

# St. Paul's 2019 Annual Report





## **Annual Meeting – January 26, 2020**

### **Agenda**

Prayer

Call to Order

Marie Lowe, Council President

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

Adopt Agenda

Approval of Annual Meeting Minutes from January 27, 2019

### **Treasurer's Report**

- 2019 Financials

### **Accept Church Committee Reports**

### **Old Business**

### **New Business**

- 2020 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 27, 2019

Pastor Laurie led us in prayer.

Meeting was called to order and a quorum was established.

Laurie Bellucci made a motion to adopt the agenda. Cris Mahoney seconded the motion.

Jeff Peters made a motion to accept the annual minutes from January 21, 2018. Mary West seconded the motion.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Interest Income was questions. Susan McPherson, the church's treasurer, explained this amount is the Certificate of Deposit and the interest combined.

Flo Nolan made a motion to accept the 2018 financials as presented. Justin Kipfer seconded the motion.

### **Committee Reports**

Lani Brandon made a motion to accept all church committee reports as presented. Seconded by Debbie Best. Charles William said this was one of the most comprehensive annual reports he has seen and commended those who put it together.

### **Old Business - None**

### **New Business**

#### **2019 Budget**

Lisa Neary made a motion to adopt the 2019 with one proposal to change to the Accountable Professional Expense line from \$600 to \$1,200 due to it being over budget in 2018 due to Pastor Laurie attending only one conference required by the church. Motion was seconded by Laurie Bellucci, all in favor, motion carried.

### **Nominating Committee Report**

Trustees: Eric Lovell, David Williman

Deacons: Deb Best, Lorraine Wolf

Christian Ed.: Vickie Silvernail, Lynn Jacoby

Local Mission: Sharon Bey

Memorial Committee: Flo Nolan, Michelle Lovell

Investment: Chery Phillips

Pastoral Relations: Laurie Bellucci

Charles Williman made a motion we close the nominations and accept the election of officers. Seconded by Diane Storch. A question was raised regarding the Memorial Committee nominees – Michelle Lovell would take over for Bev West's position on the committee. All in favor, motion was carried.

### **Other**

Safety information is the in trustees report to be reviewed.

John Brandon discussed his state of the church family report in the annual report. He asked that the congregation consider safety measures that they feel may be needed and to bring their thoughts and ideas to the semi-annual meeting.

Cris Mahoney expressed concert of the acolytes' safety.

Discussed the reporting of giving in the weekly bulletin. It was determined the council will report, for the semi-annual meeting, the year to date comparison of giving to the year to date expense budget. Pastor Laurie challenged us to surpass our budget. A general discussion followed about finances, giving, the use of investment funds, and growing our membership.

Reviewed reading of minutes. Marie Lowe made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Jeff Peters seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned with joined hands reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Neary

## 2019 PASTOR'S REPORT

See what love God has given us that we should be called children of God. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this, when it is revealed, we will be like God. Let no one deceive you. The children of God are revealed in this way: they love their brothers and sisters. This is the message you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. (1 John 3:1-11 excerpts)

It's important to both know and realize that we are children of God. Each of us is a child of God. God loves us unconditionally. The gift is ours. But it is up to us to unwrap it, cherish it, and respond accordingly.

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 49 worship messages and 47 Children's Chats. I officiated at 1 baptism, 1 wedding, 3 funerals and 1 interment. We accepted 2 new members. During worship, we blessed church leaders, installed and appreciated Sunday School teachers, blessed campers, and honored our graduates. Our children blessed their backpacks as well as the SuperBowl and UNICEF donations. We remembered those who have passed on during the year. I participated in both the Bell and Chancel Choirs.

In other ministry, I supported two weekly Bible Studies. I met with our Confirmands 15 times. I participated in the Church in Attica Lenten Lunches and Worship Services, CROP Walk, National Day of Prayer Walk, Come into the Light Night, Concert of Prayer, Thanksgiving Worship, and served as Treasurer for this group. I met 32 times with the 3 and 4-year-old Pre-School classes to talk about faith and helping others. I wrote 11 Newsletter articles. The Pastor's Discretionary Fund helped 4 people.

I enjoyed 124 visits including shut-in, hospital, office, Communion and home visits. I attended 240 meetings including Christian Education, Pastoral Relations, Deacon, and Council meetings. We started a Youth Mission Group. I accompanied our older youth on a life-changing Mission Trip to southwest Philadelphia for which we held several fundraisers. I volunteered during the Sauerkraut Supper and Advent Event. I joined in Sisters in Faith activities, including making Chrismon ornaments. 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. Towards that requirement, I completed 37 hours. I read 5 books, logged into 14 webinars, attended the Consultation on Ministry, Boundary Awareness Training, Sexual Harassment Prevention Training, and the WNYACIC Learning Event. 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 meet monthly with the Northtown Clergy. I serve on Western Association's Committee on Ministry and act as their Treasurer. I mentor a NYSOM student with whom I meet every other month.

I am 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

# Envelope Giving Report for 2019

70 boxes of envelopes were issued in 2019.

\$	# of boxes	Special Giving Envelopes	# of envelopes
0	3		
1 - 9	2	Initial 2019	35
10 - 19	2	One Great Hour of Sharing	8
20 - 29	1	Easter	36
40 - 49	3	Neighbors in Need	7
50 - 59	1	Strengthen the Church Fund	4
70 - 79	1	Candle Light Service	32
200 - 224	1	Christmas 2019	28
250 - 274	1	Christmas Fund 2019	8
275 - 299	1	Blanket	6
325 - 349	1	Initial 2020	1
450 - 474	1		
500 - 524	2		
574-599	1		
600 - 649	2		
750 - 799	3		
800- 849	1		
950 - 999	2		
1000 - 1099	2		
1100 - 1199	2		
1200 - 1299	2		
1300 - 1399	6		
1400 - 1499	2		
1500 - 1599	1		
1600 - 1699	1		
1800 - 1899	2		
1900-1000	1		
2000 - 2499	2		
2500 - 2999	4		
3000 - 3499	3		
3500 - 3999	1		
4000 - 4499	2		
4500 - 4999	1		
5000 - 5999	1		
6000 - 6999	2		
11000 - 11999	1		
Total	65		

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Neary

St. Paul's United Church of Christ Memorial Committee  
Treasurer's Report 2019

Memorial Fund:

Balance at December 31, 2013		<u>\$1,425.54</u>
Plus memorials received:		
George Knab		
Betty Watson	<u>          </u>	2,195.00
Less disbursements:		
oil candles for Advent wreath	563.23	
memorial toward lift	1,000.00	
	<u>          </u>	
Ending balance at December 31, 2019		<u><u>\$2,057.31</u></u>

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John West Scholarship Fund:

Balance at December 31, 2018		<u>\$6,831.99</u>
Plus donations received		-
Plus memorials received		-
Plus bequeaths		-
Less disbursements: Emma Hopfinger		\$1,000.00
Eric Peters		<u>\$1,000.00</u>
Ending Balance at December 31, 2019		<u><u>\$4,831.99</u></u>

Respectfully submitted,  
Flo Nolan

## DEACON ANNUAL REPORT

New Deacons were welcomed.

Membership list reviewed and updated.

Reviewed and updated council binders.

Discussed usher and greeter duties in detail, to included counting and communion.

Visitor bags and Thank you notes updated.

Reviewed job descriptions to include pastoral / deacons responsibility to obtain supply minister, greet and orientation.

Confirmation Sunday was planned.

Graduation Sunday planned.

Mother and Fathers were recognized on respective Sundays.

Planned for semi-annual meeting.

Screen usage cont., to be explored and discussed. Avery and Marsh book, the cloud and Easy Worship cont. to be updated.

Pentecost Sunday and teacher appreciation planned.

Church Summer Picnic planned with a great turn-out.

Celebration for 50 yr. Members planned.

Discussed new confirmation class for fall.

Discussed was Summer Themed Picnic was discussed with possible date in Feb or March.

Candlelight service planned.

Christmas services planned.

## **St. Paul's Trustee 2019 Annual Report**

- ▶ Basic building maintenance, grass cutting & snow removal
- ▶ Camera's installed
- ▶ Boiler serviced & repaired
- ▶ New lift installed

Thank you to the out-going Trustees, Deacons and the Congregation for their support. Looking forward to a great 202.

Respectfully submitted,

David Williman, Chair

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### **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

**New/ Renewing Members:** Marie & Larry Taylor

**Baptism:** Emilia Faith Perry

**Wedding:** Tracy Lynne Gerhardt Staerr & Paul Joseph O'Neil

**Funerals:** George Knab, *Alice LeFort*, Betty Watson

**Interment:** *William Warner*

*Italicized names* denote non-members.

## Local Mission Report

Disbursed \$800 in 2019.

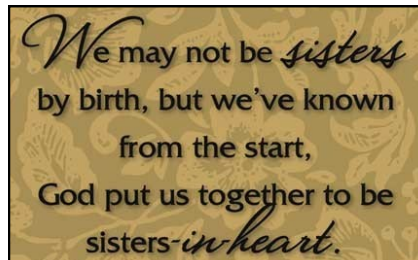
\$500 to a family after a fire loss

\$300 to school Christmas fund

## Sisters in Faith

In 2019 we:

- ⇒ Continued sending/ giving Sunshine boxes (10)
- ⇒ Started ongoing Got Sneakers Fundraising campaign, \$21.75 received so far.
- ⇒ Decorated Chrismons to hang on the Narthex tree after distribution of mittens
- ⇒ Hosted coffee hour after Candlelight Service
- ⇒ Hosted a Scrapbooking Day Fundraiser
- ⇒ Celebrated Christmas with snacks & a white elephant gift exchange



## Pastoral Relations Annual Report 2019

The committee consisting of Howard Barraclough, chair; Bev Myers, Laurie Bellucci, Lisa Neary - Deacon chair, Maria Lowe – Council President. We met with Pastor Laurie four times this past year. March 28<sup>th</sup>, April 4<sup>th</sup>, July 14<sup>th</sup> and October 24, 2019.

Highlights:

Received two re-furbished lap top computers for Pastor Laurie & Christine Kipfer  
Pastor Laurie was elected Treasurer of Western NY Association Church & Ministry Committee

5 students attending confirmation class

Deacons have taken over, overseeing supply minister when needed

Next meeting is January 23<sup>rd</sup> following choir at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laurie Bellucci, Secretary

St. Paul's UCC Christian Education Committee  
Annual Report 2019

Heifer Project - we purchased "Send a Girl to School" in late summer. We received a thank you note acknowledging our gift. We hosted a coffee hour in May. Thank you for your donations of returnable cans and bottles to help fund our projects.

Dunkirk Camp - the campers and their parents hosted a coffee hour in April to raise money to help reduce the camp costs. They also hosted a coffee hour in November to thank the congregation for all the financial help.

Pre School - There are 2 teachers, 2 assistants, and 3 substitutes. Three and four year olds meet Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Pastor Laurie meets with the classes once each week. They are invited to participate in Church events.

Sunday School - Souper Bowl of Caring raised \$154; this includes Pre School's donations. This money goes to the food pantry in Attica. The committee hosted an Easter Egg hunt for the children during class time on Easter Sunday. Thank you for your bottle cap donations. Susan McPherson worked with the children over the summer to make the 'bottle cap dove' which was on display in the sanctuary. Sunday School material for the school year is online now. This saves the Church money and paper. In September, Pastor Laurie blessed the backpacks. Third grader, Christopher Eddy, received his Bible. There is a Confirmation class of five. The students stay in Church on the first and third Sundays of the month and attend Sunday School classes on the second and fourth Sundays. The Halloween Party was a success! Thank you to the Confirmands for helping! UNICEF collected \$162. The committee hosted a basket raffle during the Sauerkraut Supper in November. \$435 was raised. Thank you to all who contributed items and baskets for this event and a huge thank you for all who bought tickets! In November, we had our annual Advent Workshop. Many beautiful ornaments were made for our tree. Thank you to Susan McPherson for organizing and directing our Christmas play once again this year! Afterwards, we enjoyed a birthday party for Jesus!

Thank you to Danielle Harvey for serving on the committee. Ruth Hopfinger will stay on for an additional term.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ruth Hopfinger, CE secretary

## **St. Paul's Pre-school report**

**Currently enrolled:**

17—3 year olds

11—4 year olds

\*3 year old class is an extra day now, MW&F

Current 3 year olds will be invited to sign up for the 2020-21 4 year old class in Feb. Open registration will be Sat. Mar. 7th 10am—12noon.

Any church member who is interested in the program may sign up any time after Feb. 3rd

Respectfully Submitted,  
Deb Bender, Director

## **2020 Proposed Budget**

Our Church's Wider Mission	6000.00
Local Mission	1200.00
Western Area Covenant Share	834.00
NYS Conference Dues	266.00
Pastors Salary	41761.42
Pastors Annuity	7845.79
Pastors Health Ins	10600.00
Pastors FICA	4301.00
Housing Allowance	14280.00
Accountable Professional Expense	1200.00
Secretary	3060.00
Supply Minister	600.00
Custodian	4843.80
Organist	4117.23
Supply Musician	400.00
Choir Director	1224.00
Employee FICA	1013.25
NYS Disability	350.00
Special Events	300.00
Dunkirk Scholarships	500.00
Christian Education	300.00
Church utilities	7000.00
Telephone/Internet	1200.00
Insurance	6100.00
Building Maintenance/Repairs	1800.00
Snow Removal	
Shoveling	300.00
Snow Plowing	775.00
Office Supplies & Equipment	2900.00
Worship Materials	1200.00
Music	400.00

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