

# **2017 Annual Congregational Meeting**

**March 19, 2017**

**Pastor Reports for 2016**

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**Clerk's Membership Report for 2016**

Helen and I are honored and privileged to serve as Ministers of Word and Sacrament.

2016 was marked by stability I think the congregation. The congregation ably functioned as a community. Out life together was typically Presbyterian: marked by the excellent care and cure ministry by Helen, good work in mission with limited resources, and meaningful worship and education.

A capital needs team was for formed by the session. The ad hoc team worked hard to assess our capital needs in 2016. The report of the team will be heard in March of 2017.

Several new ministries emerged in 2017: an EarthCare team, an Arts Ministry team, and a ministry with the senior men.

We remain a congregation in transition. 2017-2018 likely will be challenging as the leadership and congregation cope with financial stress due to capital needs and debt service. Another ad hoc team will begin to meet to develop a growth strategy for WPC.

Rev. Dr. Keith Alan Uffman

Head of Staff

Webster Presbyterian Church

## **2016 ADULT MINISTRIES ANNUAL REPORT**

The Adult Ministries Committee of Webster Presbyterian Church (WPC) consists of Adult Sunday Education, Other Than Sunday Adult Education, Women's Ministries, Women's Retreat, Sisters-in-Faith, Covenant Groups, and the Library. The combined total participation exceeded 4000 in total attendance for the year, up over 30% from 2015.

### **Adult Sunday Education**

Team Members/Teachers: Michael Cooper, Tony Le Cara, John Dewey, Sandy Dwyer, Ed Tobia, Mary Lawrence, James Kinzler, Joe Schwarz, Courtenay Clifford, & Pastor Keith Uffman.

Our adult education program consisted of four continuing programs; The Quizzicals, the Meeting Room classes, Cycling through the Lectionary, and Active Parenting/Godly Parents (structured Christian focused parenting program), as well as a variety of multi-week programs.

### **Other Than Sunday Morning Adult Education**

2016 had a variety of study groups meeting at WPC outside the Sunday morning hours: Tuesday morning "Joy Connection", Wednesday "Morning Break," Wednesday evening Bible Study led by Pastor Keith, and Thursday evening Beth Moore Studies for women led by Kathy Dixon, and an off-site Sunday night "Wayward Walkers" led by Pastor Helen.

### **Covenant Groups**

Several groups (hosted by Kathy Braeuer, Diane Kane, and Elizabeth Stoltz) meet weekly or monthly in the group's host's home. Our covenant groups have been meeting regularly for over six years. The groups share friendship and caring as well as taking time to study God's word using various books and study series.

### **Other Opportunities**

WPC launched our Wellness Series in 2016. Over 200 attendees participated in the Movement and Tai Chi classes and more additions are in store for 2017.

Dr. Thomas Currie brought his "Bread for the Journey" program in May. WPC hosted the QCommons program by QIdeas and brought in members of other congregations to join us in a night of presentations and discussions titled "Engaging Our Divided Nation."

WPC's Adult Education partnered with WPC's EarthCare Team to bring a series of five guest speakers to speak on Environmental Issues and Galveston Bay.

The Good Reads Wine and Cheese Book Club met every other month to engage in lively discussions of books of different genres. These gatherings were held at the Uffman residence.

WPC hosted an Interfaith Dialogue series of classes in which leaders of world religions participated. A variety of other interfaith opportunities were offered in 2016 as well, with more planned in 2017. A variety of online resources were made available to all. i.e., Online Bible, Sacred Space Daily Devotional, Examen, Biola University's Lent Devotional, Advent Reading, plus others.

### **Women's Ministries - Women's Retreat**

Our retreat for the forty women present was entitled "Essence of the Spirit" and was led by Rev. Dr. Rose Niles. It was held at Heartland in Brenham, the weekend of February 5-7<sup>th</sup>, 2016. It was a weekend filled with fellowship, fun, renewal, and blessings.

**Sisters-in-Faith**

The Sisters in Faith Ministry pairs women for a nine-month term. This group meets once a month in a variety of local restaurants for a meal, friendship, fellowship, and prayer. It's a wonderful way to get to know the women of WPC.

**Men's Group**

The Men's Group meeting is a discussion and storytelling group that focuses on male spirituality and other topics. This group meets on Wednesday mornings and is led by Pastor Keith.

**Library**

Our library is located in Bassett Parlor and contains an excellent collection of theological, historical, social, and church-related books. Please contact the Adult Ministries Committee if you are interested in working in the WPC library.

Submitted by:

Michael Cooper and Tony Le Cara  
Ruling Elders

## Campus Management Committee (CMC) 2016 Annual Report

In 2016, the CMC tried valiantly to keep up with the ongoing repair and maintenance needs of our aging campus and structures. Some of our accomplishments in 2016 were:

- Hired new janitorial service
- Moody Street parking lot light upgrades
- Fellowship Hall light replacement
- Built ramp to Sanctuary entrance
- Built new sound booth and installed speakers in Fellowship Hall
- Incremental upgrades to Administration/Education Building light fixtures to LEDs
- Ongoing water leak repairs
- Managed and renegotiated contracts with pest control service, smoke detection system, lawn service, and janitorial service

The committee was chaired by Ruling Elder Scott McNeill until October, when health issues prevented him from continuing to lead the group. Ken Thompson graciously offered to step in and handle CMC functions for the remainder of Scott's term.

CMC members are Jennifer Carr, Jimm Cooper, Melisa Ferguson, Carole Kloves, Scott McNeill, Ken Thompson, and Sue Thompson.

"The Garden Keepers" are Cathy Black, Anna Mae Boyer, Jan Coldwell, Dave Cook, Sandy Dwyer, Beth Frohme, Margaret Harris, George Koenig, Phyllis Koenig, Doug McCann, Carol Owens, Mike Stearns, Susan Stearns, and Olive Thunyani.

## Care Committee 2016 Annual Report

### Deacons

In 2016, the Deacons participated in the coordination of Blood Drives, kept in close contact with members in their zones to determine any care needed & disseminated information on upcoming events. Deacons kept each other apprised of member needs within their zones and arranged for transportation of members to church on Sunday mornings and/or to medical appointments. They were also responsible for the preparation of communion elements at each service, hosted Life Line Screenings, and prepared & distributed bags of toiletries & snacks to St John ICU.

The Deacons demonstrated loving care to our members by organizing, setting up, hosting, and cleaning up seven memorial service receptions in 2016 for: Dennis Rohlfing, Jim Paden, Mike Tucker, Rogge Marsh, Greg Wilson, Jim Young, and Mary Sumrall-Sydnor.

### Lay Chaplain Ministry

435 hospital visits were provided from January 1 - April 20 by WPC Lay Chaplains. This service was temporarily suspended upon the death of Jim Young, who provided the visits. The Ministry is currently seeking others to serve in this vital program.

### Senior Ministry

The Senior Ministry provided Young @ Heart luncheons for our members who are 50+ in January – May and August – December, with an average of 40 people in attendance. Speakers were provided for each event with topics ranging from Clown Ministry to Space Food.

Young @ Heart bus trips were provided with trips ranging from the Houston Buffalo Soldiers Museum, the Hemi, the Lone Star Pinball Museum, and the widely acclaimed Degas exhibit at the Houston Museum of Fine Arts, with attendance ranging from 20-45 participants.

### Stephen Ministry

WPC Stephen Ministers provided excellent care to members and guests in 2016. Stephen Ministry is a Christian caring ministry and work with people who are experiencing short term crisis or other challenges by providing one-on-one care which includes active listening, emotional and spiritual support, and prayer.

In 2016, there were three active Stephen Ministers and one Stephen Ministry Leader. Due to confidentiality, numbers of care receivers will not be listed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamee Wilson

Ruling Elder & Committee Chair

## **Communications Committee**

### **Annual Report 2016**

The accomplishments of the Communications Committee for 2016 are as follows:

The WPC photo directory with updated contact information and photographs of members was completed and distributed to the congregation, as well as updated photos posted to the online member directory.

The creation of advertisements of church services and the creation of articles of the numerous church activities were submitted to the Houston Community newspapers, Galveston Daily news, and to the Bay Area Houston magazine.

The monthly newsletter was creation of the articles submission by members of the congregation or by creation of the articles by the team describing the numerous church activities, events, and church services.

The team viewed a social medial webinar on “How to Increase the Usage of Social Media”. The webinar provided some suggestions to increase the Facebook presence. The team implemented the boosting of the page; using more pictures of the Sunday services and church activities; and using Facebook live for a Sunday school presentation. The team is discussing the usage of Twitter and other types of social media.

Submitted by

Susan Stearns

Ruling Elder & Committee Chair

## FAMILY MINISTRY COMMITTEE 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

WPC started off 2016 with some drastic changes. On January 31, Linda Smith-Gregory, our Director of Children's Ministry, and Jessie Kuehner, our Youth Ministry Coordinator, left WPC's employ as a part of a restructuring of our children's and youth programs. We thanked them for their years of service and dedication and we wished them well on their journeys! From there, the Family Ministry Committee was formed, encompassing children from birth through college age and including their parent. As part of our transition into the new organization, member Vicki Smith graciously accepted the position of Interim Director of Family Ministry. Vicki worked very hard to maintain our children's and youth programs and to help form the groundwork for our new Family Ministry at WPC.

In April we thanked Vicki for her hard work and dedication to our children and youth and we welcomed Julie Stonebarger as our newly-hired Director of Family Ministry. Julie has worked diligently to continue our past programs and to help develop and build new programs for our future growth. Programs that have continued from the past include:

- Children's Chapel – Godly Play led by Melinda Nielsen
- Youth Sunday School
- PYC – Presbyterian Youth Connection

Some of the new programs that we have started and are continuing to develop include:

- How Great Thou Arts – music and arts for children ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade led by Geri Foster and Julie Stonebarger during the Sunday School hour.
- Pray Grounds – an area at the front of the sanctuary for parents to be with their young children during the worship service.
- Godly Parents 2.0 – Sunday School for young parents.
- Young Family gatherings led by Mary Helen Uffman.

This last year we had four young adults complete Confirmation: Evelyn Rix, Mykala Strahan, Andrew Scott, and Mark Godwin. We sent Stephen Jacobo and Garrett Allen to Triennium at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana, in July. Kaleigh Magnant and Garrett Allen were our youth representatives to Presbyterian Youth Connection Council (PYCC), which meets monthly at Presbytery, and in November they travelled to Christ Church Presbyterian in Houston along with six of our youth to participate in the 2016 Youth Rally.

Our young families have gathered for several fun outings including cookouts, picnics, museum trips, visiting the zoo, swim parties.....

With your help, we are looking forward to carrying out God's Ministry through our Children, Youth, and Young Families in the coming year!

Respectfully submitted,  
John Grady  
Ruling Elder & Committee Co-Chair

Committee members: Lynn Godwin, co-chair; John Grady, co-chair; Nicholas Balletto, Julie Stonebarger

Fellowship Committee 2016 Annual Report  
Webster Presbyterian Church

The goal of the Fellowship Committee is to provide the congregation a time to connect in life outside of Worship Services and Sunday School. Having this time set aside to meet people new to the church as well as visiting with other members and old friends is important and gives everyone the opportunity to really get to know each other and share experiences.

Our Fellowship Committee stayed busy in 2016:

- ◆ Held three potluck lunches in our Fellowship Hall; in addition to Lunar Communion Celebration lunch, and a luncheon the last Sunday before Christmas. The average attendance was 125 people.
- ◆ Prepared and cooked for our annual Shrimp Boil – the only remaining Mariner’s event. 90 attended.
- ◆ Planned & cooked our annual Thanksgiving Feast, held in our Fellowship Hall. Approximately 125 members and guests, including our invited guests, the first responders who serve the City of Webster, were fed.
- ◆ Prepared fifteen Thanksgiving meal boxes containing ingredients to prepare a twelve pound turkey, mashed potatoes, dressing, gravy, green bean casserole, candied sweet potatoes, rolls, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin and pecan pies. Boxes were provided to Innovative Alternatives, a non-profit counseling organization serving veterans and victims of crime, for distribution to needy families.
- ◆ Continually kept the kitchen equipment in Bouton Hall & Fellowship Hall in order and repaired. Performed our annual one week cleaning and inventory in August.
- ◆ Planned, cooked, and cleaned up for weekly Wednesday Night Dinners, held August – May. Average attendance at the dinners was 42 people.
- ◆ During the summer months, we hosted Fellowship Connections, a series of lunches and “get to know your neighbor” games at local restaurants in the area for all deacon zones. Attendance at each event ranged from 10 to 30 people.
- ◆ Coordinated with Worship Committee to plan for Advent, Hanging of the Greens, and the taking down of the holiday décor, and feeding of the volunteers.
- ◆ Held our third annual Christmas Cookie Exchange, with around 20 participants. Leftover cookies were boxed and sent to some of our senior members.

The Fellowship Committee has an extensive collection of seasonal decorations that are available for use. We will be happy to assist you in finding what you need. Any items borrowed from the church MUST be signed out on the sign out sheets in Fellowship Hall & Bouton Hall.

We are blessed to have a small group of people who love to do this kind of work around the church and have served faithfully together on the Fellowship Committee for many years: Marilyn Branham, Jennifer Carr, Jeanette Chase, staff liaison Pastor Helen DeLeon, Melisa Ferguson, Bambi Fitzgerald, Carole Kloves, Lois Philips, and Carol Young. Blaine Goeckler continues to coordinate the Wednesday Night Dinners, as he has done for more than 15 years! Ed Boyer hosts the Early Risers’ Breakfasts, with cooks Ed Tobia, George Koenig, Mike Bradley, Alex Bradley, Mike Gragg, Russ Bachtel, and Blake Bachtel.

Blessings,

Jennifer Carr

Ruling Elder & Committee Chair

## MISSION COMMITTEE 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

### **WPC in Mission: Seeing, hearing, going, touching . . . sharing God's heart with the world**

Committee Members: Debbie Masden, Roy Phillips, Pat Koester, James Kinzler, Sharyl Mittermeier, Judy Williams, Arland Atkinson, Cindy Martin, Anya Ezhevskaya, co-chair; Kaylin Dupree, co-chair; and Helen DeLeon, staff liaison.

### **Sharing the Mission Story with the WPC Congregation**

Sermons, Minutes for Mission, announcements in the Sunday bulletin, WPC newsletter

### **Providing Hands-on Service and Support to our local and world communities**

Building Habitat for Humanity houses

Volunteering at ICM and Meals on Wheels

Providing Community Assistance and Member Assistance funds

Free the Captives concert and Free the Captives Festival and 5K run

Gifts of Joy—100 at McWhirter and 50 at Brookside—estimated value \$15,000

Feed My Sheep—McWhirter

Back to School Supplies for McWhirter

ICM Christmas store

Summer Enrichment program—partially funded by a \$750 grand from Presbytery

Friendship Trip to Peru

### **Financial Contributions to Organizations**

Presbytery of New Covenant

Disaster Relief—Baton Rouge

Bay Area Turning Point

Family Promise

Interfaith Caring Ministries (ICM)

Presbyterian Assistance Hurricane Matthew

Presbyterian Special Offerings—One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost Offering, Peacemaking Offering, Christmas Joy Offering

Respectfully Submitted,

Kaylin Dupree

Ruling Elder & Committee Co-Chair

## PERSONNEL COMMITTEE 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

### Committee Members

In 2016, the Personnel Committee was served by Kathy Braeuer, Courtenay Clifford, John Jordan, Lynn Snowden (Chair), Kevin Wooten, and Staff Liaison Keith Uffman (Pastor/Head of Staff).

### Committee Mission

The session...has the responsibility...to provide for the administration of the program of the church, including employment of non-ordained staff, with concern for equal employment opportunity, fair employment practices, personnel policies, and the annual review of the adequacy of compensation for all staff, including all employees.

– *Book of Order*.

### We shared:

- Several separate session meetings focused on staff.
- Long term vision relationships
- Monitoring of the Interim Director of Family Ministry position and job description
- Creation of the Director of Family Ministry position and job description

### We accomplished:

- Created the new position of Director of Family Ministry – combining the roles of Director of Children's Ministry and Youth Ministry Coordinator
- Facilitated staffing changes as appropriate
- Worked with our Interim Director of Family Ministry – Vicki Smith
- Hired our new Director of Family Ministry – Julie Rauscher Stonebarger
- Reviewed compensation of all staff and proposed updates
- Prepared Terms of Call and Board of Pension documents
- Prepared annual contract updates as appropriate
- Completed the approval of the new Sexual Misconduct Policy
- Completed several training sessions on the new Sexual Misconduct Policy
- Received all feedback for staff members
- Made interventions into numerous congregant-staff and staff-staff conflict situations

We are thankful for all of our Webster Presbyterian Church staff members of their ongoing hard work, support, and wonderful service to our congregation!

Special thanks to Kathy Braeuer, Courtenay Clifford, John Jordan, and Kevin Wooten for their dedicated service, empathy, patience and guidance as personnel team members in 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lynn Snowden  
Ruling Elder Chair

# Stewardship & Finance Committee 2016 Annual Report

Webster Presbyterian Church

## **Committee Membership:**

Peter Koester - Committee Chair and Ruling Elder

Ann Taylor – Member

## **Other Key Players:**

Jimmy Spivey – Treasurer and Finance liaison

Carla Yager – Acting Treasurer

Keith Uffman - Staff Liaison

## **Activities highlights:**

- Led the Session in developing the balanced Operating Budget of \$660,651 for 2016. This was based on a conservative estimate of contributions that was based upon recent giving patterns. With few exceptions, committee expenses were limited to their 2015 levels.
- The committee resumed the practice of sending out quarterly statements to all contributors that allowed them to identify any errors and review their giving record against their annual estimate of giving. A letter was included in each of these mailings that described the current financial status of the operating fund.
- We proposed that Session create a Capital Planning Task Force (CPTF) to study the capital needs of WPC and examine options for meeting these needs. The Session adopted this proposal and we recruited members for the task force and provided them with direction. This task force worked diligently for six months and is prepared to present their findings to the Session in early 2017. Many thanks to Karla Bradley, Courtenay Clifford, Kathy Dixon, James Kinzler, Al Manson, Coco Motley, Joe Schwarz, Reese Terry, and Dennis Waehner for their dedicated support of this important task force.
- By mid-December it became apparent that contributions for the Operating Budget were going to be about \$22,500 short of expectations. Two families responded to appeals for help and made extraordinarily generous extra gifts that closed this gap and allowed us to avoid finishing with a deficit. This committee wishes to express its gratitude to these families for this act of generosity.
- The fall stewardship campaign was based upon the same model used in 2015. It is what we referred to as a “quiet campaign” that consisted of a series of letters to the congregation that emphasized the theology basis of stewardship as opposed to a series of stewardship sermons and minutes for mission. So far pledges for 2017 are about \$7,000 less than the 2016 pledge level.

Much thanks to Ann Taylor, Carla Yager, and Jimmy Spivey for the faithful service this year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter Koester

Ruling Elder & Committee Chair

## **Welcoming Committee**

### **2016 Annual Report**

*With Christ's love, we welcome, connect, and engage God's children to our family of faith.*

#### **Welcoming Committee Teams and Membership**

1. **Hosting Team:** Annabelle Andler, Michael Bradley, Kathy Braeuer, Sandy Dwyer, Beth Frohme, Phyllis Koenig, Jo Anne Mills, Coco Motley, Judy Ota, Sho Ota, Roy Phillips, Alberta Rohlfing, Mary Ellen Uffman
2. **Connecting Team:** James Kinzler, Kim Kinzler, Ralph Fixel, Brenda Fixel, Al Manson, Priscilla Manson, Mike Stearns, Susan Stearns, Carla Yager
3. **Engaging Team:** Carla Yager (Chair), Pat Brackett, Michael Bradley, Kathy Braeuer, Monica Glover, Coco Motley, Pastor Helen DeLeon

#### **Accomplishments**

- ❖ The Hosting Team welcomed members and guests to WPC each Sunday throughout the year including special services.
- ❖ The Connecting Team documented eighty two first-time guest families attending services throughout the year.
- ❖ The Connecting Team contacted (by phone or email) or visited these guests and presented them with gift bags.
- ❖ The Welcoming Committee conducted a joint meeting for the Hosting, Connecting, and Engaging Teams on January 20th and September 21st.
- ❖ The Engaging Team maintained information packets for new members as needed to reflect changes in WPC ministries and staff.
- ❖ The Engaging Team assembled the gift bags so they would be ready for the Connecting Team to give to first time guests as needed.
- ❖ The Engaging Team conducted training sessions for the Sexual Misconduct Policy on August 7th and on September 18th.
- ❖ The Engaging Team conducted Open Door Classes on February 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, June 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, and October 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ The Engaging Team held a New Member Reception on June 26th at Kathy Braeuer's house.
- ❖ The following fifteen new members were welcomed into our Family of Faith in 2016.
  - February    Jessie Kuehner
  - Mary Helen Uffman
  - April         Louis Blake
  - Mark Godwin (confirmand)
  - Bill Lopez
  - Erika Lopez
  - Evelyn Rix (confirmand)

Andrew Scott (confirmand)  
Mykala Strahan (confirmand)  
July Eric Ferguson  
Julie Greatting  
Dan Walker (affiliate member – ordained minister)  
Mary Walker  
Terry Kuchera  
August (one member who does not want to be listed)

Respectfully Submitted,

Coco Motley, Ruling Elder & Committee Chair

## Worship, Arts, and Music (WAM) Committee 2016 Annual Report

One thing that has changed from last year is that our committee now has a new name! The committee formerly known as the Worship and Music Committee has added "Arts" to its name to reflect our commitment to the arts in worship and the addition of our biggest initiative of the year, but more about that later!

Glenn and Geri Foster coordinated musical events throughout the year. We are blessed by their talents, as well as those of our singers and instrumentalists in our congregation. The holy seasons of the years were augmented by the musical contributions to worship. One special event was the world debut of the anthem, "God of Grace and Glory" by Joseph Martin on April 10, 2016 at the 11:15 am service. This anthem was commissioned by WPC to commemorate the life and ministry of Virginia and Kenneth Jones. It was a special and uplifting service. Another special "music" day was on June 12, 2016 with a reception for James Kidwell, who retired after 20 years as the bell choir director. How fortunate we are that so many are willing to share their musical gifts to the glory of God!

In worship services this year, we made use of a thematic approach to the church year, covering such sermon themes as the Role of the Bible in Christian formation (season of Epiphany); Sin (season of Lent); Who is Jesus? (season of Easter); the Sermon on the Mount; Genesis and Creation; and Hope is a Verb (season of Advent). During the year, Pastor Keith began providing weekly supplemental notes to the sermons to further our understanding and to encourage us to engage in spiritual disciplines and practices, individually, and in community. This year also saw the increased involvement of the Board of Deacons in the worship services from leading the prayers of the people to assisting in the ministry of anointing and blessing in the Service of Healing and Wholeness during Lent and the Rededication of Baptismal Vows in September. Our Bible by Heart storytellers added to the worship experience, with several "tellings" of scripture throughout the year.

Some of our special events this year included having several guest preachers. We welcomed the Rev. Mike Cole to the pulpit on February 7th and again on November 13<sup>th</sup>, when he preached on Consecration Sunday. One of our own, Kevin Snowden, preached on May 1, 2016. On May 15, 2016 (Pentecost), the Rev. Dr. Tom Currie preached and led two workshops. During the season of Lent, we had a Service of Wholeness and Healing. Our Lunar Communion service and fellowship was celebrated on July 17th. In September, those who had participated in the friendship trip to Ayaviri, Peru, earlier in the year led a worship service. There was also a Rededication of Baptismal Vows service on September 25th and a very festive Kirkin' of the Tartans / Reformation Day service on October 30th, complete with bagpiper (no torrential downpours this year!).

The gift of the Creator is that we, too, can create. One of our "moonshots" from our WAM Retreat earlier in the year was how to better incorporate the artistic expression part of WPC's vision statement into the context of worship. One way was with the inclusion of art into the bulletin every Sunday. But the big "moonshot" that simply skyrocketed was the art exhibitions that we now show in the Sanctuary (and Narthex). Debra Kendrick-Writer and Diane Kane have spearheaded this endeavor of making WPC a hub of religious-themed art. The first "show" was in September with twenty-nine pieces of art from thirteen local artists reflecting their representations of the Genesis stories. Our Advent exhibition was "An Abundance of Hope" to coincide with our Advent theme. The latest display is "Sinners

All...Lead Us Not Into Temptation" which will be shown through April 9th. WAM also started hosting public ARTalk events, providing an opportunity to meet the artists and for the artists to share the background stories for their works, as well as to encourage dialogue between the artists and the public. Much work and effort has gone into making this a success and it is encouraging to see people before and after worship, not only looking at the art work, but talking with others about it and sharing their insights.

Without the dedication, commitment, and faithful service of our pastoral staff, church staff, and many, many wonderful folks who give of time and talents to Webster Presbyterian Church, none of what has been written would have taken place. For this, we are blessed and grateful beyond measure. Thanks be to God!

In Christ's Service,

Mary Lawrence

Ruling Elder & Committee Co-Chair

WAM Committee Members: India Allen, Pat Brackett, Jeannette Booher, Pastor Helen DeLeon, Patty Eng, Judy Ford, Geri Foster, Glenn Foster, Diane Kane, co-chair; Mary Lawrence, co-chair; Pastor Keith Uffman

# 2016 Membership Report

Start: Membership as of January 1, 2016:

550 total members; 294 Families

End: Membership as of December 31, 2016:

509 total members

455 Active Members

54 baptized but not confirmed members

276 Families

New members received in 2016:

18 individuals; 8 families

Loss of members in 2016:

10 deaths

4 transfers of letter

Removal from Roles:

26 removed from the rolls upon recommendation of the Membership Review Committee

7 removed at members' request

Baptisms: 6

Respectfully Submitted,

Melisa Ferguson

Clerk to Session