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Agenda

Wellshire Presbyterian Church Annual Meeting

Wellshire Presbyterian Church Sanctuary

August 14, 2016

- I. Opening Prayer
- II. Declaration of Quorum
- III. Distribution of the Annual Report
- IV. Necrology Report & Prayer of Remembrance
- V. Staffing Report
- VI. Meeting of Corporation
 - A. Trustees and Officers of the Corporation
 - B. Finance Report
 - i. Review of Fiscal Year 2016
 - ii. Presentation of 2017 Fiscal Year Budget
- VII. Report on Safety Concerns
- VIII. Sanctuary/Narthex Renovation Update
- IX. Questions/Comments
- X. Prayer of Thanksgiving



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Annual Corporate Meeting of the Congregation

Dear Friends of Wellshire:

In the following pages, you will read some of the highlights of the past year. We are not **a perfect community, as you know. Wellshire members and staff always want to “do more,” of course. But I think you will read that we are a very vital church, doing much good in Denver and around the world.**

I would classify the past year as a year of “planting seeds.” We tried to do things differently. We did more home meetings during Advent, and we did our own video-based small group curriculum during Lent. We did not follow the lectionary much in worship this year, opting for several sermon series which peaked during the summer with our *Creative-ivity: Living Artfully* series and its appeal to all of the senses. Great Dates, Financial Peace University, a kickball team, and several other programs added cache to our normal fare of study and mission efforts. The highlight of the year for many was the appearance of Celtic theologian and author John Phillip Newell for a grand weekend, including a Scotch tasting in his honor.

Much time and energy during the past year was given to planning for a proposed Narthex expansion and Sanctuary renovation. Bold, innovative, and cutting-edge when built in the 1970s, the current space shows a clear need for a 21st century update to host our existing worship and anticipate evolving styles of worship.

Friends, it is easy for me to say that it is a joy to work at Wellshire with your fine staff! Katie and Kira are creative and prolific and have a keen eye on the future of the church. Michael Pohlenz and the music staff are all absolute professionals and never fail to produce. Several touches were added this past year, such as bagpipes, a bluegrass Sunday, and a combined Christmas presentation. I am especially pleased with the development of the early service under the direction of Donna Wickham. I am pleased **also to say that Kendal Mullins is now the “permanent” Director of Children and Family Ministries.** And the administrative staff under the direction of Chuck Sparks maintains a smooth operation.

Financially, we are strong. Participation in programming has been good. Mission and service keeps expanding. Worship attendance has been sporadic but has been high **recently. Let’s keep it up!**

Wellshire Presbyterian Church is a true community of hope. I anticipate a great year in 2016-17.

Let us give thanks to God for the good work, and to God be the glory!

IN CHRIST, THROUGH CHRIST, AND WITH CHRIST,

Rev. Dr. John H. Bell, Jr., Pastor
Wellshire Presbyterian Church
Denver, Colorado





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The Clerk of Session

Here are a few brief words regarding the Session's activities for the fiscal year 2015-2016.

As Session moderator, the Rev. Dr. John Bell continues to effectively lead the Session in striving to meet our Strategic Goals. We continue to work to lead Wellshire in living into our mission, **"To seek, embrace, and nurture disciples within a community of hope that plays together, sings of God's glory, and celebrates Jesus Christ through service."**

An important part of the Session's work during this fiscal year has been to form a Renovation Planning Committee and to support efforts by staff and that committee, working with the Worship Committee, to plan a renovation for the Sanctuary and Narthex. Dr. Bell presented conceptual plans for a renovation to the congregation in worship on July 24. We look forward to further work toward extending the legacy **Wellshire's founders have left us by preparing our building for the 21st century.**

One of the Clerk of Session's duties is to prepare a statistical report for the PC(U.S.A.) General Assembly (GA) each year. Here is a summary of the most recent report as of December 2015. Our official number of members stood at 1732 as of year-end, with total membership gains (new members) eight fewer than total losses (deaths, transfers, etc.) for the year. There were 18 baptisms at WPC in 2014, and seven baptized young adults became members through the confirmation process. Our Christian Education programs continue to thrive with nearly 50 preschool aged children and over 70 in grades K-6. Over 250 adults participated as either volunteers for the children and youth and/or as participants in adult education. For those who are interested to dive deeper **into these numbers, details are available on the denomination's website** (www.pcusa.org).

This calendar year will bring changes to our statistics. Our official records are not completely in concert with our computerized records. We also believe that those computer records are not as accurate as they should be. This hinders efforts by staff and volunteers to provide care to our fellow congregants. At the initiative of Elder Beryla Wolf, the Session created an Outreach Committee in the fall of 2015 to work with the **pastors to reach out to many members with whom we've lost contact.** These ongoing efforts will result in a reduction in the number of members reported next year to GA. This change will not reflect an actual reduction in our truly active membership but rather a more accurate statistical accounting of our membership. Thanks go to Elders Brian



Bishop, David Van Pelt, and Beryla Wolf as well as committee members Betsy Hadley and Sibyl Page for their work in this committee. Big thanks are also owed to staff members Beth Hamstra and Kris Griffith for supporting the pastors in this work.

I wish to express my personal gratitude to the Ruling Elders whose time on the Session came to a close at the end of 2015: Brian Bishop, Michael Pasquariello, David Van Pelt, **and Beryla Wolf each served with “energy, intelligence, imagination, and love,”** and we have been blessed to be Session members with them.

I continue to be privileged to serve as your Clerk of Session, and I’m reminded frequently that God continues to bless Wellshire Presbyterian Church.

FAITHFULLY SUBMITTED,

Paul Day-Luore
Clerk of Session



Global Service Ministries

The Purpose of Global Service Ministries:

We will encourage development of relationships between Wellshire Presbyterian Church, our partners, and our PCUSA mission co-workers and develop knowledge of the global mission of the church. We will encourage and support mission outreach beyond our presbytery's borders through prayer, education, storytelling, service opportunities, fundraising and/or direct funding. We pray to be God's hands, to show God's love. *(revised August 2015)*

Education:

In 2015-2016, Global Service Ministries provided monthly educational opportunities to learn more about our worldwide partnerships, how we are called to be in relationship across borders and boundaries, and how we can contribute to people in need. The forums were taught by members of the Global Service Ministries and guests from our global partner organizations.

Global Mission Partner Support in 2015-2016:

Lomagundi Health Mission Partnership – Supports the medical clinic at Lomagundi Presbyterian Church in Chinhoyi, Zimbabwe. Wellshire member Marcy Mendenhall serves as liaison to the partnership of churches.

- \$3,000 direct funding came from the operating budget.
- \$1,200 came from special offerings and other donations.

Zimbabwe Mission Partnership — Supports the Heather Chimhoga Orphan Care Center with meals, healthcare, school fees, and social and spiritual counseling in the Murewa District. George Scheuernstuhl serves as liaison to the partnership of churches. Wellshire contributions make up almost 15% of the budget for the HCOCC.

- Elephant Rock Bicycle Festival – 28 riders from Wellshire participated and raised over \$12,800 for the ZMP!
- \$3,000 direct funding came from the operating budget and \$950 came from special offerings and other donations.

Russian Ministries - Wellshire has a long-term "twinning" relationship with Golgotha Baptist Church in Moscow aimed at developing mutual understanding



and ministry support. During 2015-2016, Wellshire provided \$3,000 direct funding for PCUSA coworkers in Russia, Ellen and Al Smith.

Zambia — Well-trained pastors who can faithfully proclaim the Scriptures are a growing need in Southern Africa. We support PCUSA mission coworkers Dustin and Sherri Ellington who work with students at Justo Mwale Seminary.

In 2015-2016, this ministry included:

- \$3,000 direct funding.
- Email exchanges between Wellshire members and seminary students.
- \$260 for textbook purchases.

Haiti Partners — Haiti Partners helps Haitians change Haiti through education. They work with schools, churches, and organizations to transform communities.

- \$2,000 direct funding from the operating budget.
- John Simonton serves on Haiti Partners' Board.
- In March 2016, Kent Annan, Co-Director of Haiti Partners, visited Wellshire.
- In October 2016, 15 Wellshire members will travel to Haiti to be in relationship with our brothers and sisters in Haiti and to learn more about how we can serve Haiti Partners.

Building Bridges — Building Bridges serves diverse teens and young adults globally and locally through participation in cross-community training. Its flagship program that brings together young women ages 14-18 from America, Israel, and Palestine is on hold due to extreme unrest in the region. Building Bridges provides similar programs in Denver metro area high schools.

Wellshire Microfinance — By the end of June 2016, the Wellshire Microfinance members had invested in 2,036 loans worth \$55,725 (since 2011) through www.kiva.org. Through this program, people all over the world are able to start or improve businesses and provide for their families. Funds include an initial contribution from Global Mission, from individuals, and revolving loan paybacks that are reinvested on a regular basis. Learn more at www.wellshirekiva.blogspot.com



The Fair Shake Shoppe — The Fair Shake Shoppe sells food and goods produced by poor people and charitable institutions. In 2016, profits of \$1,000 were designated for mission coworkers addressing human trafficking in Asia (see below). The other major endeavor of the Fair Shake Shoppe was the Alternative Christmas Market. In 2015, the market took in over \$6,900 that went directly to the participating organizations.

Ending Violence Against Women and Children— In May 2015, a new initiative **to explore ways of joining the PCUSA’s initiative on reconciliation and ending violence against women and children** was formed. In the fall of 2015, Wellshire hosted a Presbytery-wide conference on human trafficking. In 2016, we began financial support of new PC(USA) Mission Coworkers Rev. Cathy Chang and Juan Lopez, who are working to address human trafficking. They are based in the Philippines. WPC members continue to study the topic and concrete actions that we could take on the local level.

Members:

Mary Burbridge; Rev. Katie Robb Davis; Ron Hileman; Julia Kalan; Dora Lodwick, John and Amy Ruby; George Scheuernstuhl; Martha Turner; and John Simonton.

The Rev. Katie Robb Davis
Associate Pastor of Mission and Congregational Care





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Local Service Ministries

(Serving several, not just one!)

In keeping with Wellshire Local Service Ministries Mission Statement, our members served those in need and, in turn, deepened and expanded our spiritual growth. This past fiscal year, we were most fortunate to receive \$17,500.00 from the operating budget as well as additional monies from the Alternative Christmas Market, the Christmas Joy Offering, the Pentecost Offering, One Great Hour of Sharing, and the Mission Possible Project.

To that end, we issued the following amounts to our Partner Agencies to provide requested services and supplies:

Baby Haven:	\$5317.00
Family HomeStead:	823.00
Metro Caring (Souper Bowl of Caring – 2016 + past years)	4000.00
Schmitt Elementary:	1880.00
Urban Peak:	4935.00

Reverse offerings netted more than 2,500 lbs. of food for Metro Caring and a most generous collection of school supplies for Schmitt Elementary.

We also contributed to the Presbytery and to the needs of our Support Agencies:

Presbytery Mission:	\$7000.00
Central Visitation:	1000.00
Hunger Task Force (for Hands Up for the Children):	1000.00
Highlands Camp (Debt Reduction Matching Fund):	5000.00
Emergency Discretion Fund (Youth Mission Trip):	2000.00

Our large project this year was decorating the Giggle Room in the Transitional House at Baby Haven. We were able to provide furniture, rugs, a bookcase, drapes, toys, books, and games; we so appreciate the volunteer hours and furnishings that our congregation readily and lovingly donated. And, what a great response we had to paint those 10-foot walls on a very HOT July 9th – thank you!

Local Mission continued tracking our volunteer hours spent on Wellshire and non-Wellshire related activities for a grand total of 1467 hours. We were thrilled to achieve a 50% increase in volunteerism from awesome members of the congregation for Schmitt Elementary, Metro Caring, Baby Haven, and Urban Peak.





Looking toward 2016/2017:

Our goal for the coming fiscal year is to help fund a large project for another of our partner agencies and to continue to highly motivate and involve this congregation in the many volunteer opportunities that exist within our partner and support agencies!

If you are interested in joining our ministry or learning more about Local Service Ministries, please contact Dinah Gow by phone at 303-668-1991 or by email at dgow1109@comcast.net.

THANK YOU,
Dinah Gow
Moderator, Local Service Ministries



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Music Ministries

The Wellshire Department of Music Ministries consisted of a number of ensembles and activities that helped make 2015-2016 another successful year of music leadership in worship.

CELEBRATION RINGERS — Sue Hahn directed Celebration Ringers, playing in both Living Water and Traditional Worship. Throughout the year, the group rehearsed on Monday evenings in the Ensemble Room. In October, Wellshire hosted a Back to Bells Workshop. In March, Celebration Ringers participated in the Northern Colorado Handbell Festival in Loveland. In June, five ringers attended a three-day Area 11 Festival in Cheyenne with ringers from 10 different states.

CELEBRATION SINGERS — Celebration Singers rehearsed Wednesdays at 6:00 pm under the direction of Tegan Palmer and accompanied by Jane Ripper. The group sang regularly during the year for Living Water. In the fall, Celebration Singers combined with Celebration Ringers and the Sanctuary Choir on Generosity Sunday. The singers also combined with Sanctuary Choir and ReSound Kids to present *A Festival of Carols* on December 6. The women of Celebration Singers helped lead the 6:00 pm Christmas Eve service. In addition, the group prepared music for Maundy Thursday and combined with Confluence on two numbers for the Living Water Easter service.

CHILDREN — During the 2015-2016 church year, ReSound Kids and ReSound Youth rehearsed between worship services, focusing more on an educational than **“performance” experience. Even so, they did sing periodically in worship with Juli Dowell** as their director and Susan Lewkow providing piano accompaniment.

CONFLUENCE — Donna Wickham continued to work with Confluence and lead music for Living Water worship, rehearsing on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. Paul Day-Lucore played drums, John Ruby played bass and trumpet, and Juli Dowell, Martha Cearley, Bruce Kirkpatrick, and Brendan Schuster provided vocal leadership. Highlights included many new jazz arrangements of classic hymns and a Taizé Ash Wednesday service.

SANCTUARY CHOIR — Under the direction of Dr. Michael Pohlenz, the Sanctuary Choir rehearsed on Wednesday evenings and sang in Traditional Worship September through July.



Highlights included *A Festival of Carols* which featured Celebration Singers and ReSound Kids on December 6; carols with orchestra during the *Candlelight Carol Ceremony* at 11:00 pm on Christmas Eve; a variety of music appropriate for *Tenebrae* on Good Friday evening; and two services on Easter Sunday with music from *Messiah* by G. F. Handel, accompanied by orchestra. Throughout the year, Jane Ripper accompanied the Sanctuary Choir, vocal and instrumental soloists, small ensembles, and orchestra on organ, piano, and harpsichord. Michael Pohlenz coordinated programming at Wellshire for the Baroque Chamber Orchestra of Colorado, Canto Deo, and the **Colorado Chorale to enhance Wellshire's visibility within the greater Denver arts community.**

The staff, volunteers, and families of ReSound Kids, ReSound Youth, Celebration Ringers, Confluence, Celebration Singers, and the Sanctuary Choir routinely invest an extraordinary amount of time and talent to provide musical leadership in the worship life of Wellshire Presbyterian Church. The faithful support of the Music Department by all church members will ultimately benefit everyone as we grow a church in the Denver community worthy of the high calling of Christ.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Dr. Michael Pohlenz
Director of Music Ministries





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Children & Family Ministries

Sundays Mornings at Wellshire with Children & Family

We offer children's education during both services: a multiage class for children in Kindergarten – 5th grades during the Living Water worship and two classes (Kindergarten – 2nd grade and 3rd – 5th grade) during the Traditional worship. 23 Wellshire members gave of their time by teaching in our Sunday morning classes for children.

In January, Children's Ministry implemented a new curriculum, *Deep Blue*. The curriculum has been well received by the children and the Sunday school teachers. **In conjunction with the new curriculum, Children's Ministry has added a toddler lesson; the toddlers are now learning the same Bible stories as the other children on Sundays.**

Nine 3rd graders received their Bibles in 2015. **The presentation of Bibles to 3rd graders is a stepping stone in a child's faith development.**

Wellshire has approximately three infants, seven toddlers, and 11 preschoolers join us **Sunday morning for childcare.** **Our fantastic staff led by Jaime Martinez, Wellshire's Childcare Coordinator,** nurtures our children and gives parents time to sing, serve, and worship. Thank you to Sarah Babbitt, Joss Van Nuffel, Pamela Moore, and Christine Brandner. We also thank the more than 25 faithful and dedicated Wellshire members and youth who volunteer in our childcare rooms.

Children's ministry was creative in Summer 2016 with kids joining the congregation in worship and living artfully at the Creation Station.

Fellowship with Children & Family

Club 45, Wellshire's Tween Ministry for 4th & 5th graders, met on the first Sunday of each month with both youth (Emma and Colleen Campbell) and adult (David McLain and Chad McDonnell) leaders. 16 4th and 5th graders participated in the fellowship and fun.

Children & Family held several events with opportunities for fellowship including: **Family Advent-ure, Families with Young Children BBQ, Kids' Summer Book Club, and Year-End Club 45 and Youth Group Dinner.**



Vacation Bible School

Director Jaime Martinez led 70 children on a trek through Thailand in July 2015. She was assisted by over 43 volunteers. Nearly 50% of the children who attended VBS do not regularly worship or serve at Wellshire.

Thank you to Priscilla Cross, Brian Duggan, Brian Fleischmann, John Hughes, Kristine Ingraham, Pamela Moore, Laurie Pechie, and Jenn VanDeburg for their contributions to the Children & Family Ministry committee. Thank you to Wellshire for its commitment to nurturing the faith of our children and families.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Kendal Mullins

Director of Children and Family Ministries





Deacons

The Deacon Board was composed of four elected classes that serve three-year terms.

- 2015: Angela Duggan, Loretta Graham-Frees, Mary Zuchegno, Richard Turner, Wayne Cady.
- 2016: Carl Frantz, Diane Henderson, Maureen Mrizek, Beth Pannbacker (1 yr.), Heather Rutherford, Billie Mae Scheuernstuhl, Stan Sellner, Donna Smits (1 yr.), Wally White.
- 2017: Dinah Gow, Anne Gurley, Ted Richardson, Rita Stagg, Margaret Stavros, Dan Stewart.
- 2018: Susan Baak, Tom Bacon, Greg Biggs, Sue Cady, Cate Cearley, Allison McQueen.
- *Pastoral Advisor:* Rev. Katie Robb Davis.

Deacons began the year with a Deacon Fund balance of \$2926.84 and ended the year with \$1873.13. A total of \$1991.25 was gifted to WPC members, friends of WPC, or walk-ins in need of financial support. Sign-Up Genius was instituted in the second half of the year, making volunteering much easier to do and to manage.

Eight Deacon-led ministry teams coordinated volunteer participation. The Deacon **mission focused on sharing God's love through hospitality and acts of service, as well as participating in training/exploration for personal and worship community growth. Some deacon activities were coordinated through Wellshire's Care Center.** Most of the attention centered around those who were homebound or those with special needs due to illness, grief, or financial issues. A summary of each of the ministry teams follows.

Flower Delivery: Lori Graham-Frees/Diane Henderson. Deacons serve on one of four teams, consisting of 35 volunteers, to deliver flowers. Each week the Care Center identifies two people to remember with flowers and gives those names to the Ministry Team Coordinator who in turn notifies the team that is responsible for delivery that week. The bouquet of flowers in the Sanctuary is divided into two bouquets, and these are delivered to the designated church members. Parents of newborn infants receive a single rose. Flower delivery is suspended at Easter and during portions of Advent when special seasonal floral arrangements are used in



lieu of donated flowers. 98 bouquets and 3 roses were delivered.

Greeters: Wayne Cady/Ted Richardson. Deacons and four other volunteers served as greeters for worship services. Greeters provide a welcoming smile as people enter the church and also help identify visitors and provide information to prospective members. Ted Richardson created a pen holder for each name tag station, improving the name-tag-making task. 192 greeters welcomed worshippers.

Homebound Communion: Maureen Mrizek. Deacons and volunteers serve communion to homebound members who are unable to attend a regular church service. Serving communion to these members provides a way to reach out and bring the recipient into the folds of our worship community. It offers Deacons and others the privilege of sharing the sacrament of God's love and demonstrates a care and concern for our members by the larger congregation. The Care Center contacts and identifies members who desire homebound communion. The Ministry Team Coordinator determines which Deacons will be serving communion and contacts Linda Valo, who prepares the baskets containing bread, wine, and the order of service, which are taken to the recipients. 60 Communion contacts were made, either one-on-one or in a group setting at the Meridian location.

Meals Ministry: Angela Duggan/Susan Baak. There are four teams made up of deacons and other volunteers (30 individuals) who prepare and/or deliver hot meals to church members who are in need because of illness, grief or other situations. Deacons prepared frozen casseroles to assist in this ministry. The Care Center informs the Ministry Team Coordinator when a need arises, and the Coordinator passes along the information to the teams for meal delivery.

Deacons' Pancake Breakfast: Richard Turner/Wally White. Pancake breakfasts were served in the Fall and Spring to WPC. Donations were taken at both breakfasts to support Deacon ministries and the Youth Mission trip, consecutively. Deacon volunteers do the preparation, serving, and clean-up; youth assisted with the same kind of support for the Spring breakfast. Net proceeds of \$876.75 were collected in the Fall; \$1501.69 in the Spring. About 200 people were served at each event.



Community Service Projects: Mary Zuchegno/Diane Henderson. Two meals **were served to residents of the New Genesis Men's Shelter (August & June).** With many deacons participating through driving, serving, and contributing food, drinks, salads, and dessert. Following the June event, Diane hosted the Board at her home for dessert and fellowship. 215 meals were served.

Parking Hosts: Richard Turner/Dinah Gow/Margaret Stavros. Deacons volunteer the third Sunday of each month to assist those who need help getting into the church. **A "step-board" was obtained to aid those where needed. Buses from** various extended care facilities bring members who frequently need assistance with walkers or handicap parking spaces. This is another opportunity to welcome people to Wellshire with a smile and a helping hand if needed. 36 volunteer opportunities were filled.

Visitation with Care Friends: Carl Frantz/Dan Stewart. The ministry is coordinated by the Care Center. The Care Center attendees identify people who **would like to have a deacon "care friend."** These individuals are then matched with a deacon, former deacon, or willing church member. Ideally, each deacon visits or otherwise contacts (through phone or card) the care friend on a monthly basis. Deacons with care friends often report how blessed they feel after a visit, making visitation one of the more rewarding ministries. There are currently 13 individuals on the care friend roster and an additional 16 people including three couples at the Meridian Retirement Center that are being visited regularly. 300 visits were made.

In addition to serving on ministry teams, Deacons served Communion at the Living Water Service on 11 occasions.

It was a busy year. It was a blessed year. Deacons received so much more than what **they gave. The Board extends its thanks ...to the people in the Care Center, Pastoral Care Team and Beth Hamstra for all of their caring and help ...to the Congregation** for their willingness to be volunteers and servants with us as well as gracious **recipients of service that was offered ...to our great God who loves us, holds us, and keeps us forever and ever.**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Rita Stagg
Moderator, Deacons





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Youth Ministries

The Youth Program at Wellshire had a full year. Supported by amazing youth **sponsors and passionate parents, the Rev. Kira Anderson's second year was a busy and exciting one again.** Our weekly programming continued to offer a time set aside for the middle school youth and high school youth to meet separately. The meetings were connected by the parents providing dinner for the all the youth to come together around the table each week. The year included Sunday night youth group, games, raising funds for our Pine Bluff Mission Trip, confirmation, Love Your Neighbor: Acts of Kindness Night, and Youth Sunday. Youth Sunday was paired with an overwhelmingly successful canned food drive partnered with Souper Bowl of Caring and United in Orange. In Fall 2015, we had our second annual middle school overnight retreat where the middle school youth came together for a night of games and spiritual renewal. We will continue to offer this annual event for our middle schoolers. In May, the Youth and Club 45 families joined for a fun end of the year dinner and bingo. We welcomed the then-graduating 5th graders into the Youth Group and celebrated our graduating seniors. We plan on also making this an annual event for the Youth and Club 45 families.

20 high school youth and 5 sponsors traveled to Pine Bluff, AR to serve with OMP from June 5 through 11, 2016. OMP (an acronym for Ozark Mission Project) is a ministry of United Methodist Church. This summer, the organization celebrated its 30-year anniversary. When OMP began in 1986, it had one location/camp and 35 participants. Today, OMP hosts 12 camps at 12 locations each summer, serving all four corners of Arkansas. Over 1,000 youth and young adults participate in OMP camps each summer. OMP brings church youth groups to camp sites around Arkansas where they, in turn, engage in the surrounding communities. In the spirit of Christ, these youth and adults serve individuals and families, our neighbors, who are in need of minor construction and yard work. Our Wellshire youth built wheel chair ramps, painted homes, did yard work, and many other service projects. In addition to the physical service projects, probably the most impactful part of the week was that we were able to spend time everyday visiting, sharing lunch with the Pine Bluff homeowners we were serving. All this was made possible through fundraising and the support of Wellshire members. It was a transformative week.



The Confirmation Program was further revamped and strengthened. In 2015-2016, six ninth graders went through the confirmation program and five confirmed and joined the church. They were each paired with a mentor (an adult member from Wellshire) to help them learn about the church and explore their faith. From October to May, they met once a month during Sunday School with lessons taught by the Rev. Kira Anderson. They had guest speakers including a panel discussion with the Wellshire clergy. Each confirmation student had to complete multiple requirements to be confirmed. Examples of the requirements include ten service hours completed **through Wellshire's existing mission programs, attending churches outside of the PC(USA)** and writing up their experiences, writing and presenting their own Statement of Faith to the Wellshire Session, and much more. The confirmands, with help from their families and mentors, worked hard. It was a fruitful and active program.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

The Rev. Kira Anderson

Associate Pastor of Youth and Young Adults





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Young Adult Ministries

The Rev. Kira Anderson along with young adult leaders continued to grow and strengthen the dynamic young adult ministry at Wellshire. We had another eventful and successful year. Many programs continued from last year, such as Theology on Tap. Theology on Tap meets on the first Tuesday of each month at local pubs and restaurants around the Denver area for fun, safe, and real conversations on faith and life over food and drink. Attendance varied greatly each month, ranging from 5-12 young adults with an average attendance of 10.

Young Adult groups, in addition to monthly programs, met for fun events including a BBQ, Corn Maze and pumpkin picking, Halloween Party, and Christmas Party. The **group CORE's annual Friendsgiving was again a hit with a house filled with a lot of laughs and food.**

Our second annual GALentine's Day Brunch in February continued to be an amazing event for our young adult ladies, and our attendance boomed. We went from 12 ladies in 2015 to over 35 ladies in 2016. GALentine's Day is a brunch at Wellshire where women come together celebrating being women created and loved by God. This year we offered a MANvent alongside GALentine's Day. Some of our young adult men came together for BBQ and bowling. We plan on offering both events again in 2017. We also added recreation events to our ministry by having our first young adult kickball team in the spring of 2016. Our team played at the Sunken Garden's Field on Thursday nights for eight weeks. Team members brought their dogs to most games and the team joked that their mantra was, "We may not win many games but we always have the most dogs." All in all, it was an exciting year for a growing young adult ministry.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

The Rev. Kira Anderson
Associate Pastor of Youth and Young Adults





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Adult Education

Adult Education at Wellshire continues to grow and attract participants. Wellshire has many small groups that meet during the year, and this is only a glance at the many wonderful Adult Education offerings. It has been a busy, fruitful, and innovative year. We expanded our Sunday morning classes to include many different types of adult **educational opportunities. We continued to offer Clif' Notes, which provides adults** with in-depth studies on books of the Bible. To just name a few we offered classes titled *Mudhouse Sabbath*, *The Faith of the Mockingbird*, and *Raising Teens in an Almost Christian World: A Parent's Guide*. Global Missions offers a monthly class on the ministries we support around the globe. One of the big hits of new classes we offer was a series on *TEDTalks*, and by popular demand we have brought the series back for Sunday mornings this August. We also offered a Celtic Christianity study that **help us prepare for and welcome Wellshire's May guest speaker John Philip Newell.**

In addition to Sunday mornings, classes and groups also met through the week, **which included Chuck Sparks' very successful class Financial Peace University.** Other new short-term classes we offered included special Advent and Lent series. In Advent, small groups committed to meeting weekly for a book study hosted by the pastors at their homes. In Lent, the pastors filmed a series on Call; small groups met outside of Sunday mornings at Wellshire to watch and discuss the videos.

Sixth Day continued to be a fun and lively time of fellowship for our sage seniors and meets on the second Friday of each month. Attendance averages between 30 and 50 sage and spirited seniors and is enhanced by the wonderful meal prepared by Beth Hamstra and the members of the Community Life Committee.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

The Rev. Kira Anderson

Associate Pastor of Youth and Young Adults





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Congregational Care

The Wellshire Care Center continues to provide regular contact through phone calls, cards, and worship CDs with those in our congregation who may have experienced significant life events throughout the year.

The Wellshire Care Center:

- Provided more than 750 hours of care to members at Wellshire
- Mailed more than 450 cards with handwritten notes to various members of the congregation during significant moments of their lives
- Mailed more than 1,125 bulletins and 1,050 worship CDs to our homebound members

The Pastoral Staff has provided many hours of visitation and counsel throughout the year. We have spent time in hospitals, hospices, and rehabilitation centers visiting the dying and the ill. We also

- Performed 11 baptisms for both children and adults, with each infant and young child receiving a baptismal quilt crafted by the Wellshire Sewing Fellowship
- Performed 24 memorial services, as well as provided care for the grieving

The Wellshire Knitters knitted, blessed, and gave 11 prayer shawls to those who might benefit from a warm hug to wrap themselves in.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Beth Hamstra
Director of Congregational Life





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The Generosity Workgroup

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.

— 1 Timothy 6:17-18

Our annual generosity campaign was highlighted this year by “FIT at Wellshire” – a theme which described a number of areas and missions in the church where generosity was exhibited (particularly finance, inspiration, and time. Our goal was to encourage everyone to make a financial and talent commitment to the mission and ministry of Wellshire Presbyterian Church.

We were blessed to receive 313 pledges for 2016 totaling \$1,279,035 – the highest pledge amount in the last decade at Wellshire. Of that, 140 pledged what they gave in 2015, 27 decreased their pledge, 112 increased their pledge, and we received 34 new pledges. Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.

A huge thanks to our workgroup which consists of Martha Cearley, Carl Franz, Glen MacCallum, Chuck Sparks, Bob Stubbs, Carolyn Wehrheim, and Beryla Wolf.

FAITHFULLY SUBMITTED,

Chuck Sparks
Director of Operations



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Necrology Report

Marvin Neil Cameron	July 1, 2015
Lorraine Fowler Scott	July 14, 2015
Reva V. Cox	July 22, 2015
Clarence Tillman Olson	August 8, 2015
Carl Al Helmstaedter	September 3, 2015
Delbert John Jensen	September 16, 2015
Dorothy Petet	October 31, 2015
Jane Mulder	December 27, 2015
Helen Rhea Turner Wiese	January 11, 2016
George McLaren Lacy	January 15, 2016
Earline Adele Pool	January 28, 2016
Eloise Loesby	February 4, 2016
Robert William Raymond	February 11, 2016
Jean Ward Low	February 27, 2016
Dorothy Jane McCluskie	March 6, 2016
Gladys Weimar	March 20, 2016
Melvin C. Bell	March 31, 2016
Howard Sala	April 9, 2016
Keith Collins Frey	May 16, 2016
Jane Stevenson Day	May 24, 2016
Francis Lee Cameron	June 16, 2016
Fred Louis Wollerman	June 16, 2016
Robert Everett Brown	June 17, 2016
Ellen Hall Dillinger	July 1, 2016



The Hunger Task Force

The 2015-2016 year was excellent for Wellshire's Hunger Task Force (HTF) as we continued to provide food, and "Brighter Days," to the community of metro Denver. In December, we purchased, organized, and delivered food to 113 families (505 people) with Wellshire's annual Christmas Food Basket program.

Equally importantly, throughout the year, we continued to purchase food and fund hunger-related programs for a diverse set of agencies in Denver. How do we do it? The answer is through the generosity of the Wellshire congregation. The funds contributed to the **"Brighter Days" envelopes (found in the pews) enable this valuable and much needed, ministry.** In total, the HTF was able to transform over \$15,000 into food to combat hunger in our community.

Who does the Hunger Task Force help?

Along with the Christmas Food Basket Program, the Hunger Task Force continued its support of three agencies in the city of Denver. These agencies serve different populations but are aligned in the fight against hunger. The agencies are:

- New Genesis – the only Denver-area homeless program for working people. Each year, New Genesis helps 600 people get off the streets and back to a fully productive lifestyle. If you live there, you are required to hold a full-time job and be substance free. In the past 12 months, the HTF continued to support their mission by providing \$1,800 for the purchase of food, in addition to serving meals to the men who live there.
- Gathering Place – **Denver's only daytime drop-in center** for women and children experiencing homelessness and poverty, the Gathering Place serves over 60,000 meals annually. Each week between July 2015 and June 2016, the HTF purchased food from the Food Bank of the Rockies and delivered it to the Gathering Place, funding over **\$2,000 worth of "brighter days" over the course of the year.**
- Schmitt Elementary – **this local elementary school, with the help of the "Hands Up for Children" organization, offers a backpack program that enables children to bring healthy food home on the weekends so they can meet their nutritional needs.** Our relationship with this organization has increased in support of the partnership between Wellshire and Schmitt. **Since last July, the HTF provided \$1,650 to support the organization's efforts to provide nutritional food on weekends to those children who need it most.**



What about the Christmas Food Basket Program?

Every year at Christmas, the Wellshire congregation joins together to provide boxes of food to families throughout the Denver Metro area who are in need of some assistance. On December 12-13, 2015, we stocked the shelves of Wellshire's "store" with over 8,000 items of food. Wellshire members then went "shopping" for 113 families (a total of 505 people) before delivering Christmas boxes full of food to these appreciative families. Thank you for helping us make 505 Christmases a little brighter.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Andy Zurcher
Hunger Task Force



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Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers

- continue to provide confidential Christian care and support to both our church members and non-members who have found us on the Wellshire website.
- meet twice monthly for supervision and continuing education.
- maintain the Care Notes found in the Narthex and Chapel entrance.
- **send a series of four “Journeying Through Grief” booklets to family members** after the death of a loved one.
- assist in the parking lots on the first Sunday of each month.
- **hosted the annual “Longest Night” candlelight service and soup supper** in December for those grieving the loss of a loved one.
- welcomed new member Jeanne Schwenk, who has extended a ministry of visitation to our members at Meridian.

We are here for you. If you are experiencing a difficult situation, we offer one-on-one **confidential, caring support. It doesn't have to be a crisis. You can contact a Stephen Minister** by calling our confidential voicemail at 303 758-2233, ext. 251. Our confidential email is stephenministry@wpcdenver.org.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Pat Van Bramer
Stephen Ministry Leader



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The Kendall Memorial Library

The Kendall Memorial Library Committee has continued to maintain and update the collection while making the congregation aware of available materials through book displays, notices, the Wellshire eNews, and librarian presentations.

New books have been purchased, catalogued, and prepared for circulation. A membership in the Church and Synagogue Library Association provides helpful resources and book reviews. Efforts are made to remove books no longer needed. The database for the computerized catalog is updated as books are added or removed.

The Bible Buddies Summer Reading Program encourages children and youth to use the library. Each person is required to read five books from the library, provide a log of books read, and write brief reports on two of the books. Participants who complete the requirements receive rewards, and their families are included in a drawing for a family prize. This year, a Summer Book Club was initiated. Seven young people read and discussed the book *Wonderstruck* by Brian Selznick.

The committee continues to sponsor an adult Book Club where participants review and discuss selected books.

Used Book Sales were conducted in December, February, and June with proceeds going toward library needs. Generous support is appreciated!

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Carol Britt
Library Committee





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The Community Life Committee

The mission of Community Life is to develop and help implement activities throughout the year where people can experience the love of Christ as well as relationships with others. Recreation Ministry is included under the umbrella of Community Life; its purpose is to build community through play.

An effort was made to expand and involve members and the community through small and large group fellowship.

Summer:

- Elephant Rock Ride (Recreation Ministry)
- Bike to Church Day (Recreation Ministry)
- Ice Cream Social
- Race 4 Research (Recreation Ministry)
- Day of Service, Day of Play and Day of Jubilee: Day of Play Hike (Recreation Ministry)

Fall:

- Blessing of the Animals

Winter:

- Living Nativity
- Stock show

In addition, Community Life has assisted with planning and cooking for all 6th Day luncheons.

Special thanks to Pioneers Fellowship Group for decorating the Sanctuary and Chapel for Christmas and to the Quinty family for decorating the Christmas tree.

Members of the committee are Susan Baak, Margaret Ellsworth, Sharon Newman, Jean Simonton, Carol Strickland, Sondra Plachy, Kathy Murphy, Amy Quin (elder), and Beth Hamstra (staff).

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Beth Hamstra
Staff Liaison





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Endowment

A Session-approved distribution of \$27,510 was made from the Endowment Funds to committees and the operating budget. These proceeds from the Endowment Funds (5% of the average market value of the funds averaged over the prior 12 quarters) are gifts that provide a reliable income stream to Wellshire. These distributions were made as follows:

Session for various ministries	\$16,716
Memorial Garden	\$2,590
Mission	\$5,192
Scholarships	\$1,375
<u>Ammons Preaching</u>	<u>\$1,637</u>
Total	\$27,510

The Endowment Fund ended the year with a balance of \$674,511.

Wellshire’s Endowment Fund is a collection of funds that are maintained and invested for the benefit of the church. Through the Endowment Fund, we honor Christ by providing sustainable financial resources and providing an opportunity to enrich our **own individual faith by helping to strengthen and support Wellshire’s ministries well** beyond our physical lifetime.

The Wellshire Endowment is managed by the Endowment Management Workgroup and the Finance Committee. The Endowment Management workgroup members are Steve McDonald, John Winslow, and Michael Pasquariello. Please contact any of them with questions.

MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS WELLSHIRE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,

Chuck Sparks
Director of Operations





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Memorial Gifts

Wellshire Presbyterian Church was kindly and generously remembered by many who gave memorial gifts to honor and remember their family members and friends. Over \$20,000 was given in support of music, youth, and the Joseph Hadley Theological Education Fund. Thank you to all of you and your friends for their generosity. Memorial Gifts were received in memory of the following:

- Connie Petterson
- Marvin Cameron
- Anita Watson
- Alys McMunn
- Clarence Olson
- Susan S. Christian
- Judith Ross Bird
- Jeff Hochenedel
- Becky Whitaker
- Norma Johnson
- Marilyn Metz
- Nancy Morrison
- **Mable Southall (Jean Simonton's mother)**
- John Shada, III
- Donald Fink
- Earline Pool
- Jan Mitchell
- Jane Mulder
- Howard Sala
- **Marjorie McCormick (Taylor Simonton's mother)**

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Chuck Sparks

Director of Operations





ONE WELLSHIRE

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN

Programmatic Benefits

Building and strengthening the Body of Christ, this renovation aims to:

- Enhance existing worship of God and allow for new worship styles
- Enlarge and improve fellowship space to inspire more opportunities for members to connect with their Christian community
- Attract, welcome, and engage visitors and families
- Increase mission and outreach programs to serve those in need beyond our walls
- Grow programs for members to increase engagement and live their faith

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Wellshire Presbyterian Church Capital Improvement Campaign Estimate

- Sanctuary Renovation
- Narthex and Entry Renovation
- Mission Component
- Debt Retirement

Total Campaign \$3,275,000

- Breadth
- Length
- Height
- Depth

I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3:18-19



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Balance Sheet

Wellshire Presbyterian Church

Wellshire Presbyterian
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2016

Assets

CURRENT ASSETS

001-001-10100 - General Fund Checking		\$314,800.91
001-001-10300 - General Fund Money Market (sale of house proceeds)		285,000.00
006-006-11101 - Parents Day Out Checking		104,821.75
004-004-10300 - Texas Presbyterian Foundation (Endowments)	\$581,615.54	
004-004-15100 - Presbyterian Church Foundation (Endowments)	92,895.81	
Total Endowment Investments		674,511.35

Total CURRENT ASSETS 1,379,134.01

OTHER ASSETS - Deferred Loan Costs 3,413.67

FIXED ASSETS - at cost

001-001-14100 - Land - 2999 S. Colorado Blvd.		242,759.00
001-001-14120 - Land - 2901 S. Colorado Blvd.		24,000.00
001-001-14125 - Land - 2900 S. Harrison St.		25,000.00
001-001-14200 - Building - 2999 S. Colorado Blvd.		6,902,552.62
001-001-14230 - Building - 2900 S. Harrison Street		215,241.00
001-001-14250 - Accumulated Depreciation - Buildings		(2,547,177.07)
001-001-14300 - Furnishings & Equipment		616,560.85
001-001-14350 - Accumulated Depreciation - Furnishings. & Equipment		(615,792.66)

Total FIXED ASSETS 4,863,143.74

Total Assets \$6,245,691.42

Liabilities and Net Assets

LIABILITIES

001-001-20100 - Accounts Payable and Payroll Related Liabilities	\$164.68
006-006-25110 - Prepaid Fall Tuition	26,610.00

TOTAL PAYABLES 26,774.68

NOTES PAYABLE - 1st Bank Permanent Loan 662,605.83

Total LIABILITIES 689,380.51

NET ASSETS

General Fund Net Assets - Unrestricted	4,266,994.36
Total Temporarily Restricted - Session and Donor Designated	614,805.20
Total Permanently Restricted - Endowments	674,511.35
Total Restricted Net Assets	1,289,316.55
Total Net Assets	5,556,310.91

Total Liabilities and Net Assets \$6,245,691.42

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Actual Financial Statements

Wellshire Presbyterian Church

2017 Budget with Comparison to 2016 Budget Actual
Fiscal Years (FY) ended June 30

	FY 2016 Budget	FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Budget
RECEIPTS			
General Fund Pledges collected	1,225,000	1,274,600	1,300,000
General Fund Contributions collected	155,600	117,369	130,000
Endowment Fund Distributions	16,500	24,062	20,000
Loose Offering	12,000	10,948	12,000
Per Capita Contributions	9,000	9,005	9,000
Recognition of Designated Funds' gifts	98,100	92,059	91,100
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	1,516,200	1,528,043	1,562,100
OTHER RECEIPTS			
Building Use Income, mostly PDO rent	65,000	79,394	80,000
Miscellaneous Income	7,500	2,220	5,000
Rental Income, mostly houses	23,000	12,829	14,000
TOTAL OTHER RECEIPTS	95,500	94,443	99,000
TOTAL RECEIPTS	1,611,700	1,622,486	1,661,100
EXPENSES (see Note below)			
Nurture & Care	136,580	146,194	150,392
Community Life	61,657	70,866	63,117
Mission	154,590	163,059	176,100
Evangelism	112,000	120,015	118,367
Denominational Expense	45,000	45,000	45,000
Worship & Arts	427,767	411,631	420,046
Youth	103,000	86,073	91,400
Office Operations	186,495	201,562	202,083
Property Management	305,011	296,810	314,995
Debt Service - Principal and interest	79,600	79,228	79,600
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,611,700	1,620,438	1,661,100
NET RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	0	2,048	0

Note: Personnel costs of \$1,047,895; \$1,042,582; and \$1,061,000 have been allocated to each Mission or Ministry for Budget 2016, Actual 2016, and Budget 2017, respectively.

FAITHFULLY SUBMITTED,
Chuck Sparks, Director of Operations

