

# UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*May God be gracious to  
us and bless us and make  
his face to shine  
upon us...*

*Psalm 67:1*



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**2005 ANNUAL REPORT**

**UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**POWELL, WYOMING**

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**UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**MINUTES OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING JANUARY 16, 2005**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The congregation of Union Presbyterian Church met for its first meeting on January 16, 2005. Rev. David Hunter called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m. and opened the meeting with prayer.

**QUORUM:** A quorum was determined to be present.

Sheri Gifford was elected Clerk Protem.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

◆ **MOTION:** Moved to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2004 meeting. M—Roger Easum, S—Bethany Hunter. The motion carried.

◆ **MOTION:** Moved to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2004 meeting. M—Cyndi Barski, S—Judy Showalter. The motion carried.

**AMENDMENT OF THE BY-LAWS**

◆ **MOTION:** Moved to amend the by-laws to reduce the number of officers serving on the Session and Board of Deacons from 15 to 12 each. The sections of our By-Laws to be changed would then read as below: (*italics = words removed* - **bold = words added** to help identify the changes both the *italics* and **bold** have been underlined) M—Judy Showalter, S—Shelby Wetzel. The motion carried.

1.2.4 Section 4. Second Regular Meeting. The second regular meeting shall be held on the third Sunday in November of each year, for the purpose of electing one class of elders, consisting of five four members, for a term of three years and to fill any vacancies created by the death or resignation of any member of the Session; and to elect one class of deacons for a term of three years, and to fill any vacancies created by the death or resignation of any member of the Board of Deacons; and any other business announced in the call to the meeting.

1.2.5 Election Procedure. At all elections of Elders, nominations of qualified candidates shall be made by a nominating committee, and additional nominations may be made from the floor. The election of Elders shall be made by secret ballot unless the election is uncontested. The members shall vote for all members of the class of Elders simultaneously, and the five four persons receiving the most votes shall be deemed elected.

1.3.2 Section 2 Number and Qualifications. The Session shall consist of the Pastor and 15 12 other members who are called Elders. All Elders shall be members of the church.

1.3.3 Tenure. Each Elder shall hold office for three years and until his or her successor shall have been elected and installed. The Session shall be divided into three classes of five four persons each. Those persons presently serving as Elders of the church shall continue to act as such for their respective terms.

1.4.1 Section 1. Number and Election. The Board of Deacons shall consist of the pastor and 15 12 elected deacons. There shall be three classes of deacons, each consisting of five four persons whose terms shall be arranged for the same period of time and in the same manner as the Elders. The deacons shall be elected in the same manner as provided for the election of Elders.

◆ **MOTION:** To approve the following paragraph as the process by which the change in By-Laws will be implemented. M—Jeannette Smith, S—Shelby Wetzel. The motion passed.

To implement the above changes the Nominating Committee will nominate only four names for the office of Elder and four names for the office of Deacon to serve as the new class of incoming officers beginning at the November Congregational Meeting in 2005. All previously elected Elders and Deacons

will continue to serve until their terms expire. Any resignation on the Session or Board of Deacons from a class that currently has five members will not be filled. A resignation from a class with less than four members will be filled according to the usual process prescribed by the By-Laws. This process will remain in effect until the reduction of officers on the Session and Board of Deacons from 15 to 12 is complete. It is understood that with the above change in the By-Laws, the Session will amend all affected portions of the Administrative Manual to bring it into harmony.

The Congregational Meeting was recessed.

The meeting of the Corporation was called to order by the President, Linda Easum.

The Treasurers Report was presented.

◆ **MOTION:** Moved to receive the Treasurer's Report. M—Jaci Slater, S—Bob Murphy The motion passed.

Linda presented the 2005 Budget with thanks to the congregation for their generous pledges and made note that the pledges are up from last year.

◆ **MOTION:** Moved to receive the 2005 budget excluding the pastor's salary package. M—Don Miller, S—Sara Neeley. The motion passed.

Rev. Hunter and his family were excused.

◆ **MOTION:** Moved to approve the pastor's salary package as corrected. M—Bob Murphy, S—Bonnie Hiller. The motion passed.

Pastor's Salary	\$23,512.96	Continuing Education	\$ 500.00
Pastor's Housing	\$16,500.00	Mileage	\$ 2,200.00
Pastor's RM&D	\$ 5,200.00	Business Expense	\$ 500.00
<b>Total Effective Salary</b>	<b>\$45,212.96</b>	Pension & Medical	\$14,016.00

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

◆ **MOTION:** Moved to elect the Chair of the Stewardship Committee (Brian Rodgers) as President of the Corporation, the Church Treasurer (Anna Rodgers) as Treasurer of the Corporation and the Clerk of Session (Sheri Gifford) as the Secretary of the Corporation. M—Cathy Marine, S—Judy Showalter. The motion passed.

The Corporation Meeting was adjourned.

The Congregational Meeting was reconvened.

David thanked the outgoing Elders and Deacons for their work, as well as the staff.

◆ **MOTION:** Moved to receive the 2004 annual reports. M—Caiti Barski, S—Chime Moore. The motion passed.

## ADJOURNMENT:

◆ **MOTION:** Moved to to adjourn with prayer. The motion passed.

Rev. Hunter closed the meeting with prayer at 12:20 p.m.

Sheri Gifford  
Clerk Protem

**UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
MINUTES OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOVEMBER 20, 2005**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Moderator of Session Rev. David C. Hunter called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

**QUORUM:** A quorum was determined to be present.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Election of Elders and Deacons.

Elders: Cyndi Barski, chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the names of Janci Baxter, Gregg Bessler, Marina Murray, and Anna Rodgers, as nominations to serve as elders in the Class of 2008. Nominations were declared open.

- **Motion:** Cathy Marine moved to close nominations and elect the committees' nominees as the Elder Class of 2008 by unanimous consent. Second—Jim Carlson. The Motion Passed.

Elder Class of 2008: Janci Baxter, Gregg Bessler, Marina Murray, and Anna Rodgers.

Deacons: Cyndi Barski presented the names of Jane Faxon, Cindy Jacobs, Jo Miller and Kelly Muecke, to serve as deacons for the Class of 2008. Nominations were declared open.

- **Motion:** Cathy Marine moved to close nominations and elect the committees' nominees as the Deacon Class of 2008 by unanimous consent. Second—Bonnie Hiller. The Motion Passed.

Deacon Class of 2008: Jane Faxon, Cindy Jacobs, Jo Miller and Kelly Muecke

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2006:** Nominations were declared open for the Nominating Committee for 2006. The following members were nominated by the congregation:

Jim Carlson  
Linda Easum  
Rick Rice  
Harlene Roles

- **Motion:** Jackie Payne moved nominations be closed and the members nominated by the congregation be elected by unanimous consent. Second—Caiti Barski. The Motion Passed.

Pastor Hunter offered the thanks of the congregation to the members of the 2005 Nominating Committee: Cyndi Barski, Dave Blevins, JoyAnn Bloom, Keith Bloom, Sandy Hatch, Sara Neeley, and Anna Rodgers.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Cathy Marine moved to adjourn. Second—Bob Murphy. The Motion Passed. The meeting adjourned with prayer at 11:45a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheri Gifford  
Clerk of Session

## PASTOR'S REPORT 2005

As I reviewed our work in mission and ministry during 2005 I became very conscious of the fact that the life and ministry of a church can't be compartmentalized into years. Many of our accomplishments this year were started in the past and most of our projects will require ongoing work in the future. The tasks of Christian education, mission, outreach, worship, fellowship, stewardship, and even maintaining and improving the church facilities, are living works; while specific projects and programs may have beginnings and endings, our work, like our faith, must be ongoing for us to stay vital and alive as a congregation.

One of our ongoing projects throughout my tenure as your pastor has been work on the sound system. 2005 was another year in which memorial gifts made possible some significant enhancements with the purchase of three more wireless microphones and new speakers for the choir loft. The flexibility and capability of our sound system was probably never more apparent than during the special worship services featuring our Church School Pageant on December 11 and Chancel Choir on December 18. Past enhancements made this year's improvements possible, but the real key to our success is the dedication of the volunteers that run the system from the balcony each Sunday. As we look to the future we are aware that some work still needs to be done but are hopeful that an inability to hear the worship service is, if not a thing of the past, at least more the exception than the rule.

Last year we made a major step forward in the use of technology in our ministry with the addition of a church website and experimentation with the use of projection technology during worship. Generous memorial gifts combined with the dedicated work of the Technology Task Force appointed during 2004 resulted in our completing most of our technology goals for 2005 with the addition of an electric screen, projector, and computer equipment in the balcony. Since May we have been able to project the words of music and liturgy as well as illustrating points of the sermon during worship. Christian Education and our youth have also used the projector for viewing movies. To date almost all of our feedback on the use of the projector and screen has been extremely positive. During 2006 we will continue to refine how we use these tools in our ministry and hopefully add some type of screen that will be visible from the choir loft.

Another major change for 2005 was the addition of the "Coffee with God" program on Sunday mornings. This program, which started in May of 2005 following the end of the spring Sunday Journeys session, has increased the attendance of our adult education program on Sunday mornings. While CE is still working on what will take the place of the current study on **The Purpose Driven Life** it is my hope that we will build on the enthusiasm and increased interest in adult education on Sunday morning that Coffee with God has brought.

A fourth project that has roots in the past and will be a major focus for 2006 is our Congregational Wellness Survey. 156 completed surveys were received by the church office and forwarded to the Hartford Company for analysis. We will most likely receive the results of your work sometime in February. Working through your feedback, setting goals, and working to enhance our ministry with your ideas will be one of the major responsibilities of the session and its committees for 2006.

While there is much more that could be said about 2005 I would like to close with offering my thanks to the staff for their commitment and dedication. Following a year with several changes in the office staff it was wonderful to have a year of relative calm. Linda Murray showed incredible perseverance completing her cancer treatments and returning to lead the Chancel Choir and Chesarek Bell Choir through an ambitious fall schedule. Without our staff, elders, deacons, committee members and countless volunteers, there would not have been anything to write about. The words of the old Avery and Marsh song are true, "We are the Church together."

## 2005 REPORT OF SESSION

The members of the Session of Union Presbyterian Church met regularly each month (except June) during 2005. Special Session Meetings were held on the following dates: January 4 for the purpose of working on the 2005 Budget; January 15 for the purpose of examining new officers; March 13 for the purpose of receiving new members; April 10 for the purpose of examining new officers; and December 15 to meet with the Board of Deacons as required in the Book of Order.

The Annual Congregational and Corporation Meeting was held on January 16. The Annual Congregational Meeting for the election of officers was held on November 20.

The ordination and installation of Elders and Deacons was held during Worship on January 11, with Elder Buzz Larsen ordained and installed on April 10.

### 2005 SESSION MEMBERS:

#### CLASS OF 2005

Mickey Ferren  
Claudia Hassler  
Bob Murpy  
Brian Rodgers  
Dorothy Shinn

#### CLASS OF 2006

Cyndi Barski  
Cindy Blevins  
Sheri Gifford  
Linda Murray  
Clyde Sell

#### CLASS OF 2007

Sandy Hatch  
Buzz Larsen  
Chime Moore  
Karolyn Rood  
Shelby Wetzel

### 2005 SESSION COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

Building and Grounds:	Bob Murphy – Chair , Buzz Larsen
Christian Education:	Cyndi Barski – Chair, Cindi Blevins and Sandy Hatch
Congregational Life:	Chime Moore – Chair, and Mickey Ferren
Stewardship:	Brian Rodgers – Chair, and Shelby Wetzel
Missions:	Karolyn Rood – Chair, and Dorothy Shinn
Worship:	Sheri Gifford – Chair, and Linda Murray
Nominating:	Cyndi Barski– Chair, and Sandy Hatch
Memorial:	Sheri Gifford - Chair
Personnel:	Brian Rodgers – Chair, Mickey Ferren and Karolyn Rood
Clerk:	Sheri Gifford

### NEW OFFICERS ELECTED ON NOVEMBER 20, 2005

#### ELDER CLASS OF 2008

Janci Baxter  
Gregg Bessler  
Marina Murray  
Anna Rodgers

#### DEACON CLASS OF 2008

Jane Faxon  
Cindy Jacobs  
Jo Miller  
Kelly Muecke

## MEMBERSHIP STATISTICAL REPORT

Membership, January 1, 2005		356
Additions		
Profession of Faith	2	
Reaffirmation of Faith	0	
Certificate of Transfer	2	
Restored by Session	2	
Sub – Total	+ 6	+ 6
Sub – Total		362
Losses		
Certificate of Transfer	2	
Death	7	
All Other Losses	49	
Sub – Total	-58	-58
Membership December 31, 2005		304
Infant Baptisms	3	
Adult Baptisms	0	

### 2005 SESSION MEMBERSHIP

#### CLASS OF 2006

Cyndi Barski  
Cindy Blevins  
Sheri Gifford  
Linda Murray  
Clyde Sell

#### CLASS OF 2007

Sandy Hatch  
Buzz Larsen  
Chime Moore  
Karolyn Rood  
Shelby Wetzel

#### CLASS OF 2008

Janci Baxter  
Gregg Bessler  
Marina Murray  
Anna Rodgers

Respectfully submitted,  
Sheri Gifford, Clerk

## **SESSIONS COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **BUILDING AND GROUNDS ANNUAL REPORT 2005**

Committee Members:

Session: Buzz Larsen and Bob Murphy

Congregation: Don Stolts, Rob Koelling, Jim Kary, Don Miller and Jim Vaughn

2005 was a busy year. The notable projects undertaken were:

1. Benches cut down for wheelchair access.
2. Bushes and trees trimmed.
3. Overhead view system installed.
4. Control switch on heater replaced.
5. Two trees planted in west yard which were dedicated by Ray Messer.
6. Tiles replaced by Scotts Turf Builders.
7. Sprinkler upkeep and repair by Sanders Plumbing.
8. Screens made for sanctuary by Bent Street Glass.

NOTES:

1. A fund has been started in the amount of \$5,000.00 per year for a new roof on the sanctuary.
2. I suggested we start a fund towards solar panels and a new heating system.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Murphy, Chair

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2005**

The Christian Education committee met ten times in 2005. The members are Nona Allen, Gregg Bessler, Joy Ann Bloom, Kelly Muecke, Jackie Payne, and Anna Rodgers. Session members are Cyndi Barski (Chair,) Cindy Blevins, and Sandy Hatch. Staff member is Judy Showalter.

2005 was a busy year for Christian Education. "Coffee with God" began as soon as Sunday Journeys finished in May and continued through the summer and fall. We had two Adult classes meeting on Wednesday night. The Sunday Journeys classes for children became a little more broadly graded in the fall due to low attendance. Our Middle school and Senior High Youth Fellowship groups continue to be strong.

Our graduates were honored in May and the Sunday Journeys attendance pins and merit pins were awarded. There were 16 pins awarded -- 5, 1 year; 1, 2 year; 1, 1, 4 year; 2, 5 year; 3, 6 year; 2, 8 year; 1, 9 year; and 1, 10 year. There were 5 merits pins earned – 1 for the Books of the Bible, and 4 for the Apostles Creed and the Lord's Prayer.

In June we sent 2 Juniors to camp and 4 Junior highs.

The Pet Blessing service was held in July and was a lot of fun.

Vacation Bible School was held in August with 50 children, youth and adults attending the weeklong program.

The Sunday Journeys (Church School) children and youth led the Palm Sunday worship service and the third Sunday of Advent worship service. The Christmas pageant was entitled "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," and it was.

Kara Althoff, Cyndi Barski, Linda Easum, Liz Feller, Sandy Hatch, Chime Moore, Mike Moore, Sara Neeley, Jackie Payne, Christine Rathbun, Jill Rice, and Anita Robirds faithfully teach Sunday Journeys. Kara Althoff, Linda Easum, Sandy Hatch, Linda Kopitcke, Matt and Kim Lawson, and Anita Robirds lead the Senior High Youth group and Brian and Anna Rodgers lead Middle school Youth group. Other leaders on Wednesday night are Joy Ann Bloom, Gregg Bessler, Clark Fisher, and Doug Nelson.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cyndi Barski, Chair  
Judy Showalter, CE Director

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL REPORT 2005**

We have once again decided to lead Middle School YF. We have had a lot of fun so far this year. We have a lot of great kids attending!!! Usually we start with a talk sheet each week, which is basically a devotion geared towards kids the ages of 11 through 14. It focuses on topics they encounter in their everyday lives. After that, if we have time, we play a couple of games and just enjoy each other's company. We did not have classes for the month of December to produce the "Best Christmas Pageant Ever." We are really proud of how our youth group gave up their time and pulled together to help us produce the program. We are also proud of the younger children for their time and devotion they put into it. The participation and effort just goes to show what a great bunch of kids we have attending each week. I can't think of a better way to spend my Wednesday nights! We thank the parents for bringing their children each week and letting them shine in our lives. You have done a wonderful job with your children and should be very proud of them.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brian and Anna Rodgers

### **SENIOR HIGH YOUTH FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL REPORT 2005**

It has been an exciting and learning year for our youth group. We now have a group of leaders which consists of Kara Althoff, Linda Kolpitcke, Matt and Kim Lawson, Anita Robirds, and others who help with ideas and planning. We are doing the Rob Bell series on DVD. The kids seem to really enjoy him and are willing to join in the discussion at the end. Rob has a great sense of humor, while still dealing with the hard facts of life and bringing it all back to bible-base Christ centered living. Our mystery trips this year have taken us to Cody to help out at the Humane Society. We have also shopped for a needy family at Christmas. We also provided for our church family by raking leaves, putting up snow fence and storm windows, and hauling off branches. We also enjoyed a blessed evening of caroling at homes and at the Manor.

God has blessed us with a loving church family and a joy in our hearts for the love of Christ.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anita Robirds

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT STUDY ANNUAL REPORT 2005

In January Rev. David Hunter took over and finished the study of the book *The Case for Christ* by Lee Strobel which Rev. M. Clark Fisher had started in September 2004.

In the Fall of 2004, Mel Gibson's film *The Passion* was released. This world-wide witness to Christ's suffering, crucifixion, death and resurrection, had great personal impact on a large number of people.

As a result of this film, in September we began the study of the book entitled *Christ's Passion—The Power and the Promise* by D. James Kennedy. The purpose of this study was to take a deeper look at the historic event of Christ's passion. Our goal was to raise questions and supply information about the meaning of the historical background of the event and the personal background of the characters who participated, which led them to respond to Jesus the way they did.

Hopefully this study will help us to more fully understand that Jesus never did what we expect, but He is able to take the worst that could happen and make it good. Thank goodness for Good Friday.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. M. Clark Fisher

### REPORT OF SUNDAY JOURNEYS ATTENDANCE-JANUARY-MAY 2005 AND WEDNESDAY NITE FELLOWSHIP ATTENDANCE-JANUARY-MAY 2005

DEPARTMENT	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE PER CLASS TOTAL (STUDENTS/TEACHERS)
PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN	6
1 <sup>ST</sup> /2 <sup>ND</sup> /3 <sup>RD</sup> GRADE	4
4 <sup>TH</sup> /5 <sup>TH</sup> /6 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE	6
JUNIOR HIGH	6
SENIOR HIGH	6
SENIOR HIGH YOUTH FELLOWSHIP	12
ADULT (SPRING)	4
COFFEE WITH GOD (SUMMER AND FALL)	15
ADULT SPECIAL PROGRAMMING (SPRING)	13
MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP	10
ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP	11
WIT AND WISDOM	9
STRUGGLERS (SPRING)	8
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	50
THURSDAY NOON BIBLE STUDY	6
<b>2005 GRAND TOTAL</b>	<u>166</u>

## **CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2005**

The congregational committee had another busy year. Our year was filled with many coffee hours and several special events.

In February, we held our annual Show Love Share Food coffee hour. This event is an opportunity for the congregation to support Loaves and Fishes.

In March, we held our annual Potato Fest! We spent a busy day washing potatoes, fixing toppings and enjoying fellowship with our group!

We hosted the Seder dinner this year. We will not be hosting it next year when the Maundy Thursday dinner is held at the Methodist church, but will be serving it again in 2007.

May included the annual Cinco De Mayo celebration!

In the summer we held the Ice Cream Social. We all enjoyed chicken and wonderful homemade ice cream. We also helped with the picnic served in Washington Park.

In October we held our annual Harvest Fest. We had our traditional corn casserole and breads made from pumpkin, squash and corn.

In November, we hosted Leftover Sunday, and in December we met for caroling followed by terrific lunch at Mickey Ferren's home.

We also assisted with the Presbytery meeting by serving a snack and making sack lunches on the last day.

We celebrated the anniversary of the dedication of our sanctuary with a special coffee hour.

We are not a large committee but we have a great time and enjoy each other's company. Our group includes Cathy Marine, Mickey Ferren, Barb Fulton, Shelby Moore and myself. I would also like to recognize Jill Rice, who was part of our group and a big help; we miss having her with us. We would love to include more of you in our group. We would appreciate people signing up for coffee hour. It really helps out our little group when people are willing and generous enough to sign up. The Committee would like to thank everyone who has helped us this year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chime Moore

## **MISSIONS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT – 2005**

The Missions Committee of the Union Presbyterian Church remained active throughout the year 2005. The committee met regularly on a monthly basis. In addition, the Missions Committee provided education / reports to the congregation through the monthly newsletters, bulletin boards (created by Nancianna Nott), Minute for Missions, and direct mailings.

The following four special offerings were promoted by the Missions Committee this year: One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost, Peacemaking, and the Christmas Joy Offerings. The amounts received for each of these offerings are detailed below in the Missions 2005 Revenues / Expenditures Recap. The committee also

responded to the relief efforts for victims of the Tsunami and Hurricane Katrina through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (donation amounts detailed below).

Additional activities sponsored by the committee include the Bethlehem Christmas Gift Market and the Adopt – A – Pod program. The Bethlehem Market was open to the congregation following worship on December 4<sup>th</sup> and December 11<sup>th</sup>. Those who gave to the Bethlehem Market were able to select from a variety of gifts. The following is a summary of the gifts selected by the congregation:

- 14 Bibles from the Gideons \$70.00
- 71 Blankets from Church World Service \$355.00
- 140 Trees from Floresta USA \$140.00
- Habitat for Humanity \$110.00
- UNICEF: 17 Vaccinations for one child \$340.00
  - 14 – Five day course of antibiotics for 116 children \$490.00
- Heifer Project International
  - 2 gifts of a goat \$240.00
  - 4 shares of a goat \$40.00
  - 10 shares of a sheep \$100.00
  - 1 gift of bees \$30.00
  - 2 shares of a pig \$20.00
  - 3 gifts of chicks \$60.00
  - 2 children’s share of chicks \$4.00
  - 1 share of a heifer \$50.00

Many members of the congregation donated cookies / candies for the Adopt – A – Pod program. Our goal was to send enough cookies for ½ of a pod, but we received enough cookies / candies for a whole pod. Polly Orbin agreed to organize the Adopt – A – Pod program. Volunteers met after services on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> to package the cookies and candies.

The congregation’s generous support for all of the Mission’s sponsored activities over the course of the year was very rewarding.

The following is a summary of the financial activities of the committee.

<u>Budgeted Items</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Totals</u>
<b>202 – General Missions</b>	\$7920.00	Session		
General Assembly			\$3960.00	
Synod			\$1584.00	
Presbytery			\$2376.00	
Total Basic Mission Giving:				<u>\$7920.00</u>
<b>203 – Presbyterian Seminaries</b>	\$1380.00	Session		
Theological Education Fund			\$1380.00	
Total:				<u>\$1380.00</u>

<b>205 – Specific Missions</b>	\$3500.00	Session		
Council of Community Services			\$500.00	
Montana Rescue Mission			\$500.00	
Park County Drug Court			\$500.00	
Intermountain Children’s Home			\$500.00	
Medical Benevolence Foundation			\$500.00	
Powell Loaves & Fishes			\$500.00	
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance – Hurricane Katrina			\$500.00	
Total Specific Missions Giving				<u>\$3500.00</u>
<b>206 – Missions / Outreach</b>	\$200.00	Session		
			\$129.08	
Total Mission / Outreach				<u>\$129.08</u>
<b><u>Non-Budgeted Items</u></b>	<b><u>Revenue</u></b>	<b><u>Source</u></b>	<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>	<b><u>Totals</u></b>
Special Offerings:				
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$1792.36	Donations	\$1792.36	
Total of OGHS offering				<u>\$1792.36</u>
Pentecost	\$ 776.93	Donations		
Synod of the Rocky Mountains			\$465.00	
Park Co. Boys and Girls Club			\$300.00	
Total of Pentecost offering				<u>\$765.00</u>
Peacemaking:	\$900.00	Donations		
Synod of the Rocky Mountains			\$675.00	
Park Co. Crisis Intervention Services			\$225.00	
Total of Peacemaking offering				<u>\$900.00</u>
Christmas Joy 2004:	\$267.00	Donations		
Synod of the Rocky Mountains			\$267.00	
Total of Christmas Joy Offering 2004				<u>\$267.00</u>
Christmas Joy 2005:	\$480.00	Donations		
Total of Christmas Joy Offering 2005				<u>\$400.00</u>
				<i>(Note: Check in the amount listed above to be sent to Synod of the Rocky Mountains January 06.)</i>
Disaster Assistance:				
Tsunami Relief Effort:	\$1130.00	Donations		
Hurricane Katrina				
PDA – DR000169	\$1695.00	Donations		
PDA – DR000163	\$420.00	Donations		
PDA – DR000161	\$275.00	Donations		
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance			\$3520.00	
Total of Disaster Assistance				<u>\$3520.00</u>

Bethlehem Christmas Gift Market 2004

American Bible Society	\$102.00	Donations	\$120.00
Church World Service	\$105.00	Donations	\$105.00
Heifer Project Internat'l	\$820.00	Donations	\$820.00
UNICEF	\$150.00	Donations	\$150.00
Floresta	\$108.00	Donations	\$108.00
Habitat for Humanity	\$250.00	Donations	\$250.00

Total of Bethlehem Christmas Gift Market \$1535.00

(Note: Donations received December 2004; checks and letters of correspondence sent out January 05.)

Bethlehem Christmas Gift Market 2005

Gideons	\$70.00	Donations	
Church World Service	\$355.00	Donations	
Floresta USA	\$140.00	Donations	
Habitat for Humanity	\$110.00	Donations	
UNICEF	\$830.00	Donations	
Heifer Project International	\$544.00	Donations	

Total of Bethlehem Christmas Gift Market \$2049.00

(Note: Checks in the amounts as listed above to be sent with letters of correspondence to the receiving organizations January 06.)

Undesignated Cash

(Christmas Offering)	\$202.72	Donations	
Total			<u>\$202.72</u>

(Note: Check in the amount listed above to be sent to Powell Council of Community Services January 06.)

**TOTALS – MISSIONS 2005** Revenue = \$22,721.01      Expenditures = \$21708.44

The Committee used \$129.08 from account #206 for Mission’s supplies, outreach, and mailings. A balance of \$72.92 remains in this account at year’s end. Revenues do not equal expenditures as money received from the Bethlehem Christmas Market and Joy Offerings in 2004 not distributed until January 2005. The money received from the Bethlehem Christmas Market and Joy Offerings in 2005 will not be distributed until January 2006.

On behalf of the Missions Committee, I would like to extend a sincere “Thank-You” to all who so generously supported the activities of the Missions Committee and to all who volunteered their time. Missions Committee members: Karolyn Rood (Elder), Dorothy Shinn (Elder), Kara Althoff, Kay and Jim Carlson, Barbara Fagerberg, Donna Franklin, Nancianna Nott, Rick Rice, and Shirley Smith.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karolyn Rood, Chair

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE  
ANNUAL REPORT 2005**

Committee Members:

Session: Cyndi Barski and Sandy Hatch  
Deacons: Dave Blevins  
Congregation: Keith Bloom, JoyAnn Bloom, Sara Neeley and Anna Rodgers

The nominating committee met after church services for several Sundays during the fall. The names were presented and discussed and then committee members made calls and visited with those selected for nomination. The following were nominated and agreed to serve if elected:

**Elder Class of 2008**

Janci Baxter  
Gregg Bessler  
Marina Murray  
Anna Rodgers

**Deacon Class of 2008**

Jane Faxon  
Cindy Jacobs  
Jo Miller  
Kelly Muecke

Respectfully submitted,  
Cyndi Barski, Chair

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE  
ANNUAL REPORT 2005**

The Personnel Committee for 2005 consisted of Mickey Ferren, Karolyn Rood, Kathy Williams, and chair Brian Rodgers. This past year has been a blessing from this committee's viewpoint. We have maintained the same wonderful staff for the entire year with no known issues for us as a committee to get involved in. We had a small meeting to discuss staff members and pay increases for 2006.

Thank you, David, Isabell, Judy and Linda for all you do for our church.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brian Rodgers, Chair

**STEWARDSHIP  
ANNUAL REPORT 2005**

The Stewardship Committee for 2005 consisted of Janci Baxter, Jim Carlson, Lyle Haberland, Sinclair Orendorff, Shelby Wetzel and Brian Rodgers as chair. Although Sinclair resigned mid year, we all appreciate the time he has put into this committee over the years. We met monthly to look over and approve the bills to be paid. Some months were more difficult than others, having more expenses than income always makes paying bills difficult. With the wonderful help of the entire committee and of course our generous congregation, we made it through. I am very pleased to report that our pledges for 2006 are very close to the goal of \$134,000 that was set in November. And because of the frugal spending of the church through out the year, we have a larger carry over than expected. The Stewardship Committee is proud to present a balanced budget to the congregation and is thankful to all those people who support the church through their giving of time, treasures, and talents.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brian Rodgers, Chair

**WORSHIP COMMITTEE  
ANNUAL REPORT 2005**

The Worship Committee continued to meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month throughout 2005. Members of the committee this year were Gregg Bessler, Joy Bloom, Sheri Gifford (Session member), Arlene Goodchild, Sandy Hatch, Bonnie Hiller, David Hunter, Linda Murray (Session member), Jill Rice, Judy Showalter and Willamae Shuler.

The committee is responsible for most of what goes on during Sunday morning worship. They make plans for services such as Palm Sunday, Easter, Mother's Day, Pentecost, Advent, and Christmas. The committee also planned a service in the park for August and a special service for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dedication of the sanctuary. Both of these services were well received. Communion dates and the way it is served are chosen by the committee and all baptisms must be approved by this group.

A major addition to the service of worship at Union Presbyterian, is the new projection system. The project was completed in May and the congregation has reaped the many benefits of all of the hard work and planning that went into it. We are grateful to the many people that donated memorial money to this endeavor.

In November, the committee was pleased with the success of the Deck the Church potluck. The members provided chili, hotdogs, and fritos, and congregational members brought salads and desserts. Following worship everyone enjoyed a nice fellowship and meal and then proceeded with the decorating. Much fun was had by all and the task was minimal for all involved due to a large gathering. Thanks to all of you who helped out with that.

Special thanks to all of the people that make our services special through-out the year. Many of these people are behind the scenes but their volunteer hours do not go unnoticed: Bonnie Hiller, pew care; Kelly Muecke, head usher and greeter; Arlene Goodchild, banners, flowers and decorating; Judy Showalter, organist and C.E. special services; Linda Murray, Chancel and Bell Choirs, and special music; Sheri Gifford, Children's Choir; Gregg Bessler, Brian Rodgers, Rodney Murray, and David Hunter, sound and projection system; congregational members who usher; and Clark Fisher and Bill Hassler who filled the pulpit when needed.

We are always open to new ideas and suggestions from anyone and welcome newcomers who are interested in joining our committee. We look forward to making your worship services inspirational and fulfilling in 2006.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sheri Gifford, Chair

**MUSIC COMMITTEE (Sub-committee of Worship)  
ANNUAL REPORT 2005**

Our music program faced a challenging year with our Music Director having surgery in January, being diagnosed with cancer, then undergoing chemotherapy and radiation treatments from February through August. Many wonderful people stepped forward to do my job when I had treatments or was too sick to make it to rehearsals or worship services. A committee led by Judy Showalter, our organist, organized all the special music for the summer. Judy also arranged for church members to take me to Cody for 28 days of radiation treatments. My thanks go to Judy and to all who took over my tasks while I was sick.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Murray, Director of Music

**CHANCEL CHOIR  
ANNUAL REPORT 2005**

We had a good year with a lot of special helping out when I was sick. Helping direct were Cathy Marine, Claudia Fisher, Marianne Bibbey, and Judy Showalter.

In September I began directing again. The choir decided to take on the challenge of learning a new Christmas cantata, "One Small Child," written by Benjamin Harlan. We began rehearsing in October and performed it December 18, 2005, during the Sunday morning worship service. We could have purchased an accompaniment CD, but Judy Showalter was willing to take on the many hours of practice to learn the piano score. She did an outstanding job, with Claudia Fisher adding solo recorder. Vocal soloists were Shelby Moore, Cassidy Maines, and Kourtne Rodgers, with narration provided by Clark Fisher, Cyndi, Erin and Caiti Barski, Brian Rodgers, and Bob Murphy. The choir members enjoyed singing the beautiful music and the cantata was well received by the congregation.

We finished the year by singing at the Christmas Eve Candlelight service.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Murray, Chancel Choir Director

**CHESAREK BELL CHOIR  
ANNUAL REPORT 2005**

This year our bell choir showed that above all else, they are CHRISTIANS! When I became very ill from the chemo treatments, Janie Faxon arranged a food brigade of the Chancel Choir and Bell Choir. For two months, almost every afternoon an angel would arrive at the door with supper for my parents and me. Then when I started radiation, they took turns driving me to Cody. The love and compassion they showed kept me going even on the roughest days. Tom and Marianne Bibbey were wonderful to take over rehearsals on Thursdays every three weeks when I had chemo, then more frequently as I got sicker. They also directed the bell choir in church when I was unable.

The Cody Methodist Church invited us to participate in a mini-bell festival on a Sunday afternoon in April. With bell choirs from Worland, Thermopolis, Cody and Billings, we set up in the sanctuary of the Methodist Church. The director of Bellissimo! from Billings conducted a brief workshop with all the ringers, then rehearsed the massed number, "All Through The Night," then it was concert time. Each of the Wyoming bell choirs played two songs.

Bellissimo! played for about half an hour, then everyone played "All Through The Night." The sanctuary was packed with an enthusiastic audience. Afterwards a chili supper was served to everyone. It was a wonderful experience for our bell choir.

The bells played once during the summer when the Methodists were worshipping with us, then we recessed until fall. We played each month during the fall and on Christmas Eve. We purchased new black gloves which look very nice with the red and black we wear during the Christmas season. We also purchased some new music and an assortment of mallets to add another dimension to our bell ringing.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Murray, Chesarek Bell Choir Director

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR  
ANNUAL REPORT 2005**

The small choir room is filled with shouts of laughter and glee, lots of chatter, children singing, and fun, fun, fun. Every Wednesday night for approximately 30 minutes eight children gather to rehearse for Sunday worship.

This group is always willing to try new songs and the children are very good at learning two-part music, rounds, and are always anxious to do some solo singing. What a pleasure it is to have such cooperative kids. I do enjoy my time with them each week.

We, as a group, are very fortunate to have Judy Showalter as our accompanist. We appreciate her dedication and taking time out of her busy schedule to share her musical talent.

Children who have participated in choir this year include Karlie Fisher, Robbie Fisher, Cassidy Maines, Wendell Muecke, Desiree Murray, Matt Rathbun, Megan Rathbun, and Kournie Rodgers.

We appreciate the continued support of our congregation and look forward to sharing our music with you each month. We invite all kids from kindergarten age through 8<sup>th</sup> grade to come join us and see how fun it can be to worship God through music.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sheri Gifford, Director

**SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**MEMORIAL COMMITTEE & TREASURER'S REPORT**

<b>BALANCE ON HAND:</b>	January 1, 2005	<u>\$5,545.09</u>
<b>INCOME:</b>		
Memorials Received:	\$6,485.00	
Interest From CD	<u>31.99</u>	
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>		<u>\$6,516.99</u>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
Projector Project	\$7,909.57	
Sound System Add-ons	585.92	
Deacons	500.00	
Engraving Costs	47.75	
Third Grade Bibles	<u>117.54</u>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>		<u>\$9,160.78</u>
<b>BALANCE ON HAND:</b>	December 31, 2005	<u>\$2,901.30</u>

Sheri Gifford chaired the Memorial Committee of 2005. Other members were Jeanette Smith, Willamae Shuler, Carol Johnston, and Jo Miller, Secretary-Treasurer.

New memorials during the year were those of: Virginia Johnson, Joyce Beukelman, Lorraine Thomas, Daisy Stutzman, Edith Matthews, LaVon Kolstad, Myrtle McSharry, and Melanie Burt.

Additional funds were used for the following projects:

Projector Project:	(Merl Gimmeson, Keith Jones, Jeannette Wilson, Jim Cox, Richard Slater, and Eleanor Catterall.)
Sound System Add-ons:	(Margaret Huntley, Art and Edith Coughenour, Elizabeth Martin, and Reva Allison.)
Third Grade Bibles:	(Vera Casey)
Deacons:	(Joyce Beukelman)

The Arnold CD will become due on March 18, 2006. Its current value is \$1,013.63.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jo Miller, Secretary-Treasurer

### **DEACONS' ANNUAL REPORT 2005**

The office of Deacon as set forth in scripture is one of sympathy, witness, and service after the example of Jesus Christ. It is the duty of deacons to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, the friendless, and any who may be in distress. With this in mind heart and prayers, we have tried to answer the call. This past year has been filled with the gift of time, concern, talents and helping hands of all the Deacons. We were saddened by the death of Joyce Beukelman, who had been a pillar of our group.

#### *Class of 2005*

Cathy Marine, Moderator, Cards  
Joyce Beukelman  
Donna Franklin, Funeral Dinners  
Everett Koelling, Communion  
Kathy Williams, Personnel

#### *Class of 2006*

David Blevins, Nominating  
Julie Miller  
Charlotte Patrick, Communion  
Nancy Roberts,  
Breanne Robirds

#### *Class of 2007*

Caiti Barski, May Baskets  
Bethany Hunter, May Baskets  
Carol Johnston, Treasurer  
Polly Orbin, Secretary, Loaves and Fishes  
Anita Robirds, Loaves and Fishes

As committed members of this Church, we have all worked together to honor our commitments. It was a full year caring for and helping our church members and non-members.

- Preparing communion for the first Sunday of every month, Christmas Eve and the service held for Presbytery.
- 12 funeral meals were prepared and served for family and friends
- Birthday, sympathy, get well, and think of you cards were sent

- Prepared and served approximately 75 people at the Agape dinner
- Hosted the fellowship time after the service handled by the Deacons.
- Prepared and served the Wednesday night dinner during “Deacon Week.”
- Prepared and delivered May baskets to our shut-ins
- Assisted with the Sedar meal prepared by Congregational life
- Hospital visitation
- Delivered Loaves and Fishes contributions made through our Church
- Donated to those in need, towards the new stove for the downstairs kitchen, towards the community Christmas baskets.
- Baked and sent a large box of cookies to Brad Smith’s Division in Iraq

We received several donations to the Deacon Fund, and as always, they are gratefully received. These funds are used for funeral dinners, the Agape dinner, as well as any of our other projects. Donations are always needed and appreciated. If the Board of deacons can be of assistance to anyone in any way, please contact one of us. Service as a deacon is very rewarding, and each Church member should consider serving in this capacity. We ask God’s blessing on each and everyone of you, and we thank you for this opportunity to serve you.

Respectfully submitted  
Cathy Marine, Moderator

### BOARD OF DEACONS TREASURER’S ANNUAL REPORT 2005

<b>CARRY OVER FROM 2004</b>	<u>\$663.88</u>
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#### EXPENSES

1.	Funerals	\$ 389.22
2.	Agape	\$ 521.04
3.	Seder	\$ 149.75
4.	May Baskets	\$ 23.84
5.	Pastor Discretionary Fund	\$ 500.00
6.	New Stove	\$ 500.00
7.	Supply Closet	\$ 200.00
8.	Council of Community Services	\$1,000.00
9.	Memorial Committee	<u>\$ 500.00</u>

<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$3,783.85</u>
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#### DEPOSITS

1.	Donations	\$1,822.00
2.	CD Interest	\$ 82.83
3.	Cashed CD	<u>\$2,024.20</u>

<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$3,929.03</u>
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<b>BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2006</b>	<u>\$1,309.06</u>
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Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Johnston, Treasurer

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT 2005

This year we made some additions to our officers who were installed in January. They were:

Moderator – Claudia Fisher  
Secretary – Barb Hudson  
Treasurer – Bonnie Hiller  
Missions – Nancy Roberts  
Historian – Jo Miller  
Publicity – Linda Learned – Jo Miller  
Session Liaison – Cyndi Barski

The mission work of the Presbyterian Women has been very successful the past year. I would like to list the projects we participated to give you an idea of the scope of the mission work which we do during a year.

We started the year in February with the Valentine's offering which netted \$700.00. This money was sent directly to the Intermountain Children's Home in Helena, Montana.

In May we had the Networking Mother's Day cards. The \$130.00 donated went to the purchase of mosquito netting for the women in Africa.

The Birthday Offering in June was \$123.87. This was sent to the national PW to go to the various projects for which they had designated this money.

The other Presbyterian Women's major gift of the year is the Thank Offering in November. Our women contributed \$189.15 to be added to the national total to go to medical and educational causes both here and abroad.

The Fall Festival was a huge success. We made \$2,302.00. This goes to help pay our Mission Giving pledge that is sent to the National Presbyterian Women. Our total pledge this year was \$1320.00. We also give \$170.00 to the work of Wyoming Presbyterian Women and \$68.00 to the Synod work.

Our last money raising event was the December Cookie Sale which netted us \$625.00. We appreciated all of the wonderful and colorful cookies that each of you donated for this event.

Two other contributions we make are to the Least Coin of \$2.88 and the Hunger Fund which we gave \$28.35 to this year.

Locally we gave \$600.00 to various Powell community activities. These included the Crisis Center, Search & Rescue, Loaves and Fishes; Powell Resource Center, Council of Community Services and Powell Boys and Girls Club.

We also contributed a \$100.00 to the purchase of the new stove for our church.

One thing to remember about the giving of Presbyterian Women is that it is ALL second-mile giving, monies given on top of their pledge to the church. That is why we so appreciate the support that you in the congregation give us with our projects.

The grand total of giving this year was **\$4,427.45**. I think that is an incredible amount for our 34 members of Presbyterian Women. Our year end balance is \$3,451.58 and is the basis for our planning our 2006 budget.

Money isn't the only concern of PW. We are involved in Bible Study, helping at the Nursing Home, packing up numerous quilts and baby blankets, school supplies, medical supplies and personal items for men and women which we sent back East for distribution to the various places where they are needed. This is also our mission giving and all of these things were donated.

We also donated food items for the shoe boxes to be giving the college students at finals time in May and distributed over 20 boxes to various students from our church and other Presbyterian churches who are attending Northwest.

I want to especially thank Nancianna Nott for filling in for me at the Fall District Meeting in September in Riverton and presenting the History of Presbyterian Women. Because of weather conditions, none of us made it to the Spring Presbytery meeting in Mt. View.

This year we named Ethel Gerard to receive the "Woman Who Moved Mountains" award from the Powell church which was presented at the Spring Gathering and at church here.

This year our necrology report included Leona Krause and Jeanette Wilson.

This is my final report as Moderator of PW and I want to thank all of you for your willingness to give so freely of your time and resources. It has been a wonderful three years for me. I look forward to continuing to serve PW in whatever way I can.

Respectfully submitted,  
Claudia Fisher, Moderator

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION TREASURER'S REPORT  
2005**

**GENERAL FUND**

**CASH ON HAND**      January 1, 2005      \$ 3,369.33

Cash on hand includes:

General Offering	141.53
Least Coin	0.00
Hunger Fund	0.00
Literature	-211.74
Miscellaneous	18.00
Local Church	-33.40
Mission	3.17
Local Mission	257.33
Father/Son	180.66
Mother/Daughter	132.80
Bazaar	2,454.54
Birthday Fund Offering	60.00
Thank Offering	0.00
December Cookie Sale	366.44
Church Wide Gathering	000.00

**RECEIPTS**

General Offering	874.90
Least Coin	2.88
Hunger Fund	28.35
Literature	129.25
Miscellaneous	00.00

Local Church	300.00	
Mission	2,580.00	
Local Mission	550.00	
Father/Son	000.00	
Mother/Daughter	666.00	
Bazaar	2,714.25	
Birthday Fund Offering	63.87	
Thank Offering	189.15	
December Cookie Sale	725.00	
Churchwide Gathering	<u>000.00</u>	
	8,823.65	\$ 8,823.65

**TOTAL RECEIPTS** \$12,192.98

**DISBURSEMENTS**

General Offering	844.90
Least Coin	2.88
Hunger Fund	28.35
Literature	177.10
Miscellaneous	14.80
Local Church	258.18
Mission	2,500.15
Local Mission	721.77
Father/Son	00.00
Mother/Daughter	798.69
Bazaar	2681.76
Birthday Fund Offering	123.87
Thank Offering	189.15
December Cookie Sale	400.00
Church Wide Gathering	<u>0.00</u>

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS** \$ 8,741.40

**CASH ON HAND December 31, 2005** \$ 3,451.58

Cash on hand includes:

General Offering	171.73
Least Coin	0.00
Hunger Fund	00.00
Literature	-259.59
Miscellaneous	3.20
Local Church	8.42
Mission	83.02
Local Mission	85.56
Father/Son	180.66
Mother/Daughter	.11
Bazaar	2,487.03
Birthday Fund Offering	00.00
Thank Offering	00.00
December Cookie Sale	691.44
Churchwide Gathering	0.00

**CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT #1 - WORLD WIDE GATHERING FUND**

**BALANCE ON HAND December 31, 2005** \$1,542.00

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie Hiller, Treasurer

## **SPECIAL OFFERINGS CHECKING ACCOUNT**

**CHURCH TREASURER'S REPORT AND BUDGET FOR 2006**