

HAWFIELDS PRESBYTERIAN

2016 ANNUAL REPORT

Statistics

Established 1755

Current membership is 359

Births:

Everett Lee Massey, April 19th

Erin Rose Fahey, November 14th

Baptisms:

Delia Marie Fahey, May 22nd

Deaths:

Jim Covington, November 19th

Jimmy Covington, January 21st

Nancy Covington, March 17th

Henry Culberson, February 19th

Jean Evans - December 24th

Tracie Gerringer, April 22nd

Annie Glosson, July 2nd

Sarah James, April 14th

David Murdock, February 19th

Malinda Piland, November 7th

Glenn Thomas, March 31st

Transfers:

Foxie Harper to Westminster EPC in

Burlington, May 26th

Tom & Carol Stone from Southminster

Presbyterian, December 22nd

New Members:

Danny Thompson, February 8, 2015



History

Hawfields Presbyterian Church was founded by settlers in the mid 1700s. The present sanctuary, constructed in 1854, occupies one of three sites used by the congregation over the years. An Educational Building, Fellowship Hall, and century- old Session House also occupy the grounds. The two-story 3,000 sq. ft. manse is separated from the church facilities by several acres of wooded property.

Ministry committees include Building/ Grounds, Compassion, Education, Fellowship, Finance, Cemetery Committee, Outreach, Service/ Missions, Staff, Stewardship, Communications and Worship/Music, Student Aid, Scout Committee, and task forces as needed. Other programs include Women's Circles, Men's Group, Morning & Evening Brood Bible Studies, Adult and Youth Fellowship Groups and Vacation Bible School, various topical classes and

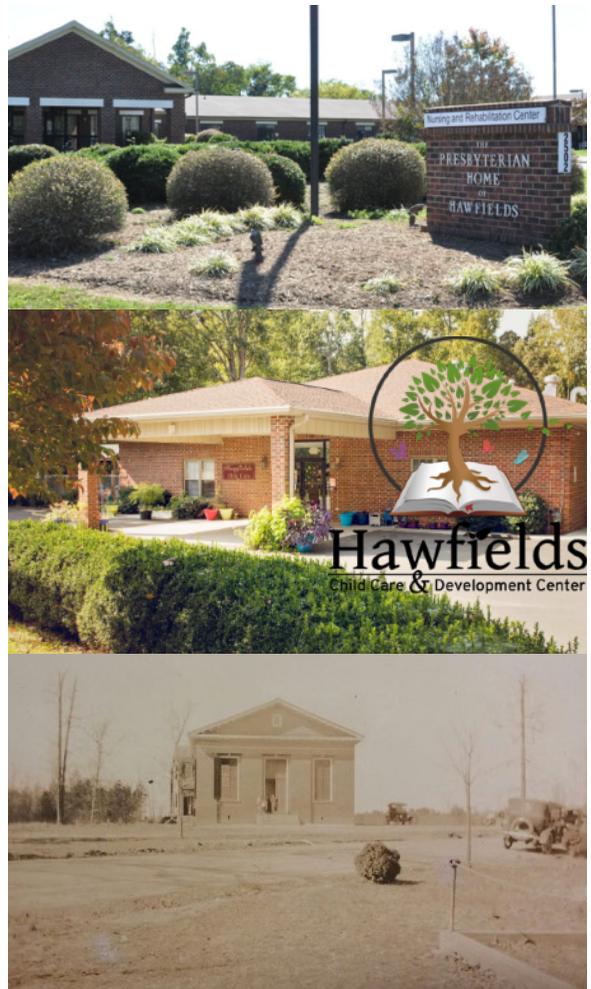
more. In addition to the regular opportunities offered for worship and spiritual nurture, the church collects food for those in need, maintains a supply of sick-room equipment, operates a church library, supplies a DVD ministry to our "In Crowd", and makes space for two AA meetings.

While the physical plant demonstrates our roots, our history speaks to the new ways we seek to be a church. From building a balcony space in order for all of God's children, slave or free, to worship in the same space, to removing the barrier (literally) to co-ed worship, we have a history of pioneering and trail-blazing.

Our members grow in their faith by not only attending church events, but in giving of their time and talents to develop fellowship and educational opportunities for the church. Many adults teach in the Sunday School program and many others are involved in adult classes or Bible Study. Children's activities such as holiday parties, the children's music program, and annual Christmas play are well-supported.

Hawfields strives to serve our congregation and the surrounding communities as well. Our members (adult and youth) have participated in local and international mission trips. Area mission efforts like Habitat for Humanity, Allied Churches, Garrett Elementary Backpack Ministry, Stop Hunger Now, Christmas Shoeboxes and Angel Trees are among the various

efforts into which God has led us to pour energy, imagination, intelligence and love. We provide a monthly worship and communion service to the residents of the Presbyterian Home of Hawfields and reach out to families with young children through the Hawfields Child Care Center, both independent institutions that had their start in this church.



Leadership & Staff

The Session is our church leadership, called by God through the voice of our congregation, to take responsibility for every- thing that happens in the name of Hawfields Presbyterian Church with two important exceptions. First, the congregation has an absolute right to elect its leadership. Second, the congregation must act on matters related to our real property. Other than that, the Session is in charge.

The Session also acts as our Board of Trustees of the corporation that is Hawfields Presbyterian Church, Inc. In this capacity, the Session acts on legal and official matters such as opening and closing bank accounts, communicating with the State of North Carolina, etc.

Our staff are in two categories. Contract employees are under the supervision of their designated committees of Session or the Board of Trustees. All other staff are under the supervision of the Pastor and Ministry of Staff on behalf of the Session.

The Session/Board of Trustees

Debby Ferrell served as our Clerk and David Ealy, in his capacity as Pastor, served as our Moderator. James Cain and Danny Mebane resigned (due to relocation and vocation respectively). Danny's position was allowed to expire (as he was in the Class of 2016) and James's position was filled by Sam Jenkins.



Corporate Officers

Sandy Muller, President
Beth Foust, Treasurer
Debby Ferrell, Secretary



The Staff



Neil Allen
Interim Sunday Evening
Music Director
(½ year)



Ricky Lee
Contract Groundskeeper/
Cemetery Coordinator
(32 years)



Tom Bowden
Contract Custodian
(24 years)



LaDonna Leftwich
Office Administrator/
Bookkeeper
(3 ½ years)



David Ealy
Pastor/Head of Staff
(6 years)



Randa Patterson
Nursery Worker
(3 ½ years)



Mandy Ealy
Director of Christian
Education
(5 years)



Jewelle Rosser
Interim Sunday Morning
Music Director
(1 ½ years)



Barbara Jane Hodges
Nursery Worker
(3 ½ years)



Tamara Kersey (our Pastoral
Assistant) served her last
Sunday with us January 10th.
She served us very well.



Beth Foust
Contract
Church Treasurer
(4 years)



Brett Thompson (our Interim
Sunday Night Music Director)
served us with distinction until
his departure at the end of
August.

The Timeline

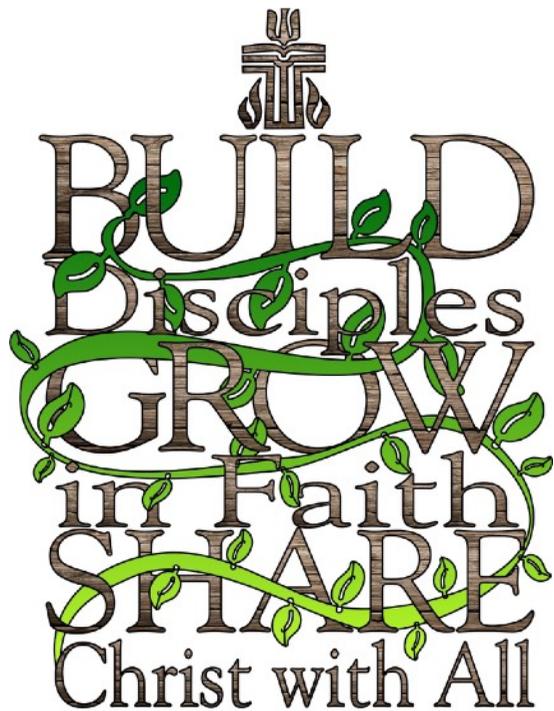
This is a summary of various milestones that took place this year. There are always more but this is a snapshot of the story of our church in between the numbers of the financial statement that follows this narrative.

JANUARY

The month began in transition. After celebrating Tamara Kersey's departure, we once again resumed our routine of Morning Brood Bible Study on Wednesday mornings, worship at 11:00 am and 6:00 pm, committee meetings, Women's Circle gatherings, Men's Breakfast, youth group, the sandwich ministry, the youth "pack party" food ministry at Garrett Elementary School, Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, counseling, Girl & Boy Scouts, and more. Jimmy Covington's death marked the beginning of many times we would celebrate great people in the life of our congregation. We served one another in a Service of Wholeness & Healing at the end of the month.

FEBRUARY

The month began with the Souper Bowl of Caring and an emphasis on Scouting in worship. The Pancake Supper was the prelude to Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. The theme this year was our church motto: "Build disciples, grow in faith, share Christ with all" based on Isaiah 58:1-12 (especially verse 8). The Cabin Fever Movie Series continued



Isaiah Fifty-Eight Verse Ten

this month, though with less participation than our Summer series. The Music Director Search Committee began their work in earnest. David Murdock and Henry Culberson drew sharp attention to the need for us to focus on our living history with their passing.

MARCH

As we walked further into Lent, the youth would participate in the Presbytery's Retreat at Camp Haynes. The Session would take their Annual Retreat at Camp Caraway, setting out goals for the remainder of the year and assessing our churches gifts. Holy Week and Easter

bring both reflection and celebration. Nancy Covington and Glenn Thomas remind us of life's fragility with their passing.

APRIL

The many events this month included the Mission Yard Sale (which was great!); filming began for our living history, "This Is Our Story" in anticipation of our Homecoming theme and celebration next month; Baby showers and LOTS of premarital counseling too place; Bob Graham and Maggie Cook got married (in Boston). As a result of the Session's planning retreat, forums on various topics are made available to the congregation to provide information and to hear and address questions. Tracie Geringer and Sarah James had us consider the deep center and edges of our congregation with their passing.

MAY

This month included several events both usual and remarkable. Something that has been happening at this point for several months is Traveling Communion, a way of connecting the sacrament with some of our "in-crowd" folks. We also been implementing one of the changes recommended in the Music & Worship study we did as a congregation: employing the use of projection during worship on Sunday mornings. We also observed Mother's Day together and baptized Delia Fahey. In between, we celebrated Homecoming complete with our group picture. The West Virginia

Mission Trip took place the week of Memorial Day. There were lots of questions surrounding our anticipated first ONE Sunday event next month. Our daughter church, Cross Roads Presbyterian, suffered the departure of their Pastor and the Presbytery employed ours to see them through the initial phase of transition. The Session received a report from Ministry of Finance on our declining giving and attendance numbers. A proposal for adopting the ability for electronic giving is reviewed. We received a report on an inspection done of our building foundations declaring that the foundations around the Education Building and the Sanctuary were doing okay but the area around the Fellowship Hall needed attention. Also, we learned from the State (of NC) that our boiler did not meet code after an inspection. We employed *BoilerMasters* to address those issues (as they were one of a shrinking number of qualified vendors; the original installer of our boiler was out of business).

JUNE

This month not only saw the introduction of Summer but also of our first ONE Sunday event. We ate lunch together, worshipped together, and then held a congregational forum to feedback on the experience. We also hosted our Vacation Bible School event. We celebrated Father's Day together and our Middle School youth traveled together with their adult advisors to the

Massanetta Springs Middle School Youth Conference in Harrisonburg, VA. Our General Assembly of the PC(USA) met in Oregon for their biennial gathering. Community Days planning began in earnest. The Session elected to move forward with the plan to implement electronic giving as a option for the congregation. The Family Fun Night movie series began. The bill we received from *BoilerMasters* was exorbitant, causing us to question what we were being charged. We ended the month with another service of Wholeness & Healing with a focus on our children.

JULY

Last year, the Session opted to make the seventh month of the year a Sabbath. We elected to do this again. Effectively, this meant no committee meetings, including the Stated Session Meeting. That said, the congregation did meet toward the end of the month to elect its Nominating Committee. Jury Duty turned out not to interfere with the Pastor's duties (largely due to the Sabbath). The Youth participated in their annual Mission Madness week-long event. Our Senior High Youth also participated in the Montreat Youth Conference. Community Days planning and Family Night continued. The company we employed to take directory pictures did a fair job but not to our expectations (especially with the scheduling). And parents who attend our evening service lost their daughter, Jessie Walton. Her service was held

literally in downtown Mebane, revealing the potential power our mortality has in creating community.

AUGUST

We began the month with news of Brett Thompson's departure on the 28th. The search for another Interim Sunday Night Music Director led us to Neil Allen (who has helped us in the past). He came with the added bonus of a drummer and bassist. Community Days planning continued and programs of various kinds got their start for a new school year including Youth Group, Sunday School, Morning Brood, and others. We also had a workshop on how to better protect yourself from identity theft and from getting scammed put on by the Mebane Police Department. The Presidential Election heated to a frenzy with our candidates having been officially elected. The election was constant noise in the background and foreground.

SEPTEMBER

Neil Allen and his crew began their ministry with us. It should be noted that Jewelle Rosser, as our Traditional Interim Music Director, has done great work with us. She, in fact, led the charge on putting together our Christmas Cantata with rehearsals starting the next month. Several weddings took place and the Session put together a Membership Roll Task Force to reach out to folks we haven't seen in a long time and gauge

their interest in remaining on our rolls. The Turning Lane project finally got official with a public hearing about the plans for the project hosted at our church. The Youth held their annual Stockholder's Dinner and took charge of worship for us on the 18th. The PushPay electronic payments system began implementation including work on our church app. Robert Phipps, Sr. (father of our member namesake) passed away, celebrated in a graveside service.

OCTOBER

Community Days was the first event of the month! This year we partnered with CVS to provide flu and pneumonia vaccinations and continued the tradition of having live music. We also included workshops on our church history and on better ways to use your mobile technology. Our vendors reported doing very well. In addition to World Communion Sunday we also incorporated elements to the Service of Wholeness & Healing into the regular worship services on the 9th. Staff evaluations were completed and the Youth had their annual lock-in and production of Brunswick Stew. October saw our second ONE Sunday event and Congregational Meeting to elect our 2019 Class of Ruling Elders. Rehearsals for the Cantata began in earnest. With the election taking a fevered pitch, we held a Service of Guidance & Discernment to coincide with the start of early voting in our State. The PushPay system has been launched with the

introduction of the app to follow next month. BoilerMasters asked to borrow parts from our boiler in order to service another one in the area. We refused. Our Trunk or Treat event went very well. Our Senior High youth took charge of the worship services on Reformation Sunday (the 30th).

NOVEMBER

With our new Elders elected, their training began this month. The election took finally took place. We began putting together a revival of the Bethlehem Regency Inn event. We tried something different with worship by using *The Quiltmaker's Gift* as a framework for putting together a more child-friendly worship service. Thanksgiving presented several opportunities to worship together. The Operation Christmas Child Relay Center for our area was again hosted at our church for a week and Christmas parades in the area began. David McPherson, who was a member with us ages ago, had his memorial service in our Sanctuary. JoEllen Titsworth (mother of Matt Bivins) passed away after a pretty miraculous fight. Malinda Piland and Jim Covington, both pillars in our church in times present and past, left us watching ever more closely the legacy of our church.

DECEMBER

We celebrated Advent and Christmas with all the requisite activity including the Cantata ("The Heart of Christmas"),

caroling, local mission projects, the Chrismon services, our Angel Trees, and the distinction of Christmas Day falling on Sunday. We still had our Christmas Eve Candlelight Services. Worship Christmas Day was just the one service. The Bethlehem Regency Inn was great and a bridge in Haw River was dedicated to Jim Covington (though he was made aware of it before his death). Mae Edla Shaw (mother of Mary Jean Covington) passed peacefully. Jean Evans, having

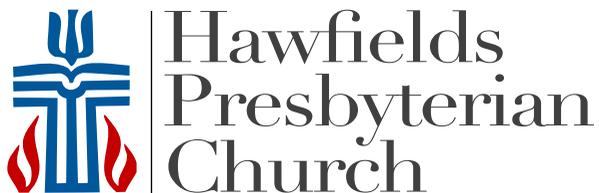
lived under the constant care of her sons, passed peacefully on Christmas Eve.

The Financial Summary

This is a summary of our income and expenses for the year. For the complete, detailed financial statement and balance

| Hawfields Presbyterian Church | | | | | |
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| Summary Income and Expense Statement | | | | | |
| Regular & Building offering and expenses only | | | | | |
| For year-ended December 31, 2016 | | | | | |
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| | Actual YTD | Budget YTD | Difference to budget | 2015 Actual | Difference to last year |
| Regular offering | \$ 229,104 | \$ 230,000 | \$ (896) | \$ 233,585 | \$ (4,481) |
| Building maint | \$ 10,071 | \$ 16,248 | \$ (6,177) | \$ 11,521 | \$ (1,450) |
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| Expenses | | | | | |
| Personnel expenses | \$ 179,724 | \$ 186,972 | \$ (7,248) | \$ 189,043 | \$ (9,319) |
| Budgeted Benevolences * | \$ 8,508 | \$ 8,508 | \$ - | \$ 8,508 | \$ - |
| Christian Education | \$ 7,632 | \$ 9,276 | \$ (1,644) | \$ 5,682 | \$ 1,950 |
| Maintenance | \$ 16,004 | \$ 20,100 | \$ (4,096) | \$ 16,556 | \$ (552) |
| Utilities | \$ 17,981 | \$ 22,020 | \$ (4,039) | \$ 21,964 | \$ (3,983) |
| Insurance | \$ 8,192 | \$ 6,708 | \$ 1,484 | \$ 8,176 | \$ 16 |
| Committee expense ** | \$ 17,400 | \$ 16,392 | \$ 1,008 | \$ 15,718 | \$ 1,682 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 255,441 | \$ 269,976 | \$ (14,535) | \$ 265,647 | \$ (10,206) |
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| Income over expense | \$ (16,266) | \$ (23,728) | \$ 7,462 | \$ (20,541) | \$ 4,275 |

sheet, you can obtain a copy from the church office.



The mission of Hawfields Presbyterian Church is to build disciples, grow in faith and share Christ with all.



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