

Port Charlotte United Methodist Church 2012 Ministry Report

“A Church Worth Growing”

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If you were to ask most pastors if they want their church to grow, their answer would be “yes.”

The real focus of any godly shepherd shouldn't simply be the numerical growth of the church they pastor, but for that church to make a real impact on the community that surrounds it.

Even in situations where churches become larger, often the community around them doesn't look much different. It may be that people who see this as I do are just idealistic, or maybe even naïve, but I don't think so. But if those are the words that describe my view, I am going to keep believing that PCUMC can make a difference!

I think I am a realist, with a positive attitude. I cannot show you any data that says PCUMC will change the entire world. But I believe it can make a difference. If God is truly who He says He is, and Jesus did what the Bible proclaims He did, we can make a difference and it can start right here in Charlotte County. In fact, I believe that it already has.

GROWTH IN 2012

Over the last year, we have partnered with Trinity-Charlotte Harbor UMC, in the Neighbor to Neighbor partnership. Each Friday a hot lunch is served and groceries shared with anyone who comes to the door and expresses a need. This work is supplied and staffed by committed Christians who want to make a difference. And I believe they are! In 2012, our Port Ministry took on the task

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KNOW GROW GO

of providing a free “Dinner and a Movie” to anyone who wanted to come. With no budget, they believed that God would bless their efforts. They are now averaging over 100 people at each event and we have new and growing relationships between them and PCUMC and the people are discovering that our faith has feet. Just a couple of weeks ago, I stopped by the Port during Wednesday Night Youth Group. There were about 30 students there, and over half the faces I saw were youth we didn’t have a relationship with a year ago. On the other end of the spectrum of life, I have seen our Hospitality Ministry reach out to any family who had experienced a loss. They have called, prepared meals, conducted memorial worship services, and hosted fellowship gatherings to comfort families who were struggling, but also to lift up the name of Jesus Christ. I see our Communion Offering and our Change For a Dollar gifts offering a hand up to the people who come on Thursdays for assistance with the small financial shortfalls that many families are facing. Looking to the future I see a new level of commitment to serving our community with our re-launch of our mid-week ministries called **Wednesday Night Out**. Our Salty Service area has given us a vision in 2013 of welcoming anyone in the community to come and share a meal, fellowship, and other offerings. Our Children’s Weekday Ministry has creatively stretched to find classroom space in our Pre-school, and found scholarships for afterschool families who are financially challenged.

WHY I BELIEVE PCUMC IS WORTH GROWING

PCUMC’s ongoing commitment to our Purpose, Mission, and Vision to KNOW, GROW, and GO in the name of Jesus Christ can make a huge difference in determining what our future on the corner of Quesada and Viscaya will look like.

***I believe that our church has great people and programs, but it’s worth growing because it ministers through its compassion.** PCUMC has a heart for people! In 2013 we will be starting Discipleship groups in such areas as Grief Support, and Cancer Overcomers. We have already begun monthly free events called Lunch and Learns that provide seniors with ongoing wellness information from gifted health care providers. Our welcome to recovery groups, Scouting organizations, Tidewell Hospice, and other community events is their blessing, but our pleasure.

***Our church invests in itself, but it’s worth growing because it invests outside itself.** The outreach from the church family of PCUMC is generous and joyous. Our time, talent, and treasure are being placed in God’s hands and lives are being impacted around the globe. Through the Salty Service area, we continue to support missionaries around the world in places like Palestine, the Dominican Republic, and Zambia. We have now added a new mission outreach to India. Locally, we continue to partner with other churches through Neighbor to Neighbor, Habitat for Humanity, Salvation Army, and our beautiful New Beginnings Park with St. James Episcopal Church.

***I believe that our church can grow on its own terms, but reaches out to the community on its terms.**

I have seen our church begin to embrace people where they are, rather than continue to ask them to “be like us.” People are finding new and different ways to connect here. Classes on Financial Peace (family budgeting), single parenting, and marriage enrichment are letting people know that we believe God can take the challenging life they have now and grow it into something new and exciting. The Family Ministry is offering people ways to connect with other families and with their own family. The activities are simple, affordable, and scheduled at different times to accommodate very different schedules.

***Our church has a marvelous history, but it’s worth growing because it has an even brighter future.**

A little over 50 years ago this church began to offer a place to worship. Over the years, it has grown along with the community around it. In the last several years, we have seen challenges occur, not only for the church, but for our neighbors. As our church celebrates a new sense of purpose, mission, and vision, the community around us should be able to feel the difference as well. All of Charlotte County is worth growing! God’s people are just the people to do it! Keep going and never quit!

The LRE (Loving, Relating and Encouraging) Evangelism team continues to attempt a personal contact with our first-time and other visitors. We try to meet our neighbors surrounding the church and also attempt to visit inactive members when there are enough people to make the visits. All visits are made in teams of 2-3 people. The teams meet on the second and fourth Thursday of every month to share their visit results with the other team members and to collect the names and addresses of new visitors. The visit can be made at the convenience of the visitor and the team members at any time before the next team meeting. The goal is to contact all first-time visitors within 2 weeks of their visit to the church, encourage our inactive members, and get to know the folks who live in the neighborhood surrounding the church. Visitation is a wonderful way to serve. A love of the Lord and a smile are basically the only requirements.

We have an excellent team of greeters for the worship services and they are very intentional in making folks feel welcome. We have Greeter Coordinators for the early and late Sunday morning services and they have done an excellent job scheduling our greeters and encouraging our people to welcome new visitors. Everyone can be a Greeter by smiling and making people feel welcome.

Staffing the Welcome Center is an excellent place for our new members to volunteer. Rotating these new members to staff the Welcome Center makes them more familiar with all the church activities. The church has a warm and friendly atmosphere and our Visitation Team has heard about how friendly our church is from the new visitors.

The church has reached out to people in need by hosting memorial receptions for both members and non-members following a memorial service or funeral. The Bereavement Committee handles the receptions for the unchurched or those members who are not part of a connect group.

The membership rolls have received a lot of attention and, after the 2011 Charge Conference, were brought up to date with the current membership of the church. A membership audit is now done annually prior to the Charge Conference. In addition, the data base is accurate regarding the membership.

The fellowship hour between the Sunday morning services continues to be warm and friendly with plenty of goodies. Church@6 also has a fellowship table now and people gather before and after the service.

This year for the first time we had a combined service for “remembering our commitments” on August 26, 2012. There was a pot luck dinner attended by about 200 people following the worship service. Many people commented about how much they enjoyed the service.

The church continues to celebrate the Christmas Holiday with a Community Christmas Dinner and encourages anyone who is unable to have a traditional Christmas dinner to join us on Christmas day. Wednesday Night Out began October 24 and is an excellent outreach to people. The Hospitality team works with the other “Vital Signs” areas wherever they are needed to help bring people to Christ.

God has commanded us to go out and spread His word to those who may not know Him. We need more people to call on our inactive members and those who have been missing from services as well as the first-time visitors, other visitors and the neighborhood. We can lead people to Him just by letting the love of God shine through us in our contacts with them.

2012 has been a busy year for the Salty Service Committee. Here are some of the highlights for this year:

- We are sponsoring the building of our second home with Habitat for Humanity through the "Apostle's Build Program." We are raising the necessary funds by selling "Angels in the Attic." These "Angels" are then secured to the rafters of the home to provide a constant reminder of God's love and presence. We will be organizing volunteers to help build the home in early 2013. The home is scheduled to be dedicated on March 16, 2013.
- We have completed one year of partnership with our sister church Trinity Charlotte Harbor United Methodist. We serve them by providing volunteers to help unload the food truck, serve lunch, cook and deliver food, collect and distributed food / necessities and through our prayers. We also help them financially as they are one of the five missions our church supports. This ministry is growing and will continue to need our help.
- Our Health Ministry has begun a new program titled "Lunch and Learn." This program invites people to enjoy lunch with us once a month and ask medical questions to guest medical professionals. This ministry is partnered with AllPro Home Health LLC.

In addition to the above ministries, we also support and/or are responsible for KAIROS, The Christmas Dinner Ministry, Wednesday Night Dinner Program, United Methodist Volunteers in Missions, Echo, The Heifer Project, The Persecuted Church, The Bread Ministry, Habitat for Humanity, The Salvation Army and Feed the Children Program. Our missionaries abroad are: Delbert and Sandy Groves - Zambia, Connie DiLeo - Dominican Republic and Alex and Brenda Awad - Palestine. We have also recently added Daniel Sweet to our list of people serving abroad. Daniel's family are longtime members and he is currently serving in India.

As you can see, we are an active and busy committee with many opportunities for volunteers to serve. None of these ministries would be possible without the many volunteers who dedicate their time and love of serving Jesus Christ. To all the volunteers - Thank you and may God Bless You. Salty Service looks forward to another exciting and rewarding year of serving our community, our neighbors and our Savior.

The Staff/Parish Relations Committee is responsible for implementing and monitoring key policies such as the:

- Child/Youth Protection Policy
- Employee Conduct Policy
- Sexual Harassment Policy
- Church Profile (SPRC portion)
- Pastor Profile
- Clergy Assessment & Joint Statement of Understanding
- Monitor Children's Weekday Ministry
- Staff Evaluation Reports

We also recommend to the Finance Committee all compensation, benefits & costs associated with pastoral & lay staff. For the past year, this involved developing the 2012 budget for staff compensation and working on the 2013 budget, developing and implementing the 3- and 5-year long-range financial plan with the Finance Committee, and providing Publix gift certificates at Christmas time for staff appreciation.

Those of us who work in administration are responsible for lots of things “behind the scenes.” We provide support for all the ministries of the church and are the folks that members of the congregation come to for things like scheduling an event, reserving facility space, financial questions, publicity and announcements, copying, and the like.

Our budget covers paper, office and computer supplies, copy costs, postage, licenses and fees, subscriptions, bank and financial expenses, and the cost of background inquiries.

Maintaining the calendar is a challenging task since changes often occur daily. Producing the bulletin, newsletter, and ministry brochures takes time and skill to achieve results that are well-designed and informative. Bills have to be paid and contributions recorded on a weekly basis. Good communication among the staff and ministry leaders is critical to keep up to date with what is happening within our congregation and in the community. This may be the most challenging aspect of what we do... making sure we obtain and effectively share the information we all need to know.

In addition, a group of dedicated volunteers help us with things like tracking membership and attendance, assembling bulletins, answering the phones, preparing business receipts and contributions for bank deposit, and other tasks. As we all work together, our goal is to effectively move our church’s ministries forward.

The Finance Committee, during 2012, closely tracked the church budget of \$907,795. We were active in other areas of finance as well:

The Dave Ramsey course “Financial Peace University,” was taught and well received by the participants. The course is intended to help people manage their money.

An air conditioning fund drive was successfully conducted and raised over \$40,000 for new air conditioners for the Fellowship Hall and the children’s area.

On March 5, 2012, the Finance Committee proposed and the Church Council approved a purchasing procedure for our church. The procedure provides for a standard contract format, a petty cash reconciliation statement, and a request-for-quote format. The procedure also includes terms and conditions for contracts over \$5,000 which address fixed price quotations, changes, termination, and warranty. The Florida Conference intends to use this procedure and we will provide support.

The Finance Committee proposed and our church has adopted a zero-based budget procedure to establish its annual budgets. This process requires that a budget request includes a description of how the money will be used, and the requested money is phased monthly across the year. This will provide a more accurate budget month by month, based on the anticipated timing of expenses.

The Board Officers and Leaders meet once a month from January-April, break for summer and then resume again in September - December. All information is shared with the following circles that meet once a month for 7-9 months.

Dorcas Circle meets in different homes and has light refreshments.

Leader: Nancy McCormick

Study: Leading Ladies - a book obtained from our library.

12-14 ladies meet and they find this study different and interesting.

Elizabeth Circle meets at church, 10 ladies attend.

Leader: Carmen Stephenson

Study: Bible Passages

Was enjoyed by everyone. They go out and eat twice a year.

Esther Circle

Leader: Dorothy deSilva

Study: "For the Love of God"

Turned out to be very good. They meet in different homes in the morning and have brunch.

Naomi Circle—Crocheting

Leader: "D" Fletcher

This is a group of women who crochet those beautiful shawls, lap rugs, and afghans. The colors and the different stitches are so beautiful. The fellowship is great and they give the items to nursing homes, hospice, veterans and those in need of warmth. This is one of our outreach programs and all is given in the name of God.

Naomi Circle—Feed the Children

Leader: Leslie

We feed our needy children by giving them a lunch bag once a week during their summer vacation. The lunches were prepared by women from other churches as well as our church. Many supported this program and for that we were so grateful. We thank all the women who made all the sandwiches and filled the lunch bags.

We have two luncheons each year with a program in December and March. All women are invited.

These luncheons have been very enjoyable for those who attend.

We, the members of Port Charlotte United Methodist Church, are fortunate to have such great facilities. It is the duty of the Trustees to maintain our buildings, grounds, and equipment. It has and always will be a challenge to keep up the maintenance as our buildings are getting older and we have a limited budget. We are so blessed that we have parishioners who do so much for their church. Without the volunteers, the Trustees would be unable to do the necessary work required and stay within our budget. God has also blessed us with the greatest staff who give freely above and beyond what is required. In addition, we are blessed to have Rev. Brian James as our minister whose dedication to our church far exceeds his expected duty.

WHAT HAS TAKEN PLACE?

The items below are a sampling of repairs or projects that have taken place this year:

- After much discussion, the Trustees recommended the sale of the parsonage due to its age and existing problems. The district superintendent presided at an all-church conference at which members voted to sell the parsonage. It was ultimately sold for \$105,000 with a net gain of \$96,616.
- The lights in the stained glass panels beside the cross in the sanctuary have been replaced with LED light strips.
- The worship area benches in New Beginnings Park are slowly being replaced. Five other benches throughout the park have been replaced, along with the fountain by the worship area. Some trees in the Park need replacing and are on our “to do” list. Hundreds of bags of mulch were spread within the park and memorial bricks installed. We thank the United Methodist Men and many others who devoted their time and effort to working on the park.
- The music suite has had a facelift – new tile floors and the robing room was painted.
- The Trustees have started a fund to set aside money for a new roof.
- The grounds around the entire church need attention. Many people have worked outside replanting flowers and plants. The upkeep of the grounds is a never ending problem. We need to have more work days in order to beautify God’s church.
- The air conditioning fund effort was a great success. New systems have been installed in the children’s section of the church and in Fellowship Hall.
- The Trustees have acquired a used six-seat golf cart to transport those in our congregation who prefer to ride rather than walk to the building.
- Hats off to all who assisted with painting and decorating of the children’s hallway, the Port, classrooms, and the kitchens in the Port and the New Room. What great results!
- The Trustees approved a set of stairs be built to access the attic above the Port offices.
- New water fountains have been installed in the choir room and the lobby to replace others which were rusty and corroded.

WHAT IS GOING TO TAKE PLACE?

The Board of Trustees’ duty and obligation to our church is ongoing. We have a five-year plan which is updated frequently and includes some of our future wants and needs. Some examples are:

- Completely remodel the main restrooms
- Change features of the lobby to update and allow for better traffic flow.
- More storage is needed.
- Additional classrooms/Youth Center/meeting rooms – possible use of portable buildings.
- Move sanctuary lighting controls from balcony to sound booth.
- Replace old ceilings and lights in three of the preschool classrooms.
- Relocate welcome center and several staff work stations.

As we look back over the past year, there are many wonderful things that have taken place in our youth ministry that our church should be excited about.

Here are a few:

More Youth

We have seen an increase in attendance on Wednesday nights. Compared to 2010 -11, we have an average of 6-7 more youth coming to youth group every week.

Confirmation Class

On May 20, eight youth confirmed their faith and became professing members of PCUMC. These youth completed a 13-week confirmation course and were mentored by loving members our congregation.

Lake Junaluska Mission Trip

In June, eight of us went to Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center in North Carolina for Mission Blitz week. Our youth are already asking about next year’s trip.

Warren Willis Summer Camp

It wouldn’t be summer if our youth didn’t head to camp. This year we sent 13 youth to camp for another week of life-changing experiences.

Our church is blessed with an active youth ministry. We have some wonderful times of fellowship and meaningful times of discipleship and worship. I have personally seen our youth growing over the last few years. This growth has become more apparent as our youth have become active servants in ministry. Our youth have taken on the roles of greeters, ushers, and liturgists since we started Youth Sundays last year. Our youth have been a tremendous asset to our Children’s ministry by becoming responsible leaders for VBS, Eats and Treats, and Easter Fest. This past year, our youth have become more mission minded as the youth ministry headed up our Operation Christmas Child ministry and our youth have made donations to support Trinity UMC, World Vision, and Angels in the Attic.

In 2013, we are looking forward to another great year. We would like to see our attendance keep trending upward. We will be taking another mission trip to Lake Junaluska and returning to Warren Willis Camp. I will also be looking to start another confirmation class sometime in 2013. Since we will be graduating a large group of seniors, 2013 will mark a year of transition for many of our youth and our youth ministry. I would like to see this graduating class be the launching pad for a college aged ministry at our church.

I would like to thank our congregation for all of the love and support they give our youth ministry. Many of the exciting things we do would not be possible without your support.

This year is ending with many changes in the Children's Ministry. We have started a new curriculum for Sunday school called "GROW, Proclaim, Serve" which follows our Mission statement of KNOW-GROW-GO. We also have started a Kids' Worship service at 11:15 after the Children's Moment. "Port a Call" is the series and I know it will be an exciting change to Children's Church.

The combined Children's Ministries and United Methodist Men's Easter Fest outreach turned out to be a great success and about 400 children and their families were on campus for fun and fellowship.

Vacation Bible School is always my favorite week. Even though it is for K – 5th grades, I have always believed all ages are welcome. Our youth director Paul Kisner, along with our CWM director Ericka Brown and I, have worked together and taken 170 children, ages 4 years thru high school. I realized this year, that even though I tried to do fundraisers, the budgeted money ran short due to the increased registration. What an awesome week of teaching and learning in the word of God!

We continued the Wednesday night activity over the summer, along with our "Journey through the Bible" series. The children enjoyed activities like water games, ceramic night, sand art, scavenger hunt and more, while enjoying fellowship and the Word. For the fall we are equipping children to serve through puppets and the arts along with a Christmas program.

Bible bucks are a part of our Sunday School activities. Children can earn Bible bucks for bringing their bibles, memorizing scripture and more. At the end of the month, they can buy things from our store. This has given the children an increased sense of responsibility.

Dinner and a Movie has been a huge success. Averaging 100 people in attendance, the free dinner and movie night have been a blessing to a lot of families in this economy. We have just started taking a bus to the homeless coalition to pick up families. We also offer a children's clothes swap quarterly for the families who come.

The Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser is always a blessing to our church. The community knows our church for the Pumpkin Patch. While it is a lot of work to plan, it brings so many people to our church and gives us a chance to reach out to people.

I can see the impact this ministry has on our church and look forward to working together with Youth, Children's Weekday and Family Ministries to make "The Port" a ministry that will impact our community this year.

Thank you for your constant prayers and support.

We are a high quality, affordable preschool and after-school program for families in our community. We continue to hold a Gold Seal Accreditation with United Methodist Association of Preschools (UMAP) and Florida Department of Children's and Families. We are recognized as one of the best centers in Charlotte County, primarily due to the wonderfully talented and dedicated CWM staff.

Our preschool has been a blessing in this community for seven years; can you believe it?! Once again in 2012 we were able to grow the Children's Weekday Ministry. We got creative to expand our student enrollment by using the Nursery as a Preschool classroom on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. However, after each of these classes that use the Nursery, we have to turn the room from a Preschool classroom back into a Nursery for Tuesday night Bible study, Wednesday Night Out, and Sunday worship services. We currently have 92 preschool and 19 after-school students.

The students of Children's Weekday Ministry learn about Jesus in chapel, learn scripture and a new prayer each month. They also make a prayer journal, but more importantly they see Jesus in the teachers and staff.

The success of CWM is an attitude – an attitude of faithfulness, love, commitment, responsibility, dedication, and leadership. All these attributes are exhibited by the director, teachers, aides and volunteers together as one cohesive unit. Parents respect the extra efforts all CWM staff make to love and encourage their children, to teach their children about Jesus, and to keep their children safe.

Port Charlotte United Methodist Church continues to lead all United Methodist Churches in the number of people who are active in our Intentional Discipling Ministries.

With almost 300 active and regular participants from a variety of age groups, we offer programs that are both lifestyle relevant and Christ-centered.

In 2012, we continued to offer weekly Beth Moore Bible Study series for women as well as more than one men's weekly Bible Study group. The Disciple Bible Study series has been a fixture in our teaching ministry in the past and this year was no exception. A new focus on Youth Sunday School and a Family Sunday School component, both of which are lead by staff have helped our Sunday morning experience.

We also continue to offer traditional Sunday School Classes which are listed below, and are always welcoming new visitors and soon-to-be members alike.

DISCIPLE

DISCIPLE class requires a commitment from each participant to read daily assignments so that at the conclusion of the study, participants will have read more than 70 percent of the Bible contents. Each class session has a short video presentation followed by discussion of the week's readings. The aim of DISCIPLE study is building disciples who live transformed lives committed to following the teachings of Jesus.

3-Ms (Mr., Mrs., and Ms.)

A very missions-oriented class supporting numerous projects. Study material for the fall season is a study of "Tradition and Wisdom" based upon the biblical books of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon and the Gospel of Matthew. They enjoy their monthly carry-in dinner and fellowship. Facilitator: Bob Burr. Meeting Place: Fellowship Hall 1 (FH1—the area next to the stage)

BECOMERS

Their name comes from Keith Miller's book, *The Becomers*. As Christians they are always trying to become better followers of Jesus Christ. The class believes through study and fellowship they can grow closer to our Savior. The study for the fall is continuing video studies of Ray Vanderlin, Kings and Prophets followed by Teachings of the Messiah. Facilitators: Don and Florence Nevins. Meeting Place: Fellowship Hall 2 (FH2)

BIBLE DISCOVERY

This closely-knit fellowship of Bible students strive to learn the things God seeks to tell us through the scriptures. They use the Bible as the textbook, choosing the topics or texts to study and discuss. The use of various Bible translations is encouraged. Class participation is a hallmark of this small group and the individual expression of questions and various interpretations is the norm. Bible study with this group is meant to be fun. Facilitator: Paul Coker. Meeting Place: The Lounge beside the stage in FH.

METH-O-MATES

A large class who enjoy sharing the reading of different interpretations of the Holy Scriptures. Study is sometimes led by one of various teachers with input from any class member wishing to speak. Currently the class uses the book *Out of the Ordinary* by David Roper to spark discussion. The group meets every other month at church for an evening potluck social. Class President: Mary Meyer. Meeting Place: Fellowship Hall 3 (FH3)

SOWERS

This is a lively discussion group who use the Bible as their primary resource. Much "give and take" and sharing enable the group to grow in understanding and practice of their Christian lives. Study material for the fall season is "Tradition and Wisdom" based upon the biblical books of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon and the Gospel of Matthew. Facilitators: Terry and Doris Hixson. Meeting Place: New Room.

WESLEY FELLOWSHIP

One of our first Sunday School classes, studies are taken from the International Lesson Series, which explores the books of the Old and New Testaments. Class also supports several mission fields. Meeting Place: Fellowship Hall 4 (FH4)

CHANCEL CHOIR

The Chancel Choir began rehearsals for the weekly worship services the last week in August. During the year anthems included music by classical composers like Bach, Handel, Mendelssohn, and Gounod as well as more contemporary names such as Lloyd Larson, Cindy Berry, and John Rutter.

In October, practice for the 2011 Christmas Cantata began. This year the music was written and arranged by Russell Harlan, and entitled CHRISTMAS CANTICLES.

The choir sang two numbers from the Messiah this year: And the Glory during the Christmas season and Surely He Hath Borne our Grievs during Easter season.

GUEST MUSICIANS

To enhance the music of the worship service, we invited several guest musicians to join with the choir on special occasions. These included a trumpet player, a flute player, a percussionist, as well as several keyboard players. On December 11, service music was provided by piano and organ together.

BELL CHOIR

The Wesley Bell choir played two specials for the Christmas Eve service.

SOLOISTS/ENSEMBLES

Throughout the year several talented soloists from the choir provided special music. Also, we heard from the men's quartet and a mixed quartet as well as a women's ensemble.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

We sang portions of the Christmas Cantata for the residents at Sandhill Gardens.

In the spring, several Chancel Choir members joined with a community group to sing portions of the Messiah at Burnt Store Presbyterian Church. The organist from PCUMC accompanied the massed choir for two of the numbers.

The choir members gathered at Hospice House in late summer to sing hymns for one of the patients. A reception after the memorial service was provided by choir members.

The music ministry exists to enhance the worship experience of the members who attend the services at PCUMC. Music touches a person's heart and mind in profound ways. Our hope is that our music will help to lift worshipers up to a place where they can sense God's presence and be inspired to a deeper experience in the Lord.

It is most certainly true that those who are in the choir are doubly blessed. The choir provides support and fellowship for each individual member as well as providing a wonderful experience of praising God together with beautiful music. We are always looking for new members to join us in this ministry.