileged to have Rev. Mary Morrison lead us in the studies. Members met at 10:00 a.m. in the Social Hall of the church on the 4th Wednesday of the month. In January and November, we met at the Scottish Home at 10:00 a.m. with luncheon following.

"Rainbow of Caring – Blanket/Tools of Hope" project was again ably handled by Carol Sprunger, and it brought in donations totaling \$733.00.

We are indebted to Carol for our 2006-7 Year Book – a challenging project.

Special Offerings: Birthday Offering - \$702; Thank Offering, \$740. The Treasure Trove Table, November/December, brought in \$117. Our budgeted projects were Chicago Christian Industrial League, Lake View Academy, and Sarah's Circle, \$50 each. The Treasurer's report contains further information.

We again handled the sale of 96 pounds of pecans to benefit Erie House Women's Auxiliary. With the support of Chicago area churches, they will donate \$2,559 to the Erie Team Tutoring Program.

We will donate \$500 towards the downstairs ladies' room remodeling project.

With the help and support of a small group of dedicated R.P.W. members, we will carry on as best we can. Thanks to all for keeping R.P.W. active.

Respectfully submitted, Ruby Henderson, Moderator

Riverside Presbyterian Women Annual Report, 2006

Balance, January 1, 2006 858.47

Receipts:

Pledges	\$1,930.00	
Luncheons	2,358.00	
Donations	100.00	
Birthday Offering	702.00	
Thank Offering	739.00	
Sales, Treasure Trove	117.00	
Study Books	72.00	
Deposit, Pecan Sales	<u>325.00</u>	
	\$6,343.00	<u>\$6,343.00</u>
		\$7,201.47

Disbursements:

Presbyterian Women of Chicago	\$ 150.00	
Chicago Christian Industrial	50.00	
Lake View Academy	50.00	
Sarah's Circle	50.00	
Church World Service	150.00	
Thank Offering	740.00	
Birthday Offering	702.00	
Gifts	225.00	
Programs	575.00	
Year Book	123.73	
Postage	85.32	
Horizon Magazine	18.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses	31.34	
Erie, Pecans	325.00	
Luncheons	2,318.50	
Study Books	<u>94.60</u>	
	\$5,688.49	<u>\$5,688.49</u>

Balance, December 31, 2006 \$1,512.98

Submitted by Lucille Christensen, Treasurer

Riverside Presbyterian Preschool

Riverside Presbyterian PreSchool serves both children of our congregation (11) as well as the surrounding communities of Berwyn, Brookfield, Lyons, Oak Park and Riverside. There are 60 children enrolled. There are two sessions (Morning and Afternoon), 2½ hours in length and it meets 3 days a week: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The staff meets for a half-day of planning each week on Monday. The teachers shared over 35 home visits helping to make the new children feel comfortable in their first school setting. Our PreSchool provides a high quality; developmentally appropriate education for children ages 3 to 5. Our play-based curriculum creates a learning place that is emotionally and physically safe and FUN for all of our children. Our classrooms provide a haven for healthy play and learning. The PreSchool is proud of providing a great beginning to so many children and is one of the most active ministries of our Church.

The quality of teaching is the **most important** determinant of an effective program. We have a dedicated staff that provides that kind of environment. Our teachers shine in their classrooms and their commitment to a first rate program remains strong. Our “Catch ‘Em Being Good” continues as our main philosophy. Our teacher’s role is key in making their rooms places where children realize they are special and experience the joy of being young. We continue with qualified, creative teachers who accentuate that play and learning go together in these important early years. Nancy Dvorak, Cynthia Kos, Lisa Manganiello and our new aide Sherry Fornaris work 3½ days a week and Sandy Haddad works two days a week. Our teachers continue to earn continuing education hours by attending Early Childhood Conferences and 4 of us are CPR/First Aid certified. While Al Rossel did a great job as our Bursar he has retired and Mary Lescher has been an excellent replacement.

The PreSchool is administered by the following Board: Jenny Kolinski: Chairperson, John Cain, Lisa Carlson, Ed Dykstra, Beth Piersialla, David Schulte, Brooke Schwarz and Larry Svestka. We are most grateful for their leadership and support!

The wonderful setting of our Church, committed teaching staff, dedicated PreSchool Board and devoted parents has provided a successful and winning combination. We are grateful for the Church’s terrific moral support of our program! Gratitude also goes out to our Church family for their support in all of our endeavors. We appreciate Jim Ulrich’s work as our Church Treasurer and the help of our secretaries: Mary Lescher and Julie Wert, and Joel Hastings as Building Supervisor. Joel was instrumental in obtaining a new climbing structure as well as safe rubber mulch for the playground’s surface.

Our Tuition Assistance Program(TAP) continues to address the needs of families and has supported 9 families so far. Many of our parents add an extra \$5 to \$10 to their monthly check. This fall, the profits from the Riverside Foods Benefit Days and our Holiday Bazaar were dedicated to the TAP Fund. A committee within the PreSchool Board administers these funds. This continues to be a wonderful opportunity for “those who CAN, to help those who CANNOT.”

The support of our parents is unequalled! In this age when volunteerism is down we marvel at over 420 names of parents who have signed up to help with various tasks from play yard clean up, classroom laundry to recycling cans for the homeless. In the spring the parents held a lovely Teacher Appreciation Luncheon. Mosbrook Design continues to put a very professional look on our monthly Parent Partnership calendar. In addition, we send out a “Good News Gazette” in November and hold parent/teacher conferences in January, working hard to stay in touch with our parents.

We are proud of our community outreaches:

- Visiting the British & Scottish Homes: making “boo buds” for each resident and performing our Halloween songs.
- Designing Easter Bunny Table Centerpieces AND sending over 350 pieces of candy to the Christian Industrial League for their Easter dinner.

- Saving cancelled commemorative stamps to support bird sanctuaries in Illinois.
- Recycling aluminum cans for BEDS: sending in over \$500. Thanks to the matching funds from Riverside Bank!
- Ring Leader Program: saving plastic rings from can holders to help the environment.

An important outcome of raising money is the friendships made among our giving parents as they are working together. We are so blessed and awed by their generosity of time and talent. Various fundraisers also help keep our tuition and field trip costs down including Gold C Books, Candle Sale, Geranium Sale, and Book Fair & Raffle. Our monthly book orders and Campbell's Labels continue to be sources of supplies as well. PreSchool parents sponsored a Community Tree and decorated it with festive dolphins in Centennial Park.

The following field trips provided fun adventures: Fire & Police Departments, Library, Triton's Space Center and the Brookfield Zoo provided a custom-made class for our adopted animal. In-school programs included Metra's Operation Lifesaver; Karen's Nature Tales and a speaker on Bones from the Robert Crown Health Center.

We celebrated Wicky Wacky Wednesday, 2 Dad's Nights and Mother's Day Teas. Our 2006 (May) ended with a fun program and graduation. Each child received their own stuffed animal frog and a beautiful personalized yearbook.

A wonderful committee kicked off an enthusiastic Capital Improvement letter writing Campaign in the fall. Over \$9,800 has been collected! We are hoping that our slogan: "Big Plans for Little People" will reach our goal of \$35,000. Through the generosity of many we have been able to move forward successfully! We have already paid for the painting and repairing of water-damaged walls and purchased and installed rubber mulch for a safer surface surrounding our play equipment. We are hoping to still replace the lighting and ceiling in the classrooms this summer.

Each year we have a new yearlong theme. It insures us to use our creative thinking. 2006-2007 theme: "Together We're A Perfect Fit!" which has been fun so far! We adopted a bottlenose dolphin from the Brookfield Zoo. A bag containing a stuffed animal dolphin replica and book travels home to a different family every weekend to journal and has some fun adventures. Micco, the dolphin turned 5 in October so we practiced our numbers on a special number line until his birthday and had a big birthday bash and parade! We then gathered around the speakerphone while the dolphin trainer held the phone up to his tank and we sent him a special singing telegram.

2006 ended with a SEAsonal Christmas Show and annual visits from Santa jovially played by Bob Kos and his furry sidekick, Rudolf (Sandy Haddad). Karena Mendoza played the piano, adding the perfect touch to our fun songs.

In this my 26th year of my tenure here, I am amazed by what we accomplish year after year however, the most important is providing a wonderful environment for our PreSchooler's formative years! Gratitude to the energies of our Staff, PreSchool and Church families and PreSchool Board.

Enthusiastically submitted, Nancy Dvorak

Riverside Presbyterian Church Preschool Budget

EXPENSE STATEMENT

Expenses	Budgeted 2005/2006	Actual
Permanent Materials & Equipment	\$2,400.00	\$1,036.13
Consumable Materials	2,400.00	3,935.16
Substitute Teachers @ \$65/Day	200.00	655.00
Educational Materials & Dues, Magazines, Workshops, Parent Education	900.00	110.00
Continuing Education	900.00	1,203.00
Publicity	700.00	258.00
Workman's Comp	400.00	400.00
FICA	4,400.00	4,030.00
Lost Tuition Contingency	1,000.00	700.00
Maintenance & Cleaning	5,000.00	6,100.00
State Licensing Provision		none
Misc. Gifts/Thank you's	500.00	817.00
Board Expenses	500.00	500.00
Salaries		84,730.00
	Total Expenses	104,474.00
Income:		
\$160 x 9 months x 60 students	\$94,500.00	
Late Tuition Fees	50.00	
Registration Fees	4,800.00	
Fundraising	4,108.00	
	Total Income	103,350.00

The Riverside Presbyterian Preschool keeps a minimum of \$15,000 in their savings account. This is tuition that is prepaid for May of the following school year. The purpose of this money is to pay all outstanding bills and salaries if the preschool ever closed its doors. This money must be kept in an account that could be accessed should this ever occur.

Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship Committee chose the theme of “Let’s Dream Together” for the 2007 drive. The drive was extremely challenging due to the fact that in addition to getting commitments for the upcoming year our church was facing a tremendous deficit from the current year. Our goal was to encourage people to focus on what areas RPC was filling peoples needs. We asked them to “Dream toward Tithing” or “Dream toward raising their commitment in a significant way.” We kicked it off to a 40 day theme.

We asked several members of our congregation to speak on Sunday mornings. We charged them to speak about experiences in the church that made a significant difference in their lives or important things that were really special to them. These testaments were presented to inspire the congregation to dig down inside and think about what the church really means to them.

The pledge drive went significantly better than the previous year. We are still in need of completing the pledge drive in the next month, which means following up with those members who have not yet made a commitment.

We need to seriously thank the people in our church who helped absorb last year’s deficit and not lean on them to do more then they already have. We really need to spread out any additional deficit to the rest of the congregation.

Submitted by,

Ron Krug

Chairperson, Stewardship

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees is responsible for the maintenance of the Church buildings, equipment and grounds. The Board of Trustees either contracts or performs landscaping and repairs to the Church premises. Each month one of the Trustees is signed to open and close the Church building for regularly scheduled services.

The 2006 Board of Trustees were: Allen Ashby, Debra Jansky, Caroline Tecson, Diane Kemp, Allan Chard, Susan Dluhly, Doris Hayes, Lou Heine, Jon Jansky, Nancy Jensen, and Serina Ranft

In addition to the normal maintenance in 2006, several special projects were undertaken:

- Painting and replacement of the back treads in rear stairway.
- Interior painting, south foyer ceiling, south Narthex walls and ceiling, Sanctuary angle wall, Sanctuary center ceiling and choir area.
- Exterior painting – RPC Community House windows, fascia and gable on Barrypoint Rd., Sanctuary windows and the manse door, and educational wing.
- Remodeling of the downstairs women’s bathroom, to improve accessibility.
- The freezer was repaired before the Strawberry Ice Cream Social.
- Stained glass windows fundraiser to raise money to fix the stained glass \$12,000.00 was raised for the project.
- Installation of the mirrors in the chancel, so that the Director of Music can see the congregation.
- In June Lynda Nadkarni and a group of youth volunteers cleaned out some cabinets and found historic youth mission trip photographs. Lynda proposed to the Trustees to have each year’s collage framed and put up in the upper Sunday School hallways, with the current two or three years continuing to be displayed outside the Christian Education office door.
- Renaming the Manse to be the RPC Community Center.

I would like to welcome and thank the new members of the Board of Trustees.

Respectfully submitted.
Debra J. Jansky, President

Womack Scholarship Committee

The Board of Directors of this fund formally met two times this year.

The Board awarded \$29,000 in scholarships to 28 recipients.

The recipients are as follows:

Brianna Allen	Leanne Heine	Justin Smith
Clayton Ballerine	Maggie Hejna	Lauren Teune
Tom Booton	Riley Henderson	Rachel Teune
Thom DeVries	Joshua Jansky	Brittany Vogel
Anna Franzo	Jordana Jantze	Maria Vuolo
Dan Franzo	Brent Jordan	Nora Wengerski
Kate Fulton	Mike MacDonald	Katy Wert
Caroline Gangware	Jill Polanski	Kristina Wert
Lisa Grisafe	Rachel Sandrik	
Allison Heine	Andrew Sit	

The 16th annual fundraiser was held at Riverside Golf Club in October. This event was a huge success, raising over \$21,000 in profit for the fund. Everyone attending had a wonderful time.

This Scholarship Fund was set up to help the youth of our church realize their hopes and dreams for the future, in furthering their education and to keep Ryan's memory alive.

Respectfully submitted from this Board,

Randy Womack, Chairman	Lonnie Womack, Secretary
Bill Barrett	Tony Parente
Lisa Cavaliere	Ron Pike
Nancy Chmell	Shelley Reichle
Jessie Coleman	Dennis Sadilek
Joe Dvorak	Joe Tess
Carol Franzo	Peter Tess
Mike Heine	Bill Vogel
Christine Long	Brad Womack
Michelle Luethje	Lonnie Womack
Milt Nieuwsma	Randy Womack

Worship Committee

Sarah Dudak
Jim McLean

The Worship Committee continued to carry out its responsibilities of:

1. Securing 4 members of our church to serve as ushers for every worship service of 2006, including special services during Lent and Advent.
2. Attaining members of Session commitments to:
 - serve as participating elders for every Sunday worship service of 2006; and
 - communion servers for the first Sunday of every month of 2006.
3. Coordinating two memorial flower programs;
 - one during Lent which included the Easter lilies; and
 - one during Advent which included the Christmas poinsettias.Also, as part of the memorials was the opportunity for members to donate to the Endowment Fund, the Memorial Fund or the Music Ministry Fund, into which several donations were made. The memorial flowers were beautifully arranged in the sanctuary by Ethel Brakas at Easter, and Kate and Allen Chard and Paula McCracken at Christmas.
4. Retaining temporary pastor's services as pulpit supply for four Sundays during Rev. Dykstra's 2006 vacation and educational leaves.
5. Communicating with Session, Rev. Dykstra and Dr. Sloan about special worship services, specifically during Lent and Advent that may require special music and/or musicians.
6. Other tasks:
 - Decorating the sanctuary and purchasing live greens for decoration of the church and RPC Community Center doors;
 - Set-up, take-down, cleaning and maintenance of the Advent wreath and candles;
 - Purchasing of supplies for sanctuary and special worship services.

There were no new proposals of programs made by the Worship Committee during 2006. Communion service procedures were changed slightly in 2006 to allow Elders to sit with their families during worship and then assemble in the front pew at the appropriate time, in order to serve communion to the congregation. The committee chairman kept members of Session informed about our music ministry program, and other pertinent information concerning our worship service and sanctuary.

I would like to thank everyone who volunteered as ushers, participating elders, communion servers, decorators, helpers, etc... Without you, we wouldn't have as beautiful and meaningful a worship experience. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Dudak

Session

The session of RPC consists of Rev. Dr. Ed Dykstra, interim pastor, and eighteen elders, (three classes of six) who are elected by the congregation.

The responsibilities of the session are many, and include providing for worship, supervising the church school and other educational programs, establishing the annual budget, receiving new members and maintaining membership rolls, supervising the work of the deacons and trustees, challenging people to responsible stewardship, and fostering spiritual growth.

To accomplish these and other goals, the elders are divided into committees, whose separate reports are found on other pages of this annual report. Motions from these committees are brought before the session for approval.

During 2006, a revision of the RPC bylaws was presented to the congregation by the session and approved. The session also reviewed and updated the membership rolls, placing members on the inactive list or removing members from the rolls, as appropriate. This project will continue in 2007.

The following elders served on the RPC session during 2006:

George Armstrong	Schofield Gross
Diane Chaney	Ron Krug
John Cain**	Lisa Aulerich Marciniak
Mary Kemp Clarke**	Jim McLean
Lauren Cody	Stephanie Messner
Frank Fieseler	Tony Miezio
Sarah Dudak	Fred Mitchell
David Fulton	Matt Ranft
Clare Gangware*	Dennis Sadilek
Tara Gregus	Cassandra Smith-Fields*

*resigned during the year

**elected to fill vacancy

Mary Ann Sadilek
Clerk of Session

Riverside Presbyterian Church
Annual Meeting
January 29, 2006

Minutes of Congregational Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Rev. Ed Dykstra at 11:00 am and a quorum declared.

Rev. Dykstra reported that the purpose of the annual meeting was for the congregation to receive the budget, elect members of Session, Deacons, and Trustees, and remember those members deceased during 2005.

Bill Vogel reported for the Board of Deacons as an appeal for additional Deacons who are needed to complete the Board.

David Fulton reported for the Budget Committee that the 2006 pledges reported to date have decreased by 28% compared to 2005, and that the budget for 2006 was balanced only with a budget shortfall (also referred to as a 'deficit on faith') of \$82,661. The 2006 budget was received by the Congregation following discussion regarding outstanding pledges, an increase to the Mission Budget, and a call for Volunteers to serve several of the paid Office Staff functions.

The congregation elected these members to Session:

George Armstrong, David Fulton, Tara Gregus, Schofield Gross, Ron Krug, and Matt Ranfft.

Following an appeal to the floor for additional candidates, Stephanie Messner was nominated and accepted a call to fulfill the unexpired term of Matt Antinossi who had resigned after his first year.

The congregation elected these members to the Board of Deacons :

Lisa Freel, Sanlee Radigan, Lucille Christensen, Jeanne Smith, Christ Floros.

The following Trustees were approved by the Congregation:

Alan Chard, Kate Chard, Jon Jansky, Nancy Jensen, Serina Ranfft, Caroline Tecson. Diane Legg-Kemp also nominated herself as Trustee to fill the unexpired term of Jim English.

The election by Session of Incoming Clerk of Session Mary Ann Sadilek and Church Treasurer Jim Ulrich were also announced and accepted by the congregation.

The Clerk of Session read the names of members of the congregation who had died during the year 2005 – Mildred Burr, Don Christensen, Robert Gardner, and Morgan Strand and Rev. Dykstra remembered them in prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Michael Aieta
Clerk of Session

Reverend Ed Dykstra
Moderator

Riverside Presbyterian Church
Special Congregational Meeting
April 30, 2006
Church Sanctuary

The meeting was called to order by Rev. Dr. Ed Dykstra at 11:00am during the Worship Service. A quorum was present.

The purpose of the meeting was the election of four Deacons to fill vacancies. The nominating committee presented the following names: Larry Allen, Mary Lou Schwarz, Brad Staubus and Steven Teune. There were no further nominations from the floor

Nick Nadkarni moved that the nominees be elected, and the motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the congregation.

The finance committee distributed a fact sheet regarding the current shortfall in the church budget and stressed that the session is working to control costs and to develop additional sources of revenue.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 am.

Mary Ann Sadilek
Clerk of Session

Rev. Dr. Ed Dykstra
Interim Pastor

Riverside Presbyterian Church
Special Congregational Meeting
September 10, 2006
Church Sanctuary

The congregational meeting was called to order at 11:08 am and opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Ed Dykstra, Interim Pastor.

A quorum was declared by Rev. Dykstra.

The first order of business was the election of church officers to fill vacancies. There being no nominations from the floor, the following slate was unanimously elected:

Elders: Mary Kemp Clarke (2007 and John Cain (2006)

Deacon: Donna Mitchell (2007)

Trustees: Doris Hayes (2007) Susan Dluhy (2007) and Lou Heine (2008)

The next order of business was the election of the Pastoral Nominating Committee. There being no nominations from the floor, the following slate was unanimously elected:

Sarah Dudak, Betsy Gardner, Tara Gregus, Patti Halline, Nancy Hejna, Mike Heine, John Kiwiet, Matt Lisle, and Vicky Vogel

The final business of the meeting was the adoption of newly revised church bylaws that had been approved by the session on May 17, 2006. Rev. Dykstra outlined the principle changes that had been made to bring the bylaws into agreement with current practices and terminology. The motion to adopt the bylaws was approved unanimously.

As an item of information, Diane Legge Kemp presented an update on plans for church facilities assessment and preservation. Rev. Dykstra thanked Diane for her efforts in spearheading this project and noted that the first fundraiser earmarked for stained glass window preservation brought in \$13,000.

A motion to adjourn was made and passed, and Rev. Dykstra closed the meeting with prayer at 11:20 am.

Mary Ann Sadilek
Clerk of Session

Rev. Dr. Ed Dykstra
Interim Pastor

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GENERAL FUND

	<u>2006 BUDGET</u>	<u>2006 ACTUAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL COMPARED TO BUDGET</u>
BALANCE 1/1/06	0.00	0.00	0.00
RECEIPTS:			
PLEGGED	235,000.00	247,109.86	+12,109.86
UNPLEGGED	40,000.00	67,562.63	+27,562.63
OTHER INCOME	14,508.00	11,146.98	- 3,361.02
BUDGET SHORTFALL	82,661.00	13,168.01	-69,492.99
INTEREST INCOME	1,800.00	2,731.00	+ 931.00
ENDOWMENT INCOME	2,400.00	2,741.22	+ 341.22
PRESCHOOL CONTRIBUTION	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
BEGINNING BALANCE PLUS RECEIPTS	<u>382,369.00</u>	<u>350,459.70</u>	<u>-31,909.30</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:			
PASTOR:			
SALARY	24,000.00	23,866.67	- 133.33
HOUSING ALLOWANCE	45,000.00	44,758.06	- 241.94
FICA	5,279.00	5,250.10	- 28.90
PENSION	8,460.00	5,371.96	- 3,088.04
MAJOR MEDICAL	13,395.00	13,322.98	- 72.02
MEDICAL DEDUCTIBLE	1,500.00	1,000.00	- 500.00
PROFESSIONAL EXPENSE	2,000.00	1,448.20	- 551.80
CONTINUING EDUCATION	1,000.00	818.00	- 182.00
	<u>100,634.00</u>	<u>95,835.97</u>	<u>- 4,798.03</u>
YOUTH & EDUCATION STAFF:			
INTERIM DIR. OF YOUTH SERVICES	8,844.00	8,844.00	0.00
INTERIM DIR. OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES	8,844.00	8,844.00	0.00
INTERIM DIR. OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	7,644.00	7,644.00	0.00
ASSISTANT FOR SR. HIGH STUDENTS	2,508.00	2,508.00	0.00
ASSISTANT FOR JR. HIGH STUDENTS	2,508.00	1,922.00	- 586.00
	<u>30,348.00</u>	<u>29,762.00</u>	<u>- 586.00</u>
WORSHIP & MUSIC:			
MINISTER OF MUSIC	27,852.00	27,852.00	0.00
PROFESSIONAL MUSIC	2,920.00	2,920.00	0.00
SUPPLIES, MUSIC, TUNING	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
GUEST PREACHERS	600.00	800.00	+ 200.00
SUBSTITUTE ORGANISTS	1,050.00	1,050.00	0.00
	<u>35,422.00</u>	<u>35,622.00</u>	<u>+ 200.00</u>
COVENANT OF CHURCHES:	200.00	0.00	- 200.00
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>3,405.75</u>	<u>- 1,594.25</u>
CHILD CARE	<u>3,500.00</u>	<u>3,382.52</u>	<u>- 117.48</u>
YOUTH ACTIVITIES:	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>680.31</u>	<u>- 1,319.69</u>
CARERS COMMITTEE:	<u>200.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>- 200.00</u>
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:	<u>200.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>- 200.00</u>
BUILDING & GROUNDS:			
BUILDING SUPERVISOR	11,964.00	11,964.00	0.00
CUSTODIAN	13,769.00	12,714.23	- 1,054.77
UTILITIES	27,252.00	28,129.63	+ 877.63
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	14,880.00	14,880.00	0.00
INSURANCE	14,000.00	13,722.00	- 278.00
BUILDING PROJECTS	27,000.00	8,378.83	-18,621.17
	<u>108,865.00</u>	<u>89,788.69</u>	<u>-19,076.31</u>
OFFICE:			
TREASURER	2,580.00	2,580.00	0.00
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	2,580.00	2,580.00	0.00
NEWSLETTER EDITOR	2,580.00	2,580.00	0.00
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS	20,160.00	17,703.75	- 2,456.25
OFFICE SUPPLIES & PRINTING	6,000.00	7,168.41	+ 1,168.41
OFFICE EQUIPMENT MAINT. & LEASE	5,800.00	5,429.31	- 370.69
POSTAGE	4,500.00	2,197.73	- 2,302.27
TELEPHONE	4,500.00	5,297.81	+ 797.81
PER CAPITA	12,600.00	12,505.20	- 94.80
WORKERS' COMPENSATION	1,400.00	1,717.00	+ 317.00
TAXES	7,400.00	7,223.25	- 176.75
MISCELLANEOUS	400.00	0.00	- 400.00
STAFF EXPENSES	500.00	0.00	- 500.00
	<u>71,000.00</u>	<u>66,982.46</u>	<u>- 4,017.54</u>

CHURCH-WIDE MISSION:	<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>382,369.00</u>	<u>350,459.70</u>	<u>-31,909.30</u>
BALANCE 12/31/06		<u>0.00</u>	

SPECIAL FUNDS	<u>1/1/06 BALANCE</u>	<u>2006 RECEIPTS</u>	<u>2006 DISBURSEMENTS</u>	<u>12/31/06 BALANCE</u>
MEMORIALS	5,155.75	3,620.00	2,904.00	5,871.75
YOUTH MEMORIALS	799.25	0.00	0.00	799.25
WEDDING MINISTRY	(140.88)	4,600.00	4,579.62	(120.50)
PRE SCHOOL	30,315.36	113,998.98	121,656.84	22,657.50
PRE SCHOOL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	0.00	10,019.00	45.30	9,973.70
CONTINUING EDUCATION	432.98	127.99	0.00	560.97
PRE SCHOOL TUITION ASSIST. PROG.	2,695.98	1,545.06	2,119.00	2,122.04
ROTATIONAL MODEL	181.01	3,500.00	1,105.58	2,575.43
ADULT EDUCATION	1,292.91	0.00	1,062.43	230.48
SEMINARY STUDENT	0.00	5,200.00	0.00	5,200.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS	11,493.32	0.00	4,664.85	6,828.47
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	2,727.44	16,263.13	12,590.41	6,400.16
LIBRARY	90.51	0.00	90.51	0.00
STAINED GLASS WINDOWS RESTOR.	0.00	18,015.00	400.00	17,615.00
CONTINGENCY	6,055.44	807.76	6,863.30	0.00
ORGAN	7,682.00	495.00	4,123.99	4,053.01
HUNGER	0.00	1,104.96	1,104.96	0.00
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING	0.00	1,307.79	1,307.79	0.00
LOCAL PEACEMAKING	80.00	73.75	0.00	153.75
PENTECOST	0.00	125.00	125.00	0.00
CHRISTMAS JOY	0.00	1,075.00	0.00	1,075.00
LOCAL PENTECOST	115.20	50.00	0.00	165.20
TOOLS OF HOPE & BLANKET PROGRAM	0.00	858.00	733.00	125.00
PEACEMAKING	0.00	295.00	295.00	0.00
MUSIC	2,853.55	4,822.56	3,077.43	4,598.68
SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION PROJECT	234.14	918.62	730.00	422.76
NIGHT MINISTRY	3,109.75	0.00	661.25	2,448.50
WOMACK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP	86,376.61	37,273.41	40,587.31	83,062.71
ADULT RETREATS	713.19	2,422.00	2,274.80	860.39
GOOD SAMARITAN	1,676.33	644.52	2,320.85	0.00
MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	745.61	0.00	745.61	0.00
YOUTH MISSION PROJECTS	1,822.64	18,008.00	18,137.84	1,692.80
WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!	0.00	1,060.00	584.90	475.10
FELLOWSHIP	110.26	678.03	317.18	471.11
FLOWERS	49.91	2,551.00	1,243.00	1,357.91
ENDOWMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	38.00	69,343.94	69,381.94	0.00
ENDOWMENT INCOME	0.00	5,015.12	5,015.12	0.00
BUILDING USE SECURITY DEPOSITS	381.00	1,695.00	1,000.00	1,076.00
MISCELLANEOUS CLEARING	5,100.00	10,720.07	15,820.07	0.00
TOTAL SPECIAL FUNDS	<u>172,187.36</u>	<u>338,233.69</u>	<u>327,668.88</u>	<u>182,752.17</u>

FIVE-YEAR COMPARISON

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
BEGINNING BALANCE:					
GENERAL FUND	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SPECIAL FUNDS	<u>178,559.52</u>	<u>151,315.59</u>	<u>191,963.22</u>	<u>179,161.75</u>	<u>172,187.36</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>178,559.52</u>	<u>151,315.59</u>	<u>191,963.22</u>	<u>179,161.75</u>	<u>172,187.36</u>
RECEIPTS:					
GENERAL FUND	376,439.74	381,127.64	358,060.76	349,958.50	350,459.70
SPECIAL FUNDS	<u>254,910.70</u>	<u>295,989.61</u>	<u>429,614.94</u>	<u>277,390.16</u>	<u>338,233.69</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>631,350.44</u>	<u>677,117.25</u>	<u>787,675.70</u>	<u>627,348.66</u>	<u>688,693.39</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:					
GENERAL FUND	376,439.74	381,127.64	358,060.76	349,958.50	350,459.70
SPECIAL FUNDS	<u>282,154.53</u>	<u>255,342.08</u>	<u>442,416.41</u>	<u>284,364.55</u>	<u>327,668.88</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>658,594.27</u>	<u>636,469.72</u>	<u>800,477.17</u>	<u>634,323.05</u>	<u>678,128.58</u>

CLOSING BALANCE:					
GENERAL FUND	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SPECIAL FUNDS	<u>151,315.69</u>	<u>191,963.22</u>	<u>179,161.75</u>	<u>172,187.36</u>	<u>182,752.17</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>151,315.69</u>	<u>191,963.22</u>	<u>179,161.75</u>	<u>172,187.36</u>	<u>182,752.17</u>

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James A. Ulrich, Treasurer

January 6, 2007

**2007
BUDGET**

INCOME

201	Pledged	\$291,000		
202	Unpledged	\$ 50,000		
203	Other Income	\$ 10,000		
205	Interest Income	\$ 3,000		
206	Endowment Income	\$ 2,800		
207	Preschool Contribution	<u>\$ 6,300</u>		
	Sub- Total	\$363,100	.	.
204	BUDGET SHORTFALL	<u>\$ 47,154</u>		
	Total Income	<u>\$410,254</u>	:	:

**2007
BUDGET**

EXPENSE

Pastor

591	Salary	\$ 61,080		
592	Housing Allowance	\$ 10,008		
593	FICA	\$ 5,438		
594	Pension	\$ 8,700		
595	Major Medical	\$ 13,780		
596	Medical Deductible	\$ 1,500		
597	Professional Expense	\$ 2,000		
598	Continuing Education	\$ 1,000		
	Total Pastor	\$103,506	.	.

Youth and Education Staff

605	Interim Director of Youth Services	\$ 9,120		
606 a	Director of Christian Education	\$ 16,992		
	Total Youth and Education	\$ 26,112	.	.

Worship & Music

612	Minister of Music	\$ 29,892		
615	Professional Music	\$ 1,720		
616	Supplies, Music, & Tuning	\$ 3,000		
617	Guest Preachers	\$ 600		
618	Substitute Organists	\$ 1,050		
	Total Worship & Music	\$ 36,262	.	.

620	Christian Education	\$ 5,000		
621	Child Care	\$ 3,500		
622	Youth Activities	\$ 2,000		
625	CARERS Committee	\$ 200		
627	Membership Committee	\$ 400		
628	Stewardship	\$ 2,000		

Buildings & Grounds

630	Building Supervisor	\$ 12,324		
631	Custodian	\$ 13,850		
632	Utilities	\$ 33,643		
633	Property Maintenance	\$ 15,636		
634	Insurance	\$ 15,680		
635	Building Projects	\$ 24,260		
	Total Buildings & Grounds	\$115,393	.	.

**2007
BUDGET**

<u>Office</u>		
637	Treasurer	\$ 2,664
638	Financial Secretary	\$ 2,664
639	Newsletter Editor	\$ 2,664
640	Administrative Assistant	\$ 20,765
641	Office Sup. & Printing	\$ 7,000
642	Office Equip Maintenance and Lease	\$ 5,800
643	Postage	\$ 3,000
644	Telephone	\$ 4,500
645	Per Capita	\$ 12,400
646	Workers' Comp.	\$ 1,800
647	Taxes	\$ 7,622
649	Miscellaneous	\$ 400
650	Staff Expenses	<u>\$ 500</u>
	Total Office	\$ 71,779
655	Church Wide Mission	\$ 25,000
	Total Normal Operating Expense	\$391,152
<u>One Time Expenses</u>		
660	PNC-Search	\$ 3,000
661	Pastoral Relocation	\$ 10,000
662	Special Funds Loan Repayment	<u>\$ 6,102</u>
	Total Expenses	\$410,254
	Excess of Income over Expense	\$ -