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Upcoming Technology Enhancements

As many of you know, last year Salem Presbyterian Church applied for and received a matching technology grant through the Center for Congregations, a Lily Endowment organization. With this grant the Center will match up to \$30,000 in technology spending by our church, so the opportunity exists to spend up to \$60,000 on technological improvements. Your Technology Team was formed and members were selected to reflect the diversity and areas of strength of our congregation. Your team comprises Pastor Beth, David Beck, Tom Fihe, Alice McGinnis, Sidney Burger, and Trina Brown. The grant required that we formulate a technology plan and finalize all the details, including specific equipment and equipment providers, in only a two-month timeframe.

In this very short window of time we learned about, discussed, and prioritized ways technology could best support our efforts to revitalize our church, better connect our members to each other, and open new windows of opportunity to

reach out to others with our timeless message of caring for and service to others. Then, working with experts in each of these areas we finalized the details of our plan in the form of a matching technology grant proposal submitted to the Center for Congregations.

Our plan, which totaled a little over \$55,000 out of the available \$60,000 in grant funds, was approved by the Center and the Center released its half of the funds to us for implementation. The church's half, approximately \$27,500, was provided by the Helsel family in memory of Barbara Helsel. This extremely generous contribution allowed us to move forward without funding worries or delays and we cannot thank them enough.

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The Stained Glass Window

Fall 2013

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We welcome your ideas and submissions for the newsletter! Please contact Trina Brown about what you would like to see.

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We are beginning to implement the plan now so you will see and hear improvements in the very near future. Before finalizing our plan we had shared our tentative plan with you. Here are the details of our plan we are now beginning to implement:

1. **Worship - Sound**

The most critical part of our technology plan is improving our sound system, replacing the patchwork of equipment purchased over a long time period with an integrated and unified system so that everyone attending our worship services can hear all parts of the service. Members of the technology team recently tested the pair of speakers we had selected specifically for the spoken word in our sanctuary and were extremely impressed with their capabilities. They are only 6 inches wide and when installed on the side walls of the sanctuary they will blend in very well with the surroundings. We can't wait for you to hear what they can do. Alice gave them two thumbs up, literally!

Other components of our sound system include a separate pair of speakers for music, additional wired and wireless microphones, and a digital mixer allowing many more

microphones to be used simultaneously. We are also working with a local company to provide a sound equipment desk custom-designed to match our sanctuary and to hide wires and equipment while keeping the equipment accessible as needed during the worship service. Not only are we working to greatly improve the worship experience through high-quality sound, but the aesthetics in the sanctuary should improve as well.

The new system will make it possible for us to record sermons and music to share with others who are not able to attend our worship services. We are hoping to have the basic components of our sound system in place and operational by our Christmas cantata, which will be presented within the worship service on December 22nd.

2. **Worship - Visual**

Early next year a projection system will be installed in the sanctuary. It will consist of two projectors mounted to the back middle wall. The projectors will be capable of projecting an image clearly on the front sanctuary wall, one image on each side of the cross. We are giving

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up some of the brightness and image clarity that could be achieved through the use of screens, but we have been assured that the wall projection should meet our needs well, and this plan ensures that no alteration will be necessary to the front worship space to accommodate the incorporation of visuals.

Once installed, the projection system will be used only as needed and as deemed appropriate by our worship leaders. It will provide the flexibility to display relevant images during the worship service designed to make worship more meaningful and to accommodate faith community activities outside the worship service. We are currently planning to install this system early next year.

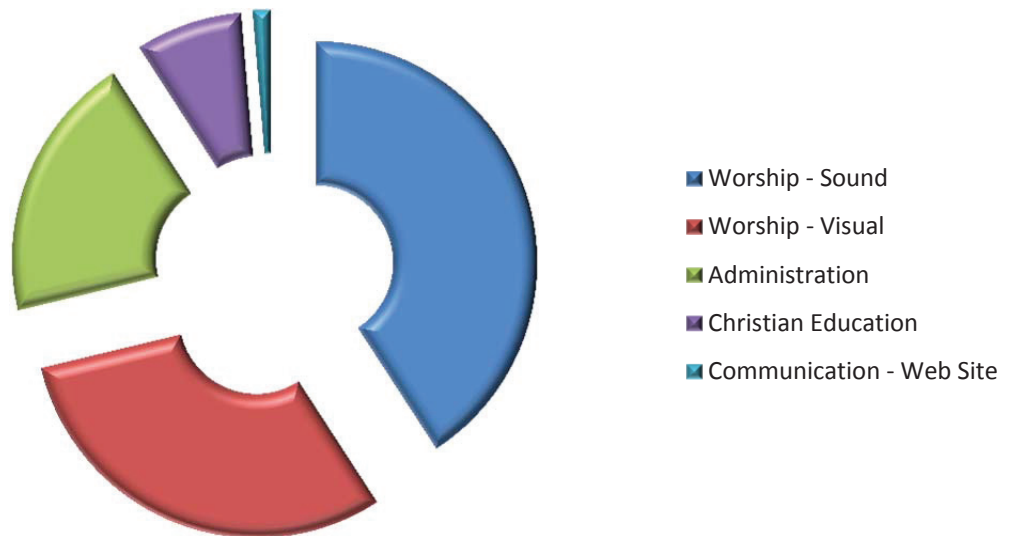
quality. A built-in scanner with a sheet feeder will allow us to digitize and back up church data.

A new networked computer system will make it possible for church staff and volunteers to efficiently complete church activities onsite. Computers will be installed in the church office and we will incorporate laptops as well that may be used elsewhere in the church as needed. Offsite personal computers will continue to be used, but more interactivity will be possible between all computers used, whether church-owned or personal. Software on the church-owned computers will be kept updated with the latest needed software updates and church data will be stored on and backed up regularly to an Internet-based system. Our church's

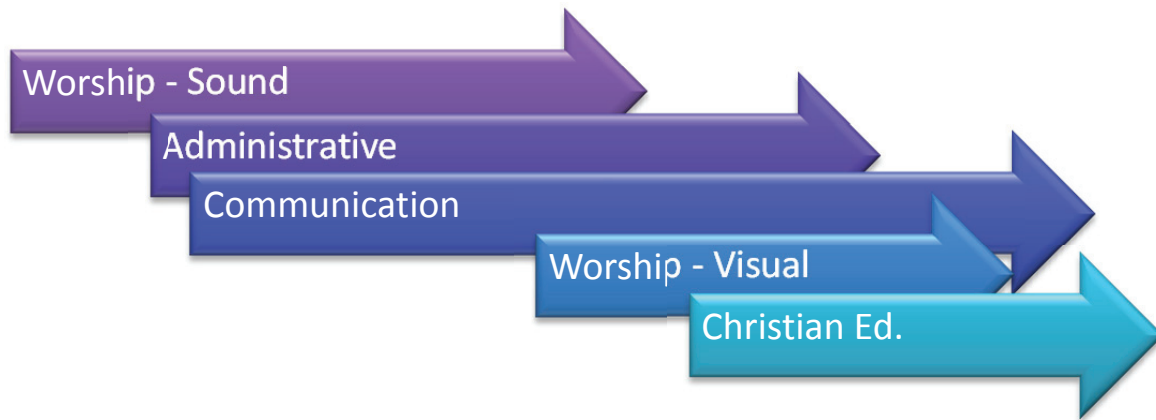
3. Administration

A color and double-sided-capable copier/printer will be installed in our church office so we can print church bulletins and other publications and resources faster, easier and of a much higher

Technology Grant Expenses



Technology Implementation Timeline



wireless network will be expanded so that church members and friends may access the church's network and Internet from anywhere in the church building.

Financial software will be available to our full Finance team both onsite and offsite for better collaboration. The new computer system installation will begin on Wednesday, December 18th.

4. Christian Education

We will have a wireless-Internet-capable portable projection system and plasma televisions available to better incorporate visuals for Christian education activities. Educational activities for both youth and adults and collaborative meetings will also be enhanced through the use of interactive whiteboard tools.

We are currently planning to begin installation of this equipment early next year.

5. Communication – Web Site

We will enhance our Web presence through a new, more user-friendly and accessible Web site. The new site will utilize a content management system intended for both visitors and members. It will have a new, updated look and navigation but the content of our existing site will remain and be built upon. This system will improve our ability to welcome visitors, make it possible for our church leadership and volunteers to update information easily and quickly, and allow church members and visitors to interact and share information.

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While this is the smallest part of our technology plan in terms of expense, it is expected to require the longest implementation time period. Our church's Web site will be the public face of our faith community on the Internet and offers us the opportunity to connect in both old and new ways, and so should reflect our diversity and values in its design, content, and functionality. Please stay tuned for more information on how you can help.

One critical component to all aspects of our technology plan is training. All church

staff, members, and volunteers working with these technologies will be able to receive training on their use.

While it was not possible due to the extremely restricted timeframe required by the technology grant to involve the congregation in the technology planning process as much as we would have liked, we incorporated your feedback into our plan. We hope you will be as excited about the results as we are. During the implementation process and after its completion, we strongly encourage your input on how we can best use these technologies to meet our goals now, and in the future as our technology needs shift.

Happy Birthday!

A number of birthdays were missed since the publication of our last newsletter. A very happy belated birthday to all of these individuals:

October	30	Katheryn Hoke	21	Jo Barnett	
2	Betty Stanley	31	Elizabeth Catlin	22	John Stanley
3	Wendell Brown			25	Jessica Gilstrap
	Norman Terrell	November	26	Cathy Davis	
6	Gena Morris	1	Beth Walden-Fisher		Norm Webster
7	Bonnie Davis	3	Dee Dee Zink	28	Joe McQuiddy
11	Zach Morris	9	Nathan Kelly		
19	Christine Morris		Ellie Spaulding	December	
21	Connie Kenninger	15	Bruce Grosvenor	2	Uriah Clark
23	Patti Parkey	18	Debbie Catlin		Leslie Gilstrap
25	Julia Dyer	19	Carolyn Lyles	5	Ginger Morris
29	Bud Huey	20	David Spencer-Pierce	6	Shelbie McQuiddy

Calendar

December 2013						
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December 8, 2013

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. in youth room.
 Choir Rehearsal - 9:30 a.m. in choir room.
 Worship Service - Second Sunday of Advent
 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Liturgist: Donna LaFollette.

December 10, 2013

Advent Lectionary Bible Study / Coffee -
 10:30 a.m. in the parlor.
 Brenda McKinley's Birthday

December 11, 2013

Brown Bag Supper - 5:30 p.m. in the parlor.
 Choir Practice - 6:30 p.m. in the choir room.

December 13, 2013

Harley Gilstrap's Birthday

December 14, 2013

Madison Grosvenor's Birthday

December 15, 2013

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. in youth room.
 Choir Rehearsal - 9:30 a.m. in choir room.

Worship Service - Third Sunday of Advent
 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Liturgist:
 Wendell Brown.

December 17, 2013

Advent Lectionary Bible Study / Coffee -
 10:30 a.m. in the parlor.

December 18, 2013

Brown Bag Supper - 5:30 p.m. in the parlor.
 Choir Practice - 6:30 p.m. in the choir room.
 Julie McQuiddy's Birthday

December 21, 2013

Choir Cantata Rehearsal - 10:00 a.m. in the
 sanctuary.
 John Davis' Birthday

December 22, 2013

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. in youth room.
 Choir Rehearsal - 9:30 a.m. in choir room.
 Worship Service - Fourth Sunday of Advent
 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Choir to pres-
 ent the Christmas cantata "Shout the Good
 News!" in the worship service. Liturgist: TBD.
 Jess Helsel's Birthday
 Tamyra Ingram's Birthday

December 24, 2013

Christmas Eve Service - 7:00 p.m. in the sanc-
 tuary. Communion will be served.

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A Conversation with Jean Winger Robbins

by Betty Stanley

What first comes to mind for many in the Salem Presbyterian Church congregation is Jean in the choir. Her presence there has been predictable and steadfast. She loves to sing and she recalls that many years ago, someone sitting in front of her heard her singing during the church service and said, “You should be in the choir.” That’s how it began. By watching Jean, one can see she feels the music and receives joy from sharing her talent.

Marilyn Wyman who restarted the choir in 1977 is cherished by Jean and through the years, the friendships Jean made with choir members have been important to her. She especially appreciates Bill Parkey who was the choir director in the 1980s and his wife Pat who played piano and organ at that time. Jean and Pat continue to stay in touch.

The choir needs Jean and we are blessed that she is willing to stay in her place among those in our choir. Jean loves the old hymns and some of Jean’s favorite hymns are “Amazing Grace,” “I Love to Tell the Story” and “In the Garden.” Jean appreciates Connie Kenninger who continues to invite Jean to keep her place and continue sharing her sweet voice.

The photo of Jean as a young mother and her children Tom, Jerry, Pam and Carolyn on Sunday morning on their way to Salem Presbyterian is a treasure. The picture was taken by the children’s grandmother, O’neal Robbins, as they passed her home as they walked to church. The pride Jean had in her family is obvious in how fine they all looked.





Photo by Vickie Saewert

Jean was one of 13 children born to Bessie and Clyde Wininger. Her home town was Henryville, and after graduating from high school there in 1946, she moved to Salem where she began working at Smith Cabinet. At that time, she transferred her membership from the Henryville Presbyterian Church to Salem Presbyterian Church.

In 1947, she married Harold Robbins and in the following years, they became parents to Tom, Jerry, Pam and Carolyn. Jean and

her children continued to attend Salem Presbyterian and were part of the life of the church. Jean now has 10 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Jean is thankful for Jo Barnett who has been a steady helper. She often gives Jean a ride to church and is her number one nurse. Jean also remembers the Petersons fondly as well as Pastors Hogue and Shafer.

One of Jean's other talents was her skill in sewing. Jean was pretty much self-taught but got help from a neighbor, Murvy Loveless, who Jean said "was as good as gold." In teaching herself how to make a garment, Jean would take apart a blouse or skirt to see how it was made. She made most of her clothes and those of her children.

Jean loves Salem Presbyterian Church and it has been important to her from the time she came to Salem over 65 years ago to the present. Jean has been a true and faithful servant.

- Jean Robbins was interviewed by Betty Stanley. If you would like to interview a church member for the newsletter, would like to be interviewed, or have a suggestion for an interview, please contact Trina Brown at trinab@blueriver.net, or by phone at 883-5689.

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January 2014						
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December 25, 2013

Nativity of Jesus Christ / Christmas Day

Nedra Hattabaugh's Birthday

December 27, 2013

Dan Apple's Birthday

December 29, 2013

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. in youth room.

Choir Rehearsal - 9:30 a.m. in choir room.

Worship Service - First Sunday after Christmas. 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Liturgist: TBD.

December 31, 2013

New Year's Eve

January 1, 2014

New Year's Day

January 3, 2014

Ygrayne Clark's Birthday

Joan Stingel's Birthday

January 5, 2014

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. in youth room.

Choir Rehearsal - 9:30 a.m. in choir room.

Worship Service - Epiphany Sunday. 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Communion will be served. Liturgist: TBD.

January 6, 2014

Epiphany of the Lord

January 7, 2014

Erin McQuiddy Howard's Birthday

January 8, 2014

Brown Bag Supper - 5:30 p.m. in the parlor.

Choir Practice - 6:30 p.m. in the choir room.

Paul Scifres' Birthday

January 12, 2014

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. in youth room.

Choir Rehearsal - 9:30 a.m. in choir room.

Worship Service - Baptism of the Lord Sunday. 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Liturgist: TBD.

January 13, 2014

Susannah Caum's Birthday

January 14, 2014

Doris Jean Woodward's Birthday

January 15, 2014

Brown Bag Supper - 5:30 p.m. in the parlor.

Choir Practice - 6:30 p.m. in the choir room.

Donna LaFollette's Birthday

January 18, 2014

Eli McQuiddy's Birthday

January 19, 2014

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. in youth room.

Choir Rehearsal - 9:30 a.m. in choir room.

Worship Service - Second Sunday after Epiphany.
10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Liturgist: TBD.

January 22, 2014

Brown Bag Supper - 5:30 p.m. in the parlor.

Choir Practice - 6:30 p.m. in the choir room.

January 23, 2014

Ed DeJean's Birthday

January 25, 2014

Elias Ratliff's Birthday

January 26, 2014

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. in youth room.

Choir Rehearsal - 9:30 a.m. in choir room.

Worship Service - Third Sunday after Epiphany.
10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Liturgist: TBD.

Sandra Terrell's Birthday

January 27, 2014

Max Bedwell's Birthday

Christopher Catlin's Birthday

January 29, 2014

Brown Bag Supper - 5:30 p.m. in the parlor.

Choir Practice - 6:30 p.m. in the choir room.

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Our Mission Statement

Understanding that grace is a gift from God to the world, to us....

The Mission of the Salem Presbyterian Church is to support our church family in fostering growth in the Christian faith, in leading meaningful lives, and in doing good works to the glory of God.

To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.

Micah Chapter 6, Verse 8

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