



Christ United Methodist Church
2017 CHARGE CONFERENCE WORSHIP & AGENDA
Thursday, November 2, 2017 at 7:00pm
District Superintendent: Rev. Darneather Murph-Heath

WELCOME, CALL TO ORDER, AND OPENING PRAYER

Gary Slagle, Lay Leader

SONG

"They'll Know We are Christians" TFWS #2223 vs. 1

CELEBRATING OUR CHRISTIAN MISSION

Richard Brooke, Administrative Chair

We come together and celebrate another year in ministry. **Another year of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.** Another year of sharing bread and cup at Jesus' table. **Another year of VBS, mission projects, and Bible studies.** Another year of food pantry, PADS, & relief offerings. **Another year of baptisms, worship celebrations, & laying the faithful to rest.**

(People may name other ministries to recognize and celebrate...)

And so we prepare to begin another year of faithful ministry, walking with each other...

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"They'll Know We are Christians" TFWS #2223 vs. 2

EXPLANATION OF N.I.C. STRUCTURE CHANGES (ACST and DST)

video (<https://www.umcnic.org/otfproposal/>)

ORDERING OUR LIFE TOGETHER *all other reports electronically submitted*

*Leadership Nominations & Election * Clergy Compensation * Ministry Recommendations* Additional business*

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"They'll Know We are Christians" TFWS #2223 vs. 3

Scripture Lesson: Ephesians 4:1-6

Lay readers

Holy Conferencing

- Share what it means to you to be a United Methodist. How did you become a United Methodist?
- What is your understanding of the mission of the denomination?
- How important is your local church to you? Does being a United Methodist congregation matter to you? If so, why?
- Give the differences around matters of human sexuality, what does it mean to remain united in mission as opposed to always being in agreement?

MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

Rev. Darneather Murph-Heath

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH DURING TRYING TIMES

from 2 Corinthians 4:7-10

But we have this treasure in clay pots, **so that the awesome power belongs to God and doesn't come from us.**

We are experiencing all kinds of trouble, **but we aren't crushed!**

We are confused, **but we aren't depressed!**

We are harassed, **but we aren't abandoned!**

We are knocked down, **but we aren't knocked out! Praise be to God!**

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PRAYER and SENDING FORTH

Rev. Ronald Greene

**The following 2017 membership information
is submitted by Michele Linner, Membership Secretary; November 2, 2017**

Professing Members as of Church Conference 2016		158
Members added since 2016 Church Conference		+ 4
Profession of Faith	0	
Transfers from Other UMC (Linda (Kareen) Hernandez, Sherrie Mills, George Leone, Bea Leone)	4	
Transfers from Other Denominations	0	
Members Removed since last church conference		-7
Death	2	
Withdrawals	5	
Transfer to Other Denominations	0	
Transfer to Other UMC	0	
Removed by previous Church Conference	0	
How Members Removed: (W – withdrawn, D – death, X – transfer to other church)		
Sue Vitner D	Lorraine Taylor D	Brittany Palmer W
Ryan Palmer W	Jessica Palmer W	Wanda Strickland W
		Maria Lee W
Total Members		155
Baptisms since 2017 Church Conference	1	

Moved/Inactive members who have not responded to status requests.

SECOND year of 2-year process.

Brianna Erdman Stone Allison Gilbert Sierra Gilbert-Erdman Melodie Svihlik

Travis Wittmeyer

FIRST year of 2-year process.

Alex Svihlik Dawn Svihlik Rick Svihlik Ken Hein Kate Hein Kyle Williams Mia Geheren

Bill Geheren Michael Geheren Beth Patrylak Chris Patrylak Jim Theobald Lois Theobald

Wanda Strickland Maria Lee

Finance Report

Submitted by Larry Fournier, acting 2017 Finance Chair

At this point in time, the Finance Team consists of

Larry Fournier, Treasurer
Joe Greenwood, Finance Secretary
Linda Riggs, Reconciling Bank Accounts

And members via their CUMC roles...

Richard Brooke, Leadership Team Chair
Gary Slagle, Lay Leader
Ron Greene, Pastor

Needed/Required

Chair Person
Additional counters on Sunday mornings

The Finance team does not have a chairperson. Larry Fournier is acting as a temporary chairperson until a Finance chairperson can be appointed. The Finance team has adopted having meetings only when necessary and handling most issues via email.

We have been able to meet all our financial commitments this year and have also been able to accomplish a few of our long-range goals via fund-raising efforts.

\$2,180 for a New Projection screen and Microphones
\$2,217 to Fund the cleaning of the church for March – December
\$ 542 General Fund portion of profits from the Rummage Sale
\$2,000 for shared use of our facility to host a private internet monitoring service

The Missions team has hosted many fund-raising events as well.

We have faithfully maintained sending 10% of our General Fund contributions to the Northern Illinois Conference which this year will pay approximately 73% of our \$21,960 apportionments by the end of 2017.

Our UMF investment fund has performed well so far in 2017. We have realized a net gain of \$5,092 as of 08/31/2017 resulting in a balance of \$162,881. The UMF fund is designated for capital improvement projects. The investment gains may be used to fund smaller projects and help fund our apportionment payments when necessary. No UMF funds have been used to help with apportionment payments since April.

Our proposed 2018 Budget is included in this Church Conference Booklet for approval at the November 2, 2017 Charge Conference.

The Expense Pool concept launched with the 2017 budget has proven to allow flexibility with the budget to cover unexpected expenses and better allocation of funds. It will be used again in 2018.

Notes:

- Not all 2018 data is available at this time. Budget will need to be “tweaked” once all 2018 numbers have been received.
- Note the “Expense Pool Category”... Amounts budgeted for committees are minimal amounts. As funds become available, they will be available for use from the Expense Pool for those areas requiring additional funds.

2018 Christ UMC Budget	
INCOME	
Contributions Received	158,102.00
Fund Raisers	3,907.00
Other Income	2,300.00
Transfers	5,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	169,309.00
EXPENSES	
STAFF PARISH	
Compensation & Benefits	106,290.00
Travel	900.00
Continuing Education	1,100.00
Other Expenses	300.00
SubTotal Staff Partish	108,590.00
TRUSTEES	
Church Facility	29,183.00
Parsonage	5,680.00
Subtotal Trustees	34,863.00
MINISTRY PROGRAMS	
Membership	300.00
Adult Spiritual Development	271.00
Children"s Education & VBS	650.00
Events	400.00
Worship	250.00
Subtotal Ministry Programs	1,871.00
GENERAL EXPENSES	
General Office Expense	1,050.00
Copier Expense	3,480.00
Computer Expenses	1,050.00
Advertising & Publicity	200.00
Conference Apportionments	16,000.00
Misc Expenses	260.00
Bank& Finance Charges	845.00
Subtotal General Expenses	22,885.00
Expense Pool	1,100.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	169,309.00

Christ UMC Leadership Team 2018

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT MINISTRIES

ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Leadership Team Chair	Richard Brooke
Financial Secretary	Joe Greenwood
Treasurer	Larry Fournier
Lay Leader	Gary Slagle
Staff Parish Relations Co-Chairs	Cheryl Fournier, Lisa Greenwood
Lay Member to Annual Conf	Peg Literski
Lay Member to Annual Conf. Alt.	Kim Aupperle
Membership Secretary	Michele Linner
Recording Secretary	Linda Mullen

STAFF PARISH

2018	Lisa Greenwood
2018	Craig Logston
2019	Sue Pedersen
2020	George Leone
2020	Cheryl Fournier

TRUSTEES

2018	Dave Clark
2019	Bill Strother
2019	Eric Linner
2020	Larry Fournier

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (Nominations)

2018	OPEN
2019	Michele Linner
2020	Cheryl Fournier

NURTURE MINISTRIES

Welcoming Team Coordinator	Doug Literski,
Membership Nurturing Team	Gary Gruebnaue, Maylo Hranac, Evy Markowski, Linda Mullen
Wed. AM Study & Spirituality	Pastor

NURTURE MINISTRIES...continued

Thurs. AM Study & Spirituality	Lisa Greenwood
Sat AM Men's Study	Gary Slagle
Stephen Ministers	Linda Mullen
Children's Ministries	Julie Kukreja
Confirmation Leader	Lisa Greenwood
Kitchen Committee	Janet Kleckner, Ashley Ward
Bake Sale Leader	Bea Leone
Mature Methodists	Dave Dodge
Prayer Shawl	Katy Spooner

OUTREACH AND WITNESS MINISTRIES

Missions Co-Chairs	Bonnie Dodge, Maylo Hranac
Web Ministry	Enrico Santoso
Public Relations	Elena Agabin
Bethlehem Marketplace	Janet Kleckner
Reconciling Ministries Leader	Gary Gruebnau

WORSHIP AND WITNESS MINISTRIES

Worship Design Team -	Peg Leterski, Cheryl Fournier, Gary Slagle, Lisa Greenwood, Gary Gruebnau
Sound Team Leader	Gary Slagle
Bell Choir Director	Janet Kleckner
Communion Steward	Janet Graf, _____
Head of Greeters/Ushers	Linda Riggs

Other Ministry Reports

Administrative Board a.k.a. Leadership Team for 2017 Church Conference

Submitted by Richard Brooke, 2017 Leadership Team Chair

The Leadership Team made up of the various committees within the Christ United Methodist Church met 6 times from January thru October 2017. At Christ UMC each committee has the autonomy to make decisions as they see fit unless it concerns policy, renovations of the property or financial issues that affect the church. Christ church's congregation took a major step by overwhelmingly adopting a Reconciling Ministries' welcoming statement and joining the RM network. There were some maintenance issues that were routinely taken care of throughout the year. A custodian was hired. Comcast "rented" a small space in a utility room for a monitoring system for their network. We approved that the "rent money" received from Comcast should be transferred to the F.I.T. fund since it is a usage of the building. The front door locking system was completed. Unfinished discussions included a pergola and resealing of the parking lot yet to be completed. Most of the major projects were completed last year. Therefore, most reports were centered around ongoing events and wrap-up of old projects.

As we look forward to 2018, we will concern ourselves with the continued growth and stability of Christ Church as a welcoming congregation to everyone.

Children's Education

Submitted by Julie Kukreja, 2017 Children's Education Chair

Journeyland explorers (K-5th graders) studied the lectionary from Charles Kirkpatrick's Sermons 4 Kids and started Group's Dig-In, The Life of Jesus, program for fall. Every first Sunday, explorers joined their families for worship in the sanctuary.

During Easter a special one-day event was held open to the public called "Rise Up with Jesus." This was a one-day vacation-bible-style event focusing on the first Easter morning.

Vacation Bible School was held in July, theme of Hero Central. Kids learned about God's amazing power. The program lasted a week with a closing celebration with families.

Missions Team

Submitted by Bonnie Dodge, 2017 Missions Team Co-Chair

Events included since last report submitted in Oct. of 2016

Crop Walk—Oct. 2016-Participated with three other area churches and collected \$4744.25 (CUMC collected \$1798.75) This benefited two local food pantries, PADS, and Church World Services.

Warm Ministry—Oct.2016 thru April 2017- Collected new gloves, scarves, hats, and hand warmers that were donated to PADS. \$490.00 estimated value.

Home of the Sparrow Giving Tree—Dec.2016- We collected Holiday presents for five individuals (two families)- estimated value \$1051.00.

TLS Veterans (Hebron, IL)—Dec.25,2016-We gave \$1113.25 to the homeless vets from our Christmas eve offering.

Missions Team...continued

Souper Bowl Sunday—Feb.5,2017-we collected 171.5 lbs. of non-perishable food worth approximately \$294.98 for the Algonquin/Lake in the Hills Food Pantry.

Mardi Gras Bake Sale—Feb.26,2017-Sold \$368.00 in baked goods to church members. Money was deposited in the mission team's account to be distributed later.

The Turning Point—Oct. 2016 thru April 2017-collected hats, gloves, coats with an estimated value of \$100.00.

TLS Veterans—For the month of April 2017 we collected \$321.00 in cash and miscellaneous grocery articles for the McHenry Co. Veterans Food Pantry.

CUMC Rummage Sale—June 3,2017- We sold our unwanted treasures and collected \$1084.16-half of proceeds (\$542.08) went to the church's General Fund and half was deposited in the Missions Team's account to be distributed later.

Lenten Suppers—For the five Sundays in lent (3/5 to 4/2) we invited representatives from five different local missions we serve to come and eat with us and then give us a short talk about their agency. They were Algonquin/Lake in the Hills Food Pantry, Home of the Sparrow, TLS Veterans, PADS, and The Turning Point. This gave us a better understanding of what their needs are.

United Methodist Midwest Missions—July 2017-We assisted VBS students and teachers with their collection of toiletries for personal dignity kits-89 items collected plus \$77.00 in checks. These were delivered by a member of the CUMC Mission Team in late July

Feed My Starving Children—Aug.19,2017- 34 volunteers from CUMC helped pack 182 boxes (39,312 meals) for under nourished children in Malawi. These meals will feed 108 children for a year.

Culver's Fundraisers—we held two fundraisers

...April 24,2017-\$345.25 (including tip jar)

...July 24,2017-\$571.32 (including tip jar)

Money was deposited into the mission team's account to be distributed later.

"Get Your Can To Church"—Monthly collection of non-perishable food and cash to benefit Algonquin/Lake in the Hills Food Pantry-Oct. 2016 thru Sept. 2017-1171.5 lbs. of food with an estimated worth of \$2014.98 has been donated. Cash donations for that period were \$319.98.

Imagine No Malaria—thru various fundraisers since we set a goal of \$7500.00 in 2014 we have raised a total of \$8049.87.

At the September Mission Team meeting we decided that we would distribute the \$1800.00 in our account as follows:

1. Keep a small amount (\$50.00) for operating expenses
2. Divide the remaining money as follows:
 - Algonquin/Lake in the Hills Food Pantry — 10% of fundraising revenue
 - Home of the Sparrow — 10% of fundraising revenue
 - TLS Veteran — 20% of fundraising revenue
 - PADS — 20% of fundraising revenue
 - Turning Point — 20% of fundraising revenue
 - UMCOR Disaster Relief — 20% of fundraising revenue

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Submitted by Katy Spooner, 2017 Secretary

Helping Hands is the Prayer Shawl Ministry at Christ United Methodist Church in Algonquin, Illinois. We provide handmade shawls, cross stitch bookmarks and prayer boxes that have been prayed over by

Prayer Shawl Ministry...continued

our group. Upon request, these are presented to family members, friends and neighbors in our community during challenging times in their lives.

In 2017 we have given 14 prayer shawls, 5 of those were donated to Advocate Sherman Hospital in Elgin. We also gave one care box.

We make cross stitched crosses as book marks to give out to various people in need. We have also given out care boxes which contain small wrapped gifts and biblical sayings to open daily during a difficult time. In June we distributed information (pamphlets) on our group at The Arts Commission "Art on the Fox" in Algonquin, Illinois. We brought sample completed shawls and offered knitting and crocheting lessons to interested visitors.

We meet on the second Monday of each month except in July and December. We generally have 8 or more women attend as we conduct our meetings, work on projects, and enjoy coffee and treats. We collect a voluntary donation from each member and a portion of that money is donated to various church ministries.

Ours is a special ministry that offers the opportunity to meet and help other people who are suffering and need God's healing touch. If you are interested in crocheting, knitting, or cross stitching, we would welcome anyone to join us. We will be happy to help you get started. The love of this church is far reaching and the Christ United Methodist Church flame shines around the world through the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Special Events Committee

submitted by Michele Linner, 2017 Special Events chair

This Ministry team's purpose is to plan free or low-priced fellowship events for church members and their friends. We have planned and implemented a number of events this year. We continue to work with other committees/ministries when needed.

2017 Events planned and implemented:

- Planned Mardi Gras/Souper Bowl Fellowship Time Sunday, February 7th
- Organized and set up for Teacher Appreciation Potluck on Sunday, February 12th
- Assisted the Mission Team with Church-wide Rummage Sale on June 3rd
- Organized and set up for Summer Picnic on Sunday, August 14th (around 55 people attended)

The chair, Michele Linner has decided to step down. If anyone would like to head up this committee/Ministry, contact Richard Brooke, Ad Board chair.

Stephen Ministry

Submitted by Linda Mullen, 2017 Stephen Leader

Stephen Ministers are trained and ready to provide a listening ear. Along with the 50 hour introductory class and the on-going training, each Stephen Minister makes a covenant of confidentiality. The Care Receivers can be sure that they have a safe place to lay down their thoughts, problems and fears. There are no rules for Care Receivers to follow. While some Care Receivers have short term needs, others have concerns that are long term. The Stephen Minister meets the Care Receiver's needs where they are – by maintaining confidentiality, respecting time constraints, being a companion on their spiritual walk and always being a prayer warrior for the Care Receiver.

Through the support, efforts and encouragement by Stephen Ministry, we held our first "Death Over

Stephen Ministry...continued

Dinner” in April. There were 39 people in attendance, including presenters from JourneyCare, the Sherman Chaplain team and Hands of Hope. We met our goal to have people start the conversation on end-of-life issues. As a follow-up to that, we then organized a 5 Wishes presentation in June, where 20 of us shared a meal and JourneyCare walked us through the 5 Wishes book.

This ministry is currently serving several Care Receivers. Each Stephen Minister has expressed a familiar theme – that it is their privilege to be able to serve God in this way.

Worship Design Team

submitted by Cheryl Fournier, 2017 Co-Chair

This team collaborates with the Pastor to plan, design, enhance, support and inspire the worship experience. Using the narrative lectionary, we provide meaningful music, creativity appealing to the eye, dramatic readings and more that engage members of the congregation with ways to participate.

The typical process requires us to meet with Pastor every 2-3 weeks to prepare. Music is a critical element to determine in enough advanced time for our Praise and Sound Teams to practice and/or schedule any special music, etc.

During Lent we held Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. Our youth performed a hand washing ceremony and served at Seder tables to explain various elements, their meaning and offered the experience through taste. We ended the service with a candle lit walk into our prayer garden outside for a time of reflection.

Easter Sunday, our church was adorned in hundreds of origami doves! (please see the photos located in the back of this booklet)

Advent plans are currently underway. We hope to lead the congregation on a journey that will deepen each of our own spiritual quests for new life in Christ.

Members of this team: Peggy Literski and Cheryl Fournier Co-Chairs; and Lisa Greenwood, Gary Gruebnaue and Gary Slagle

Report of the Clergy

Pastor's Report

Submitted by Pastor Ronald Greene

2016-17 has been another significant year for this young church coming of age.

Again and again this church reveals its heart of compassion, with deep wells of kindness for their pastor and his wife through a difficult time. Thank you. We see this Christ-like love extended to many among us. Our prayer life is vibrant – during Sunday Worship, in small groups, and prayer team - and our missions support is enthusiastic.

Again and again this church reveals its resiliency, creativity, and sense of humor – as we celebrate Bethlehem Marketplace, the Redemption of Scrooge, a multi-sensory Maundy Thursday Service conducted by the youth, a lively “Super Hero” VBS and a new “Dig In” Sunday School curriculum. We have an innovative and energetic Worship Design team (now experimenting with the Narrative Lectionary and with Marcia McFee’s on line Worship Design Studio). We have three strong adult study groups. Seven confirmation youth have begun a learning process – through worship, service activity, mentoring, and classwork.

Pastor's Report...continued

There is much to celebrate. All those who are serving God through CUMC deserve our gratitude and admiration for their marvelous work.

And there are many challenges ahead. Continually, the cry goes out for more helpers and leaders. We feel genuine sadness when we cannot retain some visiting families because we are unable to provide all the services and opportunities that we would like to.

At this time pastor is gathering a team to study and begin preparing the congregation for a 1-day Retreat in April based on the leadership of Rev. Dr. Cecelia Harris. This is NOT another brainstorming session (not a free-association exercise to dream up adventurous wish lists). This is an evidence-based strategic planning session, taking stock of our church's present reality within our specific community context.

This will be SCRIPTURALLY GUIDED and STATISTICALLY INFORMED STUDY – employing Dr. Harris' "The Nehemiah Plan" and the MissionInsite resources (provided on line through Northern Illinois Conference)

Suggested Date: 4/21/2018

Suggested Location: New Morning Retreat Center, 44W906 Berner Rd, Hampshire, Illinois 60140
<https://www.newmorningretreat.org/>

