

St. Paul's 2018 Annual Report





Annual Meeting – January 20, 2019

Agenda

Prayer

Call to Order

John Brandon, Council President

Establish Quorum (10% of membership; approximately 15 members)

Adopt Agenda

Approval of Annual Meeting Minutes from January 21, 2018

Treasurer's Report

- 2018 Financials

Accept Church Committee Reports

Old Business

New Business

- 2019 Budget
- Nominating Committee report
- Election of Committee and Council Members
- Review of church safety information
- OTHER

Reading of Minutes

Adjourn

The Lord's Prayer

Annual Meeting

January 21, 2018

Pastor Laurie led us in prayer

Meeting was called to order at 10:48am with approximately 47 members present

Susan McPherson made a motion to adopt the agenda, Laurie Bellucci seconded, all in favor, motion carried

Lisa Neary made a motion to accept the annual minutes from January 15, 2017. Becki Peters seconded, all in favor, motion carried

Treasurer's Report

Marie Lowe made a motion to accept the 2017 financials as presented, Becki Peters seconded, all in favor, motion carried

Consent Agenda

Charles Williman made a motion to accept all church committee reports as presented, Laurie Bellucci seconded, all in favor, motion carried

Old Business –The AED was installed across from the church office.

The John West Scholarship Funds need to be corrected – money was dispersed to Kyle Best – Ruth Hopfinger will make the correction.

Marie Lowe talked about having a CPR course.

Steve Ripstein gave an update on the screens and the elevator, it was repaired & now needs more work, he will call the repairman.

New Business

Becki Peters made a motion to adopt the 2018 budget, Jean Wirth seconded, all in favor, motion carried

Nominating Committee Report

Trustees: Joanne Ripstein, one needed

Deacons: Lisa Neary, Roy Ticen

Christian Ed.: Chris Kipfer, Susan McPherson

Local Mission: Bev Myers

Memorial Comm.: Laurie Bellucci

Investment Comm.: Bill Colvenbach

Pastoral Relations: Bev Myers

Historians: Charles and Floss Williman

Marilyn Wilson volunteered to be a Trustee.

Debbie Best made a motion to accept the nominations with the addition of Marilyn Wilson, Patricia Baker seconded, all in favor, motion carried

Ruth Hopfinger made a motion to accept the election of officers, Marie Lowe seconded, all in favor, motion carried

Reviewed Church Safety

Steve Ripstein gave a report on church safety information. Justin Kipfer talked about anything we can do to be safer in the church, many ideas were shared and talked about.

Other

Justin Kipfer thanked Russ Wackenheim for his many years of service to the church.

Reviewed reading of minutes. Charles Williman made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Jean Wirth seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Chris Kipfer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Becki Peters seconded, all in favor, motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 with reciting the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Davis, Council Secretary

St. Paul's United Church of Christ Memorial Committee
Treasurer's Report 2018

Memorial Fund:

Balance at December 31, 2017	\$1425.54
Ending Balance at December 31, 2018	<u>\$1425.54</u>

John West Scholarship Fund:

Balance at December 31, 2017	\$7,831.99
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Disbursements: June 2018	\$1000.00
Daniel Neary, Graduation	-
Balance at December 31, 2018	<u>\$6831.99</u>

Envelope Giving Report for 2018

Envelope Giving Report for 2018				
70 boxes of envelopes were issued in 2018.				
	<u># of</u>			
\$	<u>boxes</u>	-	-	
0	3			
1 - 9	3			
10-19	2			
20 - 29	2		Special Giving Envelopes	
30 - 39	2			
40-49	1			
60 - 69	1			
200- 224	1			<u># of envelopes</u>
250-274	1			
275 - 299	4		Pastor's Discretionary Fund	1
375 - 399	1		Initial 2018	38
425 - 449	1		One Great Hour of Sharing	9
450 - 474	1		Easter	34
600 - 649	1		Neighbors in Need	8
650-699	2		Strengthen the Church Fund	8
700 - 749	1		UCC Covenant Share	2
750 - 799	1		Church world service	13
800- 849	1		Candle Light Service	37
850 - 899	3		Christmas 2018	30
900 - 949	1		Christmas Fund 2018	5
950 - 999	2		Christmas 2017	1
1000 - 1099	3		Blanket	1
1100 - 1199	3		Our Vision	2
1200 - 1299	3			
1300 - 1399	1			
1400 - 1499	3			
1500 - 1599	1			
1600 - 1699	3			
2000 - 2499	4			
2500 - 2999	3			Respectfully submitted,
3500 - 3999	3			
4000 - 4499	3			
4500 - 4999	2			Lisa Neary
5000 - 5999	1			
6000 - 6999	1			
10000 - 10999	1			
Total	70			

2018 PASTOR'S REPORT

Make me to know your ways, O God; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long. -Psalm 25:4-5

To travel along God's sacred paths is an undeserved gift given to all of creation. Each of us is called to turn to our Triune God to seek counsel as we travel through life. Only then can we grow closer to our Living God. This leads to a healthier relationship with our Creator, our Savior, and our Empower.

I continually thank God for being able to journey with St. Paul's UCC church family. We are blessed with many ministers who carry out our various ministries. It is when we all work together that we can truly accomplish the most with what God has blessed us.

Regular corporate worship is extremely important in our Christian journey. Worship and spiritual exercises empower us to be good stewards of the gifts God has given us. This past year, I prepared 44 worship messages and 44 Children's Chats. I officiated at 2 baptisms and 1 funeral. We confirmed 7 new members. During worship, we blessed church leaders, installed and appreciated Sunday School teachers, honored mothers and fathers (and all those who serve in that capacity), blessed campers, and honored our graduate. Our children blessed their backpacks as well as the SouperBowl and UNICEF donations. We remembered those who have passed on during this past year. I participated in both the Bell and Chancel Choirs.

In other ministry, I supported two weekly Bible Studies and wrapped up a Discipleship class. I met with our Confirmands 19 more times to prepare them for Confirmation. I participated in the Church in Attica Lenten Lunches and Worship Services, CROP Walk, National Day of Prayer Walk, Come into the Light Night, a Concert of Prayer and Thanksgiving Worship. I also served as Treasurer for this group. During the school year, I met 48 times with the 3 and 4-year-old Pre-School classes to talk about faith and helping others. I wrote 11 Newsletter articles and sent Thank You notes. The Pastor's Discretionary Fund helped 2 people.

I enjoyed 1--35 visits including shut-in, hospital, office, Communion and home visits. I attended 236 meetings including Christian Education, Pastoral Relations, Deacon, and Council meetings. We held one Youth Lock-in. I accompanied our older youth on the Mission Trip to Massachusetts for which we held several fundraisers. I volunteered during the Sauerkraut Supper and Advent Event. I joined in Sisters in Faith activities, including Christmas caroling. I volunteered at the Plymouth Crossroads Bluesfest Fundraiser. I also continued my ministry of presence at community events.

The Western Association requires 75 hours of continuing education every three years. I completed 55 hours this year towards that requirement. I read several books on preaching in order to resource a NYSOM Preaching Practicum. Also dealing with preaching, I participated in the Annual Meeting Learning Event: *Getting off Book: Preaching from the Heart* facilitated by Rev. Kaji Dousa. Day-long educational events included a Bowen Theory Academy entitled *Bowen Theory's Secrets: The Hidden Lives of Families* led by Dr. Michael Kerr and a Consultation on Church & Ministry. I attended 1 NYSOM Learning Event and logged into 12 webinars. I participated in my Community of Practice Group.

I represented you at the Church in Attica meetings, 3 Western New York Area Churches in Covenant meetings, and other Association events. I continue to meet monthly with the Northtown Clergy and work with Attica, Wyoming, & Wende Visitor's Hospitality Centers in the dispersal of dedicated monies. I serve on Western Association's Committee on Ministry and have agreed to act as their Treasurer next year. I continue to mentor a NYSOM student with whom I meet every other month.

I feel blessed to work and learn among you. I pray that the Holy Spirit continues to sweep in us, through us and among us to empower us to be and act in Christ's holy name.

Your Pastor,
The Rev. Lauran Heidenreich

Annual report from your council president

STATE OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

As President of the Church Council of St. Paul's UCC in Attica and in agreement with the council members we feel that we have 3 concerns to share with our Church Family for discussion.

1st Is Safety & Security. During the past two to three years there has been a huge rise in targeting religious and ethnic groups. 4 of the worst 5 mass killings of the past 30 years have happened in 2018. Attica Prospect School went into lock down this past year. At St. Paul's is it time for us to consider measures of security during our worship and other activities? If so we would need to make our front doors secure from the outside but excitable from the inside. Should we put in place a lock down plan and lock up during worship and other activities? Should we consider installing cameras outside? Inside? Attica does not go unnoticed; it is the location of 2 holding centers for 4,500 people.

2nd Is financial. The Council wishes to thank our membership and friends of St. Paul's for the increased giving to help keep our budget in the black. This is an ongoing effort we as a family need to keep St. Paul's ministry viable as we move forward. Our needs are currently being met however we no longer have any CD's to fall back on to fund our every week expenses. If anyone in our membership and friends of St. Paul's has suggestions for reversing this trend please contact the Church Council.

3rd Is looking beyond our own needs to those others less fortunate than ourselves. We have 2 opportunities to do this.

St. Paul's has received monies to start our church on the way to streaming our services and sermons through our web site so that our "shut in" members, members who are living outside our community, "our snow birds" and interested other persons in the world can celebrate our church life with us on an ongoing basis. We have the funds now to help make this happen we are looking for assistance with the technical knowhow and volunteers to put this in place and get the word out to everyone who could benefit from this program.

As a legal immigrant I was fortunate, I did not come to these shores in desperation like many immigrants have over the past 200+ years since the founding the United States. There are many legitimate refugees seeking political asylum to this country and we have over 1,000,000 jobs that no American evidently wants to do. (Our government issues 45,000 refugees' asylum and that number are to be cut to 30,000 for 2019). However we do give over 400,000 visas to foreign students, some who stay and take jobs Americans could want. Would Jesus want us to close our borders and our hearts this way? The United Church of Christ does offer various programs for helping refugees'. We may live a long way from the Mexico border however our local farms rely on migrant workers from Mexico and Guatemala and we live less than 50 miles from the longest border in the world, 5,525 miles in length. Does the Church fellowship think that this could be a viable outreach program for us?

Respectfully Submitted,

John B Brandon

Suggestions, comments and concerns welcome. jbb@jbb.cc

Deacons Annual Report

New deacons were welcomed

Fellowship Board was updated and membership list reviewed and updated

Discussed usher and greeter duties- new list was made. Stressed need for deacons to orient new ushers and greeters. Recommended all council check church before leaving

Formalized plans for Easter Sunday- Lenten chain continued

Confirmation Sunday was discussed and planned

Discussed Graduation Sunday plans

Planned for semi-annual meeting to discuss financial status and plans

Software for video screens discussed and obtained- presentation to council was done for ideas for use.

Mothers and Fathers were recognized on respective Sundays

Scheduled picnic- not well attended- will plan for more notice next year

Planned for use of video screen during Sauerkraut Supper- pictures showing history of supper and St. Paul's

Sent thank you notes to members recognizing increased financial giving

Continued with First Sunday participation in communion and on special Sundays

Discussed 50 year membership celebration for 2019

Reviewed Candlelighting and Christmas services

Planning for welcome gifts for visitors

Discussed different outreach programs to increase membership

St. Paul's Trustee 2018 Annual Report

- A cleanup was done on grounds spring and fall.
- Mowing and grounds maintained by trustees
- Ongoing development of new audio- video system,completed.
- Elevator repaired several times.!!!
- Maintaining and upkeep of the Church building
- Boiler repaired
- Sealed and striped driveway and parking lot

The Trustees will continue to maintain the church by doing repairs as needed in 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Ripstein, Chair

ST.PAULS UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST SAFETY INFORMATION

ST. PAUL'S IS ANNUALLY INSPECTED BY WYOMING COUNTY FIRE AND SAFETY WHICH INCLUDES FIRE EXTINGUISHERS, SMOKE DETECTORS AND EMERGENCY LIGHTS.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

ARE LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE BUILDING, HALLWAYS, DINING ROOM AND KITCHEN.

THE STOVE/OVEN IS ALSO PROTECTED FROM GREASE FIRES BY AN ANSUL SYSTEM WHICH IS AUTOMATICALLY RELEASED WHEN A FIRE OCCURS, IT ALSO IS INSPECTED ANNUALLY.

SMOKE DETECTORS

DETECTORS ARE LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE BUILDING AND ARE SERVICED ANNUALLY BY THE TRUSTEES.

OUR DETECTORS SOUND ONLY WITHIN THE BUILDING. IN THE EVENT OF A FIRE, 911 MUST BE CALLED FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

EMERGENCY LIGHTS

EMERGENCY LIGHTS AUTOMATICALLY COME ON IN THE EVENT OF A POWER OUTAGE, THEY ARE LOCATED NEAR DOOR EXITS AND STAIRWAYS FOR SAFE EXITING.

FIRST-AID KITS

FIRST-AID KITS ARE LOCATED IN THE OFFICE ABOVE THE BOOKSHELF AND DOWNSTAIRS IN THE KITCHEN IN THE WINDOW WELL ABOVE THE SINK.

Membership Report

Members by Confirmation: Sara Baker, Madison Eddy, Alyssa Jacoby, Benjamin Kipfer,
Emily Lovell, Elizabeth Peters, Lauren West

Baptisms: 3 (Evelyn Louise Mest, Wyatt Daniel Henskee, Waylan Jan Paganello)

Funerals: 1 (Jason Henskee)

2018 Deaths: Robert Maudsley, Alice "Terry" Schroeder

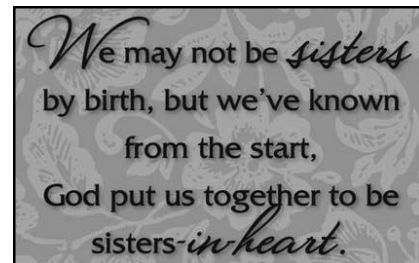
Local Mission Report

Local Mission Committee did not meet or disburse funds in 2018.

Sisters in Faith

In 2018 we:

- † Sent goodies to kids in college
- † Made devotional booklets
- † sent 'thinking of you' care packages
- † Some helped at the sleep-in at the church by making crafts & breakfast.
- † Hosted coffee hour one Sunday after worship & after the Candlelight Service
- † Made surgical caps for kids
- † Held a Christmas cookie exchange
- † Went Christmas caroling



St. Paul's UCC Christian Education Committee
Annual Report 2018

Heifer Project - In February, we hosted a hot cocoa and cookie sale. The committee will meet with the children to decide on a purchase. Thank you to all for bringing in returnable cans and bottles to help fund these projects.

Dunkirk Camp – The campers hosted a “Souper Bowl brunch” in February. Scholarships of \$1960 were given to the eight campers. The campers and families hosted a “thank you” coffee hour in September.

Pre School - Three year olds class meets Mondays and Wednesdays while four year olds class meets Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The classes meet with Pastor Laurie once a week and are invited to participate in Church functions. All staff members have been recertified in CPR. Payroll and tuition increases were made in January 2018.

Sunday School – In March, our committee hosted a sleepover with 17 children attending. Activities included: a scavenger hunt, making a handprint banner, homemade pizzas, games, and a church service. The children enjoyed an Easter Egg hunt on Easter Sunday. Lesson materials were ordered for the 2018-2019 school year for two classes.

May 20th we hosted a reception for the seven confirmands. We had punch and cake and gifts were given to the new members.

For the Church picnic in August, our committee had games for all ages. We also had summer Sunday School classes for children under fifth grade.

A blessing of backpacks and Rally Day for Sunday School was held in September.

We had our annual Halloween Party with games and refreshments. UNICEF boxes were distributed earlier in the month.

In November, we had a successful basket raffle and bake sale. Thank you to all for your support. November 25th following worship was our annual Advent Workshop. Seven ornaments and decorations were made by children and adults. The children decorated the tree during the “Hanging of the Greens” service the following week.

A huge thank you to Susan McPherson for her time and dedication while directing the children in the Christmas Play on December 23rd. We held a birthday party for Jesus following the play.

Thank you to Mary West and Tom Baker for their years of service and dedication to our committee.

St. Paul's Pre-school report

St. Paul's Pre-School Report

Currently enrolled:

13-3 year olds

9-4 year olds

3 year olds will be invited to sign up for the 2019-2020 4 year old class in Feb.
Open registration will be Sat. Mar. 2nd, 10am-12noon.

Please continue to invite pre-school children to participate in church events. Thank you.

All pre-school staff were re-certified in CPR AED Apr. 2018.

Deb Bender
Director

St. Paul's Pre-School Financial Statement - January 2019

Revenue:

2018-2019 registrations received = \$720.00

2017-2018 tuition received from January-May 2018 = \$12,085.87

2018-2019 tuition received so far for (2018-2019 school year) = \$5,440.00

January 2018 bank balance = \$10,693.71

Total Revenue: \$28,939.58

Expenses paid out to the church cumulative (since last statement in January 2018):

\$2,948.42 paid to church for Pre-school FICA tax (January 2018- December 2018)

Total church expenses: \$2,948.42

Other expenses (cumulative beginning January 2018):

\$17,796.63 -- Salaries paid out

\$514.96 – RW Publications (advertising and copy paper)

\$124.97 – ACE Hardware (paper towels, etc.)

\$313.42- Reimbursement for misc. classroom supplies (ie. Stickers, foam sheets, holiday crafts supplies)

\$91.66 – School Specialty (classroom art supplies)

\$172.82 – Reward Carpet Cleaning (professional shampooing of carpets – August 2018)

\$140.00 – CPR training for 4 teachers/aides

\$100.00 – Wal-Mart Cards (for random supplies throughout the year)

\$104.48 – Checks Unlimited (new checkbooks)

Total Other Expenses: \$19,358.94

Revenue – Expenses = \$6632.22

Bank balance as of 12/06/2018 = \$6,235.99

Prepared and Submitted as of 1/6/2019 by Becki Peters

2019 Proposed Budget

Our Church's Wider Mission	6000.00
Local Mission	1200.00
Western Area Covenant Share	798.00
NYS Conference Dues	266.00
Pastors Salary	41184.50
Pastors Annuity	7725.83
Pastors Health Ins	10600.00
Pastors FICA	4221.61
Housing Allowance	14000.00
Accountable Professional Expense	600.00
Secretary	3000.00
Supply Minister	600.00
Custodian	4843.80
Organist	4036.50
Supply Musician	400.00
Choir Director	1200.00
Employee FICA	1000.00
NYS Disability	350.00
Special Events	300.00
Dunkirk Scholarships	500.00
Christian Education	300.00
Church utilities	7000.00
Telephone/Internet	1400.00
Insurance	6100.00
Building Maintenance/Repairs	1800.00
Snow Removal	
Shoveling	300.00
Snow Plowing	775.00
Office Supplies & Equipment	2500.00
Worship Materials	1200.00
Music	400.00
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Nominating Committee Report

Current Committee	Nominees	Current Committee	Nominees
Trustees:		Investment:	
Steve Ripstein 2018	Eric Lovell	Bev Myers 2018	Cheri Phillips
David Williman 2018	David Williman	Justin Kipfer 2019	
Carl Wuest 2019		Bill Colvenbach 2020	
Tom Baker 2019			
Joanne Ripstein 2020		Pastoral Relations:	
Marilyn Wilson 2020		Roy Ticen 2018	Laurie Bellucci
		Howard Barraclough 2019	
Deacons:		Bev Myers 2020	
John Brandon 2018	Deb Best		
Sharon Davis 2018	Lorraine Wolf		
Lisa Knerr 2019			
Marie Lowe 2019			
Roy Ticen 2020			
Lisa Neary 2020			
Christian Ed.:			
Tom Baker 2018	Vickie Silvernail		
Mary West 2018	Lynn Jacoby		
Danielle Harvey 2019			
Ruth Hopfinger 2019			
Chris Kipfer 2020			
Susan McPherson 2020			
Local Missions:			
Becki Peters 2018	Sharon Bey		
Marie Lowe 2019			
Susan McPherson 2020			
Diane Storch 2021			
Bev Myers 2022			
Memorial Committee:			
Ruth Hopfinger 2018	Flo Nolan		
Karen Beideck 2019	Michelle Lovell		
Beverly West 2020			
Chris Kipfer 2021			
Laurie Bellucci 2022			

