

The Second Presbyterian Church of Baltimore Annual Report to the Congregation for the period ending December 31, 2008.

Connecting Christ & Community



The Second Presbyterian
Church of Baltimore

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FORM OF GOVERNMENT

G-7.0300

3. MEETINGS OF THE CONGREGATION

G-7.0301

CONGREGATION

The congregation is made up of all members on the active roll of a particular church. All such members who are present at a congregational meeting are entitled to vote.

G-7.0302

ANNUAL MEETINGS

a. The congregation shall hold an annual meeting and may hold other meetings as necessary. The annual meeting may consider such business as electing officers, hearing reports of the session along with plans for the coming year, hearing reports from the board of deacons and other organizations of the church, and transacting other business as is appropriate. It shall review the adequacy of the compensation of the pastor or pastors upon report of the prior review by the session. (G-10.0102n) Public notice of the meeting shall be given on two successive Sundays.

G-7.0304

BUSINESS

a. Business to be transacted at meetings of the congregation shall include the following:

- (1) matters related to the electing of elders, deacons, and trustees;
- (2) matters related to the calling of a pastor or pastors;
- (3) matters related to the pastoral relationship, such as changing the call, or requesting or consenting or declining to consent to dissolution;
- (4) matters related to buying, mortgaging, or selling real property (G-8.0500);
- (5) matters related to the permissive powers of a congregation, such as the desire to lodge all administrative responsibility in the session, or the request to presbytery for exemption from one or more requirements because of limited size.

from the *Book of Order*, PC(USA)

AGENDA

The 204th Annual Meeting of the Second Presbyterian Church of Baltimore Sunday, February 1, 2009, Smith Hall

- 10:00 a.m.** Welcome and opening prayer - The Rev. Jenn DiFrancesco
- The Call of the Annual Meeting to Order
- Establish a quorum of members in attendance
- Approve the minutes of the 2008 Congregational Meetings (page 13): John Sheldon
- The Nominating Committee report: Lucy Smith
- The election of officers
- Presentation of the 2009 Budget (Including Terms of Pastors' Call): John Saxton
- Report by Facilities Master Planning Committee: Bruce Behrens
- Call for other pertinent business
- Adjournment of Meeting, Closing Prayer
- Call to Order of the Meeting of the Corporation of Second Presbyterian Church in the City of Baltimore, Maryland
- Opening Prayer
- Board of Trustees Report: Mark Felder
- Other pertinent business
- 10:50 a.m.** Adjournment of Meeting and Prayer of Dismissal

The Session

2009	2010	2011
Rebecca Ferrell	Eloise Bensberg	Sharon Britton
Robert Flower	Tom Monahan	Nancy Getter
Leslie Owsley	John Sheldon	Ann Hesselbacher
John Saxton	Lucille Smith	Cindy Mead
Scott Silverwood	Don Templin	Ben Payne
Deborah Slingsluff		Mari Quint
		Mark Thober

John Sheldon, Clerk of Session
The Reverend Dr. Thomas W. Blair, Moderator
Leslie Owsley, Recording Secretary

Board of Trustees

2009	2010	2011
Julie Darsie	David Dardis	Keith Getter
*Mark Felder	William Kerr	John Hoey
Devereux Slingsluff	Cindy Levering	Jim Hughes
Robert Snyder	Janet Marquardt	Mary Nickerson

*Mark Felder, President

**John Hoey, Treasurer

Deacons

2009	2010	2011
Jackie Blair	*Juli Callahan	Nancy Flower
Margaret Budd	Jean Coates	Stephanie Kleiser
Jen Dardis	Jaye Crooks	Katherine Murphy
Eugene Haupt	Rebecca Dineen	Amy Schumacher
Marge Haupt	Anita Dinwiddie	John Warnack
Jung Geum Park	Vivienne Elliott	Allison West
Dan Tuttle	Mary Landen	Carol Williams
	Gail Miller	
	*Holly Pool	
	Rachel Seba	
	Franklin Stout	

*Holly Pool and Juli Callahan, Co-Moderators

Councils and Committees

Advisory Council

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Blair
The Rev. Jenn DiFrancesco
Eloise Bensberg
Mark Felder
Rebecca Ferrell
Leslie Owsley
Mari Quint
John Sheldon
Scott Silverwood
Lucy Smith
Don Templin

Christian Education Council

Mari Quint, Chair
Jackie Blair
Meg Craft
Jenn DiFrancesco
Mark Felder
Nancy Flower
Nancy Furtaw
Shay Herman
Michelle Hwang
Stephanie Kleiser
Thom Kuhl
Emarie Payne
Sharon Pippert
Liz Sesler-Beckman
Rachel Seba

Caring & Fellowship Council

Rebecca Ferrell, Chair
Cecilia Amaral
Tom Blair
Jean Coates
Robert Flower
Ann Hesselbacher
Cindy Levering
Eunice Maguire
Jim Mayer
Mari Quint
Amy Schumacher
Janet Short
James Woods
Joyce Zimmerman

Facilities Planning Committee

Bruce Behrens
Tom Blair
Marjorie Bookhout
Mike Craft
Beth McCrickard
Julie Darsie
Jim Hughes

Paul Hume
Michelle Hwang
Elaine Logan
John Lohr
Cindy Mead
Tim Mead
Philip Olsen
Leslie Owsley
Peggy Poe
Holly Pool
Lynda Riley
Dan Shackelford

Labyrinth/Memorial Garden Committee

Harriette McPherson, Chair
Margaret Budd
Larry Budd
William Kerr
Mari Quint
Janet Short
Dev Slingluff

Mission Council

Mark Thober, Chair
Jenn DiFrancesco
Susan Emrich
Sheldon Euler
Nancy Iliff
Gene Leber
Sue Leber
Wendell Leimbach
Tom Monahan
Mary Nickerson
Anne Perry
Holly Pool
Lucy Smith

Nominating Committee

Lucy Smith, Chair
Richard Allen
Tom Blair
Ed Crooks
David Dardis
Gordy Hammann
Gene Haupt

Personnel Committee

John Saxton, Chair
Tom Blair
Eugene Haupt
Jim Hughes
Mary Nickerson
Ben Payne
John Sheldon

Stewardship Council

Don Templin, Chair
Tom Blair
Mark Felder
Gordy Hammann
Chuck Harlan
Holly Hoey
Thom Kuhl
Alix Rodman
Jeff Rodman
Peter Russell
Dan Shackelford
Dan Verbic
Mike Ward

Worship, Music and Sacraments Council

Eloise Bensberg, Chair
Tom Blair
Jaye Crooks
Jenn Di Francesco
Bruce Elliott
Mary Dell Harlan
Thom Kuhl
Janet Marquardt
Philip Olsen
Mari Quint
Liz Sesler-Beckman
Franklin Stout
Sarah Thober

Youth Council

Scott Silverwood, Chair
Julie Darsie
Jenn DiFrancesco
Vivienne Elliott
Cole Matson
Kelly Monahan
Julianne Payne
Drew Rodman
Deborah Slingluff

From Our Pastor

The Rev. Dr. Thomas W. Blair

Our “Second Family” is a gathering of generations - children, grandchildren, parents, grandparents and great-grandparents. At first, this may not appear to be a profound statement, but it truly is. The church is the one institution in contemporary life that is fully intergenerational. From baptism to memorial services, the church has rites and rituals to set apart sacred moments of our human experience; of new life, of death, and of many stages in between. In the year 2008, we gathered as a church family once again for these and other benchmark events, as we were called to be an outpost of Christ’s redeeming presence on earth. Looking back, 2008 was a year of transition, growth, and development.

Transition is a continuum; the momentum of past events helps carry us into a good and hopeful future. As we continue the work of our Reaching Out-Drawing Near Campaign while continuing to reach out and draw nearer to one another, both as a staff and growing congregation, we discover - and rediscover - our distinctive way of being Christ’s people in Baltimore and beyond. We are learning more about each other and how we can best reach out to care for and welcome those around us.

Some of what was a dream last year has become a reality. The work of the Impact Outreach teams has been truly inspiring. It is hard to believe that through our funding a new school for girls has been built in Afghanistan. People are being trained for new jobs through the CARES Career Connection, a new program offered through a partnership between Govans Ecumenical Development Corporation (GEDCO) and the Caroline Center, and students are being mentored through the Educational Opportunities Program (EOP) at Doris Johnson High School.

Even closer to home, renovation plans for our church building are beginning to come into clearer focus. The Facilities Planning Committee has been diligent and hard working, meeting most Monday nights of the year, carefully considering the best way forward for our long term future building needs. A special word of thanks is also well deserved for those who spent many hours of discussion in preparation for the construction of our new Memorial Wall, which now completes our Labyrinth Memorial Garden project.

Another important aspect of our work together this year was done under the theme of “Connecting Christ and Community.” Borne of the hope that in continuing conversations together we can help ensure that sanity, love, and compassion are given a chance, I was delighted to be able to help us host an Interfaith Dialogue. Featuring



The Rev. Dr. Tom Blair with his family on Confirmation Sunday, 2008.

Dr. Daniel L. Migliore, Princeton Theological Seminary’s Charles Hodge Professor of Systematic Theology, and Imam Yahya Hendi, the Muslim Chaplain at Georgetown University, a healthy conversation of points of differences and similarities between Christianity and Islam took place in our sanctuary on September 28. The event went very well and was a testimony to a new spirit of understanding in our midst, with our conversation now continuing under new leadership.

The year 2008 was highlighted by events described throughout this Annual Report that are hallmarks of Second Presbyterian tradition: the Easter Egg Hunt, Rally Day, a revived and expanded Christmas Pageant, the Silent Auction, and the Alternative Gift Market. We celebrated our first-ever Mission Day, and a first Fall Family Festival with pumpkins, games and plenty of fun. We also held our second successful Marriage Enrichment workshop. None of these could have occurred without devoted and tireless efforts by key people behind the scenes, too numerous to mention.

Our Session, Deacons, and Board of Trustees continued their ever-faithful work, overseeing the resources that we are given grace enough to share, and directing the programs that help us embody and impart Christ’s justice and love.

In this regard, our Stephen Ministers also continue to be effective both as hands and hearts of God, making a real difference in people’s lives. Our Chancel Choir and 2nd@9 Band continue to bring grace-filled harmony to our worship lives together.

Behind and supporting all this, we are continuing to strive to work together as a staff that engenders trust and confidence from our congregation and community. It is a daily joy to work together with such talented, capable, and committed people.

In 2008 six baptisms were performed, and nine new confirmands and 24 new members were received. We also shared in some joyous weddings and wonderful Second Friday gatherings, a third Annual Chili Cook-Off, and great Disciple Bible Study sessions.

As a congregation we also took time to remember seven of our members who have passed on to join the church triumphant: Clarissa Stamberger, Colin Lewis, Dr. Victor McKusick, Elizabeth Peklo, Joseph B. Harlan, Thomas F. Zink, Sr., and Marjorie M. Sheldon. We will deeply miss each and every one of these dear people, and our lives and work will be enriched and inspired by their examples. We hope to live up to their highest expectations of us.

In transition, continued growth, and development, Second Presbyterian Church is a gathering of generations that flourishes in and out of season. For example:

- Second Presbyterian is a church that does the basics of faith and fellowship with excellence and reaches a wide spectrum of members throughout Baltimore and its surrounding counties. Heritage is used here as a springboard to tomorrow rather than a place to rest in the past.

- Second Presbyterian makes faith attractive and

visible. Together, we are a progressive, not an aggressive church. We are reminded how significant and precious is this community of faith that has been carefully built over generations - generations to which we continue to add and nurture. We are a healthy, vibrant, and growing congregation with every reason to grow further through increased commitment, remembering to celebrate the church we have inherited and now have the privilege to be a part of us as we seek together to serve God in Baltimore and beyond.

As I have shared my life with you through another year, my fourth full year as Senior Pastor, I have appreciated more and more the vision, constancy of service, creativity, insight, and resources made available through this congregation. Thank you for sharing so much of it with me and my family.

With you, in Christ's service,

Tom

From Our Associate Pastor

The Rev. Jenn DiFrancesco

Reaching Out and Drawing Near definitely describes our 2008 together.

How exciting to look back over the year and see the lives touched through our hands. Some include: mission trip to Honduras, our first-ever all-church mission day, our participation at Our Daily Bread through the preparing and serving of meals, the hundreds of bags of food we've collected for the CARES pantry, and the many bag lunches and health kits the youth assembled for the homeless of Baltimore during their 30-hour famine.

Lives were also touched through the gathering of youth and children. Whether it was through our joint Vacation Bible School with First English Lutheran Church in July, the youth ski trip in February, or the year-long Confirmation Class - relationships were strengthened, with each other and with God.

It has been a challenging year serving on my assigned Presbytery committee - the Youth Committee. Through a revisioning process, the Presbytery hopes to offer better support to the lay leadership in the areas of youth and Christian education.

Just as exciting has been the past year serving on the Greater Homewood Interfaith Alliance steering committee. Over this past year, we invited the superintendent of the Baltimore City schools and others to speak at monthly lunch forums about youth needs in the city.

And it is always wonderful to gather regularly with the clergy from the other churches on Charles Street. This year Second Church hosted the annual Thanksgiving service (which was held on Wednesday night).

Many of you may know that I participate in a spiritual direction group, which gives me time to focus on my own spiritual development. I am thankful for this opportunity to grow in my faith and discuss everything from emergent church readings to theologian Jurgen Moltmann.

If there's any way to sum up 2008, it's that in growing our faith together in so many different ways we have drawn near, setting our sights higher for 2009 and beyond.

Jenn DiFrancesco



The Rev. Jenn DiFrancesco (right), Honduras, 2008

From Our Christian Educator

Michelle Hwang

Connecting Christ and Community is not only the theme for our church year, but conveys my understanding of the mission of our Christian Education Council. In the five months since I've joined the Second family, the time has been wonderfully full of planning activities that served as a meeting ground for our members where the light of Christ was exchanged through fellowship. This could not have been possible without the dedication of our council members who came out on Saturdays to blow up balloons, cut out various figures for various crafts, cooked, and volunteered to help clean up and organize the Sunday school classrooms. From Rally Day, Fall Festival, Advent Wreath, Church Christmas Decorating, and the Christmas Pageant, their commitment and love for Christ shone brightly.

And the light of Christ continued to shine through laughter, crafts, and extensive Biblical study in our Sunday School for children as well as the adult seminars. And it didn't stop there. This desire to grow in faith and



Michelle Hwang
Director of Christian Education

fellowship was also shared in our Bible studies throughout the week. I have had the privilege of sitting in on several of the adult Bible study groups where questions were discussed in depth and prayer requests shared compassionately.

But perhaps the laughter and joy is nowhere more evident than on Sunday morning in the lower level. I am told at least once every Sunday how much a child looks forward to coming to Sunday school. And why wouldn't they? Waiting for them was an excited teacher who had planned an hour full of learning,

building, cooking, and creating.

Second Presbyterian Church is richly blessed. Not only in the obvious material possessions, but in, as William Sloane Coffin said, "the realization that as Christians we do not believe in the cult of the individual ego." I look forward to the coming new year as Second expands our classrooms and reaches another milestone in our growth as a community centered on Jesus Christ.

From Our Pastoral Assistant

Mrs. Joyce C. Zimmerman



Joyce Zimmerman, Pastoral Assistant (left),
Wednesday Fellowship, 2008

My primary focus has always been on the older members of our congregation. My job title reflects the dual nature of my responsibilities - pastoral care and assisting where needed. Some tasks I have assumed just because of personal interests or experience. It is a part time position, and I deeply appreciate the staff support I have received and the latitude I have been given in setting priorities and tasks. I am also grateful for my office in the main hallway and the frequent interaction and job coordination with other staff that this location permits. I also appreciate all the help other staff members continue to give me as I progress in my knowledge of the many ways this computer can enhance my work and communication.

- Pastoral visits: Visits with elderly, shut-ins, persons with special needs. I deeply value the relationships I have developed and continue to build, and I look forward to

new ones.

- Wednesday Fellowship: An opportunity for fellowship and varied programs during the day. This is now a once-monthly program.
- Deacons: Assigning and monitoring parishes, apprising them of pastoral needs, assigning flower deliveries weekly as well as after Christmas and Easter.
- Chancel Guild: Coordinate weekly donors as well as those for Christmas and Easter.
- Caring and Fellowship Council
- Membership: I maintain the monthly statistical report, greet visitors, work with the new member class, and consult on maintenance of the church rolls.
- Action in Maturity (AIM): I serve on the board of this community organization serving senior citizens in the Greater Homewood area.
- Tapes: I record each 11 a.m. service and offer copies to those interested.
- Church office: I proof bulletins, the *Tower*, and other materials when requested. I frequently develop lists for special purposes or check said lists for accuracy and inclusiveness.

This year I also worked with the restructuring of the church library - an unfinished project.

Thank you for allowing me these opportunities and for all the help, encouragement, and friendship you have given me over the years.

Annual Statistical Report, 2008

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP AS OF JANUARY 1, 2008 501

ADD:

Confirmands	9	
New members	24	+38
Members from Inactive List	4	
Members from Affiliate List	1	

DELETE:

Death:	5	
Transfer:	4	-14
Request:	5	
Session Action:	0	

TRANSFER FROM ACTIVE TO INACTIVE LIST: 0

MEMBERSHIP AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2008

ACTIVE: 525

INACTIVE ROLLS

INACTIVE MEMBERSHIP as of January 1, 2008 (151)

TRANSFER IN FROM ACTIVE ROLLS 0

DELETE

Move to Active Rolls:	4
Death:	2
Transfer:	2
Request:	0
Session Action:	0

INACTIVE MEMBERSHIP as of December 31, 2008 (143)

AFFILIATE ROLLS

Membership as of January 1, 2008	[7]
Add new member-March 2008	+1
Transfer member to Active Rolls	-1
Membership as of December 31, 2008	[7]

BAPTISMS: 6

BIRTHS: 17

Active Members As of December 31, 2008

Shirley Alger	Sandy Budd	Katie Duncan	Scott Gummerson
Hannah Allen	Frank Burd	Charles Edwards	Davis Hahn
Richard Allen	Lauren Burd	Gretchen Edwards	John Hahn
Verna Allen	Patrice Burd	James Edwards	William Hahn
Josephine Alston	Emily Calkins	Martha Edwards	Christine Hammann
Nicolee Ambrose	Hugh Calkins	Jennifer Elisseeff	Jane Hammann
Richard Ambrose	Jan Callison	Bruce Elliott	Gordy Hammann Jr
Joy Anderson	Jim Callison	Robert Elliott	Geoffrey Hardin
Melissa Banister	Polly Cameron	Sarah Elliott	Stacey Hardin
Christi Barth	Karen Chadeayne	Vivienne Elliott	Chad Harlan
Tom Barth	Ted Chadeayne	Margaret Elwell	Chuck Harlan
Charlie Barton	Paul Clemens	Keith Emery	Mary Dell Harlan
David Barton	Jean Coates	Chuck Emrich	Heather Harlan Warnack
Jane Barton	Stacy Coggeshall	Susan Emrich	Kip Hart
Rick Barton	Jennifer Furtaw Colwell	Katherine Euler	Eugene Haupt
Joanna Beatty	Cathryn Corey	Sheldon Euler	Margaret Haupt
Chuck Beckman	William Corey	Beth Felder	Erica Hay
Michael Beckman	Barbara Cox	Mark Felder	William Hay Jr
Bruce Behrens	Bob Cox	Johanna Ferguson	Charlotte Healy
Polly Behrens	Ben Craft	Becky Ferrell	Marilyn Healy
Eloise Bensberg	Jeff Craft	Jen Figler	Richard Healy
Ed Bernard	Meg Craft	Ed Figler Jr	Rosemarie Healy
Ellen Bernard	Mike Craft	Carol Fitzpatrick	Geoff Hengerer
Meade Bernard	Kate Cramer	Nancy Flower	Melodie Hengerer
Whit Bernard	Nathan Cramer	Robert Flower	Leslie Herman
Grace Blair	Jaye Crooks	Donna Foley	Ray Herman
Jackie Blair	Edwin Crooks Jr	Marjorie Foley	Ross Herman
Matt Blair	Bob D'Angelo	Grace Follmer	Shay Herman
Adolfo Blanco	Joan D'Angelo	Caitlin Formby	Neaville Herndon
Jackie Boesel	Leonard Dahl	Craig Formby	Charles Herndon III
Sally Boesel	Whitney Daniels	Mary Formby	Rachel Hess-Mutinda
Stephanie Boesel	Norma Jane Danzer	Clay Furtaw	Ann Hesselbacher
Steve Boesel	David Dardis	Nancy Furtaw	Rebecca Hesselbacher
Betsy Bond	Jennifer Dardis	David Gerhardt	Pete Heumann
John Bond Jr	Julie Darsie	Lida Gerhardt	Caroline Hoesch
Marjorie Bookhout	Frauke Davidsen	Keith Getter	Holly Hoey
Joe Brant	Louise De Lavergne	Nancy Getter	John Hoey
Jonathan Brant	Lynn DeWitt	Barb Gilliss	Janet Hogle
Kay Brillinger	Rebecca Dineen	Ed Gilliss	Francis Hogle III
David Britton	Anita Dinwiddie	Ned Gilliss	Anne Holmes
Sharon Britton	Susan Docken	Tim Gilliss	John Horrigan
Alex Brown	Chris Dudek	Tom Gilliss	Lisa Horrigan
Ashlea Brown	Jessica Dudek	Dottie Girard	Caroline Hughes
Julia Brown	Betsy Duer	Harry Grace	Jim Hughes
Kenny Brown	John Duer	Debby Graf	Malinda Hughes
Laura Brown	Marshall Duer	Marty Grill	Jodi Hume
Carly Budd	Peggy Duer	Philip Grill	Paul Hume
Gillian Budd	Jean Dulkerian	Christine Gummerson	Bob Hurd
Larry Budd	Susan Dulkerian	Ken Gummerson	Susan Hurd
Margaret Budd	George Duncan	Pat Gummerson	Ruth Hurlock

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Nancy Iliff	James Lewis	Kay Munger	Sue Ramzy
Paul Iliff	Keith Lewis	James Murphy	Barbara Reade
Barbara Jett	Kim Lewis	Katherine Murphy	Harry Reid
Sam Jett	Lara Winn Lewis	Will Murphy	Jennifer Reid
Michael Johnston	Nancy Lewis	Nicky Mutinda	Shirley Reid
Sally Johnston	Elaine Logan	Sandy Navaleza	Lynda Riley
Bob Jones	John Lohr	Joe Navaleza Jr	Sam Rittenhouse
Marianne Jones	Bill Macon	Mary Nickerson	Charles Roberts
Veronica Jones	Lynn Macon	Alexandra Norman	Michaela Roberts
Nathaniel Jones III	Janet Marquardt	Arthur Norman	Alix Rodman
Holli Jordan	Jeffrey Mayer	Colin Norman	Drew Rodman
Esther Jung	Jim Mayer	Emeka Obilor	Jeff Rodman
Hank Kaestner	Katie Mayer	Leslie Owsley	Ryan Romkema
Josie Kaestner	Susan Mayer	Joon Park	Amanda Rosenberg
Jill Karpovich	Alex McCrickard	Jung Geum Im Park	Ann Rosenberg
Roy Kelman	Beth McCrickard	Elmira Patterson	Brent Rosenberg
Sandy Kelman	Gray McCrickard	Jack Patterson	Mary Lou Ross
Rylee Kennedy	Greg McCrickard	Joan Patterson	Patsy Ross
Harriet Kerr	Bria McElroy	Sallie Patterson	Kali Ruppert
Bill Kerr II	Dianne McElroy	Tom Patterson	Karen Ruppert
Mary Kimmel	Karen McGagh	Liz Pauldine	Kierstin Ruppert
Betty King	John McIntyre	JT Paulk	Todd Ruppert
Eliza Kleban	Nancy McIntyre	Ben Payne	John Russell
Jason Kleban	Anne McKusick	Emarie Payne	Nina Russell
Leslie Kleban	Ursula McLean	Julianne Payne	Pam Russell
Maxwell Kleban	Bryce McMullen	Ann Peebles	Peter Russell
Harry Kleiser	Eileen McMullen	Ross Peebles	Stuart Russell
Stephanie Kleiser	Garland McPherson	Wendy Perrow	Tracy Russell
Paul Koch	Harriette McPherson	Anne Perry	Linda Safran
Norma Krijger	Cindy Mead	Tracy Philips	Fauzia Salman
J Howard Kucher	Tim Mead	Hannah Pickworth	Cindy Salmond
Thom Kuhl	Dave Meyers	Rachel Pickworth	Julie Santoro
Mary Landen	Karen Meyers	Sharon Pippert	Bonnie Sawyer
Daniel Latshaw	Katherine Meyers	David Pitz	Bruce Sawyer
Gayle Latshaw	Bill Middleton	Jen Pitz	Jeff Saxton
Bob Laubach	Marge Middleton	Ed Poe	John Saxton
Sue Laubach	Katherine Miles	Peggy Poe	Leslie Saxton
Cindy Leahy	Blake Miller	Clark Pool	Peter Schanck
Gene Leber	Bonnie Miller	Elizabeth Pool	Beth Schminke
Sara Leber	Fay Miller	Eric Pool	Mark Schminke
Sue Leber	Gail Miller	Holly Pool	Patti Schminke
Hyun Joo Lee	John Miller	Catherine Pope	Jim Schultz
Sally Leimbach	Abbie Mitchell	Matthew Pope	Amy Schumacher
Wel Leimbach	Alec Mitchell	Ann Porterfield	Debbie Scott
Wendell Leimbach	Betsy Mitchell	Flo Porterfield	Don Scott
Carson Davis Leppla	Charles Mitchell	Jim Porterfield	Dorothy Scott
Nancy Leppla	Cindi Monahan	Jimmy Porterfield	Nick Scott
Cindy Levering	Kelly Monahan	Nancy Rader	Sam Scott
Leonard Levering	Tom Monahan	Nancy Railton	Jim Seba
Sara Levering	Laura Morkowchuk	Ameen Ramzy	Rachel Seba
Ruth Levi	Carol Morris	Hunter Ramzy	Marian See
Bernard Levy	David Morris	Justin Ramzy	Jeanine Seidle
Gail Levy	Debby Morrison	Meghan Ramzy	Grace Serafini

Liz Sesler-Beckman
 Daniel Shackelford
 Barbara Sheldon
 Betti Sheldon
 John Sheldon
 Bobby Shipley
 Jan Shipley
 Roger Shipley
 Janet Short
 Hank Shuey
 Meredith Shuey
 Susan Shuey
 Jill Siegrist
 Billy Siems
 Bob Siems
 Caryl Siems
 Joshua Siems
 Doris Silverwood
 Eric Silverwood
 Harry Silverwood
 Scott Silverwood
 Bette Singleton
 Bob Singleton
 Bobby Singleton
 Drew Singleton
 Michael Singleton
 Missy Singleton
 Robert Singleton
 Sheri Slezak
 Anne Slingluff
 Deborah Slingluff
 Dev Slingluff
 Sarah Slingluff
 Aimee Smith
 Andy Smith
 Bob Smith
 Brendan Smith
 Chris Smith
 Jim Smith
 Judith Smith
 Lucy Smith
 Meg Smith
 Porter Smith
 Shelby Smith
 Terri Smith
 Bob Snyder
 Katherine Snyder
 Paul Snyder
 Robert Snyder
 Lori Southworth
 Juanita Sowell
 Bob Spence
 Cressy Spence

Kevin Spence
 Libby Stalford
 Catherine Steen
 David Stoll
 Susan Stoll
 Franklin Stout
 Andy Strain
 Eric Strain
 Dayna Stueck
 Michael Stueck
 Eric Suan
 Pamela Suan
 Cheryl Sunderland
 Emily Sunderland
 Richard Sunderland
 Carrie Templin
 Don Templin
 Mark Thober
 Sarah Thober
 Ginger Thorne
 H Richards Tillman
 Richards Tillman
 Rosalie Tillman
 Anne Troup
 Hope Troup
 Lynne Troup
 Peter Troup
 Ellen Troyer
 John Troyer
 Hal Turner
 Meb Turner
 Dan Tuttle
 Nancy Tuttle
 Brink Van Horn
 Jordan Van Horn
 Taylor Van Horn
 Dan Verbic
 Krissie Verbic
 Isabel Vickery
 Beth Vincent
 Scott Vincent
 Diana Voelkel
 Mike Ward
 Shana Ward
 John Warnack
 Geri Weidemuller
 Allison West
 Peggy Widman
 Carol Williams
 John Williams
 David Wilson
 Ed Wilson
 Pat Wilson

Ted Wilson
 Peggy Winfield
 Ericka Wodka
 James Woods
 Deanna Wormuth
 Robin Wray
 Brucie Wright
 Jennifer Wright
 Nancy Wright
 Tolly Wright
 Christy Wyskiel
 Matt Wyskiel
 Stephanie Yates
 Ann Young
 Carrie Young
 Dorie Young
 Emma Young
 Hank Young
 Joe Young
 Laura Young
 Stephen Young
 Will Young
 Joyce Zimmerman

Affiliate

Leslie Alspaugh
 Bernhard Bang
 Betsy Bang
 Eunice Maguire
 Cole Matson
 Ken Simmons
 Dave Zimmerman

Inactive

Alice Applebaum
 Rita Bagby
 Ashley Barton
 Meredith Barton
 Amanda Behrens
 Bill Bond
 John Bond III
 Betty Bradburn
 Courtney Brent
 Elizabeth Brent
 Holly Brent
 Laura Brent
 Alison Brown
 Nancy Budd
 Buzzy Budnitz Jr
 Kathryn Cameron

Tim Casgar
 Wendy Codd
 Linda Cooke
 Bonnie Cox
 Laura Lee Cox
 Katherine Crosby
 Ellyse Davis
 James Dulkerian
 Jocelyn Dye
 Stephanie Edmondson
 Cindy Elliott
 Lucie Elliott
 Vivian Fenneman
 Meghan Ferguson
 Harris Ferrell IV
 Jim Finney
 Devin Fitzpatrick
 Emily Flanigan
 Meghan Flanigan
 Pierce Flanigan
 Susan Flanigan
 Connie Gardiner
 Chris Gray
 Susan Grieco
 Betsy Griffin
 Jane Harlan
 Christopher Helle
 Jenny Helle
 Ruth Hertslet
 Vic Hertslet
 Thomas Hogle
 Francis Hogle IV
 Peter Jackson
 Lehr Jackson Jr
 Amy Jacobs
 Chris Jett
 Robert Jett
 Tom Jett
 Helena John
 Thomas John
 Betsy Johnson
 Jamie Johnston
 Joe Johnston
 Beth Kennedy
 Bill Kerr III
 Myra Knowlton
 Bettylou Koffel
 Margaret Kraus
 Gary Kriel
 Mike Lai
 Jane Lancaster
 Catherine Leahan
 Jamie Leber

Page Leber
 Keli Lenivy
 Bill Levering
 Alice Levy
 David Levy
 Henry Lowry
 Amelia Mackenzie
 Chris Macon
 Stewart Macon
 William Macon
 Marion Malcolm
 Jim McGill
 Sylvia McGill
 James McIntyre
 John McIntyre
 Phillip McIntyre
 Thomas McIntyre
 Phil McLean
 Rob McLean
 Dan Middleton
 Jamie Middleton
 Gail Moore
 Ann Morgan
 John Morris
 Laura Morris
 Julie O'Donnell
 Erin Paff
 Dod Poe
 Chris Potocki
 John Potocki
 Kathy Potocki
 Lindsey Rader
 Lyn Riefler
 Gabriel Rocha
 Marcelo Rocha
 Walter Ross
 Amy Salotto
 William Salotto
 Fran Schmidt
 Ruth Schott
 Tucky Schweizer
 Bill Sheldon
 Christopher Sheldon
 Tommy Sheldon
 David Shull
 Meredith Shull
 Sandy Shull
 Catherine Steen
 Heather Stoll
 Jeffrey Stoll
 Alex Tanton
 Bill Tanton
 Carter Tanton

Linda Tanton
 Zhanna Tesler
 Jesse Tischler
 Nick Tischler
 Doug Trotter
 Kathleen Trotter
 John Van Horn
 Kristin Van Horn
 Chris VanderKolk
 Elliott VanderKolk
 Jonathan VanderKolk
 Mary VanderKolk
 Eric Vogel
 Jean Vogel
 Beverly Weaver
 Martha Willis
 Bill Wolfe
 Tomoko Yamamoto
 Ashley Zink
 Betty Zink
 Tom Zink
 Tommy Zink III

Deaths

Joseph Harlan
 Colin Lewis
 Victor A McKusick
 Elizabeth Peklo
 Marjorie Sheldon
 Clarissa Stamberger
 Thomas Zink, Sr

Minutes of the 203rd Annual Congregational Meeting Second Presbyterian Church 4200 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, MD 21218 February 3, 2008 Smith Hall, 10 a.m.

Call the Annual Meeting to Order and Words of Welcome: Moderator Rev. Dr. Thomas W. Blair

At 10:00 a.m., Moderator, The Rev. Dr. Thomas Blair welcomed members of the congregation. A quorum was present. Dr. Blair opened his comments with a prayer. He thanked God for the successful year of the church which had just concluded and, looking forward, asked "God, may we do your will."

In his opening remarks, Dr. Blair emphasized "what a difference a year makes." He noted that the last year for the church had been the first full year for The Rev. Jenn DiFrancesco and Christian Educator, The Rev. Barb Gotschall. Jenn was not present because she was on a mission trip in Guatemala. Sadly, Barb was not present because her father had passed away last Sunday.

In the preceding year, the church's Labyrinth Memorial Garden had been dedicated and the Capital Campaign had moved from planning to execution and to near completion. While the church was making tremendous strides in many areas, there had been very personal losses which had brought difficult times to the church but also had seen the congregation come together and gain strength, he said.

The following document was made available to everyone at the meeting:

The Annual Report to the Congregation for
 the Period Ending December 31, 2007:
 Reaching Out - Drawing Near

The Annual Report contained the following information:

- Form of Government from Book of Order, PC(USA), G-7.0300 G 7.0304. Meetings of the Congregation.
- Agenda for 203rd Annual Meeting of the Congregation.
- Current officers - Session, Board of Trustees, Deacons, class years 2008, 2009, and 2010.
- Councils and Committees of the church including chairpersons and members of each.
- Report from the Pastor, The Rev. Dr. Thomas W. Blair.
- Report from Associate Pastor, The Rev. Jennifer DiFrancesco.
- Report from the Pastoral Assistant, Joyce C. Zimmerman.

- Report from the Christian Educator, The Rev. Bob Gotschall.
- Annual Statistical Report, 2007 (mistakenly labeled '2006')
- Active members as of December 31, 2007.
- Minutes of the 202nd Annual Congregational Meeting, February 4, 2007.
- Minutes of the Corporate Meeting of the Second Presbyterian Church, February 4, 2007.
- Minutes of the Special Congregational Meeting, August 19, 2007.
- The Work of the Session in 2007.
- Terms of Call, pastoral services of the Rev. Dr. Thomas W. Blair and Second Presbyterian Church, as of February 1, 2008 (mistakenly labeled '2007').
- Terms of Call, for pastoral services of the Rev. Jennifer DiFrancesco as of February 1, 2008 (mistakenly labeled '2007').
- Reports from Councils and Committees and the Boards of Deacons in 2007: Caring and Fellowship, Christian Education, Counseling Center, Board of Deacons, Labyrinth Memorial Garden, Nominating, Mission, Personnel, Youth, Youth Choirs, Stewardship, and Worship, Music and Sacraments.
- Reaching Out - Drawing Near Initiatives for 2007 and Beyond, including the Facility Master Planning Task Force, the Endowment Growth Task Force and the Impact Mission Project Task Force.
- Work of the Board of Trustees in 2007, including consolidated Endowment Funds, Building and Grounds, Expenses and Budget, Manse Rental, Computers and Technology, Landscape Committee.
- Consolidated Endowment Fund Report.
- "Approved Budget - January 15, 2008"
- Mission Statement
- The Staff of the Second Presbyterian Church of Baltimore

John Sheldon, Clerk of Session, next addressed the congregation and called to order the annual meeting.

Approval of Minutes of Congregational Meetings.

A motion was made, seconded, and voted "approved" unanimously to approve the Minutes of the 202nd Annual Congregational Meeting, February 4, 2007.

Copies of these Minutes are included in the *Annual Report of the Congregation* for the year 2007.

Nominating Committee Report

Mr. Sheldon, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, placed the following names in nomination for Elder: Mari Quint, for a second three-year term; and also for Elder, Class of 2011, Sharon Britton, Nancy Getter, Ann Hesselbacher, Cindy Mead, Ben Payne, and Mark Thober. The nominees stood for recognition. There were no nominations from the floor.

A motion was made and seconded that the nominations for Elder be closed. It was approved unanimously. A motion was made and seconded to elect the nominees for Elder. It was voted approved unanimously.

Mr. Sheldon then placed in nomination the following names for deacon: Nancy Flower for a second three-year term; and the following Deacons for the Class of 2011, Stephanie Kleiser, Katherine Murphy, Amy Schumacher, John Warnack, Allison West, and Carol Williams. The nominees stood for recognition. There were no nominations from the floor.

A motion was made and seconded that the nominations for Deacon be closed. It was approved unanimously. A motion was made and seconded to elect the nominees for Deacon for the terms indicated. It was voted approved unanimously.

Note: nominations for the Board of Trustees were named and elected during the Annual Meeting of the Corporation of Second Presbyterian Church later on the agenda.

Dr. Blair congratulated the new officers and thanked the nominating committee for its work. The congregation concurred with a round of applause.

Presentation of the Budget, 2008

Trustee Mark Felder then addressed the members of congregation and directed their attention to the 2008 budget contained in the Annual Report and approved by the Session on January 15, 2008. Mr. Felder thanked Mary Nickerson for her expertise in preparing the budget documents.

Mr. Felder noted that at the 202nd Congregational Meeting, the congregation approved a budget with an expected operating loss of \$67,000. He was pleased to report that the church's financial year had unfolded much better than expected. The offerings exceeded the budget by more than \$80,000, he noted, and the Councils had demonstrated commendable fiscal restraint. As a result, he reported that the Church currently finds itself at a "firmer financial point than at any point this decade."

Mr. Felder then presented the 2008 budget which is the first budget in the history of the church to exceed \$1 million. He noted that it still required a draw on the Church's endowment of \$91,600. He described it as

a conservative budget as it expected a slight decrease in projected contributions due to the conclusion of the capital campaign and the projections for a weak economy. He noted that personnel expenses were budgeted to increase by 3.4% and but that there were not expected to be any personnel changes in the coming year as the church was fully staffed. The 2008 budget projects a deficit of \$26,908.

Mr. Felder noted that there is no capital spending budget in the Annual Report this year. This is due to the fact that the Capital Campaign will soon end and the process for planning the capital expenditures will start afresh once the results of the capital campaign are fully appreciated. He reported that there is a new committee being constituted to oversee the investment of funds raised by the capital campaign. There will also be a new facilities management committee created to address the implementation of the capital projects. Finally, there will be a new impact mission committee to oversee the programs which will be funded by the capital campaign and to consider one or more new projects with any additional funds earmarked for Impact Outreach due to the success of the capital campaign.

In response to a question from the floor, Elder Eloise Bensberg explained that the 2008 budget for music and worship was less than 2007 because the 2007 budget included one-time repairs for a piano. Additionally, the personnel costs for the choir are likely to decline due to the resignation of a soloist.

The Pastors' Terms of Call

Dr. Blair excused himself from the meeting for this discussion.

Elder Leslie Owsley, Chair of the Personnel Committee of the Session, presented the Terms of Call as of February 1, 2008 as fully reported in the Annual Report. She noted that the terms were the same as in the preceding year except for a 3% increase in the gross remuneration. She stated that this is consistent with the annual change for all personnel at the church and matches the consumer price index.

A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to approve the "Terms of Call for Pastoral Services of The Rev. Dr. Thomas W. Blair and the Second Presbyterian Church as of February 1, 2008 (mistakenly labeled 2007)," as detailed in full in the 2007 Annual Report to the Congregation.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously to approve the "Terms of Call for Pastoral Services of The Rev. Jennifer DiFrancesco and the Second Presbyterian Church as of February 1, 2008 (mistakenly labeled 2007)," as detailed in full in the 2007 Annual Report to the Congregation.

Dr. Blair resumed his place at the meeting.

Call for other pertinent business

Dr. Blair offered special thanks to those officers who are rotating off of the Board of Trustees, the Session, and the Board of Deacons. He thanked them for their faithful service to the church. He recognized Ray Herman and Colin Lewis who were stepping down from the Board of Trustees. He thanked Bruce Elliott, Mary Dell Harlan, Cynthia Leahy, Elaine Logan, Harriette McPherson and Harry Reid for their dedicated service to the Session. He recognized and thanked Patricia Burd, Susan Emrich, Shay Herman, Ann Peebles, and Heather H. Warnack for their service as Deacons. He especially pointed out that Ann Peebles had served tirelessly as both a Deacon and as Chair of the Stewardship Council.

Those retiring officers who were present stood to be recognized. They were greeted with a round of applause in appreciation for their work.

Dr. Blair noted that there are plans underway to organize a gala celebration for the completion of the capital campaign. The date for this celebration has been set on Friday, May 9, 2008.

Clerk of the Session John Sheldon then rose again to speak to the congregation. He urged that the congregation thank one another for having achieved a phenomenal year. He described it as a "foundational year" and one that we can all build on. He noted that there had been tremendous success in raising funds for the capital campaign and that on a personal level many members of the congregation worked hard to support one another. They had all reached out to their community at a time of need. He noted that the congregation should be very proud of what it had accomplished.

Dr. Blair asked the members if there was any other pertinent business for the congregation. There was none.

Adjournment and Prayer

Dr. Blair closed this portion of the Annual Meeting of the Congregation with a prayer. He asked God for His blessing on the work, life, and journey of faithfulness of this congregation. The congregation stayed in place for the Meeting of the Corporation of Second Presbyterian Church, Baltimore, Maryland.

When the Annual Meeting of the Congregation resumed, Dr. Blair closed the meeting with a prayer. The meeting adjourned by unanimous proclamation at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas V. Monahan, Jr., Elder
John Sheldon, Clerk of Session

**Minutes of the Corporate Meeting
of The Second Presbyterian
Church of Baltimore
Sunday, February 3, 2008
Smith Hall**

Mark Felder, President of the Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. and led the opening prayer.

The minutes of the February 4, 2007, Corporate Meeting were approved.

Mark Felder recognized and thanked the following Trustees who will continue to serve in 2007:

- David Dardis
- Julie Darsie
- Bill Kerr
- Cindy Levering
- Janet Marquardt
- Dev Slingluff
- Bob Snyder

Mark Felder recognized and thanked the following Trustees who have completed their terms as of the end of 2007:

- Ray Herman
- Colin Lewis

Mark Felder presented the Trustees Report, which was found on page 33 of the Annual Report to the Congregation.

- As of the end of 2007, the consolidated endowment funds totaled \$4,905,888. It should be noted however, that Capital Campaign funds are being temporarily held with the endowment funds.
- The Church was honored to receive from the Kerr estate a \$50,000 bequest for facilities maintenance.
- The Investment Committee follows the spending guidelines approved by the Board of Trustees.
- Capital improvements in 2007 included repairs to the sanctuary steps, installation of a temporary fence around the air-conditioner compressor adjacent to the Labyrinth Memorial Garden, and landscape improvements around the Labyrinth Memorial Garden.
- A permanent brick wall will be constructed around the above-mentioned air-conditioner compressor in 2008. Other capital improvements for 2008 will be finalized after completion of the Capital Campaign.

After thanking Mary Dell Harlan and the rest of the Nominating Committee for their efforts, Mark Felder

presented the following nominees for three-year terms on the Board of Trustees beginning in 2008:

- Margie Bookhout (second term)
- Keith Getter
- John Hoey (second term)
- Jim Hughes

There were no additional nominations from the floor, and nominations were closed. The four nominees were approved. Tom Blair closed the meeting with prayer. Mark Felder adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Darsie, Secretary of the Board of Trustees

The Work of the Session in 2008

The Session is composed of the clergy and those elected, ordained Elders who are in active service. The Presbyterian Book of Order requires Stated Meetings of Session at least quarterly. As has been the custom of the Session of Second Presbyterian Church, Baltimore, we met regularly on the third Tuesday evening of each month, and at other times when called into Special Meetings. Twenty-six Elders served during 2008. See the list of those serving at the end of this report.

Senior Pastor, The Rev. Dr. Thomas W. Blair, moderated Session meetings. Associate Pastor, The Rev. Jennifer DiFrancesco, moderated the August meeting during Dr. Blair's vacation. Elder John Sheldon continued to serve as Clerk of Session and Elder Leslie Owsley served as Recording Clerk. The President of the Board of Trustees and a representative appointed by the Board of Deacons regularly attended meetings. Other guests and staff members were invited to present reports when necessary to matters under discussion.

Meeting agenda were prepared in advance of the meetings by the Advisory Committee (the clerk, the council chairs, and the pastors). Typically, the agenda included reports by the pastors, the clerk, the trustees, and the council chairs. They also included reports from ad hoc committees and task forces assigned to special projects, and from the staff on program matters which needed to be brought to the Session. Reports were distributed in advance so that recommendations could be considered and studied, allowing more efficient decision-making at the meetings.

Session meetings began with periods of devotion and prayer, often accompanied with passages from appropriate and timely literature. The meetings included time for discussion of assigned spiritual or theological material, which the Elders read in preparation for the meetings. A portion of each meeting was devoted to reviewing the pastoral care and concern list, then offering prayers, spoken and silent, for those in need. The meetings always closed in prayer.

The Session continued its efforts to inform the congregation about Session activities by including highlights of meeting minutes in the monthly Tower. Approved Minutes of the Session meetings are stored in binders in the church office. Members of the congregation are welcome to attend Stated Meetings.

Routine Matters Before the Session

In carrying out its responsibilities, the Session acted on routine, although important and interesting, matters including:

- Received and welcomed new members into the congregation of Second Presbyterian Church.
- Welcomed newly-elected Elders prior to their Ordination and Installation.
- Heard monthly reports from:
 - The Board of Trustees about financial matters of the church.
 - Caring and Fellowship Council, including statistical reports on membership.
- Approved the 2008 budget, and reviewed the 2009 budget before presentation to the congregation at the Annual Meeting.
- Heard regular reports from:
 - The Pastors and other staff persons about their work and projects.
 - Elder representatives to the Baltimore Presbytery about ongoing work and issues.
- Reviewed regular reports brought to Session by the following Committees and Councils:
 - Personnel Committee, about staff matters.
 - Stewardship, about its plans for and results of its campaign.
- Approved scheduling and programmatic matters connected with the following Councils:
 - Caring and Fellowship
 - Christian Education
 - Mission
 - Worship, Music, and Sacraments
 - Youth.
- Reviewed various Mission Council projects such as Silent Auction, College Awareness Breakfast, Church-wide Mission Day, 30-Hour Famine.

Other Work of the Session

The Session acted on many other matters regarding the life of our congregation during 2008. Among the actions taken were the following:

- Reviewed updates from the Capital Campaign and celebrated its successful conclusion.
- Approved revised Council Charters that are focused on looking toward the Councils' missions

for the next five to ten years.

- Authorized the establishment of the Facilities Planning Committee. At a joint meeting of the Session, Trustees, and Deacons, the Session reviewed and approved the recommendations of the Facilities Planning Committee for moving forward based on the Master Plan.
- Accepted the resignation of Christian Educator Barb Gotschall with gratitude for her service to Second Presbyterian, and authorized a search for a new Christian Educator
- Approved the hiring of, and welcomed, Michelle Hwang as Christian Educator. The Session thanked the Search Committee for their work.
- Received a visit from a member of Baltimore Presbytery's Committee on Ministry. Based on the Book of Order, the Committee visits every church in the Presbytery once every three years.
- Approved the building of a screening wall in the Labyrinth Memorial Garden.
- Approved the holding of a Christian-Muslim Interfaith Dialog between Dr. Daniel Migliore, a Princeton Theological Seminary professor of theology and author of the book *The Power of God and the Gods of Power*, and Imam Yahya Hendi from Georgetown University.

Special Actions of the Session

During 2008, the Session had the pleasure of welcoming new members into the Second Family, and of approving baptisms. The following actions were taken:

- Approved baptisms:
 - Dillon Oliver Dardis**, son of David and Jennifer Dardis
 - Katherine Bailey Graf**, daughter of Ed Graf and Debby Saxton Graf
 - Hugh Ward**, son of Shana and Mike Ward
 - Evan Sheldon**, son of Bill and Jess Sheldon
 - McAlister Dean Leimbach**, son of Wendell and Katie Leimbach
 - Abigale Pitz**, daughter of Jennifer and David Pitz
 - Caroline Rose Ferrell**, daughter of Allison Rogovin and Harris Ferrell IV
 - Caitlyn Navaleza**, daughter of Joe and Sandy Navaleza
 - Benjamin Stallings**, son of Nicole and David Stallings
 - Bridget Brown**, daughter of Laura and Kenny Brown
 - Wyatt Brown**, son of Laura and Kenny Brown

- Welcomed new class of confirmands into membership:

Grace Blair	Bobby Shipley
Caroline Hughes	Eric Silverwood
Blake Miller	Brink VanHorn
Drew Rodman	Taylor VanHorn
Kali Ruppert	

- Received, accepted, and welcomed new members:

Joséphine Alston	Kay Brillinger
Kenny Brown	Laura Brown
Cole Matson	Geoff Hengerer
Melodie Hengerer	Holly Hoey
Jodi Hume	Paul Hume
Mary Kimmel	Paul Koch
Hyun Joo Lee	John Lohr
Nicky Mutinda	Rachel Hess Mutinda
Joselito Navaleza	Sandra Cho Navaleza
Wendy Perrow	Ryan Romkema
Jill Siegrist	Dayna Stueck
Michael Stueck	Robin Wray
Stephanie Yates	

**Terms of Call for Pastoral Services Of the Rev. Dr. Thomas W. Blair
And the Second Presbyterian Church
As of February 1, 2009**

I. Duties and Responsibilities

Dr. Blair's duties shall be those of Pastor, leading the congregation in worship, giving pastoral care to the congregation, administering the day-to-day operations as Head of Staff, moderating the meetings of Session and Congregation, giving such teaching and spiritual programmatic leadership as is appropriate, and representing Second Church in community and ecumenical meetings. It is expected that Dr. Blair will deliver the sermon on a minimum of thirty-six (36) Sundays each year. He will be a faithful member of the Presbytery of Baltimore, attending regular meetings and serving on such committees as requested.

II. Compensation

As compensation for his services, Second Presbyterian Church shall pay annual compensation to Dr. Blair as follows:

Salary (including 50% of SECA).....	\$70,888.00
Housing Allowance.....	\$30,900.00
Total Gross Compensation.....	\$101,788.00
Presbytery Benefits (pension, medical insurance, life insurance)	\$29,784.69
Dental Insurance (family coverage)	1,217.04
Travel/Automobile (Reimbursed for actual expenses).....	4,000.00
Education Allowance (Reimbursed for actual expenses).....	2,000.00
Book Allowance (Reimbursed for actual expenses).....	1,000.00
Total Remuneration.....	\$139,789.73

III. Additional Benefits

Second Presbyterian Church has entered into a shared equity agreement with Dr. Blair by investing \$100,000 into a home purchased by him in the Baltimore area.

Second Presbyterian Church shall pay the cost of dental insurance for Dr. Blair and his family, as well as supplemental \$100,000 life insurance for Dr. Blair.

Dr. Blair shall receive four weeks paid vacation annually. He also shall receive two weeks for study leave, as approved by the Session.

In addition, Dr. Blair shall be entitled to a ten week sabbatical leave after seven continuous years as Pastor of Second Presbyterian Church. The ten weeks will include the normal four week vacation allowance plus an additional six weeks. While on sabbatical leave, the church will continue to pay Dr. Blair's compensation. In addition, the church will accrue \$1,500 annually in a special fund to be used toward the cost (in addition to compensation) of this sabbatical leave.

**Terms of Call for Pastoral Services Of the Rev. Jennifer DiFrancesco
And the Second Presbyterian Church
As of February 1, 2009**

I. Duties and Responsibilities

Rev. DiFrancesco's duties shall be those of Associate Pastor, leading the congregation in worship, giving pastoral care to the congregation, providing direction and guidance to the youth and Youth Council, giving such teaching and spiritual programmatic leadership as is appropriate, and representing Second Church in community and ecumenical meetings. It is expected that Rev. DiFrancesco will deliver the sermon on a minimum of twelve (12) Sundays each year. She will be a faithful member of the Presbytery of Baltimore, attending regular meetings and serving on such committees as requested.

II. Compensation

As compensation for her services, Second Presbyterian Church shall pay annual compensation to The Rev. DiFrancesco as follows:

Salary (including 50% of SECA).....	\$26,971.00
Housing Allowance.....	\$35,000.00
Total Gross Compensation.....	\$61,971.00
Presbytery Benefits (pension, medical insurance, life insurance)	\$18,133.64
Travel/Automobile (Reimbursed for actual expenses).....	4,000.00
Education Allowance (Reimbursed for actual expenses).....	1,000.00
Book Allowance (Reimbursed for actual expenses).....	500.00
Total Remuneration.....	\$85,604.64

III. Additional Benefits

Second Presbyterian Church has entered into a shared equity agreement with Rev. DiFrancesco by investing \$75,000 into a home purchased by her in the Baltimore area.

Rev. DiFrancesco shall receive four weeks paid vacation annually. She also shall receive two weeks for study leave, as approved by the Session. Rev. DiFrancesco may accumulate up to six weeks of unused study leave and up to three times the annual education and book allowance for use at a later time.

Caring & Fellowship Council

Purpose: This Council strives to serve the personal and collective needs of our Second Family by fostering and supporting opportunities that enhance our individual faith journeys and encourage a spirit of Christian community. -Council Charter, 2008

The year 2008 was full of activities designed to fulfill our mission to the congregation of The Second Presbyterian Church of Baltimore.

The Coffee Café on Sunday mornings continues to be a popular meeting place for conversation and impromptu meetings in addition to enjoying freshly brewed coffee and tea.

Janet Short initiated the Adopt-A-Soldier program which encouraged our members to begin an email correspondence with soldiers currently serving our country overseas, designed to give them support and a sense of appreciation.

Ann Hesselbacher joined our council in the newly created position of Liaison for New Members. This has included correspondence with our new members and assigning a buddy family to them for the first several months.

Fellowship luncheons and congregational dinners have always played a large role in our fellowship activities. In April, Dev Slingluff treated the congregation to a “Day Trip to Italy” with a traditional lasagna lunch in Smith Hall. Lynda and Darrell Riley opened their home for a pot luck “Welcome Autumn” dinner in September. In conjunction with the Mission Council, Smith Hall was the venue for an Afghan luncheon and speaker Fahima Vorgetts. In early December Polly and Bruce Behrens hosted our annual congregational Christmas dinner with approximately 75 people attending. Later in December, our annual congregational Christmas Luncheon was served in Smith Hall following the children’s pageant.

Small in-home dinners for 6-8 people in April were hosted in 15 different homes and attended by 125 people.

James Woods arranged two Movie Nights at the Senator Theatre where we were able to enjoy fellowship before using the private viewing rooms to see the latest Indiana Jones movie and the remake of “The Day the Earth Stood Still.”

Cecilia Amaral continues as the Executive Director of the Pastoral Counseling & Care Ministries and maintains her office at Second Presbyterian for counseling of both congregational members and the community at large.

The Caring and Fellowship Council is always interested in new activities that support our individual members and those that encourage a larger circle of community. We encourage the congregation’s input and suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Ferrell, Council Chair

Cecilia Amaral
Jean Coates
Robert Flower
Cindy Levering
Eunice Maguire
Amy Schumacher
James Woods

Tom Blair
Rebecca Ferrell, Chair
Ann Hesselbacher
Jim Mayer
Mari Quint
Janet Short
Joyce Zimmerman

Christian Education

This was another year of change and growth in Christian Education. Barb Gotschall, who served as Christian Educator for two years, resigned unexpectedly in January to care for her mother after her father’s death. A search committee headed by Mari Quint with members Jackie Blair, Nancy Flower, Harry Kleiser, Ben Payne, Pam Russell, and John Sheldon, and staff liaison Jenn DiFrancesco, interviewed good candidates and chose enthusiastically to offer the position to Michelle Hwang.

Michelle received an M.Div. in May from Princeton Theological Seminary to add to the M.A. in Christian Education she earned at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond. Michelle brings wonderful experience as a teacher and student, and quickly became an integral part of both our staff team and our congregation. She serves on the Facility Planning Committee and leads the Transformers and the on-going Christian/Muslim dialog. She engages the children in worship with stories and questions that speak to adults as well.

Michelle introduced new curriculum to students in all age groups, and provides support for teachers and parents. We have over 35 children in the two classes that serve ages 3 through 1st grade and the Council hopes to keep both children and parents involved as these children grow and the babies and toddlers now in the nursery move to the classroom on the lower level. Jackie Blair coordinates a group of mothers (and an occasional father) who meet about once a month in the Second Café during the Education Hour.

Vacation Bible School sponsored jointly by Second Presbyterian and First English Lutheran grew from a dozen participants in 2007 to 50 in August, 2008.

The Easter Egg hunt, Valentines for Vets, Rally Day, the Fall Festival, Advent wreath making, and Smith Hall decorating brought together friends and family to celebrate fellowship and community. Michelle introduced a new script and a set for the Christmas Pageant. The Confirmation class narrated the major story line.

The Adult Seminars again welcomed new speakers and old favorites, among them our pastors, Cecilia Amaral, Thom Kuhl, and visitors Chris Dreisbach, Mike Gorman, and Helen Milano. Jim Mayer's Smithsonian Book Study Group continued as did the five Bible study groups. We encourage all members of the congregation to explore Bible Study. If you are interested in joining an existing group or helping form a new one please contact the church office.

Mari Quint, Chair; Michelle Hwang, Jenn DiFrancesco, and Liz Sesler-Beckman, staff and music liaisons; Jackie Blair, Meg Craft, Mark Felder, Nancy Flower, Shay Herman, Emarie Payne, Sharon Pippert, and Rachel Seba

Counseling Center

The ministry of the Counseling Center continues to be a viable partnership between Pastoral Counseling and Care Ministries and Second Presbyterian Church. During the year 2008, approximately 1250 hours of clinical care were offered to adults in the format of individual, couples, and group therapy. The financial support offered through the Client Assistance Fund provided approximately \$5,200.00 for those clients unable to meet the Agency sliding fee scale. Pastoral Counseling and Care Ministries appreciates the opportunity to collaborate with Second Church in our common ministry to foster both psychological and spiritual growth.

Cecilia H. Amaral, MS, Center Coordinator

Board of Deacons

The congregation is divided into 24 parishes that are served by 25 deacons. Gene and Marge Haupt share the responsibility for a single parish. The deacons are responsible for encouraging parish members to participate in church events. Each deacon is assigned a special care person who needs more of the deacon's attention, generally for the reason of health.

For the past year Juli Callahan and Holly Pool have served as the co-moderators. Marge Haupt has served as recording secretary and coordinated greeting and flower delivery. Joyce Zimmerman contributed her knowledge of current church events and concerns in addition to providing assistance in organizing the meetings. The Rev. Jenn DiFrancesco also participates in meeting planning and provides spiritual support during the meetings.

The Board of Deacons meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month except for the months of July and December. The meeting is organized to provide the Deacons with information about current happenings in the life of the church, council updates, and the special needs of members with illness or bereavement. Approximately quarterly, the

meetings are designed to offer the deacons spiritual nourishment in addition to the usual tasks.

Deacon committees provide memorial service receptions, new member sponsorship, "food for thoughtfulness" meal deliveries, and deliveries of gift bags to new parents. We had several successful home communions this year, under the great direction of Jenn DiFrancesco. Deacons also greet worshippers for the 11 a.m. service and deliver flowers to congregation members.

In April some of the deacons participated in the first Mission Work Day, working at the McKim Center, making sandwiches for Our Daily Bread, leading Bingo at Epiphany House or at the Homewood-PenLucy carnival.

In July Ted and Karen Chadeayne brought home their baby girl from China. The deacons greeted them with a wonderful "new baby bag" and meals.

In August we welcomed our new Christian Ed Director, Michelle Hwang.

The deacons also assisted in the memorial service for Dr. Victor McKusick.

In September, there was a special joint meeting of the officers of the church to hear the exciting plans for the use of the funds pledged during our Capital Campaign. Many deacons attended to hear details from the Facilities Planning Committee.

We welcomed many new babies in the fall and the deacons stepped up to deliver meals and baby bags for the new parents.

November and December were full of church activities for the holidays including a new version of the Christmas Pageant, which was absolutely adored by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Juli Callahan and Holly Pool, Co-Moderators

Labyrinth Memorial Garden

The Memorial Wall in the Labyrinth Memorial Garden has been completed. This wall which beautifully matches the columbarium and the church with its bench and landscaping complete the Labyrinth Memorial Garden. The labyrinth in the garden now offers the church community as well as the community at large a wonderful meditative opportunity.

Soon the dedication plaque will be installed and plaques memorializing church friends and family can be placed. Four by eight plaques are currently available for \$500. Each can be embossed with the name(s) of the memorialized person(s) and will be placed surrounding the dedication plaque.

Thirteen niches in the columbarium have been licensed and three are occupied. In total, there are 153 niches and each niche accommodates the remains of two persons. Half niches are also available in designated areas. Whole

niche licenses are available for \$3,000 and single niches are \$2,000. Following the repayment to the endowment for the Garden's construction, the funds remaining will provide perpetual maintenance income for the labyrinth and the columbarium.

If you are interested in receiving more information about obtaining either a columbarium niche or a memorial plaque, please call the church office or any member of the Labyrinth Memorial Garden Committee.

Labyrinth Memorial Garden Committee

Larry Budd

Margaret Budd

Bill Kerr

Harriette McPherson, Chair

Janet Short

Dev Slingluff

Mari Quint

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee placed into nomination the following individuals to serve or continue to serve as elders, deacons, or trustees in 2009:

Elders: Grace Blair, Gail Levy, Jim Mayer, Sharon Pippert, Alix Rodman, James Woods

Deacons: Jackie Blair, Clay Furtaw, Malinda Hughes, Jung Geum Park, Ryan Romkema, Debbie Scott, Jill Segrist.

Trustees: Julie Darsie, Mark Felder, Devereux Slingluff, Robert Snyder.

Mission Council

The Mission Council disbursed approximately \$128,622.99 from regular collections, special collections, special gifts, and special funds during 2008. Approximately \$40,000 of that amount went directly to Presbyterian mission at the local, national, and international levels.

Local organizations receiving funds designated by the Mission Council are as follows.

Action in Maturity

AIRS

Ark Daycare Center

Baltimore Station

Baltimore Youth Alliance

Baltimoreans United in Leadership Development
(BUILD)

Baltimore Interfaith Hospitality Network

Board of Lady Managers

Caroline Center

Central Maryland Can Too

Church World Service

Community Conferencing Center

Franciscan Center

GEDCO

Genesis Jobs

Greater Homewood

Guilford School

Helping Up Mission

Hero

House of Ruth

ICJS

Knox (Presbyterian) Soup Kitchen

Manna House

Marian House

McKim

My Sister's Circle

My Sister's Place

Patrick Allison House

Presbyterian Home of Maryland

Project PLASE

Shepherd's Clinic

In March 2008, 15 youth and adults from Second Church traveled to Honduras for an annual mission trip. While there the participants had the opportunity to take in Holy Week services, see Mayan ruins, celebrate the dedication of the newly built homes, make cinder blocks, and move cinder blocks from their manufacturing site up the mountain to the site of the new school.

The first all-church Mission Day on April 19, 2008, was a great success with more than 30 people participating in four activities: making sandwiches for Our Daily Bread, planting at McKim, playing bingo at Epiphany House, and helping with the Pen Lucy carnival. This year's Mission Day will be April 18, 2009. Stay tuned for more information about what mission projects we will be participating in.

Sue Leber headed up the College Awareness breakfast in April, which provided information to Baltimore middle school students and parents about the importance of going to college.

Second continued to serve as a host congregation for the Baltimore Interfaith Hospitality Network (BIHN) through March, providing food, housing, and assistance to homeless families in Baltimore. The program went on sabbatical last spring and is planning on restarting sometime late spring or summer of 2009. Second plans to continue as a host congregation; more information will be available in the coming months.

Members of Second continue to help serve meals to those in need every other month at Our Daily Bread, with about a dozen participants each time. Members also get together on the first Thursday of each month for Helping Hands, to make meals that will be served at Our Daily Bread.

The Silent Auction in June, 2008, raised more than \$4500 to support GEDCO, in spite of the blistering hot weather that moved the Concert on the Green into the

sanctuary. Thanks to Mary Nickerson for organizing and to all of the many other volunteers. This year's Concert on the Green and Silent Auction will likely be the last of this format, as the Mission Council is working to create a new event for 2010. So be sure not to miss the concert and auction on June 7, 2009.

The halls of Second Presbyterian were busy again throughout the summer, when we opened our doors for a second time to the Baltimore Youth Alliance. BYA provides SAT preparation for high school students living in the city. Many thanks to our congregation members who helped with the tutoring.

Four families from Second participated in this year's CROP walk in October, which was organized in part by Susan Emrich. Participants walked to raise funds to fight hunger and to raise awareness of hunger locally and worldwide.

This year's Alternative Gift Market was again a big success, selling gifts from places such as Afghanistan and Honduras, while also providing gifts in the form of charitable donations to local and global charities. Many thanks to Mary Nickerson for organizing, and to all the other volunteers who helped out.

The Mission Council strongly encourages the participation of church members in the many missions of the church. Please, get involved in a mission project today.

Mark Thober, Chair

Personnel Committee

The personnel committee is comprised of John Saxton (Chair), Ben Payne (Elder), Gene Haupt (Deacon), Jim Hughes (Trustee), Mary Nickerson (Trustee), The Rev. Dr. Tom Blair (Pastor), and John Sheldon (Clerk of Session). Leslie Owsley (Elder) served as chair of the committee prior to her election as Recording Clerk of Session in February.

The committee met seven times during 2008, including one meeting via conference call. No major projects were undertaken by the committee this year. The committee revised the committee's charter, recommended changes to the child protection policy to Session, and recommended facility requirements to accommodate future staffing needs to the facilities planning committee.

The committee also advised the pastor on several staff issues, recommended changes in staff compensation and benefits to Session, provided policy guidance as needed, and conducted annual performance reviews of the church staff including the pastors. The primary focus of the Personnel Committee in 2009 will be once again conducting annual performance reviews of the church staff and administering personnel policy.

John Saxton, Chair

Youth Choirs

The Cherub and Youth Choirs enjoyed practicing together and singing God's praises in 2008! We had many participants in both Youth Choir (grades 3 through 5) and Cherub Choir (age 4 through grade 2). The children sang in services throughout the year at both the 9 and 11 o'clock services including Christmas Eve, Palm Sunday, Confirmation Sunday, as well as several other times during the year. Youth Choir and Middle School students also prepared a joint piece with the Chancel Choir which was sung on Pageant Sunday in December.

One highlight of the year was having the Confirmation Class prepare an outdoor worship service last May. The confirmation class played music with the Second @ 9 Band and the congregation sang praises to God under open skies, celebrating our green theme of taking care of God's creation.

Practices for our groups are held on Sunday mornings in the Youth Choir room downstairs (purple room). I am thankful for the assistance of Jung Geum Park who helped direct the Vacation Bible School music program as well as other important musical tasks with the children here at Second. I am also thankful for the ongoing support of Michelle Hwang, Kim Lewis, Philip Olsen, the Worship and Christian Education Councils, our pastors, and most importantly the children and families of Second Presbyterian Church!

Liz Sesler-Beckman

Youth Council

The Youth Council is staffed by Jennifer DiFrancesco, Associate Pastor, and led by Scott Silverwood, elder. We also have three Youth representatives and four adult volunteers who serve on the Council. We plan activities and recruit volunteers to facilitate our regular program, conduct special events, and lead mission activities.

The Youth Council realizes that Christianity is about relationships. Second Presbyterian's Youth Council gives youth opportunities for growing Christian relationships with Jesus, friends, and family. Youth gather on a monthly basis for mission-related activities and fun events as well.

This year, the senior highs participated in a 24-hour famine and distributed care packages that they assembled containing sandwiches, fruit, and snacks and personal hygiene items to the homeless men and women who congregate at the corner of Fayette and Lombard Streets, the site of a homeless "tent city." The cost of purchasing the supplies for the care packages came directly from the Youth Council budget.

Over the past year, the junior and senior highs went skiing at Massanutten over the Presidents' Day weekend, collected canned goods and donations to CARES on "Souper Bowl" Sunday, volunteered at "Our Daily Bread," and packed college care packages containing snacks and letters of encouragement for Second Church's college students as they prepared for fall and spring finals. Second Presbyterian youth also joined in on intergenerational activities such as "Movie Night" at the Senator Theater and the All-Church Mission Day last April.

This year, the youth will be participating in Faith in 3D, a popular tri-denominational (Presbyterian, Episcopal, and Baptist) gathering at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida. Faith in 3D gives youth the opportunity to experience worship from a perspective other than their own and build relationships with others from around the country in a fun setting.

Scott Silverwood

Stewardship Council

Transition provides both challenges and opportunities. When Ann Peebles retired from her role as Chairman of the Stewardship Council, we knew we had very big shoes to fill. Ann achieved great things during her years as the Chairman of the Stewardship Council. While we miss Ann's leadership, I am pleased (but not surprised) to report that the remaining members of the Stewardship Council accomplished much during 2008. Highlights included:

- Achieving strong collections during 2008 despite an economy under pressure

- Adding three new members who have made meaningful contributions - Holly Hoey, Alix Rodman and Jeff Rodman

- Launching what appears to be a successful annual fund campaign in the face of a continuing recession

Many of you will remember that the 2008 annual fund process got off to a bit of a slow start because much time and effort had been focused on concluding an exceptional capital campaign. As a result, the Stewardship Council focused its efforts in the first half of 2008 on securing pledges to fund the operations of the church. Collections for the year ended December 31, 2008 totaled \$772,000; a real tribute to the continuing generosity of the congregation.

It is easy to be the Chairman when you have a great team. During 2008, Holly Hoey, Alix Rodman and Jeff Rodman joined existing members Mark Felder, Gordy Hammann, Chuck Harlan, Thom Kuhl, Peter Russell, Dan Shackelford, Dan Verbic and Mike Ward. You should be very proud of the dedication, talent and accomplishments of these individuals.

Most of you know that we have required support from the endowment fund to cover operating expenses. In recent years that support has represented more than 10% of revenues. When we began planning for the 2009 annual fund campaign, we recognized that continued reliance on the endowment fund was not sustainable. One of our primary goals for 2009 was to eliminate the need for such support through increased annual collections. While we knew it would require inspired giving to achieve this goal, we initially thought it was a realistic target. The depth and breadth of the current recession caused us to adjust our goal downward. As a result, the budget for 2009 contemplates collections of \$765,000 (including pledge income of \$650,000).

I am pleased to report that the 2009 annual fund is off to a good start. To date, we have received 117 pledges totaling \$583,000. The members of the Stewardship Council are personally reaching out to those who have not yet pledged encouraging them to prayerfully consider financially supporting our church.

I am confident that with your support and God's grace we can exceed our goals.

Don Templin, Chair

Reaching Out ~ Drawing Near Initiatives for 2008 and Beyond

The Facility Master Planning Task Force (FMPTF-II)

The FPC began its exciting work of implementing the church's Master Plan in March 2008, and has met bi-weekly ever since. This is a sampling of what we have accomplished:

- Developed a Mission Statement.
- Adopted a prayer for the committee, and discussed philosophical and spiritual aspects of the work at each meeting.
- Read relevant books about building church facilities and visited several sites as examples for discussion.
- Wrote announcements for Sunday Bulletins and the *Tower* about the ongoing work and addressed the congregation several times.

To begin the implementation work, we:

- Developed a project list that prioritized all projects involved in renovation and building, including deferred maintenance, described in the Master Plan. The FPC also eliminated some aspects of the plan which were too costly, impractical, or which didn't serve present goals.
- Developed a budget plan for the phasing of the multiple projects involved over the next four years.

The architects from GWWO, our Master Planners, continued to offer guidance and revised planning drawings during this process. This phased-budgeted work will be referred to as Phase I, and will utilize the full Capital Campaign Facilities portion as pledged. During Phase I, we will first address the numerous and significant deferred maintenance projects primarily affecting the Sanctuary and Smith Hall (roof, gutters, plaster repair, etc.) as well as life safety issues. That work will begin soon and will be completed by the end of 2009.

Thereafter, Phase One will address practically all key programmatic/ministry areas of the church, such that we hope to have a sense of completion for every priority that the Session and the earlier Facilities Task Forces had established over the past three years. Phase I will impact the Sanctuary, the Chapel, Class Rooms, Administrative and Pastoral Offices, Smith Hall and a new Kitchen as well as new Bathrooms, Stairway and Elevator access to all levels.

In September, the FPC presented their work to a joint

meeting of Session, Trustees, Deacons and staff persons. The Session approved the FPC's planning process and the decisions made to date. They also approved the committee's request,

- To begin work immediately on the deferred maintenance items,
- To begin the selection of an Owner's Representative to coordinate the work involved in the church-based efforts, and subsequently with a general contractor,
- To begin selection of an architectural firm and their consultants to continue the work of the Master Plan.

Since then, the FPC has begun the process of evaluating architects through written qualifications packets. We have been blessed with a significant show of interest by a large and wonderful group of highly qualified architects who have toured our facilities and reviewed our Master Plan. We have selected four firms for further interviews during January.

We have also selected a terrific Owner's Representative, Tom McCracken, from a highly qualified group of candidates. The Trustees assisted with the selection and contracting process. Tom has extensive experience as an architect, as an executive with a well-respected general contractor, and as an owner's representative for other fine institutions. Tom will oversee the deferred maintenance projects in 2009 as well as participate in the architect selection process. Importantly, he will represent Second Presbyterian Church throughout the design and construction process as we implement our Master Plan.

Throughout this period, the FPC spent a great deal of time on organizational matters with thoughtful attention to a matrix of responsibilities for various parties and groups in the church who will be involved in the facilities process over the next few years.

We continue to endeavor to attend to the details as well as the big picture. This will also involve members of the congregation, who are encouraged to speak up with suggestions and observations. We plan to provide various forums for input during the design process.

And, lastly, we are fully aware of the turbulent economic and stock market conditions. Accordingly, we are proceeding carefully with our plans to be prudent and flexible. The projects for 2009 (mentioned above) are fully funded presently, and we will proceed cautiously on future commitments.

We are grateful for the significant contributions of time and talent, wisdom and faith of the entire Facilities Planning Committee:

Bruce Behrens	Michelle Hwang
Philip Olsen	Rev. Dr. Tom Blair
Elaine Logan	Leslie Owsley
Marjorie Bookhout	John Lohr
Peggy Poe	Mike Craft
Beth McCrickard	Holly Pool
Julie Darsie	Cindy Mead
Lynda Riley	Jim Hughes
Tim Mead	Dan Shackelford
Paul Hume	

The Impact Mission Project Task Force

The Impact Outreach Project Task Force began the exciting work of implementing the three projects selected as part of the capital campaign:

- Educational Opportunities Program - improve the graduation rate for 50 Baltimore City public high school students
- Women for Afghan Women - build a village school in Afghanistan
- CARES CareerConnection - help a population of Baltimore City residents move from reliance on emergency assistance to self-sufficiency

The task force formed project committees to guide the congregation's involvement with each of the three committees and invited church members to join these committees. More than 35 members of the congregation have joined one of these committees and contributed to our support of the sponsor organizations' efforts with these projects. With the project sponsors, we have made significant progress on each project.

Educational Opportunities Program:

In August, EOP selected 51 ninth grade students at Doris Johnson High School to participate in the program. Our committee sponsored an extremely successful school supply drive to kick-off these students' school year. In October and November, the committee sponsored a winter clothing drive in response to awareness that many of the students lacked proper cold weather clothing. In December, our middle and high school Sunday school classes sent personalized holiday cards to all 51 students. The names of the students are posted on the Impact Outreach bulletin board beside the library. Committee Co-Chairs: Shay Herman and James Woods.

Women for Afghan Women:

Construction of a village school in Logar province began in late spring and was substantially complete to allow the students to occupy the building when the Afghan school year started in late fall. Remaining punch list items will be completed in spring 2009. Our committee

sponsored an Afghan "book club" over the summer and fall to raise awareness of the need for education, especially for girls, in the country. The reading list included titles such as Three Cups of Tea, Behind the Burka, Kabul Beauty School, and A Thousand Splendid Suns. In addition, the committee organized care boxes and letters for three US soldiers stationed in Afghanistan. The committee also sponsored a congregational luncheon in November to celebrate the opening of the school, featuring traditional Afghan foods and a site visit report from Fahima Vorgetts of Women for Afghan Women. More than 100 people attended this luncheon. Committee Chair: Sheri Slezak.

CARES CareerConnection:

Program co-sponsors GEDCO and the Caroline Center launched the CARES CareerConnection in July. Second Presbyterian Church is providing seed money to enable the program to operate for its first two years. Because the success of the program is highly dependent on volunteer involvement, our committee has focused efforts on helping the sponsors create meaningful volunteer opportunities and assisting with volunteer recruitment. Several members of the congregation have volunteered at the job center. CARES reported that six of its program participants had successfully found new jobs by year end. Committee Co-Chair: Nancy Getter.

The Impact Outreach Project Task Force recruited a fourth committee to identify opportunities to invest any additional capital campaign funds earmarked for outreach. The committee has met, but will not finalize any recommendations until the amount and timing of additional funding is known. Committee Chair: Tom Monahan.

Submitted by Gay Shackelford

Trustees Report

The duties of the Board of Trustees shall be those delegated by the laws of the state of Maryland, the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the session of the church. The Trustees manage the property, deeds, titles, and funds for the furtherance of the purpose of the church, subject to the authority of the session, and upon the approval of the congregation. The following comments provide an overview of the activities of the Board of Trustees during the year 2008.

Consolidated Endowment Funds

No bequests were received into the church's general endowment in 2007. Gifts totaling \$1,255,124 from multiple donors were received as part of the church's capital campaign that began in October 2007. This campaign is expected to have at least a three-year duration.

Therefore, further capital campaign contributions are expected in 2009. The Facilities Planning Committee and the Mission Outreach Committee are working closely with the Trustees to appropriately plan the expenditures of these funds in accordance with the timing of donations and the objectives of the campaign. The endowment funds also received \$3,000 for the purchase of LMG niches. These funds are used to pay off the LMG loan from the endowment which now has a balance of \$192,692.

The requirements or limitations for use designated for any gift or bequest have been clearly identified and recorded. The Trustees remain committed to monitoring the uses of all gifts and bequests to ensure the use of funds is in compliance with the donor's wishes.

The guiding principles of the endowment funds' Investment Policy are (1) to maintain high standards of professionalism and accomplishment to encourage and reassure current and future benefactors; and (2) to thoughtfully balance current support of the operating budget with the long-term need of growing the endowment to offset inflationary erosion upon principal value and income flows. The spending and investment policies have been determined for the General Endowment fund, the Restricted Income Only funds, and the Restricted funds. The Special Purpose funds are largely a cash management account.

A summary of 2008 contributions, uses, and ending balances for all of the consolidated endowment funds may be found at the end of this report.

The present spending policy of 4% is based on the average of the prior three years' balances, adjusted for major inflows. Total returns, as opposed to investment income alone, are considered in developing the spending policy. The consolidated endowment funds are well diversified and conservatively invested, primarily in American Funds, Brown Advisory, First Pacific Advisors, and PIMCO mutual funds.

The church's endowment funds serve two important purposes. First, these funds can be used for unforeseen emergencies without impacting the church's ongoing activities. Second, and equally importantly, the funds are invested to provide annual investment returns that significantly enhance the mission of the church beyond what is possible through annual giving. This annual income is expected to grow as the endowment increases over time. The Board of Trustees believes it is an important goal of the church to grow the endowment in coming years. It is hoped that one of the uses of funds raised from the Capital Campaign will be to increase the size of the general endowment, thereby growing the level of annual income and the associated programs of the church.

Building and Grounds

New projects and major repairs for 2008 were limited. There is a long list of potential projects that should be undertaken. However, work on these projects has been postponed as a result of:

- Limited funds in the operating budget
- The expectation that the capital campaign will provide funds for deferred maintenance projects beyond the current year.
- The work of the Facilities Planning Committee in prioritizing deferred maintenance and improvements.

The following projects were undertaken in 2008: The church library was divided into two rooms in order to create an office for the new Director of Christian Education. This allowed the new director to have office space adjacent to other members of the staff. A permanent brick screen wall was installed around the air conditioning unit adjacent to the columbarium. Two window air conditioning/heating units were installed in the office wing as part of a multi-year replacement cycle. These are replacements for units that were originally installed in 1965. Finally, work on the exterior Sanctuary steps continued. These steps require more work than was originally contemplated and in fact are not completed now.

It appears that the most important priority for maintenance/repair will be the slate roofs, copper gutters, and related sheet metal work on the roofs of the Sanctuary and Smith Hall. Work on these items is being coordinated with The Facilities Planning Committee.

Another priority item will be the permanent installation of landscaping around the screen wall at the columbarium.

Beyond those tasks listed above, the Trustees look forward to working with the Facilities Planning Committee and Tom McCracken, our Owner's Representative, to determine and implement future maintenance projects.

Manse Rental

Five sisters from the School Sisters of Notre Dame began renting the manse in March 2005. The lease has been renewed and presently extends through early 2010. The Trustees are presently discussing a possible further extension, depending on the wishes of the sisters, as well as the upcoming building proposals from the Facilities Planning Committee.

Computers and Technology

No significant expenditures, above projected maintenance and replacement of existing systems, were incurred in 2008.

Expenses and Budget

Historical operating data and the budget for 2009 may be found at the end of this report.

In 2008, the church operated under a budget that included assumptions for collections that were below those of 2007. Nevertheless, collections in 2008 were substantially below both the 2007 level and the budgeted level. Consequently, despite impressive fiscal discipline, the church operated at a deficit of approximately \$44,000. This deficit occurred despite total operating expenses that were below total expenses in 2007, and roughly \$34,000 below budgeted expenditures.

The church uses income from the general endowment to fund a portion of the annual operating budget each year, in accordance with the endowment spending policy described above. In 2008, additional funds had to be used to fund the operating deficit as a result of the decrease in collections.

The Trustees strongly believe that protection of the endowment funds is imperative. The intent of the endowment's original donors, combined with the need to fund and grow the activities and missions of our church require such protection. The use of the endowment to fund operating deficits in 2008 as well as in other recent periods, combined with reductions in the funds' market value in line with the performance of the securities markets, points out the importance of protecting and replenishing our endowment funds.

The proposed 2009 budget again projects an operating deficit, despite reductions in spending levels for nearly all councils and programs relative to the 2008 budgeted levels. Likewise, 2009 personnel expenses are projected to be very much in line with those of the 2008 budget.

Collections and contributions remain a significant challenge for our congregation in 2009. We pray that growth of the congregation and continued generosity of our members will relieve the fiscal situation. Despite an improvement in the church's overall balance sheet in the past two years from the success of our Capital Campaign, the Trustees believe that the practice of using the principal

portion of the General Endowment fund to cover ongoing expenses cannot continue without having serious long-term financial consequences.

Landscape Committee

The Landscape Committee is appointed by and reports to the Board of Trustees. The primary responsibility of the committee is to assess and evaluate the status of the landscaping and grounds and make recommendations to the Board of Trustees.

This year we rearranged and transplanted shrubs, added new beds, did a considerable amount of heavy pruning, and had two large trees removed which were damaging our roof and gutters.

Rearranging and transplanting: We removed the landscaping in front of the air conditioner so the permanent memorial wall could be built. We transplanted all the bushes and a tree in other locations. We found homes for the other cypress trees, so there was no expense for tree removal. We found someone to take and reuse the temporary fence so that it didn't go to a landfill.

New or improved beds: There is a new extended bed planted in front of the new memorial wall which continues over to the rotunda steps. Look for new color this spring and summer. We transplanted some of the overcrowded nandinas (near the office windows) to fill in the empty space where the holly shrub was removed.

Following the removal of the overgrown ivy at the sanctuary steps, we filled in the beds with transplanted azaleas and planted new yew and crape myrtle shrubs.

Seven otto luken from in front of the temporary memorial fence were transplanted to the Frey-Cox garden near the sanctuary steps.

Pruning and tree removal: This year we scheduled several maintenance projects including: Pruning the four pear trees along the walkway to the columbarium. Removal of two large holly trees which were damaging the foundation and rain gutters. Removal of ivy in several beds to allow the azaleas and yew shrubs room to grow.

A special thank-you to John Lohr for the much needed pruning and several maintenance projects. And also a special thank-you to Louise De Lavergne for planting all the seasonal bulbs and annuals which make the grounds so colorful.

Members are:

Margie Bookout	Louise DeLavergne
Becky Ferrell	John Lohr
Cindy Mead	Tim Mead
Mary Nickerson	

Respectfully submitted,
Tim and Cindy Mead, Co-chairs

CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions to Capital Campaign	\$1,258,998
Memorials & Honorariums, SPF	\$1,910
Youth Fellowship, SPF	\$737
Birthday Gift	\$77
Sauer Maintenance, RIO	\$1,000
Niche Purchases transf.	\$3,000
Total Contributions	\$1,265,722

2008 ENDING LOAN BALANCES

Equity- Blair House	\$100,000
Stadium Place Loan	\$50,000
Equity-DiFrancesco House	\$75,000
Facility Projects due Endowment	\$42,563
Labyrinth Mem. Garden	\$192,692
Total Loans from Endowment	\$460,255

2008 ENDING FUND BALANCES

Alternative Gift	\$1,077
Berger Theological	\$1,892
Bicentennial	\$6,411
Carillon Maintenance	\$5,006
Chancel Guild	\$23,708
Compassion	\$2,521
Library	\$883
Memorials and Honorariums	\$29,844
Organ/Piano Maintenance	\$0
Second Friday	\$296
Pastor Sabbatical	\$7,994
Books and Ed.Carry-over	\$2,036
Steeple	\$18,750
Tape	\$2,367
Special Use	\$0
Trustees Discretionary	\$0
Wednesday Fellowship	\$625
Youth	\$0
Total Special Purpose Funds	\$103,410

2008 FUND USES

Endowment, General	\$131,600
Nesbitt Land, RIO	\$1,500
Pastoral Counseling, RIO	\$6,020
Peterson Music, RIO	\$1,500
Sauer Education, RIO	\$2,000
Steeple	\$235
Sauer Maintenance, RIO	\$4,000
Sauer Mission, RIO	\$1,000
Staff/Member Spec. Needs RIO	\$5,000
Wonderlic Music & Fam	\$4,000
Youth Ministry RIO	\$7,500
Endow Use, LMG Loan	\$61,587
Endow Use, Capital Campaign	\$340,941
Alternative Gift	\$5,000
Bicentennial Mission	\$4,700
Carillon Maintenance	\$551
Compassion SPF	\$411
Organ/Piano Maint. SPF	\$77
Tape SPF	\$26
Special Use SPF	\$519
Trustees Discretionary SPF	\$37,937
Total Funds used in 2008	\$616,104

ENDING 2008 FUND BALANCE

Endowment General, RIO	\$1,647,931
Capital Campaign and Gift Funds	\$2,595,850
Latshaw Disabled RIO	\$23,869
Kerr Maintenance	\$37,717
Nesbitt Landscaping, RIO	\$17,585
Pastoral Counseling RIO	\$111,032
Pease Compassion Needs RIO	\$18,975
Peterson Music RIO	\$27,268
Sauer Education RIO	\$40,336
Sauer Maintenance RIO	\$83,035
Sauer Mission RIO	\$22,167
Staff/Member Special Needs RIO	\$37,110
Wonderlic Music & Family RIO	\$80,972
Youth Ministry RIO	\$129,959
Special Purpose Funds	\$103,410
Consolid	\$4,977,216

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Approved Budget - January 20, 2009

	2006 Actual	2007 Actual	2008 Budget	2008 Actual	2009 Budget
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OFFERING & CONTRIBUTIONS					
General Offerings	729,332	851,653	825,000	760,029	765,000
Mission Offerings, Contributions & Receipts	33,153	29,137	28,500	31,954	21,000
Gifts for Use in Current Year	8,031	12,366	12,000	11,915	10,000
Other and Rental Income	30,620	41,047	36,685	33,486	38,000
OFFERINGS & CONTRIBUTIONS	801,136	934,203	902,185	837,384	834,000
Annual Endowment Support	65,000	90,500	91,600	91,600	82,300
Other Support - SP, R & RIO Funds	40,351	25,163	27,017	39,521	19,000
INVESTMENT FUNDS SUPPORT	105,351	115,663	118,617	131,121	101,300
TOTAL FUNDS FOR OPERATIONS	906,487	1,049,866	1,020,802	968,505	935,300

OPERATING EXPENSES					
Personnel					
Administration	143,269	148,695	152,850	153,711	153,515
Christian Education	41,795	59,150	62,423	43,266	60,537
Maintenance	68,276	74,175	77,365	79,636	76,993
Music	80,616	87,594	91,057	90,137	86,895
Pastoral	215,522	245,265	252,025	253,183	252,142
Total Personnel	549,478	614,879	635,720	619,933	630,082
Councils and Programs					
Administration	47,373	44,269	46,700	46,785	41,000
Caring and Membership	12,932	16,086	10,650	8,760	9,500
Christian Education	17,870	21,617	16,500	19,878	14,900
Denominational Assessment	15,707	16,043	16,800	16,800	15,235
Maintenance	134,049	117,215	144,490	116,245	120,925
Mission	107,470	111,299	118,500	126,524	100,000
Music and Worship	19,588	29,045	18,050	19,956	10,075
Pastoral	22,466	15,004	20,150	17,662	19,550
Session	809	411	1,250	930	1,000
Stewardship	2,540	600	3,000	3,307	2,000
Youth	8,579	4,962	11,750	10,706	8,800
Marketing	2,906	3,454	4,000	5,117	4,500
Financial	120	1,761	150	0	0
Total Councils and Programs	400,143	381,766	411,990	392,670	347,485
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	949,621	996,645	1,047,710	1,012,603	977,567

OPERATING NET GAIN (LOSS)	(43,134)	53,221	(26,908)	(44,098)	(42,267)
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Contributions to Investment Funds	329,659	59,256		3,724	
Current Year Offerings and Contributions	801,137	934,203		837,383	
Current Year Capital Campaign Contributions		1,647,276		1,255,124	
Total Offerings and Contributions	1,130,796	2,629,876		2,096,231	
Loans and Contributions Returned to Endowment		16,301		3,000	

Worship, Music, and Sacraments

The Worship, Music, and Sacraments Council is responsible for coordinating all worship services and supporting the pastors and musicians in doing so.

Our duties include facilitating communication among the pastors, director of music, musicians, other councils, and the church office. We consider changes to the order of worship and worship service schedules; prepare the Sacrament of Holy Communion and enlist servers; schedule liturgists, beadles, and acolytes; place flowers in worship and decorate the church for holidays; manage wedding rehearsals and services for the pastors; maintain choir robes, music libraries, musical instruments and equipment, and the communion silver and linens; coordinate the use of the church's worship spaces and its musical instruments for outside events; and assist the music director in hiring musicians, in collaboration with the Personnel Committee.

The Director of Music, the Second at Nine coordinator, and the handbell choir director work with Dr. Blair and Rev. DiFrancesco to select and present service music that is appropriate to the topic and tone of each worship service. The Service for the Lord's Day, Sundays at 11 a.m., features traditional liturgy and music. Second at Nine, a more casual atmosphere intended to welcome families and children, is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Sunday mornings. This year, we replaced the contemplative Taizé service with occasional healing and wholeness services such as the one held in December.

Philip Olsen is in his fifth year as Director of Music. In addition to supervising Second Church's music program

as a whole, Philip conducts the Chancel Choir and plays most of the service music at 11 a.m. Philip teaches his philosophy that church musicians are worship leaders rather than performers, and he feels a great personal responsibility for maintaining Second Church's solid reputation for quality music. Our musicians, professional and volunteer alike, continue to learn and grow under Philip's leadership.

Assistant Organist Laura Garvin is in her second year of accompanying the choir in rehearsal and during the service. She also fills in for Philip as needed. She held several church music director positions in the past, and now holds accompanist positions at both Peabody and McDonogh in addition to her position at Second Church.

Liz Sesler-Beckman is the worship coordinator for Second at Nine, in addition to directing the children's choir program. Liz enlists musicians for the Second at Nine Band and prepares and directs the musical offerings for the Second at Nine service every week. Liz fulfills her Second Church duties with such humility that many in the church don't realize she is an accomplished jazz pianist who performs and records around the country.

Sarah Thober stepped into the director's position on January 1 and has now completed her first full year of recruiting and training members of the handbell choir. Sarah has successfully made the transition from apprentice to director. Congratulations, Sarah!

Respectfully submitted,
Eloise Bensberg, Chair

Mission Statement

The mission of Second Presbyterian Church is to joyfully serve God as a Christian community. We are committed to being spiritual and practicing Christians through worship, mission, education, stewardship, and fellowship. Guided by the counsel of the Holy Spirit and Scripture, we at Second Church strive to be an invigorated and diverse congregation that nurtures the spiritual growth of our members and, individually and collectively, serve the needs of others. We reaffirm our goal to be a church of solace and comfort that shares the joy of life in Christ.

The Staff of The Second Presbyterian Church of Baltimore

The Reverend Dr. Thomas W. Blair, pastor
The Rev. Jennifer DiFrancesco, associate pastor
Ms. Michelle Hwang, Christian educator
Mrs. Joyce C. Zimmerman, pastoral assistant
Ms. Cecilia H. Amaral, pastoral counselor
Mr. Philip Olsen, music director
Ms. Laura Garvin, assistant organist and choir accompanist
Mrs. Sarah Thober, handbell director
Mrs. Elizabeth Sesler-Beckman, director of youth choirs
Ms. Mary Jo Gibson, bookkeeper
Ms. JoAnn Minarchick, office administrator
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Mr. Vernon Wise, sexton