

Treasurers Report

WPPC Financial Report as of December 31, 2013

	Budgeted YTD	Actual YTD	Over (Under)
Current Pledges	\$220,000	\$235,057	\$15,057
Special Offering – HVAC	\$0	\$24,835	\$24,835
Total Operating Income	\$242,200	\$297,433	\$55,233
Total Operating Expenses	\$244,483	\$258,312	\$13,829
Net Income (Loss) (excluding donations for HVAC)	\$(2,283)	\$ 14,286	\$16,569

WPPC had a strong 2013. We finished the year in the black, with no funds drawn on the Andrews Memorial.

We finished 2013 with very strong December donations, including \$64,672 in pledges received. That was 29% of budgeted pledges for the entire year. For the full year ended December 31, 2013, WPPC received pledge revenues of \$235,057, versus an annual budget of \$220,000, resulting in an excess of \$15,057 of pledge revenues received. We also received a total of \$24,835 of special offerings for the HVAC system in the education building. As a result, total operating income of \$297,433 also exceeded budget of \$242,200.

Total expenses for the year were over budget. The Session voted to spend approximately \$53,500 on the new HVAC system for the education building. That was not in the budget for 2013. For the full year ended December 31, 2013, WPPC had total operating expenses of \$258,312, versus an annual budget of \$244,483, or an excess of \$13,829. External mission support for 2013 was \$11,433, or \$1,443 above budget.

During 2013, WPPC borrowed on its line of credit to pay for part of the new HVAC system. As of December 31, 2013, the outstanding balance of the line of credit had been reduced to \$14,491. Based upon the strong finish in 2013, the line of credit will be substantially reduced (or paid off) in 2014.

WPPC enters 2014 with stable finances. In January, the Session approved a 2014 budget of approximately \$195,000. No major capital improvements are planned for 2014.

Stewardship

On behalf of the Session, I wish to thank every member and friend of our congregation for their outstanding offerings of time, talent and treasure for our 2013 year. As chair of the stewardship committee for 2014, I am pleased to inform you that, as a result of your faithfulness and generosity, we received \$195,000 in pledges. This amount exceeded our goal by \$5000. We look forward to continued fruitful ministry in 2014 as we persevere in our mission to glorify God, grow disciples and go out to serve in Christ's name.

Yours in Christ,
Jim Durig

Serving dinner at The Kansas City Rescue Mission



We Welcome New Officers

During worship on February 9, we will ordain and install new church officers. We welcome as ruling elders James Lusk (Adult Discipleship) and Sean Stoy (Youth Discipleship). In addition, as Steve Guthrie steps aside after six years of faithful service as Worship Elder, Diana Justus will assume those responsibilities. We will also welcome three new deacons: Shirley Lytle, Jim Fletcher and Susan Stewart. Jean Hunter was elected at our November Congregational Meeting to serve as Trustee.

We are grateful to all who serve our church in these essential ministry roles. When you have a moment, please express your thanks to outgoing elders and deacons: Steve Guthrie, Jane Coleman and Bob Rohlfling. *"Well done good and faithful servants!"*

Following are descriptions of the roles of Ruling Elders, Deacons and Trustees from the PCUSA Book of Order. These roles, as defined in Scripture and worked out in our common life, are important for the proper functioning and effective ministry of Ward Parkway Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Ruling Elders

As there were in Old Testament times elders for the government of the people, so the New Testament church provided persons with particular gifts to share in discernment of God's Spirit and governance of God's people. Accordingly, congregations should elect persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit. Ruling elders are so named not because they "lord it over" the congregation (Matt. 20:25), but because they are chosen by the congregation to discern and measure its fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life. Ruling elders, together with teaching elders, exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships. When elected by the congregation, they shall serve faithfully as members of the session. When elected as commissioners to higher councils, ruling elders participate and vote with the same authority as teaching elders, and they are eligible for any office. (G-2.0301)

Deacons

The ministry of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment should be chosen for this ministry. (G-2.0201)

Trustees

The corporation so formed, or the individual trustees, shall have the following powers: to receive, hold, encumber, manage, and transfer property, real or personal, for the congregation, provided that in buying, selling, and mortgaging real property, the trustees shall act only after the approval of the congregation, granted in a duly constituted meeting; to accept and execute deeds of title to such property; to hold and defend title to such property; to manage any permanent special funds for the furtherance of the purposes of the congregation, all subject to the authority of the session and under the provisions of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).(G-4.0101)