

**CHRIST CHURCH**  
**United Church of Christ**  
200 South White Oak Street  
Annville, Pennsylvania 17003

# **2007 ANNUAL REPORTS**



**Congregational Meeting and Luncheon**

**Sunday, January 20, 2008**

**11:30 am Luncheon with Meeting to follow**

***Please bring this report to the meeting***

**AGENDA**

Christ Church 2008 Annual Congregational Meeting

January 20, 2008

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- Election of Sunday School Officers
- Adoption of the Nominating Committee’s Report
- Adoption of the 2008 Budget

ADJOURNMENT

***Reports of Committee’s and Financial Reports not included here  
will be handed out at the meeting.***

**CHRIST CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
JANUARY 21, 2007**

The Annual Congregational Meeting of Christ Church was called to order at 12:15 p.m. in the undercroft. Pastor Don opened with a prayer. President Douglas Snyder expressed thanks to the kitchen staff who prepared the luncheon.

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

Pastor Don presented slides of the proposed renovations to the church in which there are three phases. The first phase would be the unisex handicapped bathroom in the north narthex. The second phase would be the offices of Pastor Don and the secretary, along with a bathroom and the lounge. The third phase would be the installation of the elevator. Discussions were held and questions asked regarding the renovation. The question was raised regarding getting three bids on the renovations. Nathan Fry from Funk's was there to answer questions and explain the project. Shirley Wolfe made a motion to go forward with the plan to renovate and Rick Graybill seconded. Motion carried.

Further discussion ensued regarding getting two other bids in addition to Funk's bid. Howard Bixler made a motion that Funk and Son write a spec for the property committee, who in turn would put it out for other bids for the project and just have Funk's do the restroom project. Richard Fernsler seconded.

There was further discussion regarding the cost of the specs to be drawn up. Mr. Fry stated that it would take at least a month or more to get specs drawn up; also, a building permit would be needed and the code reviewed. They could start on construction in late spring or early summer. A motion was made by Doris Horn that we go with Funk's with the entire project, knowing it is not in keeping with the church rules to get three bids and change the rules. Charles Miller seconded.

Pastor Bucher stated that the church needs more income to go beyond the first two phases.

Richard Fernsler made a motion to accept the minutes of the 2006 annual meeting. Shirley Wolfe seconded.

**PASTOR'S REPORT**

Pastor Don stated there was nothing to add to his written report. Pastor Bucher stated that he has been performing funerals and memorials for non-members who desire a service in our church. He performed two this year: Nathan Yake and Robert Sonnon.

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC**

Kevin Biddle said there was nothing more to add to his written report. Kevin thanked all the groups who have participated in the music program throughout the year.

**PROPERTY**

Ernest Heisey acknowledged his committee members: Thomas Wolf, Jerry Wolfe, Michelle Sinadinos, and Richard Fernsler.

## **MEMORIALS**

A short discussion on how memorial money is used took place and Betty Heisey explained this policy.

## **STEIN BEE CLASS**

There were no changes to the written report.

## **WOMEN'S GUILD**

There were no changes to the written report.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

There were no changes but there is more help needed in this area.

## **STEWARDSHIP AND OUTREACH**

Douglas Snyder thanked Sharon Riganati for taking over this committee. There were no changes to add.

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Dolores Wolfe stated that the delegates to the Penn Central Committee are Kelly Mason, Janet Bucher (alternate), and David Troxell. The Annville-Cleona Council consists of Gail Reich, Dolores Wolfe, and Richard Fernsler. The church home was left off the list and Dolores nominated Frances Burney. Sunday School officers are Robert Fasnacht, Superintendent, Richard Fernsler, Assistant Superintendent, Adrian Haak, Secretary, and J.R. Hemperly, Assistant Secretary. Dolores Wolfe made a motion to nominate these people with Richard Fernsler seconding.

## **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Judy Feather stated that her committee did meet and they have completed performance evaluations and feel fortunate to have a dedicated staff.

## **YOUTH FELLOWSHIP**

No changes from written report. The lock-in over the past weekend was successful.

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Gloria Wentling gave a report on the program. Sign-ups are needed for the nursery. Kevin Biddle took over the older youth with the help of Vicki Hartman and thanked Dolores and all the Wednesday night people who help with the UCC Kids' Club meals. The Hospitality Committee chair is Diane Miller.

## **CONGREGATIONAL CARE**

Nothing to add to report since there has only been two meetings; one in late November and one in January 2007.

A motion was made by Louise Bixler and seconded by Ernest Heisey to accept all reports. Motion carried.

## **BUDGET REPORT**

Shirley Wolfe explained the budget report. We now have a full time pastor after a few years of an interim and we are fully staffed which is more cost for the church. Because of the Senior Citizens Center in the undercroft, trash collection is costly. It would be free if not for that group. The staff will receive an increase of 3% this year. There was a lengthy discussion on income for OCWM on whether we should take money out of the outreach program to fully meet the responsibility of the amount pledged to OCWM. Amendment: A motion was made by Pastor Don to change the amount for OCWM from \$20,000 to \$18,000 for 2007 and if that amount is not reached, additional money will be taken from the Spessard Trust Fund. Jerry Wolfe seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor Bucher made a motion to add \$2,985.49 to the OCWM amount of \$20,000 to meet our goal for this years expenses. Richard Fernsler seconded. Motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

A short discussion was held on speakers for the sanctuary for the hearing impaired. It was decided to bring in an FM transmitter for better quality. Betty Heisey made a motion with Sharon Riganati seconding to go forward with the FM transmitter. Motion carried.

Another discussion was held on reporting the weekly income in the Wake Tree as it was before. Pastor Don thinks we should go ahead with this report.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The Lenten Devotional booklet will be handled by Sue Wolf. All devotionals should be given to her by February 1.

Douglas Snyder thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Pastor Norm will be retiring the end of September. The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m. Thomas Wolf made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Howard Bixler seconding. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

**Joan Bernardo**  
**Consistory Secretary**

## PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT - 2007

I want to begin by thanking the Christ Church congregation and community for making 2007 one of the best years of my 25 years in ordained ministry. This is the kind of relationship I envisioned as I embarked on parish ministry in 1983. I appreciate your openness, your love for me and my family, your genuine efforts to be faithful, and your generosity. I hope that our relationship continues for many more years.

Looking back on 2007, I have seen some encouraging signs of growth. We have seen our worship attendance creeping upward, and we have had quite a few visitors in the church services. I believe that people are seeking a deeper relationship with God these days and that providing worship that is meaningful and fulfilling is enhanced by the beautiful setting Christ Church provides.

I continue to be fed by the music of Christ Church, the excellent leadership in vocal and instrumental music provided by Kevin Biddle and Jodi Loose leaves me rejoicing every week that we can fill our sanctuary with such a wonderful variety of moods and styles of music. I am also indebted to their willingness to work with the children and youth to provide programs that encourage us through our young people to live the Good News in interesting ways.

Our worship in 2007 included regular celebration of the sacraments, including 9 worship services with communion and two baptisms. We received 3 new members, and expect 4 more to join in January 2008. Our special worship throughout the year included Super Soul Sunday, Youth Sunday, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday in the Undercroft, Good Friday Tenebrae, Palm Sunday Cantata, Easter Sunrise, Children's Sunday, Choir Music Sunday, Rally Day, World Wide Communion, Children's Christmas Program, Christmas Choral Festival, and two worship services on Christmas Eve. Our Bell Sunday was delayed into 2008 by weather related rescheduling, so this year we will have two Bell Sundays!!!

I am pleased to be working with a group of young people who are in my first Confirmation class here at Christ Church. They are Alayna Snyder, Sarah Sweeney, Max Potocny, Adam Smith, and Lauren McCullough. They will complete the class in 2009. I also have been pleased by our surging youth group which includes a dozen or more youth from 6th -12th grade and has been doing a variety of fundraisers and fellowship activities. They plan to go on a Mission Trip to Overlook Farm, an educational facility for the Heifer Project this July.

I want to thank the congregation for providing me the opportunity to spend a week as a camp counselor at our Conference camp, Hartman Center. We also had 5 young people attend camps at Hartman Center in 2007 as well, and we look forward to trying to double that number in 2008.

I would like to conclude my narrative by looking ahead to 2008 and beyond. One of the things that I am excited about is that we will be seeking to participate in a Church Vitality process that is provided through the national church, through our OCWM dollars. The UCC has developed exciting and visually stimulating materials to go along with creative and manageable new ideas to encourage vital congregations like ours to increase their vitality. This has the potential to not only attract new members, but also to re-invigorate our current members for the primary task of the church - to witness to the powerful ways that Christ has touched our lives and to share that good news with a community and a world that is hurting and in need of love and fellowship.

Another thing that will happen in 2008 that is very exciting is the interior renovations that will take place to pave the way for the installation of an elevator. The Chapel Lounge/office area will be extensively renovated and a large common room will be created just outside the sanctuary, with new pastor's and secretary's offices and a handicapped accessible bathroom adjacent. This is the second phase of construction in our Capital Campaign, and will be completed in the spring.

I continue to thank God for all that I am as your pastor and all that we are together as a congregation, for through us, God is still speaking words of encouragement to a world hungry for good news.

**Pastor Don**

## PASTORAL STATISTICS FOR 2007

### Funerals/Memorials

David Horn		Service 1/6/07
Mary Matz	B. 3/1/15, D. 1/31/07	Service 2/30/07
*Lloyd Baumgardner		Service 3/16/07
*Eugene Telep	B. 6/26/32, D. 3/15/07	Service 3/20/07
Arlene Bingaman	B. 10/23/26, D6/1/07	Service 6/7/07
*Robert Peiffer		Service 8/11/07
Doris Sweeney	B. 10/4/32, D. 9/15/07	Service 9/8/07
Dorothy Hetrick	B. 3/28/24, D. 11/26/07	Service 11/30/07

### Weddings

Ruth Mason and Ron Pistner	4/8/07
Morgan Hemperly and Jason Kane	7/28/07
Nicole Bowman and Chris Johnson	10/06/07
Wendy Fernsler and Joseph Maulfair	11/3/07

### Baptisms

Allison Hynum	5/13/07
Calvin Leonard	5/13/07

### New Members

Cassandra and Michael Leonard	4/22/07
Sue Lira	7/22/07

\*Non-Members

## MUSIC MINISTRY ANNUAL REPORT 2007

**The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to him in song. Psalm 28:7**

The Music Ministry program continues to grow and change at Christ Church. Our Senior Choir continues to be strong with its dedicated members serving our congregation more than forty Sundays each year. In 2007, the Praise Team took a more active role in worship by singing more often. Our Senior Ringers continue to grow and improve, too. We continue to look for new ways to include our children and youth in the Music Ministry program and in worship. The Children's Choir, Cherub Choir, and Junior Ringers participated in a number of services during 2007, too.

The first special music service of 2007 came the first Sunday of February with our traditional- "Soup-er Soul Sunday" featuring the choirs of Christ Church and Lebanon Valley College's Gospel Choir, Voices of Spirit. This service continues to be an exciting and spiritual way to sing God's praises, as well as raise money and provide food for Lebanon County Christian Ministries.

The Youth of our congregation participated in worship in February. The youth joined the Praise Team for the anthem, *Joyful, Joyful* based on the music from the movie, *Sister Act*.

During Lent and Holy Week, the choirs and ringers of Christ Church presented a number of special anthems and music. On Palm Sunday the Senior Choir presented the cantata, *Thy Will Be Done* with music and lyrics by Lani Smith. The cantata featured soloists Edgar Fernsler, Jr. and Rick C. Graybill. It was narrated by Carl and Mary Graybill.

In the spring, the children of Christ Church led the worship service by reading scripture, leading responses and presenting a Christian version of *The Three Little Pigs*. The children really did a great job and we look forward to their participation in future services.

2007 also brought the passing of Marilyn Serfass, Pastor Dave's wife and former interims at Christ Church. In the spring, the Senior Choir was invited to participate in her Memorial Service in Lancaster and sang three anthems as part of the service. Jodi Loose also participated in the service by playing some of Marilyn's favorite gospel and spiritual pieces on piano.

In June, the music ensembles of Christ Church presented Church Music Sunday with a variety of anthems and musical pieces. The Senior Choir presented a series of anthems that all included violin and cello. Shannon Engle of Cleona, violinist and Briana Carraher, cellist of Elizabethtown participated in the service, too. Briana's cello solo during the offertory was a real highlight of the service.

During the summer, many members of our congregation shared their talents during worship each Sunday. We are very fortunate to have such talented and willing vocalists and musicians as part of our congregation. Thank you to each and every person who shared their talents this summer.

In the fall of 2007, our programs resumed and the Senior Choir and Praise Team continued to participate actively in our worship services. The Praise Team also sang several pieces at the fall dedication service of the Habitat for Humanity house in Lebanon. A large number of the members of the Senior Choir participated in the Lebanon Association Choir Concert in November at Quentin UCC. This was an enjoyable experience for the participants and we look forward to participating again in the future. Another highlight of the fall was the participation of the small, but mighty Chapel Choir from Lebanon Valley College in our worship service. The November service also featured our choirs as part of a celebration for the retirement of Secretary Dolores Seibert. A luncheon prepared by the Senior Choir followed the service. Fall also brought the annual peanut and cashew sale by the Senior Choir. It wouldn't seem like the holidays, if the choir didn't make those delicious treats.

The music ensembles provided a lot of music this holiday season. The Christmas Music Festival was postponed from December 16 to December 30 because of the ice storm, but the Senior Choir did an excellent job sharing the "Spirit of Christmas" with a program of spirituals. Thank you to Andrew Mason and Devin Loose for playing percussion for the anthem, *African Alleluia*. The Children did an outstanding on December 23 with the musical program, *Good Morning Bethlehem*. It was challenging to prepare, with rehearsals being canceled because of weather, school concerts being rescheduled and sports games on Wednesday nights, but the children pulled together and did an excellent job sharing the Christmas story with our congregation. The Praise Team, Senior Ringers, and the Senior Choir did an exceptional job sharing their music on Christmas Eve. Along with the help of Raymond "Skeeter" Blouch on saxophone, JB Yorty on organ and piano and Louise Bixler, Rick C. Graybill and Jodi Loose who played bells for one of the anthems, the Christmas Eve service seemed especially beautiful this year.

Just like our congregation and its other programs, we continue to grow and learn and are always looking for new members. The Music Ministry program would not be able to function without its dedicated members, especially, the Senior Choir officers- Ed Fernsler, Weez Bixler, Deb Smith and Mandi Smith; people like Althea Hemperly who plays the piano for our cherub choir and for the Christmas Eve service; Jim Hartman who is always so willing to help build something for us; JB Yorty who is an exceptional substitute organist; everyone who helped cook on Wednesday nights for UCC Kids, and all of the folks who go the extra mile to make our program work the way it does.

I would not want to work in the position as Director of Music Ministry without my friend and our organist, Jodi Loose. She is talented, dedicated and a great person to work with. I really appreciate everything Pastor Don Mason does to make working and worshipping at Christ Church so meaningful. I thank God for calling him to serve our congregation. I appreciate everything that now-retired secretary Dolores Seibert, and Pastor Bucher and his wife Janet have done and do for our congregation, especially the Music Ministry program. I wish them the best in their retirement. I look forward to working with Charlotte Claypool, and appreciate her willingness to "go with the flow" as we all become acquainted with each other. I also appreciate working with Dale Good, our sexton.

On a personal note, I would like to thank Pastor Don, the members of the congregation, the Senior Choir, and my dear friends for all their sympathy, love, cards, kind words, and support following the death of my mother at the end of 2007. I cannot imagine getting through such a tough time without each and everyone of you. I thank God for each of you and I am so thankful that you are a part of my life.

Thank you to the congregation and everyone at Christ Church for everything that is done to help make the Music Ministry program work the way that it does. May we continue to praise God's holy name in music and in song.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Kevin L. Biddle**  
**Director of Music Ministry**

## **PROPERTY COMMITTEE 2007 REPORT**

We discussed the installation of a security system in the church. This would replace members having keys. The committee will get quotes.

We discussed the FM system. We purchased headsets for members and guests to use during the service. This has improved the conditions for the hearing impaired.

We began the planning for the renovations to the Pastor and secretary offices. The floor plans have been reviewed and we are moving forward with this project.

The North Narthex restroom project was completed. Dedication of the room was held in October.

We held a clean up day on March 24, 2007.

Quotes were received to make renovations to the restrooms downstairs in the undercroft. Project is on hold.

The stone wall in the undercroft was sealed by several members of the property committee and others.

We discussed the rental property. We had a tenant move out. We replaced the carpet and paint to make it acceptable to rent. Terms of the lease were also discussed.

We discussed replacing the refrigerator in the kitchen. Ernie received quotes.

Cordless phones were purchased for use in the church.

Other repairs and normal on-going maintenance was performed throughout the year on the church and its property.

**Michele Sinadinos**

## **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE 2007 REPORT**

The Personnel Committee met as needed during the year. They conducted performance evaluations on the staff.

The committee reviewed applications for the job of Secretary, interviewed seven candidates, and selected Charlotte Claypool as our new secretary.

All members of the church are encouraged to bring any personnel issues to any member of the committee.

**Judy Feather, Chair  
Shirley Wolfe  
Eleanor Brooksher  
Willie Bixler  
Carl Graybill**

## WORSHIP AND WITNESS 2007 REPORT

My committee has run very efficiently this year each member doing a great job. Thank you to Erlene Bohr-flowers, Joan Bernado-readers, Willie Bixler-ushers, Diane Miller-decorations for the Sanctuary, and Mandi and Debbie Smith-alter guild. Anyone willing to help with reading, ushering or placing flowers is always welcome. Please feel free to contact anyone of these members.

I thank Pastor Don, Kevin Biddle, and Jodi Loose for their efficiency in preparing our worship services. It has been a pleasure to work with them and they have made my job very easy. A special thank-you to all the work Kevin and Jodi put into the music program with the adults as well as the children's programs. They do an outstanding job.

We have been working on plans to buy new alter cloths and hope to have them purchased soon. Pastor Don and I are also working on a new acolyte training and recruiting program.

**Debbie Smith**  
**Worship and Witness Chairman**

## STEIN BEE CLASS 2007 YEAR-END REPORT

The Stein Bee Class meets in the lounge every Sunday morning at 9 AM for Bible study lessons, led by teachers, Frances Burney and Dolores Wolfe. The Charles Shearer Class joins us for study. There are usually eight to ten members in attendance. We met on the second Monday of each month except July and August, for devotions and business meeting. We complete our meetings with light refreshments and many different topics of discussion.

The first Sunday of each month, we take a special offering for LCCM and also at our December meeting. This amount is designated for prescriptions.

The class sells Van Winkle Opera fudge at Easter and Christmas. This enables the class to contribute too many causes during the year.

The Stein Bee gives a memorial for any member of the church who passes away during the year.

We invite any one to join our class for study and fellowship.

### Financial Statement follows:

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditures</u>	
Sunday Offerings	\$661.00	Altar Guild	\$52.50
Class Meetings	247.00	LCCM	203.00
Easter Opera Fudge	403.00	Memorial Fund	40.00
Christmas Fudge	<u>792.10</u>	Craft Supplies (Easter)	20.03
	\$2103.10	Kansas Tornado Relief	100.00
		Church Treasurer (Current Exp.)	200.00
		Staff Gifts	75.00
		Van Winkle's Candies	<u>2394.75</u>
			\$3085.28

Respectfully submitted,  
**Phoebe Fernsler, Secretary/Treasurer**  
**Frances Burney, President**

## Women's Guild 2007 Annual Report

The Women's Guild meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. We hold no meetings during the months of July and August. And this year we were unable to meet in February due to a snowstorm. Officers for the year include: Marie Leshner, President; Earlene Bohr, Vice President; Marilyn Bollinger, Secretary; Grace Karsnitz, Assistant Secretary; and Althea Hemperly, Treasurer;

The programs throughout the year included: Bingo at the Church Home; a Book Review on "Love in the Mortar Joints" about the start of Habitat for Humanity; a program about Life Line Screening that was held in the Undercroft a few weeks after the program. Rev. Bucher had a program on children and how they perceive the bible and he told us about the 12 disciples; our annual picnic; Powell Adams spoke on humor in the bible; Troy Williams from Lebanon County Christian Ministries; and Pam Tricano from Habitat for Humanity. In December, we held our Christmas get together.

Our projects throughout the year included celebrating World Day of Prayer Service at St. Paul's Church; sending and preparing 40 school kits; 40 Christmas stockings were filled for Church Women United and distributed to area nursing homes; we had a soup and bake sale; bags of homemade cookies were packed for the Truck Stop Ministries along with bags of doggie treats; we held a Mother-Daughter Banquet; the 80's Friendship Luncheon; Helping Hand served several luncheon, wedding and funeral receptions.

Monetary contributions will be listed in the Women's Guild Treasurers Report.

Cheer Committee was kept very busy this year with 45 cards sent out during 2007.

Pete the Pig continued again this year to raise funds for leprosy and Church Women United.

The Women's Guild is a very hard working group of dedicated individuals that is a very valuable part of Christ Church. All members of the church are welcome to attend our functions. Men are welcome also. We couldn't do what we do without the time, talents, faith, and prayers of these hard working people. We need you and all are welcome.

Our meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at 7 PM in the lounge. We encourage all to attend. It would be a joy to have to move to a larger room because we've encouraged more to attend.

Through God's grace and mercy, we will continue to do his work. If he gives us a mess – it will become his message and if he gives us a test – we will turn it into a testimony. Let us rejoice.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Marilyn Bollinger**  
**Secretary**

**WOMEN'S GUILD 2007 ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT**

**BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2006** **\$2,844.69**

**INCOME:**

Offering.....	\$331.80
Leprosy offering.....	97.48
Women's Guild Envelope Donations.....	792.00
Mother/Daughter Banquet.....	509.25
Soup/Bake Sale.....	3,530.50
Lenten Luncheon.....	00.00
Helping Hands.....	1,260.00
Miscellaneous.....	4,165.27
Transfers.....	<u>1,060.00</u>

Total Income.....	<u>11,746.30</u>
	14,590.99

**EXPENSES:**

Back Bay Mission.....	\$ 500.00
OCWM.....	500.00
Palms/Crowns.....	117.50
Mother/Daughter Banquet.....	418.02
Soup Supplies.....	556.33
These Days.....	198.00
Church Women United.....	50.00
Indian Mailing – cost of mailing clothing, etc.....	800.09
Cards/Postage.....	00.00
Program Speakers.....	150.00
80's Luncheon.....	122.00
Camera Maintenance.....	00.00
Kitchen Supplies.....	124.42
Compassion International.....	828.00
Indian School Supplies.....	85.74
Retreat Meal Subsidy.....	733.70
Leprosy Offering.....	123.56
Uncommitted Funds.....	298.89
Transfers.....	<u>8,620.00</u>

Total Expenses.....	<u>14,226.25</u>
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BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2007.....\$ 364.74

Respectfully submitted,  
**Althea N. Hemperly**  
**Treasurer**

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2007 REPORT

The Nominating Committee submits the following slate of names to fill the necessary positions for 2008:

### Officers

President (Elder)	Doug Snyder
VP (Elder)	Lee Keaton
Secretary (Elder)	Joan Bernardo
Treasurer (Deacon)	Tom Wolf

### Department Heads (Elders)

Congregational Care	Open
Christian Enrichment	Gloria Wentling

### Committee Chairs (Deacons)

Finance	David Troxell
Personnel	Judy Feather

### Delegates to PA Central Conference Annual Meeting

Kelly Mason

### Delegates to Lebanon Association

Richard Fernsler

### Delegates to Annville/Cleona Council of Churches

Dolores Wolfe

### Sunday School Officers

Superintendent	Robert Fasnacht
Assistant Superintendent	Richard Fernsler
Secretary	Adrian Haak
Assistant Secretary	J.R. Hemperly

### Nominating Committee

Barbara Beard

Respectfully submitted,  
**Dolores Wolfe, Chairman**  
**Bob Aller**  
**Althea Hemperly**  
**Barbara Beard**  
**Marie Leshner**

## CHRISTIAN ENRICHMENT 2007 REPORT

The DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN ENRICHMENT is the umbrella for the Christian Education Committee, the Hospitality Committee, the Care Calendar, and Women's Guild. The department met four times during 2007 with representatives of these groups. It is the responsibility of the department chairperson to report monthly of the activities in these areas to the Consistory.

The CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE met monthly throughout the year with Elizabeth Kendall and Brenda Kreamer as chairpersons. This committee includes the Sunday School, the Nursery, children's Church (Wee Worship), the Youth Fellowship, UCC Kids/Youth, Bible Study classes, Bible School and the Hall Bulletin Boards committee.

Robert Fasnacht is superintendent of the SUNDAY SCHOOL and the officers are Richard Fernsler, Adrian Haak and JR Hemperly. The teachers in the Sunday School include Judy Snyder, Tom Wolf, Lee Keaton, Elizabeth Kendall, Beth Keaton, Brenda Kreamer, Doug Snyder, Frances Burney, Dolores Wolfe, Marlene Hinkle, Judy Feather, and Kelly Mason as a substitute.

The NURSERY has been directed by Leslie Light with Gladys Sonnon in attendance when possible.

The YOUTH FELLOWSHIP was directed by Doug Snyder.

The UCC YOUTH were directed by Kevin Biddle and Vicki Hartman. Gloria Wentling and Beth Keaton led the UCC KIDS.

The HALL BULLETIN BOARD Committee was Kelly Mason and Gloria Wentling. (Kelly did some really cool, innovative bulletin boards while Gloria kept up the maintenance of the boards.)

The HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE was chaired by Diane Miller and the CARE CALENDAR was handled by Louise Bixler. Some of the activities of this committee included the church picnic, the Celebration Dinner, All Church Retreat, and the Hayride.

The WOMEN'S GUILD led by President Marie Lesher was an active, extremely group that reported monthly in the Waketree.

**Gloria Wentling  
Chairperson**

## STEWARDSHIP AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE 2007 REPORT

The Committee saw a lot of progress for the year 2007. Outreach funds were dispersed as follows:

Annville Free Library	250.00
Habitat for Humanity –Lebanon County	500.00
Union Hose Fire Company, Annville	250.00
Women’s Guild Dakota Indian Shipping Costs	368.95
PA Council of Churches – Trucker and Travel Ministry	900.00
Hoffman Homes for Youth	500.00
Special Olympics	200.00
Disaster Relief – California Fires	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total:	\$4,000.00

The October 14, 2007 “Neighbors in Need” offering became a healthy competition. As it was retreat Sunday and the theme was “Christ and Competition”. Members attending retreat and members attending church in Annville challenged each other to see which group could contribute more. It was a new way to spur interest in giving to a most worthy cause.

The major stewardship project was the compilation and mailing of the Time and Talent Survey. It had been quite a few years since a survey had been done. Thirty-nine family surveys were returned, collated, and filed. The department heads and committee chairs now have ready access to the information; hopefully, this will result in the inclusion of new people in the activities and projects of Christ Church. If you are interested in completing a survey, it is not too late to do so. Please see any member of this committee for a blank survey.

November 11, 2007 we observed Stewardship Sunday. Time and Talent Surveys were returned along with the offering of our 2008-working budget.

The 2008 offering envelopes were labeled and mailed in early December. Many thanks go to Pastor Don, Charlotte Claypool in the office, John Unger and Phoebe Fernsler for their help with this project.

The committee is looking ahead to 2008 in the hope of extending our outreach to more people and to worthy causes in the local, state, national, and global communities.

Sincerely,  
Sharon Riganati  
Chairperson, Stewardship  
and Outreach Committee

**Anna Kutz Memorials**

Stein Bee Class  
Paul & Phyllis Kohr  
Lebanon Chapter 115 – Easter Star  
Mr. & Mrs. Adam Leshner  
Patricia Fortna

**Michael DeLong Memorials**

Stein Bee Class  
Althea Hemperly

**William Horn Memorials**

Mr. Richard Lima  
Mr. & Mrs. David Horn  
Cathy Ciccone  
Co-workers of Harvey Horn

**Evelyn Unger Memorials**

Deborah Smith  
Gloria Wentling  
Sevenna Oliver and Ron Gerlach  
Kiwanis Club of Annville Cleona  
Stein Bee Class  
Phoebe Fernsler  
Mr. & Mrs. David Horn  
Marion Hartman  
Raymond Fry  
Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Heisey  
Frances Burney  
Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Smith  
Arthur DeLong  
Gary Brubaker & Family  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Lux  
Mr. & Mrs. Adam Lesher  
Marc Rohland & Family  
Mr. & Mrs. Delmar Cook  
Althea Hemperly  
Gladys Sonnon  
Grace Karsnitz  
Judy Barchet

**Myrtle Fasnacht Memorials**

Raymond Fry  
Grace Karsnitz  
Deborah Smith  
Phoebe Fernsler  
Stein Bee Class  
Frances Burney  
Adam & Marie Lesher  
June Hoerner  
Eleanor Witmyer  
Mr. & Mrs. Gene Stow  
Raymond & Mary Zellers  
Ernie & Betty Heisey  
Janet Shaffer  
Althea Hemperly  
Sherman & Sharon Edwards  
Eugene Sando  
Alice Cackovic  
Delmar & Mary Cook  
David & Doris Horn  
Denise Reyes  
Eleanor Brooksher  
Helen Lupinetti  
Joan & David Bernardo  
Mary Keefer  
Elfriede Lederer

Mary Kreiser  
 Sevenna Oliver and Ron Gerlach  
 Gladys Sonnon  
 Annville-Cleona Lions Club (Richard Fernsler)  
 Jane Maurer  
 Union Hose Ladies Auxiliary (Ruth Smith)  
 Gale Reich

**Dorothy Wendel Memorials**

Gloria Wentling  
 Edwin & Joanne Muhlbeck  
 Sevenna Oliver and Ron Gerlach  
 Paul & Claretta Creamer  
 Philip Kaplan  
 Deborah Smith  
 Eleanor Brooksher  
 Mr. & Mrs. V. Carl Gacono  
 Mr. & Mrs. Steve Creamer  
 Robert Creamer  
 Rebecca Miller  
 Grace Karsnitz  
 Gladys Sonnon  
 Althea Hemperly  
 Raymond Fry  
 Mr. & Mrs. David Horn  
 Mr. & Mrs. Adam Leshar  
 Stein Bee Class  
 Phoebe Fernsler  
 Frances Burney  
 Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Heisey  
 Eloise Zimmerman

**SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICAL REPORT**

This report covers 41 weeks, offering and attendance. There was no Sunday School, New Year's Day, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006 or February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2006 due to snow. Also, no Sunday School during the months of July and August.

Total Enrollment	93
Average Attendance	54
Lowest Attendance	25 (October 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2006 (Retreat))
Highest Attendance	81 (September 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2006)
Total Attendance	2,092 (2005)
Total Attendance	2,203 (2006)

The attendance in Sunday School increased by 5% in 2006.

Average Offering	\$96.71
Low Offering	\$55.95 (October 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2006)
Highest Offering	\$140.25 (June 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2006)
Total Offering	\$3,980.24 ((2005)
Total Offering	\$3,964.92 (2006)

The offering in Sunday School percentage – no change. Dollar amount minus \$15.32 for 2005-2006.

Respectfully submitted,  
Adrian E. Haak, Sr., Secretary

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### 2006 Annual Report for the Stewardship and Mission Committee

Sharon Riganati, Chairperson  
Vicki Hartman, Willie Bixler, Judy Feather

I accepted the position of Chairperson of this Committee in the beginning of September, 2006. with the help of Pastor Mason and with very capable and hard-working Committee members, we were able to accomplish a great deal in four months.

Thanks to the generosity of the people of Christ Church, our Outreach program is successful – Outreach to our church family, to our local community, to our state community and beyond, to our global community – By sharing not only our monetary resources, but also our love with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Listed below are the organizations (with amounts) aided by Outreach Funds from September through December, 2006.

Bridge of Hope Lebanon County	\$ 500.00
Penn Central Conference – OCWM	1,000.00
Christ Church Women’s Guild for Dakota Clothing Drive	368.95
Shipping Costs	
Habitat for Humanity –Lebanon County	1,000.00
Annville Free Library	200.00
Hoffman Homes for Youth – Holiday Gift Program	500.00
Beecher Memorial Congregational UCC	1,000.00
Union Hose Fire Company, Annville	100.00
Special Olympics	200.00
Muscular Dystrophy Association	100.00
Chris Rankin – Trip to Namibia – Penn Central Conference	300.00
Partnership with Namibian Synod	
Wayne and Laura McDonald (Retreat Leaders)	500.00
Voice to the Nations Worldwide Evangelism	
Hoffman Homes for Youth – 2006-7 Annual Appeal	500.00
PA Council of Churches – Trucker and Travel Ministry	900.00

\$1,000.00 will be left in the Fund for immediate disbursement in the event of a disaster. We can then appeal for replenishment.

The 2007 Offering Envelopes have been mailed to members. Thanks to Lee Keaton for researching and ordering. A special thanks to John Unger for his able assistance in labeling and mailing.

Our 2006 “Loving God Back” Stewardship Campaign culminated with a very successful pledge Sunday on November 19, 2006. As of December 14, 2006, 93 people (66 giving units) had made a total weekly pledge of \$3,026.00. The congregation of Christ Church deserves high praise and thanks for its generous giving; not only on a weekly basis for the general fund, but also for special offerings and appeals.

Looking ahead, in February, 2007, the committee will be conducting another campaign. This will be a time/talent pledge...so be looking inside yourself to see how you can contribute to the successful outreach of Christ Church.

Sincerely,  
Sharon Riganati

**Proposed Budget for 2007**



