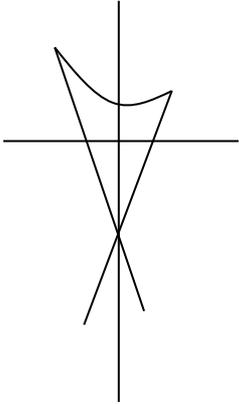


ST. BARNABAS' UNITED CHURCH, FLORIDA
A CONSTITUENT CONGREGATION OF THE UNITING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN SOUTHERN AFRICA
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ANNUAL REPORT

2019

Notice is hereby given that, by

appointment of the Church Council, the Annual General Meeting of this Congregation will be held on Sunday, 7th April 2019, at 10h00 for the purpose of receiving Annual Reports and the Financial Statement, and transacting such other business as may be duly brought forward. This meeting will be preceded by worship at 09h30.

R J BELL
Clerk Of The Church Council

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 29th MARCH 2020

A G E N D A

1. CONSTITUTION
2. SEDERUNT
3. APOLOGIES
4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 7TH APRIL 2019
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 17TH NOVEMBER 2019
6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES
7. DEPARTMENTAL & ASSOCIATION REPORTS
 - 7.1 MOTION The Reports be taken as read.
 - 7.2 MOTION The Reports and Financial Statements be received as a single document presented to the Meeting by the Church Council.
Discussion of the Reports is to be dealt with in the order of collation of this document.
 1. REPORT OF THE MODERATOR - Heidi Petersen
 2. CLERK - Richard Bell
 3. MODERATOR'S DEPARTMENT
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 5. PROPERTY DEPARTMENT
 6. STEWARDSHIP DEPARTMENT
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 8. YOUTH MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT
 9. FUND RAISING
 10. FINANCE DEPARTMENT
 - CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND AUDITOR'S REPORT
 - WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
8. APPOINTMENT OF ACCOUNTING OFFICER
9. GENERAL
10. VOTE OF THANKS
11. CLOSURE

1. MODERATOR

Heidi Petersen

People of God, as I reflect over the past year, the community expressed

- a) Worship
- b) Soulcare
- c) Mission
- d) Discipleship;

In varied forms these are and will always be the fundamental mandates of ministry. I am thankful to all those reflected the pattern of Christ's life in ministry.

Pastoral Gatherings

We've established pastoral gatherings in different areas. A time of fellowship but also a sharing of our "faith status" – finding traces of God's presence in joy and pain.

Emmaus/ Chrysalis Experiences

The Emmaus retreat, remains a gift of spiritual discipline that calls us to consider our call to make disciples. We have a strong Emmaus & Chrysalis fellowship and will continue to discern God's will of discipleship.

As we continue to weave the spiritual practices in ministry together, May God's Love & Grace surround us always.

Yours in Him
Heidi

2. CLERK

Richard Bell

The church comprises of 15 Councillors and the Congregational representative:

Dennis Belt, Ian Chisholm, Charlie Clifton, John Friesling, Judith Gauld, Roger Gauld, Louise Goliath, Michelle Herold, Monobe Manaka, Sam Martin, Ken Milne, Sue Rodger, Alan Thornton, Kurt Van Buuren and myself.

Meetings were held monthly from February to November, either Joint Council and Executive meetings or Executive Committee meetings with co-opted conveners Yolinda De Jongh (Stewardship), Elveen Feldman (Fund Raising). In all instances Rev. Heidi Petersen was the moderator.

Sincere thanks to them and their spouses for giving of their time and dedication to serve. John Clifton resigned from Council as did Robin Marchington with his relocation to Howick. They are thanked for their valued input, especially Robin for his hard work in the Property and Fund Raising Departments for many years.

Sadly on 25th September our Congregational Representative and beloved sister Rachel Prinsloo passed away after a courageous battle with cancer. A woman of strong faith which never wavered despite many tribulations and setbacks. A selfless, compassionate and caring mother, grandmother, a friend, councillor and mentor to us all. She will be sorely missed.

Hilary Thornton kindly volunteered to serve in this capacity and it will be ratified by the congregation at our A.G.M in March.

In this year under review we began with 427 members of the Main roll and 17 on the Roll of Friends, the latter being unchanged.

Main Roll Members as at 1 st January 2019		427
Changes during the period:		
Removals:		
By Resolution	16	
Deaths	3	
Own Request	5	
Be Certificate	2	

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Additions:	By Confirmation	11	
	Profession of Faith	10	
	By Resolution	2	
			+23
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>424</u>	

During the year 3 infants were baptized.

To Heidi our thanks for close on 20 years of love, caring and inspiration, guidance and leadership in your role not only at St. Barnabas but at Orlando Presbyterian, Eldorado Park, Central Regional Council, CWM, Emmaus and the Ecumenical Community in Florida. Sincere thanks to Denzyl for his unconditional support at all times, Carol-Ann and Aidan for their many sacrifices.

Also thanks to:

- The family of St. Barnabas for their love, fellowship, worship and unstinting generosity and support always.
- Deirdrè Jooste for running the office with such empathy and efficiency.
- Israel our care taker
- Caleb Vergie and Ken Milne for mentoring our confirmation class.
- Our Sunday school teachers for their love of our children and their enthusiasm.
- Sue Rodger, assisted by Charlie Clifton for drawing up the calendar and Duty lists.
- Roger and Judy Gauld for their ministry of music and counting of the offertory.
- Our choir master Anthony Swartz and the choir.
- Chrystal Lombaard and Alan Thornton for leading the two bible study groups.
- Our bible readers and those who step up to be lectern to pray.
- Candice Nolan for recording the Sunday services on Podcast to enable members to download same and listen again.
- Chrystal Lombard, Esme Thoresson, Alie Bell, Margaret McIntosh, Kathy van Schalkway, Alida Van Wyk and Shannon Palmer who regularly make soup or provide provisions for Dorcas Project – the soup kitchen where the homeless and hungry are fed. Thanks to Alan and Margaret McIntosh, Alie Bell, Judy Gauld and Amanda Nijenhuis who also serve twice weekly in this ministry.
- The Fund raising Committee for their hard work.
- Our thanks to all the ladies who have contributed to the Women's Fellowship previously known as the Women's' Association which was closed after many years.
- All those who remain in the background but are always willing to assist, by bringing members to church, cooking and delivering meals, delivering floral arrangements, visiting the ill at home or in hospital, just phoning, praying and demonstrating love and compassion to out fellows.
- May God richly bless each of you according to your needs and may our prayer remain that as people of God we offer our talents, gifts and ourselves to Him.

3. MODERATOR'S DEPARTMENT

Members: Sue Rodger (Convenor) &
Charlie Clifton

Our Department was reduced by two members this year, the first when it became difficult for Isabel Ingram to continue her membership due to age. We thank her for her years of service to the department for some of which she served as Convenor. Unfortunately Euline Reid found it impossible to continue due to time constraints, we thank her for her interest in our Ministry.

Our prime purpose is to ensure that everything is organised ahead of time so that our Worship Services can proceed smoothly and without distraction.

Services were held at 07h30 and 09h30 each Sunday with the Sacrament of Holy Communion celebrated at both Services on the third Sunday of each month.

Exceptions to this were during the Christmas school holidays when many people are away and only one Service was held at 08h30. This was also the case for Special Occasions such as St Barnabas' birthday when it was good to have the members who usually Worship at different times coming together.

Lists for those on Door, Vestry and Reading duties were produced every four months and for those to serve Communion on a monthly basis. This was done after Councillors and readers were invited to complete memoranda giving an indication of availability.

The Flower Calendar was made available for those wishing to choose a Sunday to put flowers in the Sanctuary and letters were distributed each month as reminders and giving details of the procedures.

Heidi was appointed as interim Moderator to Eldorado Park in the middle of the year and we thank all those who led our Worship when she was serving them and at other times.

Philip Bacchioni, Neale Quilliam, Keith Barrett, Rev Monachs and Jeffrey Jacobs from the Gideons.

Some of the highlights of our Worship during the year were as follows.

- We were honoured with a visit from the Moderator of the UPCSA, The Rev Dr Peter Langerman, who gave the Message at an 08h30 Service on 10th February, this was followed by a time of tea and fellowship.
- Chantelle from Jews for Jesus shared a message about “David the worshipper” which included music and song.
- The Services held on Wednesday evenings during Lent which helped prepare us for the Easter season with its special Services
- Sharing Worship with the Methodist Church. On Palm Sunday and the 3rd Sunday of Advent they Worshipped with us and on the 4th Sunday in Advent we Worshipped with them.
- The Service on Remembrance Sunday. Because of the violent world we inhabit, the loved ones who were remembered when placing the roses on the cross were also from other wars and those who died of other causes. We thank Neale Quilliam for his special message.
- The Harvest Festival Service organised by the Outreach department.
- Our Birthday Service with participation from the Sunday School followed by a good time of tea and fellowship.
- The Confirmation Service which was very special and welcomed a new group of young people, who had been learning and growing during the year, into membership.
- The lovely Carol Service preparing us for the celebration of Christs birth at the midnight and morning Services.
- The Services where new members were welcomed and the Baptismal Services.
- The Services where the Sunday School joined us and were given a special message and usually shared a Song of Praise for us.

There are many contributions which go together to make our times of Worship so special and memorable and we would like to sincerely thank all those involved during 2019.

- ♥ Our Minister Heidi for her unwavering love and dedication in leading our Worship and continually bringing God’s inspiring messages to us.
- ♥ Roger Gauld for uplifting our Worship with his gift of making music, Judith Gauld for supporting him in this Ministry and managing the digital projector and Daphne Herold for ably deputising for Roger when he was unavailable.

- ♥ Robin Marchington and Michelle Herold for managing the Digital Projector when Judith Gauld was unavailable
- ♥ The Ministry of the choir under Anthony Swartz which started again during the year and enhanced our Worship on Communion Sundays and other special occasions.
- ♥ All those who shared the Word of God with us by being a part of the reading Ministry.
- ♥ The Members who provided the flowers for beautifying the Sanctuary each week and those who lovingly arranged them.
- ♥ Charlie Clifton who faithfully prepared the Communion elements each month, took care of the Communion Cloth and oversaw the flower calendar.
- ♥ Pam Crawford-Nutt who cared for the lovely banners and lectern drops that add so much to the beauty and ambience of the Sanctuary and made sure the relevant ones were hung at the right time.
- ♥ The volunteers who made the palm crosses for Palm Sunday.
- ♥ The Councillors who greeted people at the door, served at the Eucharist and performed Vestry Duty, which includes leading the time of prayer in the Vestry before the Services and sharing the notices with the congregation.
- ♥ Heidi Petersen and Deirdré Jooste for producing the bulletin each week.
- ♥ Judith Gauld, Chrystal Lombard, Marion Butler and Gail Milne who provided those participating in both Services with tea and sandwiches between the services.
- ♥ Those who organised the tea after the Services on the first Sunday of each month which added a good time of Fellowship to our Worship experience.
- ♥ Israel Kekana who kept the Sanctuary clean and tidy.

Finally, we sincerely thank all members of the Congregation without whose presence, participation and involvement the Services would certainly not have been the wonderful times of Worship, Praise, Fellowship, Learning, and Growth that they were.

4. OUTREACH REPORT

Hilary Thornton

Members: Heidi Petersen – Moderator, Hilary Thornton – Convenor, Mary-Jane – Deputy Convenor, Alan Thornton, Patricia and Monobe Manaka, Rocky Pancaldi, Lunese van Schalkwyk, Deirdre Jooste, Geraldine and Dino Johaar, Joy-Linda Vergie, Tenda Mathagu, Leigh Swartz, Shannon Palmer, Amanda Nijenhuis, Candice Nolan

2019 was an exciting year for the Outreach Department and we have grown to 17 committed and dedicated members.

At the beginning of the year we decided our main focus would be The Growing Champions and Centre of Hope and Strength. However during the year other organizations in need came to our attention.

We have distributed previously loved clothing during the year to Salvation Army, Cradle of Hope, Hannah House, House of Hadassah, Mes Aksie and also to Richard for members of the Dorcas Soup Kitchen and destitute families in our area.

The knitting and crocheting of squares, bed socks, scarves, jerseys, beanie etc. has continued and we have been able to distribute to Baby Moses, Hannah House, Baragwaneth and Orlando Hospitals and Lapeng Lighthouse Aids and Poverty Centre.

Heidi had a wonderful vision this year of a Mission Sunday each month where someone from the Outreach Group would research the Retiring Offertory recipient for the month and give a short talk on their needs and what they do, at the same time telling the Congregation what the Outreach Department had done during the previous month.

During the year we have visited The Centre of Hope and Strength, The Cradle of Hope, Baby Moses and Lapeng Lighthouse. Mary-Jane and Hilary attended a tea in December with The Growing Champions and their donors and tutors.

Highlights of the year were The Harvest Festival on 28th April. We collected non-perishable foods, cleaning materials as well as toiletries during the weeks leading up to Harvest Festival and distributed parcels to The Growing Champions, Centre of Hope and Strength, Baby Moses as well as a few families in need.

After the service the Outreach Group served and shared an early lunch with Keith, Akki and the members of the rehabilitation centre.....The Centre of Hope and Strength.

On Saturday 23rd November the Outreach Team hosted a Thanksgiving Breakfast for our Mission Partners. We had wonderful fellowship together. Thanks to everyone who donated towards serving up a delicious breakfast. We also gave each Mission Partner a donation of R1,000 to enable them to celebrate the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, over the Christmas period.

Heidi invited Shelley from The Cherished Organization to speak to the Outreach Committee at the last meeting of the year. We will be working with them during 2020. They will present what they do at Mission Sunday on the 1st March, 2020.

RETIRING OFFERTORY RECIPIENTS FOR 2019 and amount collected.

January	SA Guide Dogs	R1,300
February	Out Special Children’s Haven	R1,223
March	Famsa Family and Marriage SA	R1,114
April	Jews for Jesus	R 942
May	C.L.A.W.(Community Led Animal Welfare)	R1,553
June	Baby Moses	R1,377
July	Growing Champions	R 920
August	SANSSA (South African National Sunday School Association)	R1,293
September	The Centre of Hope and Strength	R1,108
October	Cancer Association West Rand	R1,020
November	Florida Gideons	R 410
December	Faith for Daily Living	R3,375

We ended the year with a special dinner with our spouses at the MV Café, 14th Street, Northcliff on Friday 6th December.

Once again our Outreach Group grew during 2019 and it was a special year for us all. A big thank you to the Team and of course to Heidi who has amazing vision and leadership.

We thank the Congregation for their love, support and for always giving so generously.

5. PROPERTY DEPARTMENT

Richard Bell

Maintenance of the three properties i.e. the Church Buildings, Johnson House at 19 Alexander Street, and the Manse at 15 Mail Street has been relatively quiet over the year. A total cost of R18, 500 was spent on damage to the gate, 2 burst geysers, blocked drains, tree felling and the renovation of the roof above the Church entrance. All labour for the latter was provided at no cost by Arnold Littler. Sincere thanks to Sam and Pam Martin who donated and paid for the palisade fence and costs of erection at the side of Johnson House and to Lisa Davey who renovated our outside notice board.

The Eastern boundary wall erected by our neighbour continues to give concern for personal safety and damage to parked vehicles. As our Insurance Company will not entertain any claims for any damage due to shoddy workmanship, parking on that one side has been disallowed. This has been conveyed to the owner. Following our reporting of this matter to the Building Inspectorate at JHB Metro it was established that no plans nor engineering report for the extra height were ever submitted. They have now proceeded with legal action .In the interim we are investigating ways of reinforcing the wall. The outcome may mean the demolition of all his 4 boundary walls.

The painting of the Church roof was put on hold until 2020. New flooring for the hall, passage way and kitchen has been budgeted.

Sincere thanks to Robin Marchington who has retired and relocated to Howick for all his work both financially and manually over all the past years. Thanks too. to our caretaker Israel for his assistance .

6. STEWARDSHIP DEPARTMENT

Yolinda De Jongh

September-October 2019

- On the **15 September 2019** I presented a stewardship drive to the congregation in the form of a power point presentation, to encourage the congregation to contribute generously in the form of tides for 2020.
- The theme I chose for the drive was centred around "Light and Love"
- I used various scriptures from the bible to encourage the congregation to earnestly think about what they can contribute to the church.
- This and the follow-up reminders were presented at both the 7h30 and 9h30am services.
- A stewardship pledge card was sent to the congregation in the form of a soft copy and a hard copy for those who preferred either/or, to pledge their tides.
- On the **29th September** a synopsis of the stewardship presentation was done by Nicolette Groenewald.
- The focus centred around doing some introspection in terms of what God has done for use and how the church is serving us, in so doing show our gratitude by pledging generously towards the church.
- On the **13th of October** I encouraged the congregation again and reminded them to complete their pledge cards and return it to the church by the due date which was the 20th October.
- On the **27 October** at Stewardship Sunday Rev. Heidi Petersen done the Dedication of Pledges.

7. WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP REPORT

Gail Milne
(Chair lady)

A quiet year for the Women's Fellowship. We had our first meeting in February with 14 members recorded.

No local churches has been approached or had accepted an invitation to host and organize a service for the Women's World Day Of Prayer. This is held on the first Friday in March and some of our ladies usually participate in the service.

At our May meeting Amanda Nijenhuis, who had joined the group spoke to the ladies about the South African Guide Dogs Association. An invitation had been placed in the weekly bulletin inviting members of the congregation to attend and a few did join our meeting. Amanda brought her guide dog Nix with her.

In June we enjoyed our annual winter lunch.

We took leave of 5 members during the year.

Recording the passing of Margaret Morgan who had been unable to attend for a long time due to her ill health; Isabel Ingram moved into frail care section of the Kruin Park Retirement Village; Marion Butler was unable to attend further meetings and Ann De Roos and her daughter Samantha Symes together with Samatha's husband and daughter were emigrating to Australia.

At our October meeting it was agreed/decided on (after discussion) that due to a decrease in numbers the group would no longer meet. A tea party in November was to be our last get together. Daphne would organize the distribution of funds raised during the year from servicing funerals and a wedding. Sincere thanks to all the ladies of the group for their support over the years.

Daphne, will file a financial report and she is thanked for her role as Treasurer for many, many years.

8. YOUTH MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT

Chantelle Swartz

School Annual Report

The Sunday School continues to see fluctuating numbers with the number of children that attend each week.

Sunday mornings have followed the following flow:

1. Opening prayer
2. Welcoming (this covers birthday, query new members, etc.)
3. Group singing
4. Offertory
5. Thanksgivings and prayer
6. Break into classes per age group

There are currently three (3) Sunday School classes with the breakup per class as follows:

1. Ages 3 - 8
2. Ages 9 - 12
3. Ages 13 – 15

Activities:

Each week the 3– 8-year-old group made something at Sunday School relating to the weekly theme. The older age groups continued with various other activities relating to the same themes as the younger group. These activities encouraged them to read and know their Bible, for example crosswords, Q&A, word searches etc.

Training:

Chantelle attended the Sunday School training at Coronation Church.

Meetings/ Plan of action:

A meeting was held at the beginning of 2019 to discuss the plan for the year.

To increase interest in the Sunday School, we did the following:

- Introducing the children to the Bible
 - Using Bible stories and reading aloud
 - By doing activities directly related to Bible stories by way of arts and crafts
- Help the children fellowship with each other and have fun
 - By building relationships between the children in the class
 - Teaching the children how to respect each other by sharing and communicating
- To introduce children to the music and prayers of the church
 - By way of singing and teaching them the Lord's Prayer
 - Children are also encouraged to pray randomly but not feel forced to pray.
- To teach the children good values
 - Using Bibles stories guides the children and shows them how to behave

9. FUND RAISING

Elveen Feldman

The Committee consisted of the following members:

Rev Heidi Petersen, Avril Williams, Anita Simpson, Deirdré Jooste, Ralston Smith, Brownyn Smith, Allison Sparks, Lester Sparks, Lauren Yon, Yolinda De Jong, Linda Eatwell and Elveen Feldman

Various meetings were held throughout the year to plan the under-mentioned events:

- **Food Festival – 04 May 2019:** The Food Festival was held in the Church yard. Rev. Heidi, Kurt, Ralston and Lester was responsible for the function. Thanks to all who participated to make this event a huge success. A special word of thanks to Derrick and Anita who provided the entertainment for the afternoon. After deductions an amount of **R 8000.00** was raised.

- **Jumble Sale(s) – June 2019:** Four jumble sales were held during 2019. Amounts of R3246.00, R1780.00, R3500.00 and R8636.00, was raised. A special word of thanks to, Peter and Linda Eatwell as well as Shannon Palmer. Thanks to Richard and Alie for their continuous support and to all who contributed goods throughout the year. The amount collected was **R17 162.00**
- **Karaoke Evening – 9 June 2019:** A Karaoke evening was held at the Joseph Smith Church hall (JSCH) in Bosmont. It was a fun filled event and a great team effort by all the committee members. A special thanks to Sydney De Jong who assisted Yolinda with treasury duties. An overall profit of **R10,750.00** was collected.
- **The “Brian Theron” Book Sale 6 July 2019:** Great selections of books were sold at “giveaway” prices. Thanks to Crystal, Henrietta, Rev. Heidi, Lauren and Ralston for making the pancakes. Thanks to Peter, Linda, and Shannon who helped set up the books. An amount of **R3880,00** was raised.
- **Golf Day – 6 October 2019:** A Golf was held at Glenvista Golf Club. Members of the Golf team are: Rev. Heidi, Freddie Swartz, Warren Ludick, Geraldine van der Westhuizen, Pam Martin, Craig Swartz, Dino Johaar and Sam Martin. The event was a great success and a profit of **R 41 450.00** was made.
- **Ladies High Tea - 26 October 2019:** This event was sponsored by members of the fundraising committee as well as members of the church, namely, Avril, Allison, Bronwyn, Deidre, Leigh, Lauren, Charlie, Nicole, Henrietta, Lunese, Mary- Jane, Patty, Uline, Geraldine, Joy, Delia, Joanne, Melittia, Donna and Jonathene. The event was well co-ordinated by Rev Heidi, Avril, Allison and Bronwyn. The function was well attended and a huge success. An amount of **R 11 900.00** was made.
- **Dance – 7 December 2019:** The Dance was held at Ronnies’ Club. Arranged by Elveen and well supported by the committee members. An amount of **R 11 670.00** was raised.
- **Total R 104 812.00** (excluding the figure for Jumble sale 31st March 2019)

General

The Fun(d) Raising Committee would like to thank the congregation of St Barnabas’ United Church for your on-going support and generosity during 2019.

10. FINANCE

Please see the report attached to the Financial Statements.

Those members who have gone on to Higher Service during 2019:

Rina James
Victor Wright
Rachel Prinsloo