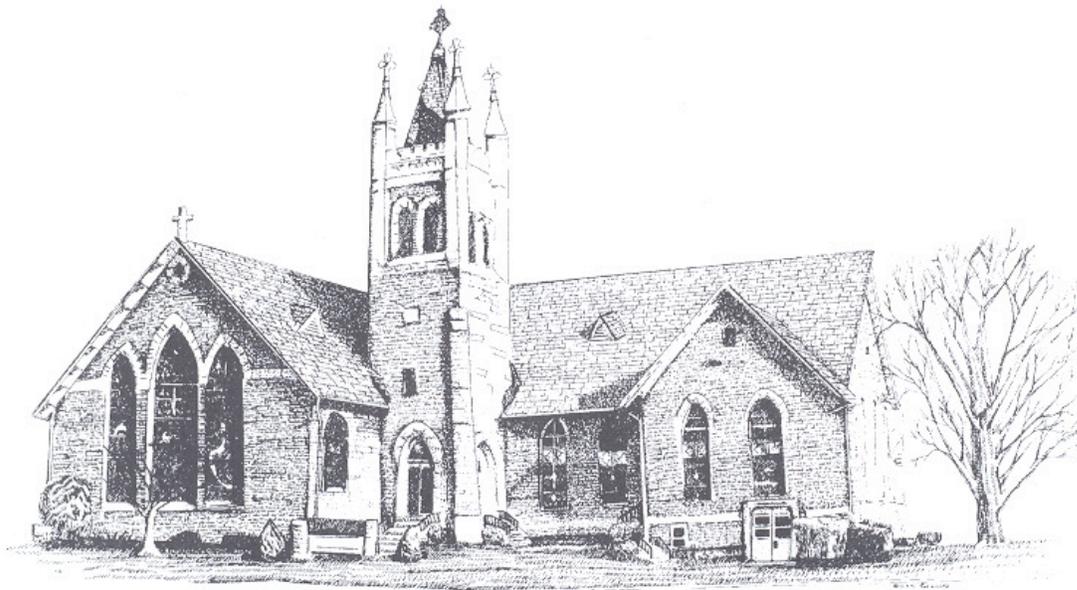


2017 ANNUAL REPORTS



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

Congregational Meeting
Sunday, January 28, 2018

11:30 AM

~ Please bring this report to the meeting ~

CHRIST CHURCH ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

January 28, 2018

AGENDA

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2016 Proposed Budget	Rick Graybill		To be handed out

Old Business

New Business

Adjournment

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

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19, 2017 11:30 AM

President Doug Snyder called the Annual Congregational Meeting to order.

Secretary minutes needed amended from 2016 meeting – numerous areas 2014 were stated where it should have been 2015. Judy Barchet made a motion to accept amendments and approve as noted, seconded by Tom Wolf. Motion carried.

Music Ministry 2016 Annual Report: No changes/additions

Educational Gifts Committee 2016 Report: No changes/additions

Gatekeeper Report 2016: Phil Feather reported he is down to 6 gatekeepers and is looking for more to join including women – contact him if interested.

Memorial Fund Annual Report: Phoebe Fernsler the amount listed in annual report of last CD held by Stein Bee is incorrect and should be \$2625.00 – this closes out the Stein Bee Class – Phoebe will give check to Doug Snyder to pass on to treasurer.

Christ Church Guild 2016 Annual Report: Dolores Wolf reported the guild has not been having meetings much due to not enough people attending – she would still like to keep this going – The Guild does many wonderful things.

2017 Nominating Committee 2016 Report: Judy Barchet presented slate of officers for 2017. Judy Barchet made a motion to cast a unanimous slate for all officers to be approved as noted, seconded by Mike Bernardo. Motion Carried. A motion was made by Richard Fernsler to add Logan Keaton to list of Sunday School officers, seconded by Shirley Wolf. Motion Carried

Congregational Care Committee Report: No changes/additions

Sunday School Statistical Annual 2016 Report: No changes/additions

Property Committee 2016 Annual Report: No changes/additions

Personnel Committee Summary 2016 Report: No changes/additions

Doug Snyder reported David Bushnell will be interim Pastor starting March 1st. A confirmation class is to start on March 5, 2017 with a retreat at the end of March to Hartman Center.

Hospitality and Christian Education 2016 Report: No changes/additions

Finance Committee Report: Rick Graybill asked everyone to please provide detailed information when getting reimbursed as to what it is for so that things are coded correctly in system.

Rick Graybill reported he will be doing quarterly forecasts going forward.

Rick Graybill reported the proposed budget current expenses are less than last year but hope to bring in more.

Michele Sinadinos reported the sidewalk and curbing out front on 934 is really broken up, she spoke with Penndot and the curbing and sidewalk repair is responsibility of CCUCC. Penndot can do a traffic study at no cost – Michele Sinadinos will contact to have this done as the problem seems to be from trucks coming up over curbing. She will get prices to have curbing and sidewalk fixed.

Rick Graybill presented proposed budget for 2017.

Shirley Wolf reported there is still money coming into Capital Campaign and elevator fund from time to time – this is not budgeted because it is added to mortgage payment to bring down principal quicker.

Norm Bucher pointed out first quarter should reflect the interim Pastor salary and also payment to Pastor Mason through March 15, 2017.

Jodi Loose reported she gets 4 weeks off per year at \$125. /week - any Sunday she would take off over this amount comes out of her salary making her salary less.

A motion was made by Carl Graybill, seconded by Michele Sinadinos to accept 2017 budget changes. Motion Carried.

New Business: *Judy Barchet* reported that all the committees need more members to serve on them and asked all to consider offering their time and talents. *Norman Bucher* made a plea for members to attend Ash Wednesday service on Mar. 1, 2017 which is usually low in attendance. Norman Bucher will be handling service. *Richard Fernsler* asked if a search committee was formed yet – *Carl Graybill* answered that congregation should be prepared for Rev David Bushnell to serve as interim for at least am 1 ½ years and possibly more. CCUCC has a lot of healing to do – at some point we will know when we are ready to start the search process. We need to strengthen and heal as a congregation first. *Doug Snyder* thanked Garrett Book for doing services in February it is much appreciated. *Doug Snyder* thanked all those going off consistory and welcomed new members.

A motion was made by Vicki DeLoatch, seconded by Richard Fernsler to accept all above reports. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned 12:00 PM - Respectfully submitted, Stacey Bernardo, Consistory Secretary

2017 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PASTOR

It is hard to believe that the beginning of March will mark my being with you at Christ Church for one year. I have often said that it takes a year to understand the culture, program, and traditions of a church. Would you believe that it has only been recently that I learned of the tradition of ringing the church bell during the sharing of the Lord's Prayer in worship? A tradition begun in WW II. How could I not have heard it this past year? (Truth is, I am in line to get hearing aides in March.)

When I first arrived last March, the Consistory asked that we have a period of time to let the dust settle from the difficult days of 2016. Time was needed to heal. My first intervention with you was to share a study of a book called "Difficult Conversations" as a way not only to provide insights on how better to handle conflict but primarily to let those who attended, share their anger, hurt, and even some guilt, for the things that happened. I especially remember the Sunday when we shared The Order of Healing in worship. While not intended to miraculously make things better, it did allow us to bring the brokenness and disappointment before God and let God enter the healing process.

Most of my work this past year has been as a worship leader (You have two very gifted worship leaders in addition to the preacher....but more of that later.) I have also met regularly with the Consistory, and with a Leadership Team that Consistory allowed me to assemble in order to suggest ideas and plans leading up to launching a search process. I have also taught a special group of youth in Confirmation. I have visited the sick and homebound, and have buried those who have died. My connection to the work of Penn Central Conference and Hartman Center remains strong and I hope useful.

My contract with the Consistory was for me to work 20 hours a week. (Travel time was never part of that hourly figure, nor should it be.) In March the estimate for the budget was around \$36,000 for the 10 month period. As I watched the monthly financial report, it became apparent that working the 20 hr. weeks would result in a large deficit...so I adjusted my hours accordingly. This resulted in the conclusion (that I shared with Consistory) that Christ Church could not for the foreseeable future afford a full-time pastor even with modest benefits.

Now, my work as Interim Pastor has a new direction. How do you do more with less? How does the leadership of the church adjust to the fact that Christ Church will no longer be a "pastor centered" church (i.e. the pastor is more or less the center of everything). Can the leaders and the members assume more responsibility for church life and mission? How does the church staff work in this new way of being the church?

Let me make some comments about the staff. I truly believe that Christ Church has an extraordinary staff. I have enjoyed working closely with Kevin, Jodi and Elsie. They give of themselves over and above the call to duty. Because of my schedule at the church I don't see Bob as often, but the care that he gives to both the inside and outside of the building is there for all to see. I happen to believe that the staff would make a great TEAM for a part-time pastor to work with and I can foresee the staff being empowered in even greater ways to lead the church through their work. (I say this with confidence, since I am a part-time pastor that already knows about this great team.) I have shared with the Consistory how the staff could be involved in certain areas with more intentionality.

A key factor for the future of Christ Church is lay leadership. As it stands right now, the Consistory is the most regularly meeting group. While members of the Consistory are also chairs of various committees, most of those committees are not meeting regularly, if at all. This means for all practical purposes the Consistory must function as the committees of the church. I DO NOT THINK the best way forward is necessarily to jump start "old ways of doing things". How do we do more with less? We need to make certain that leaders are doing MORE of the things that they feel called to do, even if it may mean that they do less of the things that have been done in the past.

One of the things that I have most enjoyed in working with you this past year has been experiencing some of the core strengths of the congregation's life. I have said this repeatedly because I mean it so sincerely....the worship of Christ Church is blessed week in and week out with great music. I know the numbers in the choir aren't what they once were BUT each week the choir/praise team inspires me. Kevin and Jodi give life to our worship in so many ways. And the choir not only sings but entertains and provides amazing hospitality to visiting choirs.

At our recent “New Year’s Resolution” meeting we laughed when we noted we are a church that likes to eat. It is no small thing for people to come together to “meet and eat”. From serving a meal after a funeral, to making soup to sell, to hosting a spaghetti supper (just to name a few things)....this food thing is something the church does incredibly well...almost sacramentally.

I also know that the adult education offered at Christ Church is top notch. I do wish that there might be ways that the established two classes could offer experiences that folks could sign up for a shorter period of time.

Before I bring this report to an end, I want to say that I am very grateful for the 25 people that have attended the Come Follow Me retreats. I have said that I believe this retreat is the best thing I have accomplished in my ministry BUT it is so gratifying because of how those who attend give of themselves to each other.

Also, I really do hope we can have a nice up to date pictorial directory to share this year. If you haven’t had your household pictured yet, PLEASE do so.

Finally, I will be publishing an invitation for members/friends of Christ Church to join me on a Mission Work Camp to Houston TX the week of April 21. We will leave on a Saturday, work 5 days, and return on a Sunday. The cost will be minimal. The experience in helping people rebuild their lives will be “priceless”.

Let me say a special thanks to Kevin, Jodi, Elsie and Bob, a great staff. And thanks to all the members of Consistory and to the Leadership Team.

And soIn the Meantime.... Thanks for daring to be and become all that God is calling you to be.

Dave Bushnell
Interim Pastor

CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE 2017 REPORT

Members of the committee include: Sue Wolf, Jean Rhine, Joan Bernardo, Gale Reich, Joan Finger and Marsha Asman.

This year we continued several traditional events. The Kauffman’s Chicken BBQ raised more than \$1000 for the church, and the Opera Fudge sales raised more than \$500. Many thanks to Jean Rhine for coordinating the BBQ (for many years!) and Gale Reich for handling the Opera Fudge sales.

We also coordinated the setting up and serving of Communion throughout the year. Many thanks to Betsy Fasnacht for her continued generosity in providing the wine for communion.

For 2018 we are working on a church-wide picnic as well as other events.

Anyone who would like to join the committee is welcome!

Sue Wolf, Chair

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE SUMMARY 2017

The Personnel Committee, comprised of Steve Kreamer, Shirley Wolfe and Carl Graybill, met with all staff this summer to review job performance and expectations. There are no areas of concern that need to be addressed at this time. We are very fortunate to have Kevin Biddle, Jodie Loose, Elsie Lehman and Bob Lemon on our staff, and we can look forward to the future knowing they will continue to serve our congregation with dedication and professionalism for their jobs, and a very high level of pride in their work. Even though our Pastor, Dave Bushnell, does not currently fall under the Personnel Committee for job performance review, we are also very fortunate to have him as our spiritual leader and look forward to his continued service during this interim period.

Carl Graybill, Personnel Committee Chairperson

MUSIC MINISTRY 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise His name; proclaim His salvation day after day. Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples. Psalm 96:1-3

The year 2017 proved to be a challenging year for the Music Ministry program at Christ Church. God continues to bless us with opportunities to share our talents with the congregation, and we will continue to praise God in song! Thank you to the members of the music program that continue to be faithful in their service. From our young children to our seniors, music continues to be an important part of our ministry at Christ Church.

There were a number of special Music Ministry programs this year, which included:

- *Lent and Advent Music by the Senior Ringers, Choir and Praise Team
- *Spring Children's Sunday- Jodi Loose led our children in a service of scripture and song
- *Church Music Sunday- *A Patriotic Program of Music*
- *Lebanon Association Annual Meeting- Our Praise Team shared music during the worship service.
- *Children's Christmas program- *A Christmas Carol: Scrooge in Bethlehem*
- *Christmas Program by the Senior Choir, Senior Ringers and Praise Team- *A Christmas Carol Celebration*

Each year members and friends of our congregation share their talents during worship, especially during the summer months. It has been a blessing to have Pastor Dave share his musical talents, especially with his guitar during our worship services. Thank you to everyone who provided special music throughout 2017.

Again this fall we had the pleasure of hosting the Lebanon Valley College Chamber Choir, under the direction of Dr. Matthew Erpelding. Their rendition of *Go Ye Now in Peace* is always very meaningful. The Senior Choir hosted a luncheon for the LVC students following our worship service. It is always a joy to worship with members of the college community.

Thanks to a memorial gift from the estate of Frances Burney, we have been able to purchase new candles for the Christmas Eve service and *New Century Hymnals* for the congregation. It is our goal to add more hymnals to each pew over the next year, or so.

Thank you to J.B.Yorty for serving as our substitute organist. It is always a pleasure to hear J.B. play our organ.

The Christ Church staff has been very fortunate to be able to work with our interim Pastor Dave Bushnell. Words cannot express how much I appreciate Pastor Dave's leadership, as well as his support of our music program. His work here has truly been a blessing! I would also like to thank our secretary Elsie and sexton Bob. It's a blessing to work with both of them! Thank you to our organist and my dear friend, Jodi Loose. She continues to do a fantastic job with our children and she always provides the best music for our services.

There is always room for new members in the Music Ministry program. If you have a special talent - whether it's vocal or instrumental - we would love to have you participate. Please see Kevin or Jodi to share your interest.

In Christ's Love,
Kevin L. Biddle

EDUCATIONAL GIFTS COMMITTEE 2017 REPORT

There were no educational gifts given this year, there were no graduating seniors.

Judy Feather

MEMORIAL FUND ANNUAL REPORT 2017

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Violet Smith	Clarence Smith	Richard Fernsler	Marilyn Bollinger
Phoebe Fernsler	Clarence Smith	Russ Clark	Mike Sweeny
Kenneth Weachter	Clarence Smith	Jayne Fernsler	Donna Hoffman
Jean Rhine	Clarence Smith	Wayne Anspach	Donna Hoffman
Gloria Wentling	Clarence Smith	Guild	Donna Hoffman
Patricia Fortna	Clarence Smith	Brenda Gallagher	Marilyn Bollinger
Lucille Hemperly	Clarence Smith	Brenda Gallagher	Donna Hoffman
Larry & Patricia Stoner	Clarence Smith	Judy Barchet	Donna Hoffman
John & Diane Borgeson	Clarence Smith	Gary & Betty Hackenberg	Donna Hoffman
Dennis Haak	Marilyn Bollinger	Carol Evans	Donna Hoffman
Guild	Frances Burney	Conrad Liles	Donna Hoffman
Guild	Marilyn Bollinger	Dolores Wolfe	Donna Hoffman
Stein Bee	Frances Burney	Dolores Wolfe	Marilyn Bollinger
Steve Miller	Marilyn Bollinger	Jean Rhine	Donna Hoffman
Jean Rhine	Marilyn Bollinger	Gale Reich	Donna Hoffman
Jean Rhine	Frances Burney	Steve Kreamer	Donna Hoffman
Gary & Betty Hackenberg	Frances Burney		
Gary & Betty Hackenberg	Marilyn Bollinger		

TOTAL MEMORIAL GIVING 2017 **1220.00**

MEMORIAL FUND 2017

BEGINNING BALANCE	19870.79
MEMORIALS	1220.00
ZEARFOSS	2177.16
SPESSARD	1769.07
INTEREST	4.43
SPESSARD REQUIRED DISBURSEMENTS	-79.73
CROP WALK DONATION	-500.00
 ENDING BALANCE	 24461.72

MORTGAGE 2017

OPENING BALANCE	86708.78
MORTGAGE PAYMENTS	9904.11
INTEREST	\$841.45
NEW MORTGAGE BALANCE	78502.44

BUILDING FUND

OPENING BALANCE	3586.13
ENDING BALANCE	6660.95

Submitted by Shirley Wolfe

CHRIST CHURCH GUILD 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

The Christ Church Guild is comprised of all members of the church. We had several activities this year:

- A bake sale with the church chicken BBQ
- A fall soup sale
- A snow cone stand at Old Annville days
- We also provided two funeral luncheons.

The Guild paid for a furnace repair bill. The Guild bought 'These Days', daily devotional books, which are free for anyone to use. This year a \$20.00 memorial is being given for each member who died. (This was originally done by the Stein Bee Clase). Several contributions were also given and are listed in the expenses. We hope everyone will help with our projects in the coming year.

Earlene Bohr
Secretary / Treasurer

CHRIST CHURCH GUILD 2017 TREASURER'S REPORT

INCOME:

Food Sales.....	3,709.50
Funeral Luncheons.....	300.00

Total Income.....\$ 4,009.50

EXPENSES:

Compassion International.....	183.00
Furnace Repair.....	1,626.00
Food Sales.....	497.78
LCCM.....	100.00
OCWM.....	500.00
Hurricane Relief.....	500.00
These Days.....	99.00
Crop Walk.....	200.00
Old Annville Days.....	95.00
Memorials.....	60.00

Total Expenses \$ 3,860.78

Respectfully submitted, *Earlene Bohr*

WORSHIP AND WITNESS REPORT 2017

2017 brought many changes to Christ Church and the Worship Department. We welcomed Pastor Dave Bushnell as our interim minister and he has been providing us with refreshing spiritual leadership.

Thanks to Kevin Biddle and to Jodi Loose for their continued leadership. Christ Church is very fortunate to have both of them for our musical guidance.

My gratitude to Marlene Hinkle for handling the altar flowers; weekly arrangements, Christmas poinsettias and Easter flowers. Thanks to Mary Graybill for her assistance in this department.

Thank you to those who assist me in scheduling the lay participant's of the worship services: Elsie Lehman--Acolytes and Greeters after Worship; Stacey Bernardo-- Counters.

Most important, thanks to YOU, the people of Christ Church, who volunteer to serve in the positions of lay leadership.

If anyone has a desire to serve as Usher/Greeter or as Lay Reader, please contact Sharon Riganati to join in this part of our ministry.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Riganati

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICAL 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

This report covers Offering & Attendance for 52 weeks.

Attendance

Average Attendance 2017	31 (A decrease of 7 from 2016)
Total Attendance 2017	1612
Average Attendance 2016	38
Total Attendance 2016	1845
Average Offering 2017	\$ 73.90 (An increase of \$8.60 from 2016)
Total Offering 2017	\$ 3,843.00
Average Offering 2016	\$ 65.30
Total Offering 2016	\$ 3,330.75

I would like to thank everyone who helped make our Sunday school a huge success. I have two assistants, Ed. Hoffman and Logan Keaton. The adult class #4 also supports a child in the Third World, LCCM and other organizations. Pastor Dave led us in a very in depth and interesting study on Martin Luther King. He also presented to us a very meaningful retreat (Come Follow Me).

Submitted by
Richard Fernsler, Superintendent

Property Committee 2017 Summary of Activity

January – The sidewalk along 934 is broken up. In talking with PennDot they will not make us get a permit when we get around to fixing it. Property will work on getting prices to repair the sidewalk with reinforced concrete.

February – Normal issues were addressed: Elevator board was replaced.

March – No meeting notes.

April – No meeting notes.

May – Dumpster was put back to the original location due to issues with snow plowing.

June – Elevator issues that now have been repaired.

July – Quotes were received for the HVAC in the sanctuary. It was decided to hold on this project.

August – No meeting notes

September – North Narthex door glass was replaced.

October – GFR was installed at the sink in the kitchen. We are having issues with the key fob locking; Reed's was out to look at this issue.

November – Rental agreements were signed and returned.

December – We have a new plumber who can also help us with servicing the boilers in the rental properties and the church.

This is a summary of the minutes of the Property Committee as recorded by the secretary.

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Sinadinos
Co-Chair and secretary of the
Property Committee

2017 GIVING ANNUAL REPORT

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>01/01/17 – 12/31/17</u>
801	Current Expense	\$ 117,447.38
802	OCWM	7,885.00
803	Building Fund	5,305.00
804	Capital Campaign / Elevator Fund	1,050.00
805	Initial Offering	89.00
806	O.G.H.S.	455.00
809	Neighbors In Need	310.00
810	Communion	1,398.00
811	Veterans of Cross	290.00
813	Ash Wednesday	232.00
814	Bethany Home	377.00
816	Memorial Fund	3,397.16
819	Plate Offerings	5,048.53
820	Crop Walk	70.00
821	Church School	3,663.00
823	Strengthen Church	521.00
826	Food Bank / LCCM	624.00
829	Designated Missions	2,672.00
830	Donations	60.00
833	Blank Appeal	167.00
837	Christmas Eve	264.02
838	Christmas Thank Offering	244.00
840	Misc.	6.00
843	American Indian Sunday	155.00
844	Tornado & Disaster Relief	1,870.00
910	Easter Sunday Communion	279.00
915	Pentecost Communion	10.00
920	Summer Communion	10.00
925	World Communion	10.00
951	Youth Ministry	220.00
9999	Offset Credit Card Payment	170.50
	Total Giving Accounts	<u>\$ 154,299.59</u>

INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS 2017

Johnstown Bank Endowment Fund

Qtr. Report 1	1/1/2017 - 3/31/2017	\$ 212.137.06	
Qtr. Report 2	4/1/2017 - 6/30/2017	\$ 214.677.10	
Qtr. Report 3	7/1/2017 - 9/30/2017	\$ 222.719.53	
Qtr. Report 4	10/1/2017 - 12/31/2017	\$ 227.686.60	
Account value as of December 2017			<u>\$ 227.686.60</u>

Also the OIKO credit USA has discontinued the subvention certificate program, and now is refunding our investment with all accrued interest from September 30, 2017. I will be depositing a check for 874.36 into the general fund. The check is for the principal and interest from our account.

Submitted by
Shelley Dohner, Treasurer

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