



*Southport Presbyterian  
Church*

*2009 Annual Report*

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## **Our Mission**

**T**o glorify God and share the love of Christ in all we say and do

## **Our Vision**

**T**o be and become a place where:

**P**eople love to come to worship

**P**eople love to give their time and resources in mission and service

**P**eople love to study and proclaim the Word of God

**P**eople love to spend time together to build caring relationships and to grow as disciples

**P**eople love each other and feel they belong

**A**ll are welcome.

*May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Romans 15:5-6

## **A Brief History of Southport Presbyterian Church**

Southport Presbyterian Church was organized May 20, 1898, by the Wilmington Presbytery with the Reverend W. M. Shaw serving as pastor. There were seven charter members. Worship services were held in members' homes until the first sanctuary was completed in 1903. The white frame church, seating 75, was built near the southwest corner of Caswell Ave. and W. West Street.

In 1955, Mr. & Mrs. James M. Harper donated property on the corner of Moore St. and Stuart Ave. and the congregation voted to build at this location. The education building, which also served as the sanctuary, was built and dedicated in 1958. A new brick sanctuary was dedicated December 14, 1975.

In 1998, the session developed a long-range plan that led to the building of our present sanctuary. On April 30, 2006, with thanks to God and with great joy, we dedicated this worship space to the glory of God.

It is the people God has called to Southport Presbyterian Church who have made this church a thriving, vital part of the local and worldwide community. Ours is a church with commitment to proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed, worshiping with integrity, promoting Christian fellowship, studying God's Word, and working to bring about Christ's mission of peace and justice.

We have been and currently are blessed with gifted, faithful, enthusiastic members, lay and pastoral leadership, and friends of the church. With God's help, they have strengthened the church's witness and deepened its commitment to Christian discipleship.

Our interim pastor, the Reverend Dr. Martha Jane Raedels, led us in 2009 in our pastor transition period. She worked with the session and the congregation to accomplish six developmental tasks to prepare us for the new pastoral leadership. Beginning in 2010, we start a new chapter in the life of our church with the Reverend Ann B. Jahnes as our pastor. Our church is truly blessed with outstanding ministers, leadership, and congregation who work continually to glorify and serve God.

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## Pastor's Message

Dear Members of Southport Presbyterian Church,

Although in 2009 I was not in ministry with you, God was deeply at work bringing us together. The Pastor Nominating Committee was working hard too! It is a huge responsibility and I am grateful for the dedication of each member of that committee: Dell Cagle, Joyce Bellerose, Madeline Clow, Greta Forsythe, Don Hazelton, Bruce Maxwell, and Judy Sawers. I imagine you sometimes wondered if the day would ever come that you had a new pastor. Well, it has, and I thank you for welcoming me.

What next? Here's a little list of things I'll be working on:

*Welcome one another, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. Romans 15:7*

We will be openhearted, approaching all people with grace and love.

*Praise the Lord with me; let us exalt God's name together! Psalm 34:3*

We will praise God through our worship, striving for excellent music, inspiring preaching, and honest prayer.

*For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. Proverbs 2:6*

We will value Christian education, challenging ourselves to be more biblically knowledgeable and theologically inquisitive.

*Feed my sheep. John 21:15*

We will serve others through mission, actively living out Jesus' resurrection command.

*In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place and there he prayed. Mark 1:35*

We will tend our souls, collectively and individually renewing our faith.

*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Acts 2:42*

We will enjoy our fellowship, graciously caring for each other.

I will be praying for you. God bless you with joy and peace!



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## **Session Elders and Officers**

### **Elder Committee Assignments**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
Administration	Bob D'Reaux	Carol Hazelton
Building & Grounds	Marty Kesmodel	Norm Praet
Christian Education	Carol Hazelton	Dave Lineback
Congregational Care	Betsie Lytton	Betsie Lytton
Fellowship	Julia Hill	Julia Hill
Finance	Tom McCune	Tom McCune
Mission	Bruce Meyer	Ben Wilson
Outreach	Norm Praet	Ruth Lawrence
Worship	Doris Irwin	Doris Irwin
Personnel Committee	Carol Hazelton	Carol Hazelton
Nominating Committee	Bruce Meyer	Carol Hazelton
Clerk of Session	Bob D'Reaux	Carol Hazelton

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### **Officers**

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
President	Tom McCune	Tom McCune
Vice President	Marty Kesmodel	Norm Praet
Secretary	Bob D'Reaux	Carol Hazelton
Treasurer	Marilyn Whitford	Marilyn Whitford
Assistant Treasurer	Lena Fisher	Lena Fisher

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## Statistical Report

**Active Membership, January 2009** **200**

### Membership Gains

Transfer of Membership Certificate	12
Profession or Reaffirmation of Faith	9
Other	1
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Total Gains	22

### Membership Losses

Transfer of Membership Certificate	6
Death	4
Other	1
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Total Losses	11

**Active Membership, December 31, 2009** **211**

Inactive Members	3
Baptized Members	21
Affiliate Members	6
Female Members	126
Average Adult Age	67
Baptisms	3

### Christian Education

#### Youth

Birth - Kindergarten	5
Elementary School	6
High School	0
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Total Youth	15

Adult 51

Teachers & Officers 13

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**Total Christian Education** **79**

## Session Highlights

- The session held an annual retreat in January 2009 and worked with our interim pastor, the Reverend Dr. Martha Jane Raedels to develop our transition plan.
- The Pastor Nominating Committee continued their mission to search for a new permanent pastor. After approximately 300 Pastor Information Forms were received and evaluated, the PNC presented a nominee to the congregation. At a Called Congregational Meeting on November 1, 2009, the congregation called the Reverend Ann B. Jahnes to be our pastor. The congregation expressed thanks for the hard work, dedication, and discernment to the PNC. The PNC members were:

Dell Cagle, Moderator  
Madelyn Clow  
Judy Sawers

Greta Forsythe, Secretary  
Don Hazelton

Joyce Bellerose  
Bruce Maxwell

- The session and interim pastor developed and approved a comprehensive *Policy and Procedure Manual*.
- The congregation elected Ruth Lawrence, Dave Lineback, and Ben Wilson as Session Elders, Class of 2012.
- The session and the interim pastor, the Reverend Martha Jane Raedels, jointly agreed to conclude her interim pastor ministry effective December 31, 2009. During her time with us, she led us to the successful completion of all six developmental tasks that were planned during the session retreat earlier in the year.

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## Administration

The congregation has supported the on-going operation of the church with an outpouring of unselfish service. Everyone has contributed in one way or another. The Administration Committee in many ways provided countless hours of service.

### Office Support

The church could not function without the many hours that our staff and volunteers devoted to 'routine' tasks. We have been blessed with a dedicated professional administrative assistant, Elaine Donato, who assures that everything functions well. She is the key person who makes everything in our church office work smoothly. The church could not function without her devotion and attention to details.

We have 26 church members who volunteer to staff the office every weekday afternoon. These members spend countless hours doing the behind the scenes tasks that keep the office running and assure that when we worship on Sunday, everything is ready. Every one of these professionals and

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volunteers are our face to the community and represent us well. Thanks to Doug Harris who does a great job coordinating our office volunteers.

Special recognition is due to Sandy Toth, our Data Administrator, who maintains the computer database, keeps the Church Windows computer program up-to-date, and provides all of us timely information. Bruce Maxwell is the man behind the scene who keeps our computer systems working properly and safely. He is always finding ways to upgrade and repair our systems without major investments.

## **Communications**

Keeping everyone informed about Southport Presbyterian Church activities and news is essential. We can be proud of the quality website developed and maintained by Peg Johnson. She is both knowledgeable and innovative in making our website outstanding.

It is not possible to name everyone who has contributed to our monthly newsletter because the committees and church members submit every month new, fresh, and insightful articles. Thanks to the editor, Bobbie D'Reaux, for the hundreds of hours she contributes making the newsletter 'just right.' In addition, Elaine Donato provides the daunting task of printing the volumes and the office volunteers who prepare the final copies.

*Elder Bob D'Reaux, Chair*

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## **Building and Grounds**

Members of the Building and Grounds Committee, including the Memorial Garden Committee, are Gay Ausband, Ted Brewer, Ken Brown, Norm Carathanasis, Bob D'Reaux, Joyce Galuski, Don Hazelton, Debbie Jacoby, Walle Johanson, Bob Lee, and Norm Praet.

These people deserve our thanks and appreciation for being there when asked and often taking the initiative to correct problems without any assistance. Debbie and Norm deserve special thanks. They have spent untold hours keeping the grounds in excellent condition.

This year 37 problems were identified. Of these, 34 were corrected. The three open items are the erosion on the Moore Street side of the sanctuary, the removal of the former playground equipment and fence, and now the leak on the Moore Street side of the narthex.

The most significant issues were the sound system deficiencies, inability to access the HVAC air handlers over the sacristy, electricity costs, the leaking Memorial Garden fountain, and interference in the Memorial Garden caused by remnants of the former breezeway.

Sound system: With the of the choir's patient help in providing information relative to the quality of the sound in the chancel area, we determined that the system had an inoperative sound amplifier. The unit was replaced and the system now functions as designed. Money has been budgeted in 2010 for acoustic materials if needed.

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HVAC access: The designer/construction contractor failed to provide service access to the air handlers over the sacristy. Platforms were designed and installed to correct this problem.

Electricity costs: With the effective assistance of Ken Brown, we have been successful in reducing our electricity cost by thousands of dollars annually.

Memorial Garden fountain: The original water fountain developed a leak and had to be replaced. Several designs were evaluated and the system was replaced with the existing pond.

Remnants of the former breezeway foundation in the Memorial Garden: This debris was interfering with several potential burial plots. The remnants were excavated and sufficiently removed to permit use of these plots.

Mrs. Mary Kirkland Caldwell and Mr. Arthur Armstrong were interred in the Memorial Garden.

*Elder Marty Kesmodel, Chair*

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## **Christian Education**

The Christian Education department continued many of its on-going programs, but also tried some new ventures in 2009. All Christian Education teachers were recognized during worship on May 17, 2009.

**Child/Youth Sub-Committee** – Rita Wissinger, Chair; Sandy Egbert, Marcia Fetter, Carol Hazelton, Julia Hill, Phyllis Johanson, the Reverend Bob Lee, Grace Lee, Pat Praet

The Living B.I.G. (Believe in God) curriculum was used because of its adaptability for diverse age groups. In addition to planning and executing the children's Sunday school classes, the committee also planned and carried out special events for the children:

- An Easter celebration after worship on Palm Sunday. Activities included lunch, crafts, and an Easter egg hunt.
- Children's activities at the annual All Church Picnic at Boiling Spring Lakes in September.
- Children's activities at the 'Oktoberfest' luncheon in October.

A scholarship to attend the annual Worship and Music Conference at Montreat was awarded to Courtney Russ.

Our faithful nursery care worker, Carolyn Bates, provided childcare for infants and toddlers throughout the year.

**Adult Education Sub-Committee** - Carol Hazelton, chair; Robert D'Reaux, Bobbie D'Reaux, the Reverend Bob Lee, David Lineback, Gordon Monahan

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The Adult Bible Study class met Sundays before worship. Leaders Bobbie and Bob D'Reaux used Kerygma materials to expand the group's understanding of the Gospel according to Luke and the Acts of the Apostles.

The Adult Forum offerings included:

- *Gospel Portraits of Jesus*, a Lenten study led by the interim pastor and the Reverend Bob Lee.
- A discussion of the controversial book, The Shack by Paul Young, led by the interim pastor and the Reverend Bob Lee
- The Reverend George Slaton of the Presbyterian Counseling Center speaking on "A Faith for Hard Times" following worship on June 14, 2009.
- A study based on Dr. Timothy Johnson's book Finding God in the Questions. The interim pastor and the Reverend Bob Lee were the facilitators.
- An Advent study, "*Advent Through the Eyes of Those Who Waited*" led by the Reverend Bob Lee.

**Library Sub-Committee** - David Lineback, Chair; Doty Armstrong, Judy McCune, Elaine Witmer

This dedicated group continued the tasks of purchasing and cataloging new acquisitions, shelving materials, writing book reviews for the monthly newsletter, and generally caring for our library. On Sunday, September 13, Elaine Witmer presented a Minute for Mission encouraging all of our church family to become familiar with and make use of the library. The collection consists of over 300 books, CDs, videos, DVDs, and periodicals.

*Elder Carol Hazelton, Chair*

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## Congregational Care

Members of the Congregational Care Committee are Gayle Allen, Ted Brewer, Jan Caudill, Sandy Egbert, Sam Furiness, Connie Harris, Grace Lee, Betsie Lytton, Blanche Maxwell, Sue Meyers, Martha Jane Raedels, and Judy Sawers.

The mission statement of the Congregational Care Committee is:

*"To involve the congregation of Southport Presbyterian Church in caring for and loving each other with Jesus Christ as our example."*

Ways in which the committee fulfilled its mission were:

- The committee distributed flowers to those in need of special care. Gayle Allen chaired the flower care group that included Carol Durante, Debby Jacoby, Beth Leyden, Cindy Brown, Mary Jean Rose, Reita Cockrell, Shirley Wilson, Betsie Lytton, Joyce Bellerose, Diane Viney, and Kitty Geiger.
- Sue Meyer mailed an average of 20-25 cards each month to our members celebrating birthdays and for special remembrances. The Reverend Bob Lee created these cards for us on his computer.

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- The phone tree was reorganized to support church members without email to alert them to computer broadcast messages from the church. Debby Jacoby and Linder Elwood co-chaired the phone tree.
- The Cancer Support Group met monthly throughout the year, chaired by Martha Jane Raedels.
- Lovely potted flowers provided by the Presbyterian Women were distributed to homebound members.
- Blanche Maxwell and Grace Lee contributed Parish Nurse articles in our *Coastal Chronicle* newsletter each month.
- Our knitting group meets monthly. They have provided prayer shawls, caps, and sweaters for those in need of this comforting support.
- We hosted a tea and a presentation by Scotia Village, the Presbyterian retirement community in Laurinburg, North Carolina.
- Grace Lee assisted the children's Sunday School class in making Easter decorations that we distributed to our homebound members.
- We hosted a party for Helen Hodson on her 96<sup>th</sup> birthday at Ocean Trails Convalescent Center and one for Mary Higgins on her 98<sup>th</sup> birthday. Betsie Lytton and Judy Sawers also attended Ernie Neville's husband's 98<sup>th</sup> birthday party.
- The committee supported Ted Brewer's offer to establish and moderate a Transitions Support Group to help those recently divorced or widowed.
- Betsie Lytton assisted Martha Jane Raedels with in-home communion for our homebound members on Easter, Worldwide Communion Sunday, and Christmas.
- The committee hosted a hymn sing-along at Carillon Assisted Living of Southport in November. Judy Sawers researched histories of various hymns that we shared. Susan Spencer played the piano.
- Members of the committee distributed the beautiful Christmas door hangers Sue Meyers and Jan Caudill created, to 16 of our homebound members.
- The committee facilitated support from the congregation who assisted with meals, transportation, running errands, visits, and contacts during the year.

God has blessed us with many loving and caring people in our church. We find the blessings we share are returned to us many times over in this nurturing ministry.

*Elder Betsie Lytton, Chair*

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## Fellowship

The New Testament tells us of a number of occasions when Jesus enjoyed the fellowship of his disciples, friends and family by having a meal with them. There was a wedding feast at Cana, visits with Mary, Martha and Lazarus, a picnic of bread and fish with a multitude, breakfast on the beach, and, of course, the Passover Feast with his disciples in the upper room.

As we consider these stories and the fellowship that we enjoy at Southport Presbyterian Church, we are reminded of our mission statement:

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*“The mission of the Fellowship Committee is to provide opportunities for Christians to gather together where they can meet in fellowship, greet one another, enjoy one another’s company, break bread together, and share their faith stories.”*

The following such opportunities were held during the 2009 year:

- ‘Souper Bowl’ Sunday luncheon
- Luncheon following the Southport-Oak Island Interchurch Fellowship Meeting
- Easter sunrise breakfast following the sunrise service
- “Italian Night” dinner
- All church picnic at Boiling Spring Lakes
- Second annual ‘Oktoberfest’
- Stewardship BBQ luncheon
- Luncheon for the Girls’ Choir of Wilmington
- ‘Hanging of the Greens’ chili dinner
- Christmas gathering and farewell to Martha Jane Raedels
- Refreshments and/or lunches provided for new members orientations

Each Sunday following the worship service, a fellowship time with coffee, lemonade, cookies and other special treats, was held in the narthex or Fellowship Hall. The entire congregation has been encouraged to become involved as fellowship hosts. We had many ‘new’ members participate in this fellowship time throughout the year.

The planning and preparation of food for fellowship events has provided an opportunity for special fellowship for those on the committee. We feel that each of these events throughout this past year offered its own unique opportunity for us to come together, be better acquainted, and become a closer-knit family of faith. As a committee, we are grateful for the opportunity to host these many occasions. We wish to thank the many members of the congregation who have helped this committee in a variety of ways. Your help is always appreciated.

Committee Members: Julia Hill, Gay Ausband, Joyce Bellerose, Bobbie D’Reaux, Bob D’Reaux, Ruth Douthat, Chris Dudley, Carol Durante, Sandy Egbert, Greta Forsythe, Kitty Geiger, Carolyn Gunter, Karen Hickey, Mike Hill, Doris Irwin, Debby Jacoby, Ellen Jones, Bob Lee, Grace Lee, Pat Lineback, Betsie Lytton, Ellen Messick, Sue Myer, Sue Mills, Diane Price, Mary Jean Rose, Isabelle Teasdale, Paula Watts, Marilyn Whitford, Elaine Witmer, and Diane Wytte

*Elder Julia Hill, Chair*

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## **Finance**

### **2009 Operating Plan/Actual**

We continue to do well for operating plan financial performance, especially with the current economic conditions. As a congregation, we were very close to fulfilling our pledge commitment. The budgeted income forecast was exceeded and the committees managed expenses well in their respective areas. This resulted in another small surplus at the end of the year. The surplus was added to the capital expense reserve that will be useful in 2010 for major repairs. The attachment summarizes our finances.

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Many thanks go to the Finance Committee that has continued to serve the church well this year: Bill Allen, Dave Caudill, Bob D'Reaux, Lena Fisher, Don Hazelton, Marty Kesmodel, Bruce Meyers, Taylor Ryan, and Marilyn Whitford. We also thank those who served on the Stewardship Committee chaired by Bill Allen: Don Byrum, Pat Gauck, Ben Wilson, and Rita Wissinger. A special thank you goes to Marilyn Whitford and Lena Fisher who continues in their difficult and demanding role of Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer.

## **2009 Investment Report**

These investment funds represent the funds that have been established over time for specific uses. The two major areas are (1) restricted funds and 2) unrestricted funds. Generally, we can use only the interest from restricted funds. Unrestricted funds include the general reserve for operating plan backup, etc., the capital expense reserve for emergency repairs, and the memorial fund for purchase of equipment, etc., as approved by Session. At the beginning of the year, we moved our investments to interest bearing funds to protect them during the current poor economic conditions. At the end of the year, the committee decided to move the restricted funds to short term bond funds and the unrestricted funds back to income and growth funds.

## **2009 Building Construction Financials**

This area continued to be very active in 2009. In anticipation of the need to refinance our current construction loan with a long-term mortgage loan in mid-2010, we continued transferring a \$2,500 monthly 'mortgage payment' out of the operating budget into the building fund. This transfer helped defray the required monthly payment of \$5,586 on our construction loan from Security Savings Bank. In total, we were able to pay down our loan balance by \$182,162 to a balance of approximately \$566,974 by the end of 2009. We have started meeting with banks to negotiate our mortgage to succeed the construction loan.

## **2010 Stewardship Commitment and Operating Budget**

Of the 130 pledge cards distributed, we received 95 responses for a total of \$197,879.60. This is an increase of 10 responses over last year. The total amount of pledges received is 5 % more than last year. This exemplifies the overwhelming generosity of our members. The anticipated increase in income is very beneficial in welcoming our new pastor, the Reverend Ann Jahnes, and to help with additional expenses.

Please know that our offerings for 2010 will mean SPC will be a fiscally strong church and that SPC will deliver the kind of expanded ministries and community programs that we want and expect.

*Elder Tom McCune, Chair*

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## **2009/2010 Operating Plan & Budget**

	<i>Income</i>		
	<b>2009</b>		<b>2010</b>
	<b>Plan</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Plan</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$224,225</b>	<b>\$215,743</b>	<b>\$248,165</b>

	<i>Expense</i>		
	<b>2009</b>		<b>2010</b>
	<b>Plan</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Plan</b>
Administration	\$140,085	\$124,415	\$154,585
Building & Grounds	\$19,230	\$19,490	\$19,530
Christian Education	\$2,375	\$1,687	\$2,350
Mission	\$25,030	\$24,982	\$25,150
Fellowship	\$1,070	\$872	\$1,500
Outreach	\$1,100	\$404	\$2,450
Stewardship	\$200	\$192	\$200
Worship	\$4,385	\$4,131	\$4,200
Congregational Care	\$750	\$335	\$450
Capital Building Exp. Reserve	\$0	\$9,235	\$0
Building Fund & Mortgage	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$37,750
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$224,225</b>	<b>\$215,743</b>	<b>\$248,165</b>

## **Stewardship**

	<b>2009</b>		<b>2010 Plan</b>	
	<b>Pledges</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Pledges</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Pledge Income	79	\$165,566	89	\$197,880
Non-Pledge Income		\$20,644		\$19,500
Loose Plate Income		\$23,773		\$20,500
<b>Total Stewardship</b>		<b>\$209,983</b>		<b>\$237,880</b>

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## Investments

	1/1/2009	1/1/2010
<b>Restricted Accounts</b>		
Endowments	\$25,777	\$26,489
Memorial Garden	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$25,777</b>	<b>\$26,489</b>
<b>Unrestricted Accounts</b>		
Reserve Fund	\$40,356	\$44,779
Memorial Fund	\$1,974	\$2,028
Capital Building Expense Reserve	\$12,302	\$21,538
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$54,632</b>	<b>\$68,345</b>
<b>Grand Total Investments</b>	<b>\$80,409</b>	<b>\$94,834</b>

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## Building and Construction Funds

<b>Balance on Hand January 1, 2009</b>	<b>\$127,843</b>
<b>Construction Loan Balance - January 1, 2009</b>	<b>\$749,136</b>
<b>Source of Funds - 2009</b>	
Construction Loan	\$0
Capital Building Fund Pledge	\$135,524
Other	\$33,710
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$169,234</b>
<b>Use of Funds -2009</b>	
Principal Payments on Loan	\$182,162
Mortgage Expense	\$44,873
Air Handling Platforms	\$7,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$234,535</b>
<b>Balance on Hand January 1, 2010</b>	<b>\$62,542</b>
<b>Construction Loan Balance - January 1, 2010</b>	<b>\$566,974</b>

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## Mission

*Our mission is to foster a united witness of Christ in our community and to meet the human needs of the people in Southport and beyond.*

The Mission Committee consists of Bruce Meyer, Al Whitford, Bill Allen, Joyce Galuski, Nancy Kreider, Pat Lineback, Julia Hill, and Betsie Lytton. We were blessed to have had both Pat and Julia join us as new members this year.

### Mission funds expended this year:

Southport-Oak Island Interchurch Fellowship Food Pantry	\$1,000
SOIIF Food Pantry Individual Donations	1,330
Southport-Oak Island Interchurch Fellowship Human Needs	1,500
'Souper' Bowl Offering	194
CROP Walk (Church World Service-Hunger relief)	267
Habitat for Humanity (Brunswick Co. home construction)	2,500
Providence Home (teen shelter)	1,000
Hope Harbor Home (domestic violence)	1,000
New Hope Clinic (indigent health care-Southport/Oak Island)	1,000
Presbyterian Counseling Center	1,000
Lower Cape Fear Hospice	500
Lunches, Habitat for Humanity	250
Barium Springs Home for Children	500
Special local missions	1,151
Brunswick County Opportunities	1,000
SOIIF Human Needs Fund (profits from yard sale)	1,640
Presbyterian Equal Exchange Coffee Project	1,140

### Special Offerings:

One Great Hour of Sharing (Presbyterian Disaster Relief)	1,298
Peacemaking (World Communion Sunday-25% remains local)	973
Christmas Joy (Emergency assistance for retired church workers and Presbyterian racial/ethnic colleges)	1,004
Presbytery and PC(USA) Benevolences (Presbytery-\$9,000) Per capita apportionment (\$1,000)	10,000

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**Total**

**\$ 30,257**

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In addition to our monetary contributions, our committee and church members also gave of their time. Our church conducted the Sunday morning devotions during the month of November at Doshier Nursing Center. The Mission Committee wishes to thank Laurie Russ for her assistance in the music portion of our program.

Two ongoing mission efforts that receive limited visibility deserve special mention in this report. We support the CURE project where medical supplies from Doshier Memorial Hospital are collected and transported to an area collection site and then packaged and sent to third world countries. Diane Price continues to coordinate the Presbyterian Equal Exchange Coffee Project. The sale of coffee, tea, and chocolate helps support the growers in developing countries.

Each month members of the Mission Committee attend the Southport-Oak Island Interchurch Fellowship luncheon. It is an opportunity to meet with members of other churches in our area to better meet the needs of people within our local community.

September 20<sup>th</sup> was the first annual mission fair. This was a very special fellowship hour where we had the occasion to meet and speak with representatives from seven of the local organizations that we support. It was a great time of fellowship where many of us not only saw where our dollars were being spent, but also learned of ways in which we can volunteer our time to these mission partners. The 'Souper' Bowl is a fun winter activity coordinated with Fellowship Committee. We collect both cash and cans of food at that event. Throughout the year, the SOIIF Food Bank is supported by monetary donations from our congregation.

Southport Presbyterian Church is an ongoing participant in the CROP Walk in November. Brooke and Brian Deutsch coordinated the event this year. Funds were raised and members of the church had an opportunity to enjoy the beauty of Southport while 'fellowshipping' together.

Each December brings the Angel Tree to Southport Presbyterian Church. As in the past, we adopted a local needy family and provided them with presents and gift cards. Last year, we expanded our outreach to include Ocean Trails Convalescent Center. This year through the generosity of our congregation, members were able to include folks at Doshier Nursing Center and residents at Providence Home. Our congregation overwhelmingly was charitable as they showed their expression of God's love at Christmas.

The Mission Committee wishes to thank both our committee members as well as all in the congregation who have supported our efforts with their gifts of time, talent, and financial resources. Each year we exceed what was accomplished the year before. Without all the support, we could not carry on our church's responsibility to the less fortunate. Many serve quietly and humbly in ways that are known only to our Lord. He has called us to 'mission' and we have responded.

*Elder Bruce Meyer, Chair*

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## **Outreach**

We conducted four New Members classes in 2009, instructing and welcoming 19 people to our congregation. The committee hosted two *Salt Shaker/New Member* dinners attended by 12 of the new members. These dinners will be continued in 2010.

The committee researched and procured 16 new chairs for use in the library, sanctuary, and counting room. A significant portion of the cost was funded by gifts from church members who contributed to the 'wish list.'

We initiated a program of identifying new residents to the area and inviting them to visit and worship with us.

We provided new signage for Easter services and our new pastor, the Reverend Ann B. Jahnes.

The committee began a campaign to increase and act upon publicity opportunities including a paid ad in the *State Port Pilot* promoting our Easter activities.

The committee participated in contacting members whose lack of attendance had been noticed in an effort to get them back into the fold.

We acquired 'greeter' name badges to identify those serving in that capacity and to assist members and visitors who may have questions.

Grateful appreciation goes to the 2009 Outreach Committee members: Martha Jane Raedels, Madelyn Clow, Marcia Fetter, Fran Jarrett, Ruth Lawrence, Lynn Pfeifer, Matt Pfeifer, Mary Stober, and Norm Praet.

*Elder Norm Praet, Chair*

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## **Worship**

The Worship Committee meets with the pastor and the director of music on the first Wednesday of each month. Together the committee plans the worship services, discusses past services, and develops plans for new worship opportunities. We are always hopeful that the congregation has been given the opportunities for worship and prayer acknowledging God's sovereignty and grace and in keeping with the Presbyterian Book of Order.

Special services were held during the year including Maundy Thursday Communion and Candlelight service, Good Friday Noon service, Easter Sunrise service at Kingsley Park followed by breakfast in

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the Fellowship Hall, Easter worship service, Pentecost, Advent worship services and Christmas Eve candlelight service with Communion by intinction. We were also pleased to have The Girls' Choir of Wilmington at one of our worship services in November.

Our choir provides beautiful and meaningful music each Sunday throughout the year and we are blessed to have Laurie Russ as our director of music. The Christmas Cantata was presented in December during Advent and was well received. In addition, the choir provides special music during Lent and Advent. The choir and Laurie deserve grateful thanks for all the time and effort they give to our beloved church.

We were pleased to have the Reverend Dr. Martha Jane Raedels as our interim pastor this year and she was well received by the congregation. Her spirit of love and cooperation and her willingness to help all of us whenever needed made this year a memorable one. We also had supply preachers during vacation times when Dr. Raedels was on vacation. Special thanks to the Reverend Bob Lee, the husband of a member of our church, a supply preacher who led our worship service several times this year and assisted our interim pastor on several occasions.

We were pleased to have Joyce Galuski in charge of the decorating for the Lenten season and Gay Ausband who chaired the Hanging of the Greens this year. A special thanks to all the committee and the extra helpers, Ted Brewer, Bob D'Reaux, Bobbie D'Reaux, Don Hazelton, and Bruce Maxwell. A delicious Chili Supper provided by the Fellowship Committee followed the Advent Hanging of the Greens.

We thank our sacristans, Doty Armstrong, Isabel Teasdale, Pat Lineback, and Dave Lineback, who faithfully prepare the elements. Isabel Teasdale also took charge of changing the paraments. Joyce Galuski keeps track of our attendance each week, assists in the ordering of church bulletins for special occasions, and coordinates with florists and nurseries along with Greta Forsythe and Dell Cagle. Thanks to Greta Forsythe who takes the minutes at our Worship Committee meetings. Shirley Wilson faithfully recruits our worship reader every Sunday. Byron Price, Ted Brewer, and Dell Cagle operate the sound system and acquire the ushers and greeters. All the members of the Worship committee have helped make our services meaningful. Tom McCune has been our alternate chair on this committee.

Please contact any of our committee listed below if you have any suggestions that would make our services more meaningful for you as members or those visiting with us.

*Elder Doris Irwin, Chair*

*The Reverend Dr. Martha Jane Raedels, Interim Pastor*  
*Laurie Russ, Director of Music*

Doty Armstrong  
Gay Ausband  
Sharon Byrum  
Dell Cagle  
Sandy Toth

Madelyn Clow  
Greta Forsythe  
Joyce Galuski  
Isabel Teasdale

Dorothy Johnston  
Ruth Lawrence  
Tom McCune  
Mary Stober

*Elder Doris Irwin, Chair*

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## **Pastor Nominating Committee**

The Pastor Nominating Committee, PNC, consisted of seven members: Joyce Bellerose, Madelyn Clow, Don Hazelton, Bruce Maxwell, Judy Sawers, Greta Forsythe, and Dell Cagle.

The congregation elected the PNC on August 24, 2008. At our first meeting September 11, Dell Cagle was elected moderator and Greta Forsythe secretary. The first project was to write the Church Information Form, CIF, for our Church. The CIF is a statement telling prospective pastors the path of our church in the past and where we want to go in the future. After several weeks of working on the CIF, the session and the Presbytery Committee on Ministry, COM, approved it. Then the CIF was sent to the Church Leadership Connection, CLC, of the PC (USA) and was put on their web site for prospective pastors to read. The first time the PNC received 77 Personal Information Forms, PIF. The process started, for the PNC to read the PIF's and to listen to sermons on-line of the potential pastors.

The discernment process continued with several iterations, each time the PNC received new and promising PIF's. We then began to review submitted PIF's from self-referrals and the CLC. We also did something different and sent letters to over thirty pastors in our presbytery to see if they knew of any pastor who was looking for a call. We received three PIF's from these new pastors interested in our church. We read the PIF's and checked several references and called to set up telephone interviews.

One of these pastors came to Southport and met with our committee. We were extremely impressed with her. She was the Reverend Ann B. Jahnes. Within a short time, we talked further with Rev. Jahnes and she told us of a date when we could come hear her preach at her church in Wilmington, NC that five members of the PNC committee did. After our visit to Wilmington, our committee had a meeting to discuss Rev. Jahnes and we decided to offer her a call. After she discussed the call with her husband and family, she accepted our call the week of September 28. We then contacted the presbytery and informed them that we had a pastor that had accepted our call. We then went before the COM with Rev. Jahnes and she was accepted on October 8. After returning from the COM meeting, we notified the session that we had a candidate who had accepted our call. We requested the session to call a congregational meeting for November 1 to present the name of the Reverend Ann Brownlee Jahnes to the congregation as our nominee. The biographical brochure and copy of the terms of call were distributed and questions were answered. Ballots were distributed, collected, tallied, and Rev. Jahnes was elected to serve as our next pastor by an overwhelming majority. Rev. Jahnes was notified of the results. Rev. Jahnes asked me to read an email she had sent to the congregation that she in "joyful anticipation accepted their call and God's to be their new pastor." She began on January 1, 2010, with her first worship service on January 3. Her installation was on Sunday January 24, 2010.

Rev. Jahnes was the PNC's unanimous choice to be our next pastor. This is a calling from Christ for not only Southport Presbyterian Church, but also our new pastor Ann.

In all, the PNC read 200 PIF's received from the CLC web site and 75 self-referrals submitted, during the sixteen-month period.

*Dell Cagle, PNC Moderator*

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## **Presbyterian Women**

The Presbyterian Women of our church had a memorable year. Our two circles continued to meet weekly from for study, reflection, prayer, and fellowship. The Morning Circle completed the book Luke's Gospel for the Poor and began the study, Joshua, A Journey of Faith. The afternoon circle studied The God of Second Chances by Eric Kolbell.”

The Presbyterian Woman supported several benevolences during the year including Barium Springs Home for Children, Hope Harbor Home, Prevent Child Abuse of North Carolina, and several local individuals in need.

Fund raising activities included the Margret Rudd cake sale and the development of a Southport PW cookbook, Serve and Be Served.

Madelyn Clow was honored with the Lifetime Membership recognition for her devoted service to Presbyterian Women. The award included a special PW pin, a certificate, and flowers for the celebration.

There were special events during the year:

- August 30, 2009 the Reverend Dr. Martha Jane Raedels installed the new officers during our regular Sunday worship service.
- At the fall gathering on October 10, 2009, we visited the Wat Carolina Buddhist Temple on Midway Road to learn about the temple and Buddhism.
- On January 5, 2009, we visited Carillon Assisted Living of Southport and hosted a tea for the residents. We celebrated Epiphany with the residents. Our vice-moderator Gayle Allen explained Epiphany.
- We had a meeting on January 15, 2010 and one of the subjects was planning our spring gathering. Our vice-moderator, Gayle Allen, will coordinate the detailed plans for the event.

Our slate of officers for 2009-2010 is:

Moderator	Joyce Galuski
Vice-Moderator	Gayle Allen
Secretary	Mary Stober
Treasurer	Joyce Bellerose
Moderator of Mission & Spiritual Nurture	Jaxie Julian
Moderator of Giving	Ruth Lawrence
Moderator of Search	Reita Cockrell
Nominating Committee Representative	Lena Fisher
Morning Circle Leader	Diane Price/Connie Harris
Afternoon Circle Leader	Elaine Witmer
Historian	Dorothy Johnston
Cookbooks Committee	Bobbie D'Reaux, Ruth Lawrence, Betty Johnson
Pecan sales	Barbara Griffin

*Moderator Joyce Galuski*

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## PW 2009 Financial Report

### Operating Funds Account

<b>January 1, 2009</b>	<b>\$4,314.23</b>
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#### Income

Pledges	\$579.75
Fellowship of the Least Coin	\$111.00
PW Birthday Offering	\$588.00
PW Gathering	\$330.00
Barium Springs Benevolence	\$500.00
Funeral Honorarium	\$330.00
PW Nut Sales	\$2,028.00
Margaret Rudd Bake Sale	\$1,260.00
Cookbook Sale (2000 Edition)	\$51.00
Cookbook Sale (2010 Advance Sale)	\$420.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$6,197.75</b>

#### Expenses

Presbytery	\$412.75
PW Coastal Carolina Birthday Offering	\$618.00
Hope Harbor Home	\$100.00
Prevent Child Abuse	\$100.00
Barium Springs Benevolence	\$300.00
Funeral Reception Expense	\$352.78
PW Nut Purchases	\$1,304.77
PW Gathering Expense	\$525.00
PW Birthday Celebration	\$26.13
Flowers	\$15.00
Study Materials	\$185.38
Postage	\$34.78
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,974.59</b>

<b>December 31, 2009</b>	<b>\$6,537.39</b>
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#### Investments

<b>Certificates of Deposit</b>	<b>\$10,223.97</b>
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<b>Grand Total Assets</b>	<b>\$16,761.36</b>
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