

The Presbyterian Church of Milford



2016 Annual Report

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Our Mission

Our response to God's call for us to show and share the presence of Christ in the world is our mission to:

Nurture—helping people to see God working in their lives, enabling them to respond to God's call for wholeness.

Encourage—supporting one another in our faith walk, together experiencing Christ on a deeper personal level.

Celebrate—Inspired by the Holy Spirit to learn, work, and play together in our faith, sharing our joy with the world.

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**THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION
AND THE CORPORATION
Sunday January 22, 2017**

Call to Order

Congregational Meeting
Corporation Meeting

Rev. Dr. Linda Erkert-Bullock
Herbert Sloyer

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading (unison) from Ephesians 3: 14-21

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶ I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Approval of the January 24, 2016 Congregational Minutes, and January 1, 2017
Election of Officers (Class of 2019) Minutes.

Annual Reports

Pastor's Report

Deacon's Report

Treasurer's Report

Clerk of Session

Communications

Finance/Stewardship

Operating Budget

John Austin

Terms of Call

Jody Leffler

Motion to Approve the Terms of Call as presented

Building and Grounds

Christian Education

Mission

Personnel

Fellowship/Membership

Worship and Music

Reception of the 2016 Budget and Annual Reports

Old Business / New Business

Motion to Adjourn / Closing Prayer

The Presbyterian Church of Milford
Annual Congregational Meeting
January 24, 2016

The annual Congregational Meeting was held in the Sanctuary following worship service. The meeting was called to order by the Rev. Dr. Linda Erkert-Bullock at 11:05 AM. A Quorum was declared and the meeting was opened with a unison prayer from Ephesians 3: 14:21.

On a motion by Bob White and seconded by Ed Coss, the minutes of January 3, 2016 (election of officers for class of 2018) and January 25, 2015 congregational meeting minutes were approved.

All reports were accepted as presented without issue. John Leidy, church treasurer, presented the 2016 budget and on a motion made by Berta Konegen and seconded by Ken Konegen, the budget was approved.

The Pastor's terms of call were addressed by Jody Leffler, without the Pastor and her mother, Penny Erkert, present. There being no issues, on a motion by Berta Konegen and seconded by Rich Kroth, they were approved.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Herb Sloyer and seconded by Berta Konegen. The meeting was adjourned with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Linda Erkert-Bullock.

Respectively submitted,

Jody Leffler
Clerk of Session

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Annual Congregational Meeting
January 1, 2017

The Annual Congregational Meeting was held in the Sanctuary following worship. The Meeting was called to order at 11:10 AM and opened with a prayer by the Rev. Dr. Linda Erkert-Bullock. A Quorum was declared.

The following slate of members was offered to the congregation for approval:

ELDERS

Class of 2019

JR Beahm
Marvin Moyer
Jefrey Betz

DEACONS

Class of 2017

Ed Coss
Laura Williams

Class of 2019

John Leidy
Jess Beahm
John Patrick Tynan

The following individuals were thanked for their service:

Elders

Jody Leffler
Cliff Lessig
Deb Horvath

Deacons

Nick White
Trish Patrey

On a motion made by Cliff Lessig and seconded by Marie Bellini, the meeting was adjourned at 11:13 AM.

The meeting was closed in prayer by Rev. Dr. Linda Erkert-Bullock.

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PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

Yes, another year has passed and a new one is upon us. The time between the annual reports, seem to get shorter and shorter each year. However, what never changes is the feeling of call and love I have for this faith community and community at large.

We did some new things this year like starting a monthly women's bible study where we read the bible and discuss how the scripture affects us and lives within us today. We enjoy our food and beverages but most of all the conversation and laughter. We tried a couple new fundraisers like Kona Ice and the Christmas wreathes which were both successes. The biggest success we gained from those fundraisers is that we did not have to do a lot of manual labor. The Night on the Town at the Oak Hill Golf Club was an awesome night of food, laughter and conversation. Our hope looking forward to 2017 is that we do more of this type of fundraiser where we can sit and enjoy each other while still benefiting the church and our mission. We are a busy congregation both inside the church walls as well as outside in the community.

On a personal note, this year has been one where I was able to travel a little bit, play a little golf, continue my study of the scriptures thanks to our women's bible study and just enjoy being in the moment.

I look forward to 2017 as I serve this congregation for my 10th year. That's right, starting March 1, 2017 I will start the last year of a decade of service to this faith community and this community at large. Again, where has the time gone? It feels like it was only yesterday that I sat with the PNC answering questions and ultimately getting that call from John Leidy, offering me the position as Designated Pastor and two years later as Pastor. We have come a long way and I am proud to be a part of such an awesome faith family. I cannot wait to see what the next ten years has in store for us.

Thank you everyone for being a major part of my life, my call and my family.

Peace

Linda

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DEACONS ANNUAL REPORT

As one year has closed and a new one opens, we, the deacons, will continue to strive for more community outreach. We had a very successful soup ministry in 2015 with all of the soup we made being distributed throughout the community. Jeremy and Sylvia Donaldson were very busy in that respect.

John Leidy, although inactive as a deacon this year, headed up a very successful blood drive.

Jeremy did a great job making sure all our shut-ins were remembered at holidays and birthdays with cards. Many plants and flowers were delivered to our shut-ins during the Easter and Christmas seasons.

Arrangements were made to transport those who were unable to drive to church on Sundays.

May God bless us all in the coming year.

Respectively submitted,

H. Edwin Coss
Moderator

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TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

2016 was a financially successful year for the Presbyterian Church of Milford. We continued our trend of positive cash flow by bringing in enough in pledges and fund raisers to offset the expenses of the church. It is refreshing to see the positive direction we are moving in and this past year it was due to one major reason, our expenses came in much lower than budgeted. We also brought in more than anticipated in non-pledged income and received a generous amount for the Adopt-A-Bill program which allowed us to finish 2016 in the positive!!!!

This past year did not go as planned, which is a major understatement. The income side of the ledger was spotty at best. Our fundraisers were short by over \$5000, not having a roast beef dinner or pancake breakfast as budgeted for. We also had planned on two Night on the Town events and only had one. Zumba was also short this year due to the instructor being out with medical issue. Overall we fell short of budgeted income by about \$3300.

For a second straight year, though, it was the expense side which allowed us to make money in 2016. The cost of oil, for the majority of the year, was at an all-time low. We came in nearly \$10,000 under budget for heating the manse, preschool and church. We also saved on personnel costs, saving about \$3000 between expenses used for the Pastor and the choir director. Overall we wound up an amazing \$11,000 UNDER budget from the expense side.

The bottom line is this, for the year we brought in \$128,947 and spent \$121,703, making us self-sufficient by \$7200!! This makes me extremely optimistic for 2017, because we still have fund raisers which never occurred in 2016 to count on, and we have become very bullish when it comes to spending. With the surplus for the year we will be banking that in a reserve account so we can establish a contingency fund for unseen costs.

I want to thank everyone for their generous donations, their time and abilities during fundraisers, and the overall presence that we have established in the community. All these factors are making PCOM “the place to be” on Sundays. And by increasing membership and staying diligent to the budget I see no reason that 2017 cannot duplicate or surpass 2016!!!

Respectfully

John Leidy
Treasurer

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CLERK OF SESSION ANNUAL REPORT

A Clerk's report was submitted for each Stated Session meeting.

All Celebrations of Holy Communion were approved by session and recorded as required by the Book of Order

All official documents were signed for business conducted by and for the church.

Special events such as new members, deaths, and baptisms are recorded and placed in the Church Register.

All required reports, actions and responsibilities, outlined in the Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church (USA) have been fulfilled to the best of your Session's ability

Respectively Submitted,

Jody Leffler, Elder
Clerk of Session

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2016 COMMUNICATIONS ANNUAL REPORT

Our website provides Internet users with upcoming events and a great overview of our mission, our history as well as links to PCOM in the media, our church calendar, and an archive which includes church service recordings, bulletins, and newsletters. Some updates to the website are necessary as the staff page is outdated as is our community friends page.

Church members as well as social media friends and family are commenting and sharing our Facebook Page, both directly from our posts and through cross-posting on an active Good Morning Milford page, which is run by the Milford Merchants Association. We also joined the Milford Merchants Association in 2016, which offers a link on their website and iPhone app which reaches more users.

Charlie White, Pastor Linda Bullock and myself are very active on the Social Media page and are sharing our events on our personal Facebook pages as well as local town pages such as Milford, Alexandria, Frenchtown, Upper Black Eddy and Holland pages.

Statistics:

Fans: 235

Likes: Average 234 likes; 45 from Milford, 17 from Holland and 17 from Upper Black Eddy.

Demographics: 74% of the visitors are women, 26% are men.

Top three most viewed Facebook posts:

1. Meal on Wheels of Hunterdon County with 1.8 posts
2. Home Grown Breakfast with 1.7K
3. Go fund me and Alice and Ed Muztafago with a combined of 3.5K (which incidentally, helped raise \$6,960 of their \$5,000 goal to help them through a house fire which lost everything.)

The weekly church bulletin is distributed on Saturday mornings by Rich Kroth.

When checking our website for its reference to Media, what's posted is.....

There was a problem contacting your RSS feed
server.<http://topics.nj.com/tag/milford/atom.xml>

After review of our communications it is apparent our Facebook presence is thriving and we will continue to keep our page updated and active to further educate our community

in our events and community outreach. All members are encouraged to continue to like and share our posts.

We look forward to another active and exciting year in 2017!

Respectfully,

Ann Marie Austin, Elder
Communications with Charlie White, Elder

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STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE

After the church was successfully out of debt in 2014, the Stewardship and Finance Committee established the following three main objectives at the beginning of 2015 for the year.

- Continue to be debt free
- Mitigate the risk of debt
- Establish and maintain a contingency fund of at least \$5,000

These objectives remained for 2016.

Financial State:

Highlighted below are key income numbers for 2016:

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income			
Pledge	56,857.00	57,000.00	-143.00
Non-Pledge	\$11,884.69	\$8,600.00	\$3,284.69
Fundraisers	\$17,239.94	\$22,500.00	-5,260.06
Building Use	\$26,335.00	\$29,200.00	-2,865.00
Adopt a bill	5,216.57	6,000.00	-783.43
Investments	\$5,472.47	\$5,900.00	-427.53

Although the income numbers show a deficit largely due to fundraising and building use income, we were able to managed expenses and meet our objectives with a positive position going into 2017 as shown below.

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Total Income	\$128,947.74	\$132,215.00	-3,267.26
Total Expenses	\$121,703.92	\$132,715.00	11,011.08
Net Income	\$7,243.82	\$7,743.82	\$500.00

The data shows that in the years 2015 and 2016 Non-Pledge income has exceeded our budget between 50% and 68% respectively yet the Pledge income was short 8.0% and 8.4% respectively.

Fundraising:

New this year was the Wreath sale and Kona Ice during Milford Alive. Missed were the Pancake Breakfast, Roast Beef Dinner and one Night on the Town. Amazon Smile and Shop Rite Gift Cards continue to grow but have not been sufficient to cover the gap in missing fundraisers. The lessons learned from the Wreath Sale, which broke even, will be carried over to next year in an attempt to raise \$500 or more for 2017. Continued focus on fundraising for 2017 with an effort to continue the great work we are currently doing and fill the gaps in our fundraising needs. If anyone has any fundraising ideas or wishes to chair an event in 2017, please contact Ann Marie Austin.

We look forward to another successful year in 2017.

Sincerely,
John Austin

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2017 PROPOSED BUDGET

Presbyterian Church of Milford
Budget vs. Actuals: Budget 2016 - FY15 P&L
January - December 2016

	Total		2017 Budget
	Actual	Budget	
Income			
2000 Previous Year Pledge	355.00	125.00	\$ 300.00
2001 PLEDGE	56,857.00	57,000.00	\$ 57,000.00
2002 NON-PLEDGE	9,630.40	7,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Plate	2,254.29	1,600.00	\$ 2,200.00
	\$		\$
Total 2002 NON-PLEDGE	11,884.69	\$ 8,600.00	10,200.00
2004 SPECIAL OFFERINGS			
Christmas	10.00	700.00	
Christmas Eve	600.00		\$ 600.00
Christmas Joy Offering	10.00		
Easter	510.00		\$ 500.00
Initial Offering	185.00	150.00	\$ 150.00
Lenten (Ash Wednesday)	15.00	50.00	\$ 15.00
Oil Campaign	285.00	200.00	\$ 200.00
Per Capita Apportionment	757.50	720.00	\$ 720.00
Thanksgiving	65.00	20.00	\$ 50.00
	\$	\$	\$
Total 2004 SPECIAL OFFERINGS	2,437.50	1,840.00	2,235.00
2005 VBS	700.00		\$ 600.00
2020 DONATIONS / GIFTS			
Designated			
Missions	50.00		
Other	26.35	200.00	\$ 75.00
	\$	\$	\$
Total Missions	76.35	200.00	75.00
Total Designated	\$ 76.35	\$ 200.00	\$ 75.00
Undesignated	1,315.00		\$ 1,000.00
	\$	\$	\$
Total 2020 DONATIONS / GIFTS	1,391.35	200.00	1,075.00
2025 BUILDING USE (rental)			
CE Wing - YMCA	15,600.00	15,600.00	\$ 15,600.00
Fellowship Hall	225.00	1,000.00	\$ 225.00
AA	600.00	600.00	\$ 600.00
Dance Academy	3,640.00	3,200.00	\$ 1,500.00
Sirius K-9 Solutions, LLC	1,175.00	1,200.00	\$ 1,100.00
Zumba	2,995.00	5,200.00	\$ 5,200.00

Total 4000 PASTOR	\$ 64,576.79	\$ 66,800.00	\$ 67,621.00
4100 PERSONNEL			
Bookkeeper Salary	3,600.00	3,600.00	\$ 3,600.00
Org. / Choir Dir. Salary	9,350.12	10,400.00	\$ 10,400.00
Payroll Tax	990.69	1,071.00	\$ 1,068.00
	\$	\$	\$
Total 4100 PERSONNEL	13,940.81	15,071.00	15,068.00
4200 MISSION / OUTREACH	100.00	1,000.00	\$ 900.00
Per Capita Apportionment	757.50	720.00	\$ 720.00
Total 4200 MISSION / OUTREACH	\$ 857.50	\$ 1,720.00	\$ 1,620.00
4300 WORSHIP & MUSIC PROGRAM			
Flowers	7.00		
Chancel (Altar) Flowers	185.65	300.00	\$ 300.00
Lilies	208.00		\$ 50.00
Poinsettias	134.60	250.00	\$ 150.00
	\$	\$	\$
Total Flowers	535.25	550.00	500.00
Guest/Supply Organist	600.00	450.00	\$ 600.00
Music Supplies	9.49	150.00	\$ 150.00
Pulpit Supply (guest min.)	200.00	400.00	\$ 200.00
Radio Ministry	600.00	600.00	\$ 600.00
Worship Materials	369.87	150.00	\$ 150.00
Total 4300 WORSHIP & MUSIC PROGRAM	\$ 2,314.61	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,200.00
4400 SESSION COMMITTEES			
Communications	50.00	150.00	\$ 150.00
Deacons	29.38		
Fellowship / Kitchen Supplies	29.34	150.00	\$ 150.00
PPPP		150.00	\$ 150.00
Stewardship	405.29	50.00	\$ 158.00
Total 4400 SESSION COMMITTEES	\$ 514.01	\$ 500.00	\$ 608.00
4450 FUNDRAISER			
.02 A Meal	500.00		\$ 500.00
Golf Outing	68.76		
Total 4450 FUNDRAISER	\$ 568.76	\$ 0.00	\$ 500.00
4500 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION			
Adult Education	409.15	50.00	\$ 50.00
Christmas Crafts		50.00	
Sunday School Supplies	232.77	250.00	\$ 250.00
VBS	1,008.54		\$ 250.00
Youth Min/Ed Supplies	402.56	50.00	\$ 50.00
Total 4500 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	\$ 2,053.02	\$ 400.00	\$ 600.00
4600 MANSE			
Electric	1,633.65	1,500.00	\$ 1,700.00
Exterminator	487.28	500.00	\$ 500.00
Heating Oil	1,518.76	4,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Repair / Maintenance	412.45	500.00	\$ 500.00

Water / Sewer	931.26	900.00	\$	1,000.00
Total 4600 MANSE	\$ 4,983.40	\$ 7,400.00	\$	6,700.00
4700 CHURCH OFFICE				
Accounting/Payroll	1,516.91	1,400.00	\$	1,600.00
Equipment Lease	2,058.24	2,058.00	\$	2,058.00
Equipment Rpr / Maint.		25.00	\$	150.00
Internet & Web Services	844.69	800.00	\$	850.00
Office & Computer Supplies	682.26	300.00	\$	500.00
Postage	192.00	250.00	\$	200.00
Telephone	583.65	766.00	\$	600.00
Total 4700 CHURCH OFFICE	\$ 5,877.75	\$ 5,599.00	\$	5,958.00
4800 CHURCH PROPERTY				
Buildings & Grounds	3,338.31	2,500.00	\$	2,500.00
Cleaning Supplies	155.02	200.00	\$	150.00
Exterminator	959.28	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00
Fire Extinguishers	463.00	700.00	\$	500.00
Lawn Maintenance	605.00	375.00	\$	600.00
Snow & Ice Removal		250.00	\$	200.00
Total 4800 CHURCH PROPERTY	\$ 5,520.61	\$ 5,025.00	\$	4,950.00
4850 Utilities				
Electric	2,766.27	2,900.00	\$	2,900.00
Heating Oil	2,763.95	8,000.00	\$	5,700.00
Heating Oil - Preschool	3,636.03	7,000.00	\$	5,700.00
Propane	91.80	200.00	\$	200.00
Water / Sewer	841.24	850.00	\$	850.00
Total 4850 Utilities	\$ 10,099.29	\$ 18,950.00	\$	15,350.00
4900 O T H E R	43.19			
Insurance				
Gen. Liab.	7,724.25	7,600.00	\$	7,800.00
Work. Comp.	655.00	600.00	\$	700.00
Total Insurance	\$ 8,379.25	\$ 8,200.00	\$	8,500.00
Other	1,705.23	250.00	\$	250.00
Total 4900 O T H E R	\$ 10,127.67	\$ 8,450.00	\$	8,750.00
4910 BANK CHARGES	120.00			
4920 Finance / Late Fees	149.70			
Total Expenses	\$ 121,703.92	\$ 132,215.00	\$	129,925.00
Net Operating Income	\$ 7,243.82	\$ 0.00	\$	0.00
Other Expenses				
Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.00	0.00		0.00
Total Other Expenses	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$	0.00
Net Other Income	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$	0.00
Net Income	\$ 7,243.82	\$ 0.00	\$	0.00

Sunday, Jan 08, 2017 05:34:20 AM GMT-8 - Accrual Basis

Terms of Call
Rev. Dr. Linda Erkert-Bullock
January 1, 2017

Cash Compensation	\$28,555.00
Parsonage Allowance	\$10,000.00
Social Security Offset	\$ 4,586.90

Total	\$43,141.90
Manse Value and Utilities	\$21,385.00

Manse Value	\$ 16,185.00
Value of Utilities	\$ 5,200.00

Total Effective Compensation	\$ 64,526.90
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Benefits:

Pension/Medical Dues	\$19,980.00	
		\$ 19,980.00

Expense Account Budget Items:

Auto Expense	\$ 2,500.00	
Continuing Education	\$ 1,000.00	
Books and Professional	\$ 1,000.00	
		\$ 4,500.00

Total Cash and Compensation	\$ 89,006.90
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4 weeks of vacation for 2016
2 weeks of study leave 2016

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2016 BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS ANNUAL REPORT

The Buildings and Grounds Committee has had another busy year. From January 1st to December 31st, there are always projects to get done both in the church and in the manse. There are several people involved in this work and without them, our buildings and grounds would not be as well taken care of as they are. The projects of this committee are usually repairs. Repairs to these old buildings are usually costly, but because we have some very capable individuals with skills, we are able to keep expense to a minimum.

A lot of projects were completed:

- Floors scrubbed and refinished in Fellowship Hall and Pastor's Annex
- Rugs vacuumed
- Changed Ballasts in the CE Wing and Fellowship Hall
- Repaired exit light in Fellowship Hall
- Repaired door lock in Fellowship Hall
- Planed door in janitors closet so it would close
- Planed swinging door in kitchen so it would close
- Realigned door hinges on swinging door
- Repaired holes in molding
- Installed exit lighting that was never installed properly
- Installed emergency shut-off for boiler
- Hallway in the CE wing painted
- Seasonal lawn moving
- Seasonal snow removal

Thank you to everyone who helps keep the Church and Manse in good working order.

One thing that is still troubling to me is the condition of the manse windows. They are old, drafty and in need of paint and repair. Maybe we could find someone who would replace one or two at a time!

Also, there is a general need for help to vacuum rugs, wet wipe door knobs, dust and general clean up. I do what I can, but I can't do it all.

NOTE TO THE NEW BUILDINGS AND GROUND CHAIR PERSON - the circuit breakers are not all labelled properly. Beware if there are any new installations.

Respectively Submitted,

Cliff Lessig, Elder
Buildings and Grounds

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2016 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ANNUAL REPORT

The children, as well as their parents and friends, participated in the Palm Sunday walk and enjoyed a great Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday directly following worship.

The Presbyterian Church of Milford hosted Vacation Bible School during the summer which included our sister churches: Presbyterian Churches of Alexandria and Frenchtown. Additionally, we had quite a few volunteers from our church, youth and adults that assisted.

It's been a fun year and we have all gotten to know each other. We've said goodbye to some friends who have moved and we miss them. We've also been fortunate to say hello to some new friends.

Our Christmas Pageant was outstanding this year. We have some very talented youth in our church.

Miss Jess has been a wonderful addition to our program as well.

Every year our program gets better and better. We are looking forward to 2017!

Respectively Submitted,

Deb Fisher Horvath, Elder
Christian Education

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MISSION COMMITTEE AND OUTREACH

The Presbyterian Church of Milford continues to be the outreach leader in the Milford Community. We have been active participant in the Milford Merchants Association and as well as instrumental in bringing awareness to the pantry needs in Milford and Frenchtown. Our entire community has been an important part of helping to feed our hungry, get warm clothing to those who need it and fulfil Christmas wish lists. Partnering with Hunterdon County Meals on Wheels has been very successful and appreciated by the organization.

1. Milford/Frenchtown Softball Game, Sunday, May 1, 2:00 Old Frenchtown Field

- a. Our third annual benefit softball game against Frenchtown was a success. Admission of non-perishable items for our pantries brought in 1,848 items weighing 1,523 pounds. People in our community have been very generous as well as the Mayhem softball team, bringing pantry items to each practice.
- b. Despite the rain date and the not so fair weather, the game was well attended. Milford won the game against Frenchtown Frenzy with a score of 48-18.
- c. We had a large turnout for Mission support from Presbyterian Church of Milford, St. Edwards and Presbyterian Church of Frenchtown.
- d. The Garden State Underwater Recovery Unit partnered with us that day by hosting a fundraiser of selling food for the game.
- e. The Whites hosted a thank you picnic for Mayhem and church members on Saturday, July 30.

2. Music in the Park June 26

The PCOM Mission Committee had a presence with the Milford Merchants Association's "Concert in the Park" on June 26. We launched a small fundraiser by selling Kona Ice. A percentage of all sales went straight to PCOM.

3. Milford Alive September 24

On September 24, our church was the cornerstone of our successful fall festival, MILFORD ALIVE, which brought over 6,000 people through our town in one day. Our church lot hosted hundreds of vendors, musicians and festival attendees enjoying "Hunterdon County's Best Outdoor Event", voted by Hunterdon Happening Magazine. Members of the church volunteered their time in the hospitality tent, information booth, and opened our doors to the boy scouts who raised money for their organization. We partnered with Kona Ice for a fundraiser which brought in about \$200 for the church.

4. Hunterdon Count Meals on Wheels

The Mission Committee contributed \$500 to HCMOW to defer costs of meals on wheels to seniors in the Milford Area.

Blizzard Bags:

We had a successful Blizzard bag campaign in November which delivered 265 bags of non-perishable nutritional meals for Meals on Wheels recipients in case of emergency or bad weather. Hunterdon

County Meals on Wheels averages about 200 recipients of these bags, and we fulfilled it with help from the following churches:

- Presbyterian Church of Milford
- Presbyterian Church of Frenchtown
- St. Edwards the Confessor
- Shepherd of the Valley
- Grace Fellowship Church

We had our first meeting with fellow pastors from the above churches on September 18, and the overwhelming response was that it was beneficial to come together towards a common mission of “Nobody Goes Hungry in Milford.”

5. United Way – Angel Tree for Christmas

PCOM had a very successful collection of fulfilled wishes from our annual Angel Tree, delivering over 300 gifts to “Helping Hands “ of the United Way. Our small congregation reached out to the community and the Milford Merchants Association, and collected \$500 in cash, which allowed us to purchase bicycles and toys, in addition to the basic needs which were requested.

6. Christmas in Milford:

- a. River Union Stage hosted their fourth annual “Humbug for Hunger” at Christmas in Milford on Friday evening, December 9. We collected 300 pounds of food for the pantries, \$50 in cash, and \$500 in Shop Rite gift cards which were delivered to St. Edwards and the Presbyterian Church of Frenchtown.
- b. AnnMarie Austin hosted a fundraiser by selling fresh cut wreaths, swags and centerpieces.

7. Milford Merchants Association:

- a. PCOM has been an active participant in the Milford Merchants Association. We also donated to have a permanent presence on the Post Office Wall. Meetings are the third Friday of the Month, 9:00 a.m. at Pipolos. It would be good to have a regular presence from PCOM to network with the merchants on our local fundraisers and the events around town.

8. Mission Collections and funds:

	2016 Items	Pounds	
January	147	164	
February	124	171	
March	300	379	
April	274	367	
May	1,665	1,321	Milford Mayhem Benefit Game
June	54	65	
July	80	80	
August	112	119	
September	64	61	
October	208	250	
November	1,842	911	*(Includes Blizzard Bags)
December	259	272	Humbug to Hunger
Total	5,129	4,160	

Previous Balance	\$1,107.64
Two Cents a Meal	
Month	2016
Jan	\$57.72
Feb	\$78.88
Mar	\$78.56
Apr	\$71.17
May	\$58.61
Jun	\$58.61
Jul	\$34.59
Aug	\$45.79
Sep	\$96.41
Oct	\$66.07
Nov	\$90.10
Dec	\$82.79
	\$819.30
Total	\$1,926.94
Meals on Wheels	-500
Habitat for Humanity	-100
Total	\$1,326.94

9. Cornerstone Soup Kitchen

- a. We have church members that volunteer every Monday at the soup kitchen. They serve food and assist those who are unable to stand in line for a meal.
- b. The Presbyterian Church of Milford conducted our annual coat drive and provided at least 60 coats directly to the homeless and less fortunate. We also collected hats, scarves, gloves, blankets, sleeping bags and tents.

Mission Committee Volunteers:

Jeremy Donaldson, Sylvia Donaldson, Jody Leffler, Diane Leidy, Cliff Lessig, Gladys Lessig, Ruth Schaible, Bob White, Charlie White, Nick White, Logan White, June Kutzman, Ann Marie Austin

Respectively Submitted by ,

Charlie White, Elder
Mission and Outreach

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2016 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

We are very fortunate and blessed to have the Rev. Dr. Linda J. Erkert-Bullock as our pastor. She has an amazing work ethic and works tirelessly for our church. We always thought we had little elves that magically got things done. I have caught that elf many times, cleaning the sanctuary, cleaning out the attic, putting up signs, changing liturgical colors for Sunday worship, setting up for fellowship, changing door knobs, decorating and un-decorating the church, running fund raisers, painting the preschool etc. This is in addition to providing a teaching ministry, leading and inspiring the congregation, leading the session, counseling, bible study, working on committees for the Presbytery, etc. When you need Pastor Linda, she is there! She doesn't just work on Sunday! We hope to keep her around for a very long time.

Due to financial constraints, we continue operate with volunteers in the administrative and housekeeping positions. Fortunately, we have the volunteers willing to maintain the grounds, and keep the office running. We are grateful for the many hours of donated time. It's not said enough, but thank you to everyone who takes care of this beautiful church and the manse.

Gary Refsnider continues to be our bookkeeper. He can account for every penny coming in and going out of the church. We are very grateful for his diligence and dedication.

We are now very fortunate to have Greg Stout as our Director of Music. What was a temporary position through March has turned into permanent position on staff. He is very talented and we are so glad to have him.

Respectively Submitted,

Jody Leffler
Elder - Personnel

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Births:

Baptisms:

Briana Stanley
Joanna Austin
Evan Strochak

Weddings:

New Members by Transfer (Certificate)

New Members by Reaffirmation:

#1650 – Marianne Beahm
#1651 – JR Beahm
#1652 – Liz Strochak
#1653 – Tina Synder
#1654 – Pam Howe
#1655 – Nancy Heacock
#1656 – Dawn Hammerstone
#1657 – Jess Beahm

Members Transferred out by Certificate (letter of transfer)

#1520 – Brett Trainor
#1631 – Heath Trainor

Deaths:

#416 – Arlene Pursell
#1509 – Beatrice Bush

Removed from Active Rolls

1523 – John Geissler	1570 – Richard Ruby
1521 – Leigh Geissler	1571 – Beth Ruby
1620 – Chris Geissler	1629 – Jessica Ruby
1619 – Matthew Geissler	

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(Beginning Members 86

Active members 86

Out of that 86

Youth Members 8

Shut-Ins 6

Deaths – 2

Transferred Out – 0

New Members – 8

Transferred In – 0

Inactive Members – 9

(Ending Members – 83)

Weddings - 0

Baptisms - 3

Births - 0

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2016 CHURCH LIFE, FELLOWSHIP & MEMBERSHIP

Once again, it was a busy year for the Presbyterian Church of Milford. We saw more community members attend the various events and church services held in our sanctuary.

We kicked the year off with our well attended Home grown breakfast, on February 7th. We had over 350 guests attend the breakfast. New menu items and new faces helped present and serve the breakfast.

We appreciate the undying dedication of Ray Bellini for making the coffee every week and to Marie and Linda for their delicious homemade desserts. . The following groups hosted coffee hours on a monthly basis: Christian Education, Music & Worship, Stewardship & Finance, Communications, Building & Grounds, Personnel & Nominating, Mission & Outreach, the choir and the deacons. Coffee hour has always been a great time for us to share our love for God and one another.

Respectfully submitted,

The 2016 Session

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2016 WORSHIP AND MUSIC ANNUAL REPORT

We at the Presbyterian Church of Milford (PCOM) have been blessed in so many ways. One of those ways is evident each and every Sunday when music rises from our great organ and voices resonate from the choir and the pews signifying to one and all that great things are happening inside this magnificent building – our sanctuary.

We have also been honored to witness the talents of our Director of Music, Gregg Stout, an amazing artist.

That being said, no organ, no singing, no lighting, no heating nor the best air conditioning in the world can bring you, your friends and neighbors to this place without the inspiration, dedication and articulation that abounds from our spiritual pastor each and every Sunday as well as during other special events. The hand of God is truly in this place and in our hearts and minds. The tireless enthusiasm exhibited by Pastor Linda and ably assisted by our Clerk of Session, Jody Leffler, is remarkable.

As you may already know, most Sunday services are recorded, edited and broadcasted the following Sunday at 7:00 AM on WDVR-FM.

Lately, we have had special music on the 5th Sunday of the month. We have very talented members – Todd Cobaugh on the guitar, Marv Moyer on the fiddle, and John Austin on the guitar, drums and bells. The music they make is magnificent!

As in the past, our Vesper Service was absolutely beautiful. This is Pastor Linda's favorite service and she dedicates it to us, the congregation. It is a wonderful way to prepare our hearts for the Christmas Season,

Respectfully submitted

Judy Moyer, Elder
Music and Worship

2017 Leadership

PASTOR

Rev. Dr. Linda J. Erkert-Bullock

ELDERS

John Austin	(2017)
Jeannie Coss	(2017)
Lizette Tynan	(2017)

AnnMarie Austin	(2018)
Judy Moyer	(2018)
Charlie White	(2018)

JR Beahm	(2019)
Marv Moyer	(2019)
Jef Betz	(2019)

DEACONS

Laura Williams	(2017)
Heather Stanley	(2017)
Ed Coss	(2017)

Jeremy Donaldson	(2018)
Sylvia Donaldson	(2018)
Stacey McGlothlin	(2018)

John Leidy	(2019)
Jess Beahm	(2019)
John Patrick Tynan	(2019)

STAFF

Office Admin - Jody Leffler
Bookkeeper - Gary Refsnider
Sunday School – AnnMarie Austin &
 Jess Beahm
Director of Music – Gregory Stout