

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the midst of a year filled with political divisions, a continuous and expanding refugee crisis, and never-ending changes in our city and our world, the God of hope continues to reign, and to work in and through National. Amidst the pain and chaos of much of the world around us, when we gather together in worship we are reminded of the sovereignty and love of God made known to us through Jesus Christ.

Since 2014, the Strategic Plan has provided vision and guidance for our ministry as we worship, demonstrate God's love, proclaim and embody the Gospel, grow spiritually, and sustain NPC—together. None of this can happen alone. As you read through the stories and progress of our church in the past year, I hope that you get a sense of the Holy Spirit working through each of us as the body of Christ.

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever. May the Lord give strength to his people!

May the Lord bless his people with peace!

PSALM 29:10-11

I pray that in these stories from 2016, you will find new ways to say "yes" to God's call for us to reach out with the mission of Christ, join together to grow and serve in new ways, and live generously with our time, talent, and resources in 2017 and in the years ahead.

So glad to be your pastor,



DR. DAVID RENWICK Senior Pastor















"During my time as an Elder, I was privileged to serve on both the Grow and Care Councils, as well as in the launch of the small group ministry. It has been an honor for me to work alongside the insightful, dedicated Christian leaders of NPC.

Our church is truly blessed."

SUE LOCKWOOD Retiring Elder In 2015, the Session received a comprehensive assessment of the structure and management of NPC from church organization consultant Susan Beaumont. In 2016, Session began implementing structural adjustments to the Session, councils, and committees based on her recommendations. In particular, Session established an Executive Committee with authority to take action between monthly Session meetings. The goal of this restructuring was twofold: to empower church leadership to guide and assess the progress of the strategic plan, and to equip staff, lay leaders, and the congregation to be more agile in fulfilling the ministry of our church.

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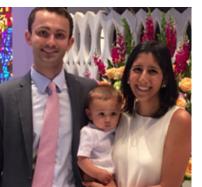
Session also changed the worship schedule slightly to accommodate younger families. As a result, a large group of parents now gather after the 9 a.m. service and have created new fellowship.

In December, Session surprised Dr. and Mrs. Renwick by presenting the "Dr. David A. Renwick and Mrs. Currie Renwick Married Student Scholarship" at Union Presbyterian Seminary in honor of their five-plus years service at National Presbyterian Church. Dr. Renwick earned his doctorate at Union while starting a family.

On behalf of the Session, I am especially grateful for the years of faithful service of our church officers whose terms ended in February 2017: Elder Sue Lockwood, and Deacons Eileen Doty, Mary Ellen McKenna, Ann May, Melinda Moore, Bill Morton, and Dottie Rayburn.

Thank you for your prayerful support of our church leadership as we pursue our goal of leading people to become faithful followers of Jesus Christ, together in God's world.

JOHN P. GREGG Clerk of Session











Supporting Families in Worship

When we gather week by week to worship God made known to us through Jesus Christ, we do so as a community of faith. As a church family, we must ensure that worship is welcoming, hospitable, and accessible for all, including families and children.

In 2016, the worship schedule was adjusted to enable children to spend more time experiencing the liturgy in worship with their families before leaving for Sunday School. Beginning in the fall, the 9:15 a.m. service shifted to 9 a.m. and the 8:30 a.m. contemplative service in the Chapel concluded. Children and youth, and the children and youth choirs are now able to participate more often, helping us all worship and encounter God in new ways.

Our worship services were consistently uplifted by joyful music from the Chancel Choir, Contemporary Praise Team, and the Grace Chimes Handbell ensemble. Beautiful floral arrangements given for the glory of God graced the church every Sunday.



By the Numbers



18 children and adults baptized



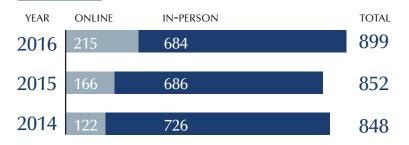
57 people received communion at home



248 387 9 a.m. 11 a.m. average average worship attendance attendance

83 10:50 a.m. average worship attendance 215 average online worship attendance

Average Worship Attendance



Membership

1,551	61
Members as of Dec. 31, 2016	New members ir 2016

Online Worship

Our commitment to sharing God's word with the world through streaming worship live is having amazing results. We now hear regularly from people all around the country.





Caring with the Love of Christ

Deacons, Stephen Ministers, At Home Ministry volunteers, and pastors provided emotional and spiritual support throughout the year to members and friends of the church experiencing difficulty in their lives. The congregation cared for one another in prayer, during worship services of Wholeness and Healing, and through conversation and friendship each week with those who have attended for years, and with first time guests.

A new military ministry began in November, with 50 attendees at the inaugural event (pictured right) with Brigadier General and US Air Force Deputy Chief of Chaplains Steve Schaick.

A recent surgery left me temporarily disabled. I received several phone calls, Deacons arranged for my meals, and a wheel chair and a walker were delivered to aid my recovery. I am so appreciative to my NPC family for their prayers, caring, and loving concern. I thank the Lord everyday for His blessings and to be a part of such a nurturing community.

JANET GORDON

Care Recipient

"I attended other, smaller churches in the area. None of them provided the warm welcome and sense of belonging as National, even though NPC is a much bigger church. I knew this was the place for me."

AGUSTINA MARTINEZ, New Member



By the Numbers



707

Personalized letters to first time guests



6

Weddings



20

Funerals and Columbarium services



19

GriefShare seminar attendees



84

Pastoral visits to those homebound and hospitalized



Reaching Out to Refugees

In April at a panel discussion held at National, NPC members, displaced people, and ministry leaders shared facts and their experiences of the refugee crisis. The panel provided a frame of reference for us to respond with wisdom and love to the millions of people who have been forced to flee violence and oppression.

Through service projects during the year, the NPC family packed a total of 700 backpacks full of necessities and school supplies for Syrian refugees in Lebanon. The congregation donated over \$10,000 for the backpacks, and through faith giving gave an additional \$22,000 to refugees and the displaced.

In fall 2016, the NPC Session approved the Refugee Family Project for 2017, in which NPC will partner with Lutheran Social Services to welcome and support a refugee family from a war zone in their first year in the U.S. We will have the opportunity to help a family to locate housing, enroll their children in school, learn English, find work, navigate public transportation, and settle into the community. We will be their friends and a key part of their support system as they build a new life.

In doing so, we will have an unparalleled opportunity to demonstrate God's love and grace, show what it means to be the body of Christ, and invite a family seeking refuge into our lives, our church, and our hearts.



Celebration in Mission

After working for over 20 years with Wycliffe Bible Translators among the Kaansa people group in Burkina Faso, West Africa, NPC missionaries Stuart and Cathie Showalter celebrated the dedication of the Kaansa New Testament in March of 2016. (pictured above)

"I saw how crucial are the missionaries' commitments... to demonstrating sincere interest in and humanity towards the local citizens. Locals appear to accept Christianity as much for the long term respect for missionaries who are dedicated to them as people."

JANE GORE, NPC Member

Serving in the Dominican Republic

In the summer of 2016, a team of 14 from NPC traveled to serve in the Dominican Republic.

The team spent much of their time working alongside the Church of Psalm 126, a small Pentecostal church outside of Santo Domingo, to construct a new building for worship (pictured left). In addition, the team visited International Justice Mission (IJM)'s Dominican Republic office and helped Casa de Luz (House of Light), an orphanage for handicapped children. They also helped a medical clinic led by local doctors which saw over 500 patients of all ages, conducted Vacation Bible School for over 100 kids, and delivered sewing machines provided by the congregation to a group of young women who have been trained to use them to earn money to pay school fees.

"Each night we had a devotional and talked about blessings, including those we often take for granted: being able to drink water from the tap without worrying about getting sick; being able to go to a doctor or hospital if we do get sick, airconditioning in 100+ degree heat! We also noticed how God had blessed our hosts to be a blessing. The joy they display during their worship service is palpable. You can feel the Holy Spirit's presence so vividly, and they are actively thankful to God. We felt the power of the Holy Spirit every day."

GINNY BEESON, Mission Trip Participant

Mission Partners

LOCAL PARTNERS

- Martha's Table
- Central Union Mission
- Young Life North DC
- Friendship Place
- Unique Learning Center
- DC Habitat for Humanity

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

Ministries

- Bethlehem Bible College
- Birzeit Senior Center
- Evangelical Theological Seminary (Osijek, Croatia)
- Foundation for Peace
- Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation
- International Justice Mission
- McGilvary College of Divinity (Chiang Mai, Thailand)
- Moldova Marriage Ministry
- European Christian Mission, International

 University Divitia Gratiae (Chisinau, Moldova)

Missionaries

- Angela Bednarczyk (Senegal) Ecole Renaissance des Sourds
- Fraser & Liz Bennett (Dallas)
 Wycliffe Bible Translators
- Dustin & Sherri Ellington (Zambia) PC(USA) World Mission
- Peggy McCracken (DC) Christian Embassy
- Keith Patman (Florida; Central Africa) Wycliffe Bible Translators
- Steve & Janice Quakenbush (Philippines) Wycliffe Bible Translators
- Stuart & Cathie Showalter (Burkina Faso) Wycliffe Bible Translators
- Anne Snow (Puerto Rico)
 Young Life



2016 Financial Support

\$322,500 Distributed to NPC mission partners

\$64,728
Raised through Mission
Gifts for Christmas to
support charities in DC
and throughout the world

\$24,000

Given for an efficient walkin freezer at Central Union Mission's new, expanded FoodPlus Center (pictured above), thanks to the congregation's increased faith giving

\$10,028

Raised for the PC(USA) One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

\$5,000

Relief funds for Haiti through Foundation for Peace after Hurricane Matthew



Engaging Families in Faith

When the worship schedule changed in September, an opportunity arose for parents. A new parent gathering now brings together an average of 50+ parents per week for 30 minutes of conversation and study before their kids' Sunday School ends; most of these parents had never before participated in an adult Sunday morning class.

Sunday School programs continued to enable children to engage and learn the Bible and celebrate milestones in worship. Vacation Bible School served children from our church, local schools, and the neighborhood. Families participated in annual events such as Advent Workshop and our family-focused worship services on Christmas Eve and Easter Sunday.

Relationships within our youth were built and strengthened through the high school backpacking trip and middle school mission trip to rural Virginia. As summer ended we bade farewell to McLane and Charley Stone, thanking God for their three years of ministry. In November we welcomed Kristin Franke, our new Director of Youth Ministries, who led fall retreats for high school and middle school youth.



By the Numbers



50+

Youth (6-12th grade) coming weekly for Sunday School and/or youth group



70 +

Children (birth - 5th grade) coming weekly



45 +

Volunteer leaders



115

adults attended a Sunday class or plenary each week – our fifth consecutive annual increase!



At NPC my kids are learning Bible stories, remember songs from last summer's Vacation Bible School, have learned to take their concerns to God in the form of prayers, and have memorized scripture and the order of books in the Bible!

NPC recently gave our 9-year-old son his first Bible. It was engraved with his name and presented in front of the congregation with his entire 3rd grade class. This is just one example of NPC's traditional, beautiful, rites of passage done for its kid family.

It brings us a sense of calm that our young sons are being grounded in our Christian faith.

MICHELLE & KURT MOELLER



12

Young professionals (age 22-35) gathering weekly for study, friendship, and service



8

9th graders confirmed



25 +

Care packages sent to college students during finals week



17,600

books and other resources available in our libraries



32

Library and archive volunteers



Growing in Groups

Thirty-six different small groups have formed since our small group ministries effort began two years ago, with the majority continuing to meet. During 2016, 240 people participated in a small group outside of our adult Sunday School classes. Men's breakfasts, adult fellowship luncheons, and women's groups also provided opportunities to grow in faith and community. The Across the Aisle young professionals group grew steadily, completing book studies, volunteering at NPC events, and gathering off-campus.

Travelling together enables new relationships, deepening the sense of community in our congregation. A group of 30 from NPC travelled to Scotland in July for a ten-day trip learning about our Scottish Presbyterian heritage through history, art, religion, and local cuisine and traditions.

Engaging our Faith in Civic Life

In this election year, NPC provided opportunities to engage politics and government from a Christian perspective.

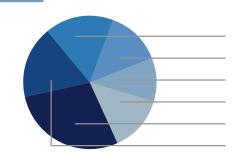
In January, *New York Times* columnist Peter Wehner reflected on how Christians can flourish in a culture that marginalizes faith. In September, we welcomed *Washington Post* columnists E.J. Dionne and Michael Gerson, writing from different "sides of the aisle" based on their Christian convictions, for a forum on faith and politics. Author Ron White and Pastor Adele Calhoun spoke in the fall, sharing insights on government and spiritual formation in today's world.

Summer plenary speakers, Sunday School classes, book discussions, and Bible studies covered a variety of topics through the year including Islam, secularism and atheism, faith and science, and more. These studies enabled conversations about the connections between our Christian faith and daily life and work.

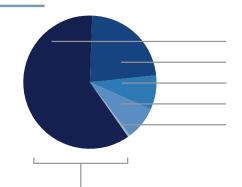


SUSTAINING NPC TOGETHER

2016 Operating Expenditures



2016 Income



Faith Giving



Personnel, administration, and governance expenditures are included in each ministry area.

	2016	2015
Worship	\$754,000	\$771,000
Grow	\$605,000	\$666,000
Care	\$471,000	\$479,000
Serve	\$621,000	\$498,000
Building & Grounds*	\$1,272,000	\$1,246,000
Ministry Support	\$789,000	\$799,000
TOTAL	\$4,512,000	\$4,459,000
	2016	2015
Faith Giving	\$2,744,000	\$2,651,000
Facilities Use*	\$1,036,000	\$1,031,000
Special Income	\$372,000	\$389,000
Fund Transfers	\$375,000	\$383,500
Other	\$16,000	\$31,500
TOTAL	\$ 4,543,000	\$4,486,000
	NET INCOME \$31,000	NET INCOME \$27,000

^{*} Excludes expenses reimbursed by NPS and the corresponding reimbursement revenue.

Pledges \$1,850,000 Contributed by 354 members

Non-Pledges \$894,000 Contributed by 713 other members and friends

Operations

- NPC's operating funds net income of \$31,000 is roughly equal to the net income from 2015.
- Faith giving increased 3.5% over 2015.
- 2016 operating expenditures increased \$52,000 over 2015. In 2016, \$55,000 of operating expenditures was used for strategic additions in support of mission partners.
- NPC utilized \$300,000 from the investment fund to support operations. The investment portfolio began 2016 with a value of \$5,444,000 and ended with \$5,756,000.

Capital Improvements

Maintenance and preservation of the NPC facilities was a priority in 2016 with \$160,000 of capital improvements completed, more than double the prior year, including:

- Upgrades to the amplification section of the Sanctuary audio system.
- Web video upgrades to enhance the experience of individuals attending online, a population that grew by 30% in 2016.
- Restoration of the marble fountain in the courtyard.
- Maintenance and repairs to worn components of the Hopkins Memorial Organ in the Sanctuary.
- Renovation of the "yellow house," used as the youth. director's residence and to host various youth events
- Initiated campus wide repairs or replacement of gutters, downspouts and roofs.
- Initiated replacement of boiler burners in the church building increasing the useful life and operating efficiencies.

Legacy Gifts

In 2016, NPC was blessed by bequests from the following donors: George Bowman, Helen Holt, Leslie Miriam, and Ruth Paul.

Affiliated Organizations

The National Presbyterian School (NPS) offers quality faith-focused education for over 300 boys and girls from age 3 to Grade 6. Malcolm Lester began his position as the new NPS Head of School in July. In 2016, NPS compensated NPC \$310,000 for space usage.

The Fund for Charitable Giving is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization which provides a variety of planning and giving arrangements to assist individuals with their charitable giving. \$180,000 from the Proctor Trust was distributed for mission purposes through the 2016 operating budget. The John and Dorothy Shaw Fund distributed \$235,857 to six theological institutions in the developing world.

Thanks to the blessings and financial support of NPC's members and friends, the support provided by legacy and special gifts given over the years, and the dedication of pastors, staff, and councils in stewarding the church's finances, NPC had a solid financial year in 2016!

Facilities Master Planning

Five years after the August 2011 earthquake, the plywood barriers around the bell tower came down! (pictured left) Before the barriers were removed, engineers conducted a full study of the tower, removed loose stone from the fascia, and determined that the structure itself was sound and safe.

Further repairs will be needed to the exterior stonework in the future, but not on an emergency basis. A similar investigation and study of the Sanctuary structure was made and also determined to be structurally sound.

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In December, the FMPT selected architectural firm Beyer Blinder Belle (BBB) to develop a new master plan of our property. The FMPT and BBB will be sharing the designs for our property in 2017.

FMPT Members

Mary Jo Pera (Chair) Darryl JacksonBill Magruder

Doug AbbottMiley Frost

John Neely Diane Stewart

• Charlie Glendinning

Susie WestrupDavid Renwick (ex-officio)

Rick Hawthorne

Thank You!

National was blessed with many dedicated leaders and volunteers in 2016, including the following:

PASTORS

Dr. David Renwick, Senior Pastor
Dr. Quinn Fox, Associate Pastor for Grow
Rev. Evangeline Taylor, Associate Pastor for Care
Rev. Donna Marsh, Associate Pastor for Serve
Dr. Don Wilson, Parish Associate
Dr. Nancy Fox, Parish Associate

STAFF *= part time

- Joe Abatemarco* (Finance) through March
- J. Theodore (Jim) Anderson* (Library/Archives/Older Adults)
- Robin Clement (AA for Membership)
- Betty Conn (AA to Senior Pastor)
- Sarah Crumley* (AA for Facilities)
- Barbara Dear (AA for Care) through September
- Dr. Michael Denham (Music)
- Kristin Franke (Youth) beginning in November
- Hilda Labrada Gore*
 (Contemporary Worship)
- Carolann Haley (Asst. to Music)
- Rubelio Interiano (Asst. for Facilities)
- Liz Martin (AA for Care) beginning in November
- Bill McNett (A/V & Operations)
- Jill Meek (Children)
- Janet Meyers* (Bookstore)
- Jessica Mullery (Communications)
- William Neil* (Organist)
- Holly Novak (AA for Grow)
- Susan O'Banion (AA for Serve)
- Kemet Rakiatu (Administrator for Membership and Connections)
- Leslie Saum (Connections)
- Leah Skrine (Business Manager) beginning in August
- Mary Ann Smith* (Bookkeeper)
- Diane Stewart* (Facilities) beginning in September
- McLane Stone (Youth) through July
- Charley Stone* (Youth Associate) through July
- Amy Thompson* (Asst. for Children)
- Mark Tidd (CAO) through July
- John Marienau Turpin (Serve)
- Katharine Wystrach (Office Manager)

- Facilities Contractors*
 - » Able Services
 - » Stone House Group
- IT Contractors*
 - » Fernando Sabio (IT)
 - » Jay Gordon (IT)

SESSION

- John Gregg (Clerk)
- Mills Williams (Assist. Clerk)

CLASS OF 2017

- Beth Bartholomew
- John Bernbaum
- Fred Byus
- Rich Davies
- Susan Lockwood
- Nancy Piho
- David Schottke

CLASS OF 2018

- Aaron Doty
- Margaret Gardner
- Adele Jackson
- Ellen Lawler
- Bryce Pippert
- Mills Williams

CLASS OF 2019

- Thea Bournazian
- Fred Byus
- Jonathan Dickey
- Dan Huthwaite
- Kim Jensen
- Mary Beth Nethercutt
- Nancy Peterson
- David Schauer

DEACONS

Dennis Burgart (Moderator)

CLASS OF 2017

- Eileen Doty
- Marianne Gray
- Gerri Hall
- Ann May

- Mary Ellen McKenna
- Melinda Moore
- Bill Morton
- David Nickels
- Dottie Rayburn
- Mary RomanoLucille Smiley

CLASS OF 2018

- Alfreda Robinson Bennett
- Annette Burgart
- Dennis Burgart
- Joanna Chai
- Nancy Chapman-Colb
- Matt Dempsey
- Ed Kindred

CLASS OF 2019

- Laura Atchison
- Brenda Balta
- Kathy Byus
- Christopher Chai
- Jan Childress
- Roger Coy
- Gregg Gochnour
- Lynne Gochnour
- George Kabwe
- Serge Nya-Wandja
- Janet Risseeuw
- Dolores Slaugh
- Bryan Smith
- Mike Unger
- Paul Waymack
- Gus Wessels

WORSHIP COUNCIL

- Jonathan Dickey (Chair)
- Mary Beth Nethercutt (Vice Chair)

SACRAMENTS COMMITTEE

Linda Botsford (Chair)

MUSIC COMMITTEE

Dianne Tingley (Chair)

USHERS COMMITTEE

• Walter Hampton (Chair)

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

• Phil Harris (Chair)

FLOWER COMMITTEE

- Kristin Green (Co-Chair)
- Janice Sessing (Co-Chair)
- Nora Szeto (Co-Chair)

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE COMMITTEE

• Elizabeth Elliott (Chair)

CHANCEL CHOIR

GROW COUNCIL

- Ellen Lawler (Chair)
- Nancy Piho (Vice-Chair)

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY COMMITTEE

• Jana Toner (Chair)

YOUTH MINISTRY COMMITTEE

• Dave Moore (Chair)

ADULT NURTURE COMMITTEE

- Randy Elliott (Chair)
- Ellen Lawler (Vice-Chair)

WOMEN'S MINISTRY COMMITTEE

Ellen Lawler (Chair)

MEN'S MINISTRY COMMITTEE

- Greg Gochnour (Co-Chair)
- Dan Huthwaite (Co-Chair)

LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

• William Doole (Secretary)

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

• Thea Bournazian (Chair)

OLDER ADULTS

• J. Theodore Anderson (Chair)

CARE COUNCIL

- Sue Lockwood (Chair)
- Kim Jensen (Vice-Chair)

AT-HOME MINISTRY/ CHAPEL PRAYERS

• Al Duncker (Chair)

STEPHEN MINISTRY

• Glenn Schmitt (Chair)

CONNECTIONS MINISTRY

• Kim Jensen (Chair)

CARE OF YOUTH

• Eileen Doty (Chair)

WHOLENESS AND HEALING

- Mary Romano (Co-Chair)
- Lucille Smiley (Co-Chair)

SERVE COUNCIL

- Margaret Gardner (Chair)
- Adele Jackson (Vice-Chair)

LOCAL/NATIONAL MISSION COMMITTEE

- Adele Jackson (Co-Chair)
- Bryan Smith (Co-Chair)

INTERNATIONAL MISSION COMMITTEE

- John Bernbaum (Chair)
- David Mack (Vice-Chair)

FINANCE COUNCIL

- Richard Davies (Chair)
- Aaron Doty (Vice-Chair)

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

- Beth Bartholomew (Chair)
- Serge Duss (Vice-Chair)

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Lew Crenshaw (Chair)

FACILITIES COUNCIL

- Fred Byus (Chair)
- Dan Huthwaite (Vice-Chair)

GOVERNANCE COUNCIL

Mills Williams (Chair)

DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS

David Mack (Chair)

LEGAL COMMITTEE

• Mills Williams (Chair)

CONGREGATIONAL

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

• Clyde Taylor (Chair)

PERSONNEL COUNCIL

- Dave Schottke (Chair)
- David Schauer (Vice-Chair)

Memorable Events

With thanks to all the leaders and volunteers who shared the love of Christ through the following major events in the life of our church in 2016.

Women's Retreat April 8-10

Helping Refugees Panel April 16

Prayer Rocks Pathway April 17

Youth Sunday May 8

Great Day of Service May 14

"Doxology" and
"Let it Rise" services
June 12

Scotland Heritage Trip June 20-30

Vacation Bible School July 11-15

Middle School Mission Trip July 18-22

Pray Eat Love September 4

Faith and Politics Forum September 21

Party with Purpose October 16

High School Retreat November 4-6

Youth Family Service Day November 22

Middle School Retreat December 2-4

Messiah Concert December 11



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