

# St. Paul's 2021 Annual Report





## **Annual Meeting – January 16, 2022**

### **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 26, 2020

### **Treasurer's Report**

- 2021 Financials

### **Accept Church Committee Reports**

### **Old Business**

### **New Business**

- 2022 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 17, 2021

Pastor Laurie led us in prayer.

Meeting was called to order with a quorum of 42 established.

Christine Kipfer made a motion to adopt the agenda. Deb Best seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Because the prior year annual meeting minutes were read, approved and adopted at last year's annual meeting, it was not necessary to read them or adopt them again.

### Treasurer's Report

Bill Colvenbach made a motion to accept the 2020 Financial report as presented. Justin Kipfer seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

### Committee Reports

Memorial Fund report – the beginning balance at December 31, 2019 should be changed from \$6,889.30 to \$2,057.31 and the ending balance should read \$4,232.31, instead of \$7,015.30. There was a mix up with including the John West Scholarship Fund with the Memorial Fund report vs. reporting those funds separately. Jeff Peters made a motion to accept the memorial committee report corrections. Seconded by Deb Best. All in favor. Motion carried.

Laurie Bellucci made a motion to accept all church reports, with corrections, as presented. Seconded by Ruth Hopfinger. All in favor. Motion carried.

### Old Business

Church safety- our work on church safety slowed down due to the pandemic but we are still working on this. In the future we will be doing a mock drill. There will be regular updates on this in the future.

### New Business

Concerns – Charles Williman thanked the council president and the council for their hard work during the pandemic.

### 2021 Budget

Flo Nolan inquired as why there is a difference in the budget for the secretary, FICA and Christian Ed budget lines when comparing the prior year to the current year. The secretary line – with the hiring of a new secretary, it was determined the new secretary would be paid \$14/hr. for 20 hours a month. That change changes the FICA line along with the fact that we do not have a full-time organist. The Christian Ed line was reduced because we have fewer children, we are no longer buying curriculum. Becky Peters asked about Pastor's FICA and why it did not change even though her salary went up \$280. Technically her salary was just reapportioned with the housing allowance and though the FICA should have been increased, the amount was miniscule, and the budget is simply a guide.

Charles Williman made a motion to adopt the 2021 budget as presented. Motion seconded by Jeff Peters. All in favor. Motion carried.

### Nominating Committee Report

Deacons: Marilyn Wilson, Lisa Neary

Trustees: Tom Baer, Christopher Eddy

Christian Ed: Chris Kipfer, Susan McPherson and Jennifer Eddy (filling an unexpired term)

Memorial Committee: Michelle Lovell

Investment Committee: Lisa Neary

Pastoral Relations: Patricia Baker

Bill Colvenbach made a motion to close the nominations and accept the slate of officers with a thank you to all who are serving. Seconded by Diane Storch. All in favor. Motion carried.

Church secretary – it was asked if we had a new secretary yet. This will be determined by council at their meeting after the annual meeting.

Read and reviewed the minutes to this meeting. Bill Colvenbach made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Steve Ripstein seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to adjournal the meeting was made by Chris Kipfer and Deb Best seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Neary

**2021 INCOME**

Sunday Offering	120324.32
Initial Offering	245.00
Building Use	1000.00
Easter	1527.00
Candlelight	3070.56
Christmas	1013.25
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TOTAL INCOME	127180.13

IT FUND beginning balance	1517.94
Income	100.00
Expenses	708.90
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Ending Balance	909.04

**Property Improvement 7908.00**

**2021 ADDITIONAL OFFERINGS REPORT**

<b>One Great Hour of Sharing</b>	<b>\$530.00</b>
<b>Neighbors in Need</b>	<b>270.00</b>
<b>Strengthen the Church</b>	<b>220.00</b>
<b>Christmas Fund</b>	<b>105.00</b>
<b>Blanket Fund</b>	<b>345.00</b>

## 2021 PASTOR'S REPORT

This is what I have seen to be good: it is fitting to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of the life God give us; this is our lot. Likewise all to whom God gives wealth and possessions and whom God enables to enjoy them, and to accept their lot and find enjoyment in their toil- this is the gift of God. For they will scarcely brood over the days of their lives because God keeps them occupied with the joy of their hearts. -Ecclesiastes 5:18-20

My work as an ordained minister is often a privilege and a joy, especially when I lead worship. We continue to learn how to do this virtually. As your pastor, I prepared 49 sermon messages and 47 Children's Chats. I officiated at 2 baptisms here and 1 at St. John's, St. Johns as well as 4 funerals/interments. During worship, we blessed church leaders, installed Sunday School teachers, and honored our graduates. Our children blessed their backpacks as well as the Souper Bowl 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. Although Church in Attica ministries are still on hold due to Covid, I continue to serve as Treasurer for this group. We welcomed a new Pre-School Director. 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 had a quiet year.

I enjoyed 117 visits including shut-in, hospital, office, Communion and home visits. I attended 203 meetings including Christian Education, Pastoral Relations, Deacon, and Council meetings. We continued to raise funds with the hope of being able to go on a Youth Mission Trip next year. I joined in Sisters in Faith activities. I also continued my ministry of presence at community events, when possible.

The Western Association requires 75 hours of continuing education every three years. Towards that requirement, I read 4 books and completed another 63 hours including 12 General Synod Workshops. I logged into 9 Webinars dealing specifically with on-line worship/copyrights. I completed Sexual Harassment Prevention Training for Church Employees and participated in the Fall NYSOM Learning Event. I continue to belong to a Community of Practice Group.

I represented you at 2 virtual Western New York Area Churches in Covenant meeting. 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 was a substitute delegate for this year's on-line General Synod.

I pray that St. Paul's UCC will continue to be transformed, as we embrace the gifts God has given us. My we reach out in Jesus' name to our community and each other as we discover both the cost and joy of discipleship. May God continue to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable.

Godspeed,  
The Rev. Lauran Heidenreich

St. Paul's United Church of Christ Memorial Committee  
Treasurer's Report 2021

**Memorial Fund:**

Balance as of December 31, 2020		4209.31	
Plus Memorials received:			
Estelle Searle	75		
Brian Wilson	75		
Doris Knab	125		
			4484.31
Less Disbursements:			
Child AED Pads	126.63		
Bench	538.92		
Plaque for bench	19.44		
3 Tree Plaques	100.37		
Lectern Light	19.43		
Drink Dispensers	27.95		
Choir folders	533.83		
Balance as of December 31, 2021		3117.74	

**John West Scholarship Fund:**

Balance as of December 31, 2020	2831.99
No Deposits or Disbursements in 2021	
Balance as of December 31, 2021	2831.99

Respectfully Submitted,  
Christine Kipfer

# Envelope Giving Report for 2021

65 boxes of envelopes were issued in 2021.

<u>\$</u>	<u># of boxes</u>		<u># of envelopes</u>
0	17		
1 - 9	1		
10 - 19	2		
30 - 39	1	Special Giving En-	
50 - 59	2		
100 - 124	1		
125 - 149	1	2020 Envelopes	6
250 - 274	2	2022 Envelopes	1
400 - 424	1	Initial 2021	28
525 - 549	1	One Great Hour of	9
600 - 649	1	Easter	27
800 - 849	2	Neighbors in Need	6
850 - 899	1	Strengthen the	7
900 - 949	1	Candle Light Ser-	32
1000 - 1099	1	Christmas 2021	23
1100 - 1199	2	Christmas Fund	5
1200 - 1299	2	Blanket Fund	4
1300 - 1399	3		
1400 - 1499	4		
1500 - 1599	1		
1600 - 1699	1		
1700 - 1799	1		
1900 - 1999	1		
2000 - 2499	4		
2500 - 2999	3		
3500 - 3999	2		
4000 - 4499	1		
5000 - 5999	2		
6000 - 6999	1		
7000 - 7999	1		
17000 - 17999	1		
Total	65		

Respectfully sub-

Lisa Neary

## **St. Paul's 2021 Trustee's Report**

Upgrades made to media system

Fence was removed and recycled

Trees taken down, bushes trimmed

Memorial tree (Kate) planted

Christian Education wing ramp fixed and doors repaired. TV hung, room painted and prepped for Pre School.

Boiler was inspected for insurance purposes, H2O sensors were installed.

Annual building inspections completed—all good and passed.

Two pews were remove from balcony

Minor repairs and maintenance done as needed

Respectfully submitted,

David Williman  
Trustee Chairman

## **DEACON ANNUAL REPORT (2021)**

Outgoing Deacons thanked for service.

Installation for new committee members.

Communion elements ordered and received.

Deacon monthly duties.

Covid 19 continually discussed along with changing guidelines and updates.

Screen usage and streaming services discussed and continued to be upgraded.

We explored copyrights and licensing for streaming music.

Candlelight service planned.

Christmas service planned.

Nominations for committees discussed.

Celebrations for 50 year members planned.

Respectfully Submitted,



## Membership Report

**2021 Baptisms:** *Cora Marie Bender*, Josie Ellen Paganello, *Vivian Debroah Gates*

**2021 Funerals:** Brian Wilson, *Isabel Burr*, Doris Knab

**2021 Interments:** Harold Merle

**2021 Deaths:** Estelle Serle, Rose Marie Moller

*Italicized names denote non-members.*

## Local Mission Report

This year the local mission committee donated money to Attica Central School towards their mitten tree program. Any suggestions for donations can be given to Marie Lowe, Bev Myers or Sharon Bey.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Storch

## Pastoral Relations Annual Report

The committee consisting of Laurie Bellucci – chair, Tracy O’Neil, Patricia Baker, Marie Lowe – Council President.

We met with Pastor Laurie four times this past year February 21, May 23, August 22, November 14, 2021.

Highlights:

Reviewed requirements for meeting quarterly, for a total of 4 meetings per year. Reviewed limited Pastoral meetings due to Covid-19. Pastor Laurie’s commitments to greater New York and National UCC Congregation. Reviewed changes to the universal greeting and presentation slides as we expand our virtual presence.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laurie Bellucci – chair



## St. Paul's UCC Christian Education Committee

Annual Report 2021

Members: Susan McPherson, Chris Kipfer, Lynne Jacoby, Jennifer Eddy, Ruth Hopfinger, Vicki Silvernail (resigned in March).

Heifer Project – Water for Life was purchased in March. Thank you for your donations of returnable cans and bottles to help fund our projects. This is an ongoing fundraiser.

Dunkirk Camp – Six campers attended summer camps this year. The campers had a display on Rally Day to show their camp experiences to the congregation.

PreSchool – Deb Bender retired in May. In August, Niki Fraterrigo was hired as the director and teacher of the 4 year olds. Before school started, the classroom was painted. Niki set up a donation website and received many supplies. She also set up a Pre-school Facebook page which is used for announcements and reminders.

Sunday School – Committee members continued to sign up and teach this year. Young adult church members have been the nursery attendants. The children made Easter cards to send to shut -ins. Easter treat bags were distributed during Sunday School while the children watched a movie. In September, two third graders received their Bibles. The annual Halloween Party was held during Sunday School. The Advent Workshop started during Sunday School and allowed time after worship for adults to join. The children participated in the “Hanging of the Greens” service by placing their ornaments on the tree. During December Sunday School time, the children worked on a new banner, a stained glass cross. Thank you to Susan for this project. The Christmas Play was performed on December 19<sup>th</sup>, directed by Susan. A birthday party for Jesus followed the service.

Thank you to Lynne Jacoby for her years of service on our committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ruth Hopfinger, CE secretary

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### PRE SCHOOL REPORT 2021

So far in my class, we've covered the alphabet up to letter N. Numbers to 14. The month of December we did a lot of fun Christmas crafts. We made two ornaments for parents. I did evaluations late December. I'm going to tidy them up and add comments to send home in January. I'm learning as I go of what works and what doesn't. I absolutely love the kiddos and working with them.

I believe Kerri is around the same letter in the alphabet as me. She runs a well oiled machine over there and they seem to be doing great.

I hope you have a Merry Christmas and happy and healthy New Year!

-Niki

## St. Paul's Pre-School Financial Statement - January 2021

### Income:

2021-2022 school year registrations received = \$660.00 (\$30 more than last year)

Sept. 2021- Dec. 2021 tuition received = \$8995 - this amount includes the registration money  
(4 students paid in full for the year, all accounts currently in good standing)

Jan 2021 – May 2021 total tuition received = \$4295

Fall 2021 - Donations received = \$125.00

Fall 2021 - GoFund Me Deposit = \$889.99

**Total Income: \$14,304.99**

### Expenses paid out to the church cumulative (since January 2021):

\$1741.89 paid to church for Pre-School FICA tax (January 2021- December 2021)

\$0 paid to church for Pre-School portion of Disability Insurance (no bill received in 2021)

\$1,000 paid to church Dec. 2021 for building use/utilities

**Total 2021 church expenses: \$2741.89**

### Other expenses (cumulative beginning January 2021):

\$12,252.11 - Salaries paid out

\$196.72 – RW Publications (advertising - roughly triple what we spent in 2020)

\$957.60 – Reimbursement for misc. classroom and operating supplies  
-(ie. stamps, pictures, cleaning supplies, craft supplies)  
-This is significantly higher than past years, normally  
- around \$200-\$300, the majority of this spending was 1 time purchases.

**Total Other Expenses: \$13,406.43**

**Income (\$14,304.99) – Expenses (\$16,148.32) = - \$1,183.33**

**Bank balance as of 11/04/2021 = \$6,976.93 (December's statement has not arrived yet)**

We currently have 16 students in the three year old program and 6 students in the four year old program paying \$90/month. We are paying 2 teachers and 1 aide.

Prepared and Submitted as of 12/28/2021 by Becki Peters

