

## **The Church at Horseshoe Bay**

### **The Year 2014**

The following Board of Trustees members were elected by the congregation at the annual meeting on January 18, 2014: David Hart, Michael Maine, Carolyn Thornton, Kay Tyler and Linda Wilson.

#### **Following are the 2014 Board Officers and Department Heads:**

Carolyn Thornton – Chairperson

Mike Maine – Vice Chairperson, Long Range Planning, Nominating Committee

Alan Barrows– Treasurer

Elsie Thurman – Assistant Treasurer

Geneva Dalton - Secretary, Membership Comm. Chair

Claudia Bird – Congregational Fellowship Dept. Chair

Bill Edwards – Building Dept. Chair

David Hart/Ken Lindgren - Benevolence Chair

Fred Klingensmith – Personnel Dept. Chair, member of Building Dept. Committee

Wayne Ratisseau -- Stewardship Planning Team Chair, Transportation Comm. Chair

Mary Agnes Rudd – Worship & Music Dept. Chair

Michele Shackelford – Congregational Support Dept. Chair

G.A. Smith – Grounds Dept. Chair

Kay Tyler – Public Relations Dept. Chair

Linda Wilson – Education Dept. Chair

The activities of the various departments and committees of the Church for the year 2014 are described below.

#### **Benevolence Department**

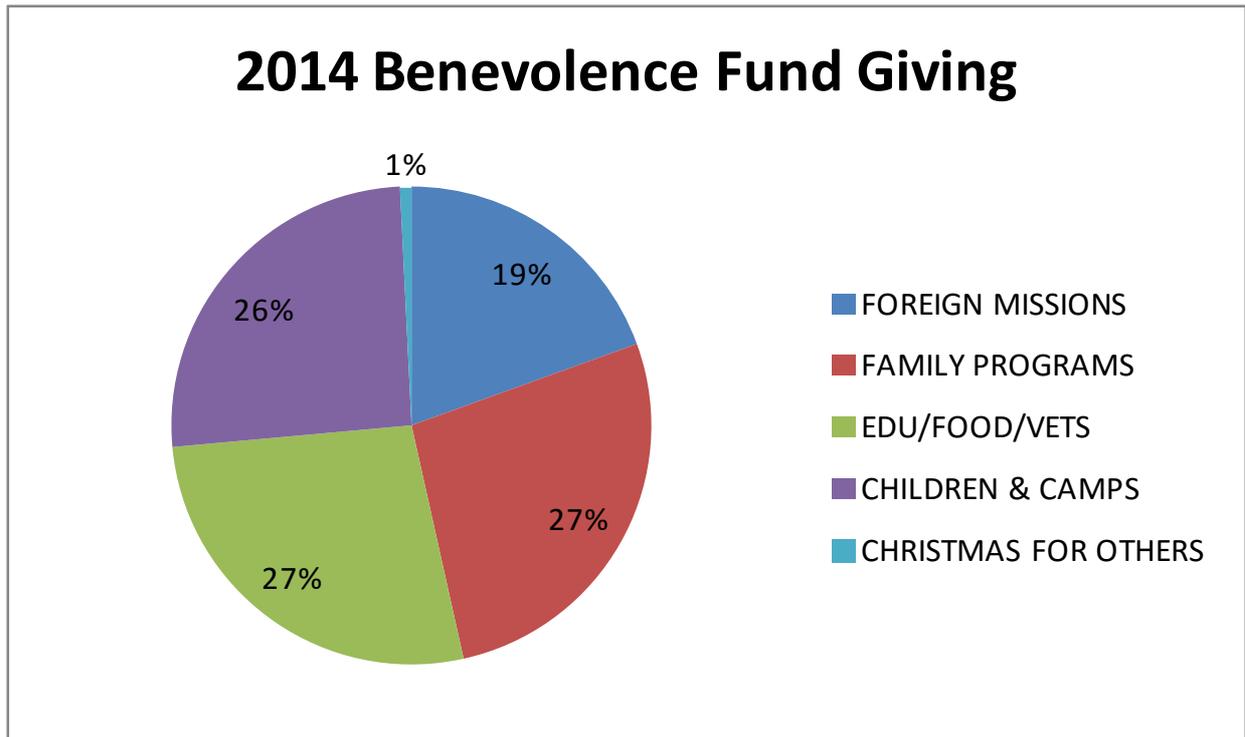
Ken Lindgren, Chair

Your Benevolence Department is more than a committee; it is also a diversified people fund, supporting Children's Programs and Camps, Educational Programs, Food Pantries, Veterans Groups, Family Programs and Foreign Missions.

In 2014, we supported 48 agencies on a continuous basis and 12 additional agencies and programs on a one time basis. The budget allotted to the fund in 2014 was \$318,942 (29% of prior year operating contributions). Additional cash funds came from various Church organizations and functions, such as Christmas Eve Offerings, Flower Fund, Volunteers in Mission, Christmas for Others, Sunday School-Faith Bridge Mission, Pastor's Discretionary Fund, Individual Contributions and Thanksgiving for Others, totaling \$57,475. Non-cash contributions totaling \$64,023 came from Christmas for Others, Helping Center, WOW, Sunshine House, Thanksgiving Food Drive, St. Frederick's Baptist Thanksgiving, Cherokee Home, Sunday School-Ladies Class,

Sunday School-Faith Bridge, VIM Mission Trip, Local HSB Mission Group and OARS Christmas Project. The inclusion of all gifts, cash and non-cash totals \$440,699 (39.1% of operation expenses).

Christmas for Others delivered gifts for 300 children in the local area and Thanksgiving for Others helped stock the pantries at The Helping Center, St. Frederick's Mission Outreach, Joseph's Food Pantry and Helping Hands.



**Benevolence Disbursements & Mission Projects:**

Benevolence Disbursements	\$	325,383
Mission Disbursements		51,293
<u>Non-cash support for church-sponsored mission projects</u>		
Christmas for Others		22,350
Helping Center - Food		3,000
WOW Diaper Drive		1,000
Sunshine House		300
Thanksgiving Food Drive		800
St. Frederick's Baptist Thanksgiving		395
Cherokee Home for Children		500
Sunday School - Ladies' Class		504
Sunday School - Faith Bridge		6,491
VIM Mission Trip Hours		14,071
Local HSB Mission Team Hours		14,612
Total Spent on others	\$	<u>440,699</u>

**Church Operating Expenses:**

Operating Expenses per P&L	\$	1,023,923
Less capital expenses over \$5k in operating fund		(18,817)
Less transfers to Benevolence Fund		(318,942)
	\$	<u>686,164</u>
Percent spent on others		39.11%
Percent spent on us		<u>60.89%</u>
		<u>100.00%</u>

We are a very blessed Church and have a loving, caring and generous Congregation. Your gifts help make a difference. "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required" (Luke 12:48).

Thank You for your continued support and this Committee pledges to be good stewards of all of God's gifts placed in our care. We will make every effort to see that your dollars are spent wisely and go where the need is greatest. We will continue to strive for the Vision set during the twenty-fifth anniversary year to become a "dollar for dollar" Church.

**Buildings Department**  
Bill Edwards, Chair

Kathy Morrisette, our cleaning contractor, is doing a very good job of keeping the facilities clean as well as doing a daily evening security check of the buildings in spite of undergoing a cancer operation and treatments. We appreciate her services.

Our volunteer crew consisting of Tom Butler, Roger Dalton, Don Eckelbarger, Norm Homburg, Jim Hower, Steve Jarrard, Bruce Jefferies, Fred Klingensmith, John McGrew, JT McMahon, Jim and Shirley Hampton, Jim Tyler and Billy Williams have responded to the need to rearrange furniture as needed for Church events. Bruce Jefferies, Fred Klingensmith, Garry Kesler & PT Williams have assisted me as needed doing Sunday security checks. Some highlights of 2014 include:

- There have been monthly checks of the heating and A/C systems
- The four large windows in the Narthex and one small window in the sanctuary that were cloudy due to broken seals have been replaced.
- Kena Richert, DeDe Hodge and Garry Kesler on the staff along with Charlie Sugg, Fred Klingensmith, GA Smith and PT Williams have great resources for building issues.
- There was a lot of discussion on how to accommodate the growing Sunday School classes. A general agreement has been reached on the utilization of the spaces.
- Long term building planning has been done to enable us to meet major building and facility needs in the future, particularly the 20+ year old heating and A/C systems.
- The Pastors and Business Administrator's offices have been repainted thanks to volunteers.
- Miscellaneous maintenance repairs on plumbing, lighting and alarm system have been done.
- We are addressing some building structural water leak issues. The caulking and sealers have deteriorated plus cracks have occurred due to aging and settling of the building allowing some water to penetrate into the building causing some minor damage. A portion of the repairs will be done by a contractor. Other repairs will be done by Church volunteers.

**Business Management Department**

Alan Barrows, Chair

**Endowment Fund:** At December 31, 2014 the Endowment Fund consisted of the following assets:

Vanguard Life Strategy Growth Fund	\$351,003
Life Insurance Policies	<u>1,037</u>
	\$352,041

At December 31, 2013 the Fund balance was \$262,733. During the year, the Vanguard Life Strategy Growth Fund had a 7% increase in value as well as \$70,450 of member donations during the year. This fund is a long-range investment and is still considered an appropriate investment for the Endowment Fund.

Gifts to the Endowment Fund are to be accumulated by the Church until \$500,000 has been received, at which point on an annual basis 6% of the market value may be used for "religious or charitable purposes."

**Stewardship Committee:** Our goal for 2014 was to enhance our endowment fund program and continue our efforts to become a "dollar for dollar" Congregation. When it became apparent that our yearly budget was going to experience a shortfall due to changes in giving patterns, the stewardship committee's priorities changed. Our goal then was to make all our members aware of the shortfall in our budget and ask for their assistance in overcoming this situation. We shall continue our efforts to become a "dollar for dollar" Congregation in the years ahead.

**Long Range Planning:** The long range planning committee met on numerous occasions during the early part of the year to work on preparation of a survey of the Congregation's thoughts and opinions on a variety of subjects which could impact the future of the Church. That survey was presented to the Board and was approved for distribution to the Congregation in the spring in both written and electronic formats. The survey was completed by over 300 members of the Church and offered valuable insights to the Board for possible future action. A number of specific items were identified for immediate action, and individual Board members were assigned to complete them. All have now been addressed. The committee is currently considering the formulation of a 5 year plan to deal with changing demographics in the Horseshoe Bay area and potential Church growth.

**Congregational Fellowship Department**  
Claudia Bird, Chair

**Coffee Fellowship:** Coffee and cookies provided by the Church are served in the fellowship hall following both the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services to give Church members and visitors an opportunity to visit and get to know each other better. Our Nursery worker assists with setup and clean-up and provides coffee when there is no host. A sign-up board in the fellowship keeps track of hosts for both services.

**Historian:** Camille Bigham served as Church historian for sixteen years. She has now retired from this position, as she and her husband Jim have moved to San Antonio. Ann Seckler is our new historian.

**Membership:** Geneva Dalton, Chair, reports our total members for ending 2014 was 770. Total family units is 483 with 320 married units, 147 singles and 16 members with spouse nonmember. We had 24 new members and 15 members who passed away last year. Shelby is continually being updated by DeDe Hodge.

**Men of Faith:** The mission of Men of Faith is to create opportunities for fellowship and fun, spiritual growth and sharing of the gospel message for men of our community by initiating and supporting programs that demonstrate Christian values. Led by Chairman Steve Jordan, this group hosted numerous men's fellowship breakfast events over the last five years. These events are open to all men and many attendees are from other Churches in the Hill Country area. Current officers are: Chairman-Steve Jordan, Vice-Chairman Andy Burk, and Secretary/Treasurer-Gary Gum.

**Singles of the Hills:** Under the leadership of Vicki Strevey, Singles of the Hills provides a Christian environment for all singles of the Church and community to come together for support, fellowship and friendship. This committee conducts monthly dinners/programs which are open to all singles residing in the Highland Lakes area.

**Special Events:** This committee, chaired by Frances Highsmith and Marsha Cathey is responsible for the Church's social events. Annual activities include a Chili Supper, Ice Cream Social, Picnic, and Thanksgiving Celebration.

**Women of the Word (WOW):** This committee hosts a catered Spring Luncheon open to all Horseshoe Bay area ladies and a Fall Coffee Fellowship for both services. A Ladies' Retreat is held each fall at Camp Buckner providing an opportunity for in-depth Bible Study and fellowship while encouraging area Churches' participation if space is available. Decorating and maintaining the Church for Advent, as well as returning items to storage is one of two December projects. The second is preparing and serving an appreciation Christmas Luncheon for the Church Staff and their spouses. The WOW committee involves the Church membership in their community mission projects such as the Diaper Drive and items needed for the Children's Advocacy Center program.

### **Congregational Support Department**

Michele Shackelford, Chair

There are eight committees in place to assist members of the Congregation during times of special needs. None of these programs are possible without the tireless dedication of over 100 Church volunteers. Their efforts are recognized and deeply appreciated. New volunteers are welcome at any time. Please contact the chairperson of any committee where you have an interest in serving.

**Caring Cards:** Jan Simpson serves our members by sending cards to those whose lives are touched by illness or death.

**Congregation Care:** Ellen Mitchell and Paula Wendel serve as co-chairs for this committee of volunteers who help families experiencing the death of a loved one. The volunteers work in teams of two assigned to each month (thus the name Calendar Girls) to assist families with a meal or to arrange memorial service receptions as needed. Other volunteers help by preparing cookies. During 2014, the volunteers assisted with 14 memorial service receptions.

**Freezer Friends:** Cara Franz and Beverly Brascom serve as co-chairs for this committee of volunteers who prepare frozen meals, which are available to families in need of a nutritious meal delivered to their home. Six cooling crews meet in individual homes to prepare standardized recipes for the Church freezer.

**The Driving Force:** Help with transportation is available to members of the Congregation on a temporary basis for medical appointments. Under the leadership of Wayne Ratisseau, 40 volunteer drivers have provided over 150 rides in 2014. This committee is a joint effort between Men of Faith and Congregational Support.

**Grief Support Group:** Licensed Professional Counselors Peggy Jordan and Sharon Bates, and Rev. Gordon Smith facilitate and lead a support group for those who are grieving the loss of a family member or friend. The goal of the group is to provide support for participants during this most difficult time, while helping them adjust to a new way of life. The Group meets on 1st and 3rd Mondays, January through May. In 2014 there was one group for women and one group for men. The Remembrance Service, a beautiful candlelight service held in December, allows those who feel alone an opportunity to share comforting words, uplifting music, and to light a candle in memory of their loss.

**Prayer Ministry:** This ministry lifts up in weekly prayer those special requests that are received from the Congregation. The Prayer Ministry is composed of about 15 persons whose identity is not published. The contact person is Rev. Johnny White. The Prayer Ministry met in two groups that each met weekly to pray over each personal request. All prayer requests are kept confidential and considered with respect. The group invites those with a heart for prayer and a respect for confidentiality to consider joining them.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** This ministry creates shawls that are then prayed over by members of the Prayer Ministry and then presented with prayer to members of our Congregation. Under the leadership of Ruth Newman and Jan Atkins, 15 ladies have graciously donated their time, talents, and, in some cases, the yarn to create 16 unique knitted or crocheted shawls. The completed shawls were tagged with labels saying “Handmade with Love by The Church at Horseshoe Bay” and prepared for presentation. Each shawl was then passed to the Prayer Ministry along with the name of creator and was blessed in prayer for the intended recipient. In 2014, a dozen shawls were presented to persons on our Church prayer list. Each shawl was delivered and presented with prayer and a time of caring by our pastors and Church members.

**Valentine Luncheon for Senior Widows:** This year, again the Church sponsored a special Valentine’s Luncheon for members of our Congregation who have lost their husbands as a ministry of the Congregational Support Committee. Under the leadership of Patty Gillean and Ann Stevenson, the February 14, 2014 luncheon honored approximately 45 guests. The event was a time of hearts and flowers, reflection, fine food, laughter, and music. Volunteers helped with the invitations, cooking, decorations, transportation, serving chores, clean-up, and entertainment.

#### **Education Department**

Linda Wilson, Chair

**Adult Education:** The primary mission of the Christian Education program is to be a major element in the ongoing faith commitment and development of mature disciples of Jesus Christ. The four Sunday morning classes are based on a study + service + fellowship model.

**Bible Alive Class:** 2014 Courses – Jan to March, Daniel; April to October 19, Matthew; Oct 26 thru EOY to Feb 2015, Jeremiah. Teachers included Larry Canter, Art Hawkinson, David Sweigart, and Glenda Butler. Average attendance is usually 21-23 per Sunday. Carol Hawkinson serves as our Prayer Chain and Information Dissemination leader.

**Socials:** We try to have 3 socials a year, one of which is a joint one with all the CE classes held in the Fall. The other two were June 22 potluck held at the Hawkinson’s (Ellen Hower shared D-Day events from the trip she and Jim made) and Dec 2013 potluck and fellowship (game) at the Canter’s.

**Service Project:** collected school supplies for the Mexico mission trip led by Bill and Edra Edwards.

**Women’s Bible Study:** 2014 was a wonderful year for the Women’s Bible Study Class. There were three (3) teachers, Shirley Dano, Gail Davalos, and Linda Klingensmith.

**Studies** - The class completed four (4) studies this year.

- The first, *Gideon – Your Weakness. God’s Strength* by Pricilla Shirer was started in 2013 and finished early in the year.

- Anne Graham Lotz’s study, *Pursuing More of Jesus*, was used to learn what Jesus taught His disciples at the end of His time with them.
- The basis of our third study was Ann Voskamp’s book *One Thousand Gifts*. This study was focused on finding joy in what really matters.
- We concluded the year by studying the Gospel of John one chapter at a time.

Socials - Besides participating in the socials for all the classes, the Women’s class held a luncheon honoring Raymond Excellent, the in-country Director for Haiti Share and a get together at a local restaurant.

Service - For the seventh year, the class sponsored, through Compassion International, a girl in Rwanda. She is now twelve years old and we have watched her grow in her knowledge of God. We provided monthly support, received and generated regular correspondence, and sent additional monetary gifts for her birthday, Christmas, and other special occasions.

Also, several of the class members actively supported Joseph’s Food Pantry by participating in Church Under the Bridge in Austin and serving at the Thanksgiving Feast in Marble Falls.

**Seekers Class:** Members of this class seek to increase their understanding of their faith through study of a wide range of topics relevant to Christian scholarship and life applications in the modern world. Subjects that were studied in 2014 were:

- *Cultural Literacy for Religion*<sup>1</sup>
  - 24-week, DVD video course (completed from 2013)
- *Jesus and the Gospels*<sup>2</sup>
  - 36-week, DVD video course
- *After the New Testament: Writings of the Apostolic Fathers*<sup>3</sup>
  - 24-week, DVD video course (in progress at year end)

The class has a “membership roster” of about 45 persons and an average attendance of about 30 on any given Sunday. Carol Clarke, Jim Jorden, Stan Smith, and Linda Wilson currently serve as class teachers/facilitators. Carol joined the teaching team after Pete Christy’s retirement and departure. Jim handles administrative matters for this class.

The class is following a *study + service + fellowship* model. Through these three modes of Christian worship and work the class is developing cohesiveness as a group of people with and for whom any member feels an affinity and affection.

The *study* format followed in this class is structured discussion of material presented by expert professors – mainly video or audio lecturers for The Teaching Company. The facilitators’ main role is to establish a baseline of information (as presented in the video or audio lessons) and to guide the class as it explores the discussion questions and comments posed at each class meeting.

For its *service* project, the class assisted St. Frederick Baptist Church in Marble Falls with assembly and delivery of “meals-on-wheels” to those in need, on the fifth Saturdays of the year.

The class is now in a pattern of having two *fellowship* activities each year:

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<sup>1</sup> Based on a DVD video series by The Teaching Company.

<sup>2</sup> Based on a DVD video series by The Teaching Company.

<sup>3</sup> Based on a DVD video series by The Teaching Company.

- Participation in the annual all-Church-School picnic held during the Spring.
- A Christmas social gathering, held this year at Francesco's Restaurant.

Mary Alice Dunn and Beryl Ann Owen served as coordinators for these social functions.

The three above classes have a common prayer chain which is facilitated by Carol Hawkinson. The focus is on prayer requests by class members.

**Faith Bridge Class:** President – Reagan Lambert, vice-president – Jane Boisvert, communications secretary – Mary Robison, mission projects leader – Geneva Dalton, social events leaders – Sandy Howard and Lulu Glass. Teachers – Reagan Lambert, Jane Boisvert, Bill Boisvert, Dwight King, and Eddie Greer, with Ann Higdon and Gail Matthews added in the fall. Average attendance is 35-45 of the 60 members on the roster. Mary Robinson writes a weekly summary of Sunday's class in an e-mail newsletter listing up-coming events and prayer requests.

Courses – T.W. Hunt's *Mind of Christ*, Rick Warren's *Son of God*, Max Lucado's *You'll Get through This*, James MacDonald's *Gripped by the Greatness of God*, and David Jeremiah's *What Are you Afraid of?*

Geneva Dalton selects one mission project a month. Members may choose whether or not to participate. For 2014, our mission opportunities were as follows:

January-Joseph's Food Pantry – collected 4 bags of toiletries

February-JFP/Church under the Bridge—collected back packs, new socks, scarves, gloves, hats, coats and sweaters. Geneva's back seat was filled!

March-paid for a family's 4-year-old foster son to go to preschool (\$870.00 for two months tuition).

April-Helping Center—collected \$635.00, 4 sacks of groceries, and 5 people spent one hour unloading trucks.

May-Fellowship of Christian Athletes—collected items for dinner auction "For the Kids."

June- Camp Agape--\$750.00 to buy snacks for campers.

July and August-individual mission projects with report due in September

September-collected big box of school supplies for Mexico mission and \$186.

October-gave Buckner International \$780.

November-started shopping for "Christmas For Others" oldest 10 children at Target in Bee Cave.

All year we send "Thinking of you" cards to family, friends, and members of our Church in assisted living and nursing homes.

Social Events: Each month, a small group of members meet to get to know each other better. Sandy Howard and Debbie Lambert arrange the guest list In April, the Barota's hosted a social at their home. Dwight King and Karen Jarrod entertained. In October, the Byrd's hosted a social at their home. Johnny White was honored for having started this class with a gift certificate and a book of all our missions. December 1<sup>st</sup> was the second Christmas social at On the Rocks with Gail Matthews, Karen Jarrod, Patricia White, and Ann Higdon performing "The twelve Days of Christmas." We also participate in the "all-class" social.

**Note:** The Christian Education program was initiated in 2000 with one class. Over the years, other classes have emerged to bring the total to four. Approximately 194 persons are included on the four class rosters. Average Sunday attendance is in the 90s.

**Coffee and Conversation with the Pastors:** Meets Mondays at 11:00 am. The Pastors are available for an in-depth discussion of the previous Sunday's service.

**Pastors' Forum:** A lively discussion group led by the pastors, allows participants an opportunity to take part in an open forum on a variety of topics. The group meets on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. in the Library.

**Church Library:** The Library is open Monday-Friday from 8:30-4:30 p.m. and on Sunday mornings until noon. Librarian Beverly Brascom is supported by committee members Mary Kay Heck, and Ouida Anderson. The Library includes approximately 2,000 books divided into reference, biographies, fiction, and non-fiction categories. Multiple audio and video materials are also available for check-out.

**Books and Scones:** A book club for women and is an active extension of the Library. The club meets on the last Tuesday of each month at 3:30 p.m. to discuss a book previously selected for that month.

**Church Nursery:** The Nursery is staffed every Sunday morning from 8:30 to 12:00 noon. Toys and games are available for the children. A paging system is used to contact parents if necessary.

#### **Grounds Department**

G.A. Smith, Chair

This committee has the responsibility for maintenance of the Church grounds, including landscaping, parking lots, outdoor lighting and the Remembrance Garden. In keeping with tradition, each year in February the names of members who passed away the previous year are engraved on the Memorial Stones in the garden. In 2014, 24 were added.

Kay Tyler will report progress of the Garden committee to the Board, and Bill Trembly will Chair the committee.

#### **Personnel Department**

Fred Klingensmith, Chair

During 2014, the Personnel Committee was involved in the hiring of Dr. Malcolm McQueen as the new Pastor, DeDe Hodge as the new Church Secretary, Garry Kesler as the new Choir Director, Frances Highsmith as the new Wedding Hostess, and the appointment of Johnny White as the new Senior Pastor. The committee supported Business Administrator Kena Richert as she developed the new employee and volunteer handbooks.

During 2014, the committee brought to the Board of Trustees a recommendation for a "mandatory retirement age" of 70 for pastors. The recommendation was approved by the Board and is now part of the Church policy.

The Personnel Department made recommendations for the 2015 personnel budget to the Board. In setting salaries, the following factors were considered:

- Salary structures of staff in Congregations of our size and budget;
- Policy for covering the medical insurance costs of our staff;
- Cost of living changes; and
- Performance evaluations.

**Public Relations Department**  
Kay Tyler, Chair

The committee communicated Church activities internally and externally working with the other committees of the Church. These communication tools were used to inform the members and to make the Church visible to the community:

- Monthly Newsletter;
- Website: [www.church-hsb.org](http://www.church-hsb.org);
- Church Facebook Page;
- Brochures on Welcome to Church, Christian Ministry Education, Endowment Fund, Grief Support Group, and Stained Glass Windows; and
- Internet search results, local publications (newspapers) and public service radio.

The Newsletter was redesigned with much work by Kena and DeDe of our Church staff. Brochures were updated and new ones on prayer and other subjects are in process to better inform and minister to members. (See Brochures in the Narthex.) Staff is now printing the Newsletter and brochures in-house to save on printing costs. The Church Website has been expanded with more information for members and to welcome visitors. Facebook has more followers enjoying announcements and pictures of Church events. The local newspapers carried information on the change in our Pastors and articles that highlighted some of the organization in the community that are supported by our Church. The committee is being expanded for 2015 and anyone interested in this area of Church service is welcome.

**Worship and Music Department**  
Mary Agnes Rudd, Chair

**Statement by Pastors:** The pastors of The Church at Horseshoe Bay seek to produce high-quality worship experiences that meet the broad range of religious needs represented in this interdenominational Church. The music, liturgy, prayers and sermons are designed to support the Church values of diversity, inclusion, grace, joy, generosity, and ecumenicity. Worship services seek to address as practicably as possible the wide spectrum of religious beliefs and theological positions represented in the Church.

**Communion Committee:** This committee is responsible for preparation of the elements for Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Anyone who would like to help with this should contact Linda and Trevor Dupuy (8:30 Service) or Kay Tyler (11:00 Service). Communion is prepared for special services such as Maundy Thursday or any others designated by the pastors.

**Altar Flowers Committee:** Flowers are provided for all worship services. They are paid for by Church members and are sincerely appreciated. Flowers may also be donated for special occasions such as the birth of a child or grandchild. Our Church secretary is the point of contact for flowers. We are now using Cutting Edge Designs as our florist and have been very pleased with the beautiful flowers. If you would like to sponsor altar flowers please contact the Church office.

**Sanctuary Services Committee:** This committee (solely Winnie Woodruff) maintains and replenishes visitor cards, membership cards, prayer cards, information brochures, and properly places hymnals and Bibles for use each Sunday.

**Ushers and Greeters Committee:** This committee insures that there are ushers and greeters for every service. They are also responsible for communion servers. Head Ushers are appointed for

each month of the year who then recruit helpers for each weekly service. Anyone interested in joining this endeavor, particularly new members, should contact Bob Berg (8:30 Service) or Jim Browning (11:00 Service).

**Music Committee:** (Larry Sherwood, Minister of Music; Mary Agnes Rudd, Board Representative for Music; Garry Kesler, Asst Choral Director; Donna Knox, Jack Sargent, and Neal Younker, Music Advisory Committee). Activities other than regular Sunday services have included monthly ministries to Gateway assisted-living facility, fall and winter choir mini-retreats, and an Advent season full of music with guest soloists and musicians. The Handbell Choir, under the direction of Garry and Michele Kesler, has played regularly for both Sunday worship services. We are blessed to have the very talented and faithful Jennie Lynn Hodges agree to serve as our organist/pianist for another year. Garry Kesler was ordained as our new Minister of Music beginning with the New Year (2015).