

OLD ZIONSVILLE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

ANNUAL REPORT

October 2016 – September 2017



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OLD ZIONSVILLE UCC MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of our church is to be a congregation devoted to our community where we experience and share the loving presence of God by teaching the Good News of Jesus Christ, by celebrating God's Word in the Bible, and through loving service to all people.

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2017 Consistory

Elders: John Civitts
Lisa Griesemer
Henry Heil
Robert Kichline
Paul Snyder
Robin Yoder

Deacons: Diane Berger
Sheila Kunkel
Patti Mittl
Christopher Schell
Brenda Shoemaker
Robert Souder

President: Robin Yoder
Vice President: John Civitts
Secretary: Lisa Griesemer
Treasurer: Todd Griesemer

2017 CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Lori Esslinger
Organist: David Carlson
Secretary: Brenda Seitz
Sexton: Richard Shoemaker

Annual Report of Pastor October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017

Our church has changed since I started as the Pastor here almost three years ago. We have lost some wonderful long time members. We have made some policy and practice of ministry changes. We have engaged in some new ministries. We have grown in many ways. There is pain and sorrow with growing. There is also sweet new joy in growing. This is not the church it was three years ago. I hear that often and feel it every time we sing the Lord's Prayer. But we go on. We go on to serve the one and only Lord Jesus Christ. That is our call and that is our mission. Plain and simple.

On the following pages, you will find evidence of our growing and our sorrow. May God bless us in our struggle and in our joy. May God be happy with our choices and may we ultimately bring peace into this hurting world.

The Rev. Lori Esslinger
Pastor

Statistics of Congregation

October 2016-September 2017

Average Sunday Worship Attendance: 69

Members Received: 8 total

Stephanie Rhoads
Sherri Farrell
Ruth Stansfield
Gisela Lorish
Phyllis and Donald Ritter
Phil and Sandra Rhode

Baptisms:

Adam Ney French - March 26, 2017
*Trent Jonathon Krzykowski – July 23, 2017

Marriages:

*Anthony Krzykowski and Kaitlyn Pavlacka – October 2, 2016
Ryan D. Muth and Kimberly Melissa Arita – October 29, 2016

Funerals:

*Linda Brown	September 18, 2016
*Jeffrey L. Keller	October 16, 2016
Elmer Vernon Nester	November 6, 2016
*William S. Barton	December 22, 2016
Howard E. Lilly, II	March 5, 2017
*Irene Sandin	??
Merritt K. Keller	June 15, 2017
Lucille Breunig	August 6, 2017
Betty L. Rohrbach	August 10, 2017

* = non-members

Congregation Membership

As of September 30, 2016	277
Additions	8
Deaths	5
Removed	0

Membership as of October 1, 2017 = 280

Giving Analysis from Oct. 2016-Sept. 30, 2017

General Use - \$111,636.36
Parking Lot - \$612.00
Cemetery Association - \$2,919.00
Memorial Fund - \$460.00
Village School - \$1,350.00
Mission - \$5,294.20
Flowers - \$2,020.00
Bulletins - \$470.00
Heat - \$365.00
Donations - \$1,721.02
Sunday School - \$151.70
Pastor Discretionary Fund - \$484.98

CHURCH BUDGET FOR 2018

	<u>Current</u>	<i>Source: Oct 2016 through Sept 2017 Actual</i>	<u>Proposed</u>
<u>INCOME</u>	2017 Budget	2017 Estimate	2018 Budget
REGULAR CHURCH INCOME	133,539	135,328	145,140
BENEVOLENCE SUPPORT CONGREGATION	4,600	5,419	4,600
SUPPORT FROM COMMITTEES	8,550	8,798	16,700
MISC. INCOME	-	3,000	-
TOTAL INCOME	146,689	152,545	166,440

	2017 Budget	2017 Estimate	2018 Budget
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
TOTAL PASTOR'S EXPENSE	37,901	38,719	39,500
CHRISTIAN ED SUPPLIES (SUNDAY SCHOOL)	900	302	400
STAFF EXPENSES	51,178	50,616	52,400
CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION EXPENSE	11,601	7,511	7,900
MUSIC & WORSHIP EXPENSE	6,700	4,606	8,000
BUILDING AND GROUNDS OPERATING EXPENSE	19,200	23,462	27,500
OFFICE/COMMUNICATION OPERATING EXPENSES	4,976	7,678	8,400
PROPERTY PROJECT EXPENSES	5,000	3,468	12,500
PARSONAGE EXPENSES	7,626	5,488	7,200
TOTAL EXPENSES	145,082	141,850	163,800
PROFIT OR (LOSS)	1,607	10,695	2,640

COMMITTEE AND GROUP REPORTS

Cemetery Association Annual Report for Oct 2016-Sept 2017

(See Financial Report on next page)

This year an Eagle Scout Project was completed by Aidan Levinson. He built a Meditation Garden at the Union Cemetery and also updated the record keeping and new grid layout for cemetery plots. We thank Aidan for all his help.

We had four burials this year: Vernon Nester, Lucille Breunig, Gage Jaysen and Gloria Bernecker.

Thank you to John Civitts for getting trees donated for both cemeteries.

Pot Pie Fundraiser was held coordinated by the Social and Aid Society.

Looking to buy a new lawn mower next year.

Respectfully submitted by Chris Schell, President for the Cemetery Committee: Bob Souder, John Civitts, Jane Bedell and Chester Yeakel.

Christian Education Committee Annual Report for Oct. 2016 –Sept. 2017

The Christian Education Committee did not meet this year.

Our Sunday School continues on with a few children in the nursery class. We thank our teachers Susan Jacobs, Darlene Schmeltzle, Patti Mittl and helpers Amber Kriebel and Alyson Miller. Our faithful piano player for the children, Pat Sajkowicz, provides accompaniment each Sunday so the children can prepare for singing in worship periodically through the year.

The confirmation class was confirmed in September 2016 and no new candidates were identified to have a class in 2017. There are two families with children approaching the proper age so hopefully we will have a class in the fall of 2018.

Adult Sunday School has been offered by me periodically through the year. In the fall of 2016, we studied the Advent/Christmas portion of Handel's Messiah for several weeks before Christmas. In the Spring of 2017, we studied the Lent/Easter portion of Handel's work. The studies included Bible Study and listening portions to understand the flow of the music with the meaning of the words.

Also in Spring, we had an after worship lunch and learn event led by Jill Kearney, Certified Senior Move Manager from Senior Moves By Design. This event was well attended and got us all thinking about Decluttering and Downsizing.

Respectfully submitted by Lori Esslinger

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 Accrual Basis

OLd Zionsville UCC Cemetery Association
Profit & Loss
 September 30, 2016 through October 1, 2017

	Sep 30, '16 - Oct 1, 17
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Cremations	595.00
Donation	
Collection Plate	2,953.00
Other Cemetery Donation	1,106.00
Donation - Other	6.00
Total Donation	4,065.00
Fees Internment	2,200.00
Graves	2,400.00
Maintance Perpetual Care	2,000.00
Marker fees	1,950.00
Sales	150.00
Total Income	13,360.00
Expense	
Footer & memorials	
Supplies Tools	525.00
Total Footer & memorials	525.00
Mowing Expense	
Mowing Supplies	
Gasoline	182.48
Oil	6.34
Mowing Supplies - Other	101.64
Total Mowing Supplies	290.46
Payroll Expenses	
Federal Income & SS taxes	1,391.13
Net take-home	5,722.36
Total Payroll Expenses	7,113.49
Repairs	259.37
Mowing Expense - Other	477.45
Total Mowing Expense	8,140.77
Petty Cash	100.00
Total Expense	8,765.77
Net Ordinary Income	4,594.23
Net Income	4,594.23

Finance Committee Annual Report January 2016 to October 2016

Finance Committee: Lori Esslinger, Pastor, Todd Griesemer, Treasurer, Bob Souder, Chair, Linda Bertie, Carl Lorish, Ed Reis, Brenda Seitz, staff, Robin Yoder, Consistory President, and Jane Bedell.

Faith Uniting Neighbors (F.U.N.) Group October 2016 to September 2017

Our eleventh year as F.U.N. Group began October 2016.

Our second year yielded 25 boxes for Samaritan's Purse: Operation Christmas Child. Bob Kichline's name was drawn in March for the Adventure Aquarium tickets which were a gift to us for participating in OCC.

The Church Bazaar and Basket Auction on November 12th was once again quite successful. The number of baskets to auction increased to 109 this year! Our total profits were \$1646.83, so we were able to distribute \$1400 to the following:

- Lehigh County Conference of Churches (\$200)
- Meals on Wheels (\$150)
- OZ Vacation Bible School (\$150)
- Upper Milford Fire Company (\$150)
- Macungie Ambulance Corp (\$150)
- Phoebe (\$100)
- Zionsville Area Food Pantry (\$100)
- Second Harvest Food Bank (\$300)
- Hackerman-Patz House (\$100)

A great big thank you to all those who donated their time, baskets, baked goods and came to enjoy the day.

We also fulfilled 28 wishes for the Angel Tree in November for women and children at Turning Point.

Share the Warmth items were collected through December. Many items were distributed to Zionsville Area Food Pantry clients.

In January, we hosted the "Souper Bowl" covered dish social, which was attended by 52 people. We enjoyed 11 soups, as well as breads and desserts. A generous shopping cart full of soups was collected for the Zionsville Area Food Pantry.

FUN Group paid \$190 toward the emptying of the septic tank in February.

Our annual toiletry collection in May yielded many toiletries for the Zionsville Area Food Pantry. New member baskets were given to 5 new members.

June's collection of peanut butter (3 dozen) and jelly (7 dozen) was donated to our Zionsville Area Food Pantry. Dan Schantz fundraiser collected \$96. And the Textile Recycling Fundraiser gave us \$222. Clothing, shoes, handbags, stuffed toys, curtains, bedding, etc. was collected at 9 cents per pound.

This year we decided to collect shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse: Operation Christmas Child in July. It was much more successful, as we collected 51 shoeboxes!

And lastly, we collected an excellent amount of back to school supplies in August: writing instruments/markers, paper products/notebooks, binders/dividers/covers/folders, other stationery supplies, backpacks, calculators, rulers, erasers, pencil sharpeners and filler

paper. These items were distributed to Lincoln Elementary, Eyer Middle and Emmaus High Schools.

F.U.N. Group had a very successful year, thanks to the generosity of our congregation. All church members are encouraged to attend our meetings. We need more input, and would become more productive if we had more people in attendance, even if you can't commit to coming every month. So, join us on the second Tuesday of the month.

Look for more FUN in 2018!!

Submitted in Christ's Service by Jan Strobel. FUN members: Patti Mittl, chair, Robin Yoder, Debbie Gurgick, Jan Strobel, Ardyth Schaffer, Deb. Schoenberger

Healthy Church Task Force October 2016 to September 2017

The Healthy Church Task Force was in place for about a year and a half to help the Pastor understand and face some of the relationship issues in the church family. Our goal was to move members and friends of the church to relate to each other in healthy ways as we went about "being the church."

A "Healthy Recipe" for our church was created and distributed to worshippers. It defined how we might work together. It also prescribed ways to relate to each other that would bring about healthy dialogue.

The task force examined current practices and special needs of individuals that might get in the way of the healthy relationships we were seeking to build. Suggestions were made to bring people together to build up the church rather than tear it down.

Our final work was to create a covenant that all members could "sign onto." We searched other covenants of churches and organizations to bring words to our very own. A quilt like hanging was developed with iron on words of the covenant. We introduced the words over several weeks in worship using skits, dialogue messages, and interrupters of sermon times to bring the points to life. It all culminated on a Sunday in April when everyone was invited to sign the covenant and share in Rita's Ice which was donated. The idea was to leave room for more signatures as confirmands and new members joined the church. (Members signed different color pieces of fabric which were then cut out and assembled around the words in "log cabin" style.) This document/hanging is still in progress and will never really be complete but will be a constant reminder to all that we need to work together to "BE" the church.

The task force was disbanded after this event believing that the main purpose was complete.

We thank the members of the task force: Lori Esslinger, Todd Griesemer, Lenny Hoch, Ed Reis, Brenda Seitz, Robin Yoder.

Respectfully submit by Lori Esslinger

Membership Committee Annual Report Oct. 2016 – Sept. 2017

Committee Members: Pastor Lori Esslinger, Lisa Griesemer, Len & Judy Hoch, Cheryl Martucci

Meetings held:

Membership (Lisa Griesemer) is meeting with Village School Sept 2016 – Dec 2017 to help with supporting their efforts and plan for the future.

Committee Purpose: The primary focus of this Committee is to reach the community with events that are specifically focused on young families and subsequently grow the membership of the church.

Our faith based purpose currently reads as: Through outreach to the community and sharing of Our Mission, we will work with the OZUCC Congregation and Pastor to grow our membership to 150 active members, with special emphasis on younger membership, within the next 3 years.

Accomplishments:

December 2016

- December 10th Santa event occurred in conjunction with the Village School. Wendy Yeakel and Heidi Griesemer attended. Wendy read to attendees and both helped children with crafts. Press from East Penn Press attended.

May 2017

- June 10th yard sale will occur and is being planned for from 8am – 1pm. Church will have a table.
- Boy Scouts will help manage traffic flow
- Social and Aid will prepare hot dogs and ice cream / soda
- Textile truck will arrive Friday night thanks to FUN Group
- Pastor Lori and Diane Berger did advertising

June 2017

- Yard Sale June 10th was successful had ~12 people participate with purchase of table.
- The Church had a table again this year with many volunteers from the church selling items from donations from member and church storage. Raised several hundred \$\$ through this effort and provide warm outreach to community. Had some families attend again this year after coming last year.

Membership Committee Financial Report 2015 - 2016

- \$0 balance to start and end as this Committee has given any monies earned to general use fund for the church.

<u>Membership Committee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Balance</u>
June	Yard Sale – Sale of Parking Spots	\$???		Lisa Griesemer forwarded \$ to church and \$ was added to general fund.
June	Yard Sale Advertising		Free or donated	

Submitted by Lisa Griesemer

Music and Worship Committee Annual Report Oct. 2016-Sept. 2017

It has been an eventful year for our choirs and our worshipping congregation.

I want to start in September of 2016 because I can't find the reference to these events in the last annual report.

On September 11, 2016, we invited local first responders to attend worship with us so we could honor them and their commitment to our community. We had 9 first responders here and we gave them each a small amount gift card to a local gas station/convenience shop plus some time during worship to tell us about their role in the first responder community.

On September 18, we confirmed 6 youth into our church family. (we did this at this time so that they could continue on in worship and enjoy the fall opportunities as well as welcoming them to the Christmas Table.)

Harvest Home of 2016 and 2017 were both wonderful and we give thanks to Carolyn Rhoads and Nancy Civitts with help from John for the lovely display. Also thanks to Social and Aid Society and The Souder's for their wonderful contribution of produce for the display and for the food pantry.

We continued traditions begun last year of All Saints' Sunday remembering those who have passed on and inviting families to come forward to light a candle in memory of their loved ones.

We also had a Sunday in November to burn our sins. Sins/misgivings were written on small pieces of paper and then placed into a small chimnea after worship as a giving to God of those things we wished to release in the smoke.

We hosted the Ministerium Thanksgiving Eve service at OZ. It was well attended as we had a local singing group lead most of the service. Sing For America did a lovely job of leading young and old alike to music of the patriots, Broadway shows, and Christian thanks.

Our Advent and Christmas services were traditional and well attended.

White Gift Sunday was especially well attended with many gifts presented for Bethany Children's Ministry. On that day also, our Sunday School children presented the program of songs for Christmas. We thank Ruth-Ann Schell for making a Birthday Cake for Jesus with many cupcakes for the congregation to enjoy after worship.

We engaged Dave Fry again this year for our 5 p.m. Wiggly Giggly service. It was not as well attended as last year but just as much fun. Each child received a battery operated votive candle to raise during the singing of Silent Night. Our Bell choir rang marvelously and our choir presented a cantata of "Carols around the world" at our 7:30 p.m. service.

We thank Rich Shoemaker, Bobby Schmeltzle and friends for preparing, placing and lighting the luminaria around the church in memory of Henry Beitler on Christmas Eve.

On Sunday January 1, we invited everyone to bring bells to "ring in the new year" throughout the service. Our other services in the new year moved along as expected with the usual Communion and Ministerium Pulpit Exchange taking place.

Boy Scout Sunday is always fun since we have a great Boy Scout troop who enjoys participating in worship and a growing Cub Pack.

Our Lenten Thursday services were shared among the Ministerium churches. This year we had speakers from various areas of life.

We talked about having a donkey walk, but instead had our own version of a "Seder Meal" on Maundy Thursday. We thank the kitchen people, spearheaded by Annie Souder, for roasting the lamb and preparing a fine experience for all in attendance.

We stripped the altar on Good Friday and celebrated Resurrection Day by putting things back in place on Easter Sunday at 7:30 a.m. The children had an egg hunt in the lower social hall between services and coffee, donuts and treats were served to all. At 10:15 a.m. the children presented songs in worship.

Holy Humor Sunday was celebrated the Sunday after Easter to commemorate the fact that we can all laugh at Satan when Christ rose from the dead!

We honored our mothers and fathers on their respective days by giving out carnations. We gave a carnation to each woman and each man so as not to exclude anyone but to honor all of those who lend a helping hand to families.

For Memorial Day weekend, we played a cd of Taps while standing out on the cemetery by the graves of loved ones. It was much better live 2 years prior but the thought is the same.

Pentecost is our day to wear red to celebrate the Holy Spirit and the last day of Sunday School took place on Father's Day where we celebrated our children by hearing their songs.

This year our big undertaking was hosting the Dillingersville Pilgrimage. We planned everything for one day which was a very successful strategy. We had an awesome attendance of over 100 people for worship under the big tent. Our committee did a great job of coordinating all the features of the history of Dillingersville with the

celebration of the 3 churches who come together to celebrate the heritage. Gerry Mosemann led our combined choir, David Carlson played a borrowed electric piano, and former Agape Singers (two of whom include Pastor Lori and Pastor Marty Milne) shared some songs. Our Social and Aid plus helpers presented a grand lunch for a free will offering and that was followed by an Elvis Impersonator presenting a short concert. The morning was enjoyed by all. We thank Nancy Civitts, Bob and Annie Souder, Darlene Schmeltzle, Rich and Brenda Shoemaker, Bobby Schmeltzle, John Civitts, Carl and Ruth-Ann Schell and everyone in attendance for making it a special day.

Our summer worship progressed in the sanctuary with less humidity and fewer ultra hot days. We welcomed a few groups of singers to make special music during the summer this year. A special thanks to Ed Reis who sang multiple times with partners Jane Bedell and Carolyn Rhoads. As always we thank David for his solid accompaniment. We are very fortunate to have him at the organ and piano benches. Next year, 2018, he will be celebrating 25 years with us at Old Zionsville UCC.

Peace and blessings to all,

Lori Esslinger on behalf of the Music and Worship Committee: David Carlson, Susan Jacobs, Darlene Schmeltzle, Paul Snyder and Pastor Lori.

Outlook Committee Annual Report for Oct. 2016-Sept. 2017

Committee Members: Brenda and Richard Shoemaker, Bob Schmeltzle, Sr., Shirley and Ed Reis, MaryAnn and Henry Heil, Bob Schmeltzle, Jr., Jane Bedell, Darlene Schmeltzle

October 2016 – Breakfast was served to 120, plus 21 helpers.
Paid \$2,386.93 for half of the dishwasher

November 2016 – Breakfast was served to 120, plus 20 helpers
Paid \$78.17 for half of the dishwasher sprayer
Paid \$190.00 to empty septic tank

December 2016 – Breakfast was served to 27 people, plus 18 helpers (snow)
Baked, packed and sold 72 pounds of pre-order cut-out cookies and other cookies, thank you for all the help
Paid \$190.00 to empty septic tank
Thank you to Henry and MaryAnn Heil for donating the grease trap on the new dishwasher (\$355.58) and putting sprayer on
Thank you to Ed and Shirley Reis for donating money to help pay for Cookie Walk advertising in Free Press, Outlook paid \$200.

January 2017 – Breakfast was served to 117 people, plus 19 helpers
Flyers and mailing of \$139.83 was donated by MaryAnn Heil

February 2017 – Breakfast was served to 112 people, plus 22 helpers
Gave two gift certificates of 4 breakfast to Emmaus Lions Club

March 2017 – Breakfast was served to 74 people, plus 18 helpers

April 2017 – Breakfast was served to 99 people, plus 20 helpers
Bought supplies needed to start making omelets at breakfast
Bought cover for the tall carts used when making pies
Dandelion Dinner was served to 236 people, plus 26 helpers
(This was the last Dandelion Dinner)

May 2017 – Breakfast was served

June 2017 – Breakfast was served to 99 people, plus 15 helpers
First breakfast making omelets, made 62 total

July and August 2017 – No Breakfast

September 2017 – Breakfast was served to 128 people, plus 16 helpers & 1 Boy Scout
71 omelets were served
Paid \$480.00 to have basement social room floor stripped & waxed
Paid \$143.16 for flyers and mailing

Respectfully submitted by Darlene Schmeltzle

Personnel Committee Annual Report for Oct 2016 – Sept 2017

Committee members: Darlene Schmeltzle, Linda Bertie, Bob Kichline, Lisa Griesemer, John Civitts, chair.

Property Committee Annual Report Oct 2016 – Sept 2017

The faith-based purpose of the Property Committee is to maintain a historically beautiful church for worship where we can experience and share the loving presence of God as a Congregation and Community. All property and equipment of OZUCC are maintained for an affordable price.

Administrative

- Brenda Shoemaker joined Committee as Consistory representative.
- Randy and Sharon Trexler joined Committee.

Work completed in past year

- Exterior door beside pastor's parking space was patched and repainted.
- Large parking lot was resealed to fill in cracks.
- Keys to church building were inventoried, and key holders signed holder agreements.
- Facilities Guidelines submitted to and approved by Consistory.
- Job description for sexton revised.
- Doorbell at back door repaired.
- New dishwasher and grease trap under sink installed.
- New 50-gal water heater installed.
- New CO₂ detector installed.
- New dishwasher installed.

- Unneeded tank attached to water system and bypass of UV disinfection system removed after recommendation from PA Department of Environmental Protection inspection.
- "Personal Items in/on Church Property" policy submitted to and approved by Consistory.
- Lights for new emergency lighting system installed.
- Nonworking drinking fountain in social hall removed.
- Worked with Finance Committee to outline oversight of rental property. Accordingly, Bob Souder was hired as Tenant Contact Representative.
- Performed ongoing maintenance work around the church and parsonage (installed/updated locks, controlled foliage on parking lot bank, fire extinguishers inspected, etc).

Future work (in progress and planned) (*Items marked ** are dependent on funding availability.*)

- Speakers in nursery: repair
- Outdated lighting system: remove
- Village School entrance**: refurbish
- Cement space between ramp and building**: prevent rain run-off from entering septic system
- Sound system to basement: fix/expand
- Septic system: inspect pipes for potential maintenance or renovation
- Attic windows in parsonage: replace/repair
- Pew candleholders: replace/repair
- Heating in adult Sunday school area: repair/replace
- Sanctuary curtain: repair

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Massa, Chair plus members of the committee: Darlene & Robert Schmeltzle, Sr, Henry Heil, Bob Souder, Robert Schmeltzle, Jr., Martin Bertie, Chris Schell, Rich and Brenda Shoemaker, Maynard Schaffer, Sharon and Randy Trexler.

Cub Pack 31: Highlights from Oct. 2016 through Sept. 2017

The thanks goes to the UCC Church and the members of it. I can say with absolute certainty that we appreciate and love calling the UCC Church our home. Please let it be known that we do not take this graciousness for granted. Pack 31 is growing slowly but surely. The initial motivation was to save the pack that Henry had started. Larry Stahler, Elliott Fegley, and myself refused to watch the pack die without a fight. With a lot of hard work and pushing through our own pessimism, we have accomplished this goal. Now the really hard work has started. Our next motivation is to have the pack as strong as it was maybe 10 years ago. We have a long road to travel but we will do it. As our pack continues to grow, the need for more help was needed. Parents have graciously stepped up and there is a very positive atmosphere throughout the pack. Larry has really guided us in this journey Elliott and I volunteered for. I would like to thank you Pastor, Robin, and the members of the church for being patient and

very encouraging. Pack 31 is on its way back and we are coming full steam ahead! Troop 31 will go through some harder times in the next couple of years. You guys better rest up during that time because we are sending you boys that are eager and excited. Troop 31 will be as strong as it was when Elliott and I were there about 20 years ago. In the next couple of weeks, I'll be typing up a letter of request to different places in our community. That request will be to hopefully allow Pack 31 to come and help perform service projects like cleaning up cemeteries, maybe a section of the building, help wash fire trucks, etc. It's my hope that the community finds a way for Pack 31 to help serve those that serve the said community.

Boy Scout Troop 31: Highlights from Oct. 2016 through Sept. 2017

Throughout the year, the boys helped with UCC breakfasts, dinners, and events and also with the UMFC breakfasts. Regular meetings incorporated a number of fun and educational opportunities for the Scouts, focusing on Scout skills and team-building activities.

Major Achievements

3 boys achieved Eagle:

Brandon Krasley
Aidan Levinson
John Mulder

1 boy held an Eagle Ceremony:

John Mulder

Month-by-Month List of Highlights

Oct-16

- Annual Boy Scout Popcorn Sale
- Halloween Party

Nov-16

- 3500 lbs. of food collected for Scouting for Food

Dec-16

- Troop Christmas party

Jan-17

- Scouts participated in the annual Trexler District Klondike Derby

Feb-17

- Troop rechartered with 8 boys and 10 adults
- Annual Troop 31 Banquet was held for members and families of both Troop 31 and Cub Pack 31. The event was catered by the UCC Social and Aid Committee. The Troop held a Court of Honor awarding several badges and ranks. Presentation delivered by Abe Ruth on the Philmont Scout Ranch.
- The Troop worshiped with the UCC on Scout Sunday

Mar-17

- Scouts attended Winter Camp at Camp Serravova
- Gertrude Hawk Easter Candy Sale

Apr-17

- Camping trip to Hawkins site

May-17

- Official launch of new Troop 31 website (www.troop31oz.com)
- Direct mail piece sent to 2000+ residents in the area to advertise Troop 31 and to promote recruitment

June-17

- Camping trip to Assateague Island National Seashore

July-17

- Five boys attended the 2017 National Jamboree as part of the Minsi Trails Council contingent (Troop 1413)
- Two boys attended Summer Camp at Camp Rodney, sharing a campsite with Troop 25 from Emmaus.

Aug-17

- Volunteered for the entire weekend of Wheels of Time. Collected over 90 boxes of food donations that were distributed to three area food banks—one of which was the Zionsville Area Food Pantry.

Sept-17

- The Annual Troop picnic was held at Camp Serranova. A Court of Honor was held to distribute the badges and ranks earned.
- Launched Annual Boy Scout Popcorn sale
- Supported the PPL Recycling event with logistics and food collection. Transferred all collected food donations to the Zionsville Area Food Pantry.

Social and Aid Society Report for Oct 2016-Sept 2017

Committee Members: Annie and Bob Souder, BettyLou Hartman, Chester Yeakel

October 1, 2016 – Fall Ham and Turkey Dinner, served 389

October 4, 2016 – Funeral luncheon for Bill Shankweiler
Got Apples for the Food Pantry

October 9, 2016 – Served lunch for Pastor Appreciation Day

October 16, 2016 – Served lunch after Congregation Annual Meeting

October 22, 2016 – Made a donation to Fire Victims

October 30, 2016 – Served Hot Dogs and Ice Cream at Light in the Night Community Block Party, also paid for games

November 8, 2016 – Funeral Dinner for Vernon Nester

November 2016 – Made food for Church Craft Bazaar and Basket Auction

Sold Pot Pie for Cemetery Fundraiser
Paid for half of the Dishwasher
Got Apples for the Food Pantry
Memorial Service Luncheon for Linda Brown

December 2016 – Helped with Cookie Walk
Apples for the Food Pantry
Gave Church employee Christmas gifts
Funeral luncheon for William Barton

January 2017 – Apples and cans of Soup for the Food Pantry

February 2017 – Apples for the Food Pantry
Paid for CULI License
Paid for half of the Refrigerator

March 2017 – Apples for the Food Pantry
Spud Lunch after Worship

March 11, 2017 – Chicken Pot Pie Dinner, served 324

March 25, 2017 – Funeral luncheon for Howard Lilly

April 2017 – Soup for Lenten Service
Made Seder Meal

May 2017 – Paid for Booster Pump for dishwasher
Bought flowers for Cemetery – Laura Weider

May 6, 2017 – Ham and Turkey Dinner, served 302

June 10, 2017 – Church Yard Sale, sold hot dogs and ice cream

June 2017 – Gave hot dogs to Vacation Bible School
Prepared lunch for Dillingsville Annual Celebration, money collected
went to the school
Bought jelly and soup for Food Pantry

July 2017 – Bought tomatoes for Food Pantry
Paid to have starter repaired on Cemetery lawn tractor
Bought supplies for Operation Christmas Child boxes

August 2017 – Bought school supplies for East Penn Angel Network
Bought tomatoes and red beets for Food Pantry
Paid for Cemetery mailing
Bought peaches and sweet corn for Food Pantry

August 26, 2017 – Funeral luncheon for Lucille Breunig

September 2017 – Bought apples for Food Pantry
Gave money to Karen Farber for games at Light in the Night
Transfer \$2,000.00 to Parking Lot
Transfer \$300.00 to Choir
Bought apples for Harvest Home, gave apples to Congregation

Respectfully Submitted by Annie Souder

Old Zionsville UCC Social & Aid Society
Profit & Loss
 September 30, 2016 through October 1, 2017

	Sep 30, '16 - Oct 1, 17
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Direct Public Support	0.00
Sales	16,301.49
Total Income	16,301.49
Gross Profit	16,301.49
Expense	
Business Expenses	50.00
Donation	
Donation Cemetery	
taxes	1.85
Weider Estate Trust	65.68
Donation Cemetery - Other	156.59
Total Donation Cemetery	224.12
Donation for Church	
2017 First Responders	8.98
Choir	300.00
Free Will Donation	250.00
Lights in the Night	100.00
Parking Lot	2,000.00
Special Church Event	
Lent	23.07
Seder	68.77
Special Church Event - Other	445.20
Total Special Church Event	537.04
Donation for Church - Other	1,879.97
Total Donation for Church	5,075.99
Donation for Fun Group Event	146.53
Food bank	
Special food bank event	11.76
Food bank - Other	1,156.27
Total Food bank	1,168.03
Donation - Other	-322.00
Total Donation	6,292.67
Event Costs	
2016 Funeral Nester	179.37
2016 Basket Auction	69.60
2016 Cemetery Potpie Fund raise	343.51
2016 Fall Dinner	67.80
2016 Funeral William Barton (Mi	140.08
2016 Memorial service Linda	115.66
2016 Pastor Appreciation	182.08
2016 William Shankweiler	122.50
2016 Light in the Night Supplies	160.38
2017	17.80
2017 #10 cans beets	38.70
2017 Boy Scout Dinner	260.91
2017 Corn & Beef Pie Sale	257.86
2017 Dillingersville	40.63
2017 Fall Potpie Dinner	285.22
2017 Howard Lilly Funeral	417.04
2017 L. Breunig	239.07

Old Zionsville UCC Social & Aid Society

Profit & Loss

September 30, 2016 through October 1, 2017

	Sep 30, '16 - Oct 1, 17
2017 Special Church	
2017 Spud lunch. spring	112.27
Total 2017 Special Church	112.27
2017 Spring dinner	1,307.36
2017 Steiner Blance	193.47
2017 Stock supplies	96.19
2017 Yard Sale	92.49
2017 Spring Potpie Dinner	1,085.30
Outlook event	208.88
Event Costs - Other	337.60
Total Event Costs	6,371.77
Facilities and Equipment	2,464.60
Operations	
Bank Charges	36.05
Postage, Mailing Service	238.40
Supplies	854.67
Total Operations	1,129.12
Small kitchen tools	168.99
Total Expense	16,477.15
Net Ordinary Income	-175.66
Net Income	-175.66

Village School Annual Report October 2016 – September 2017

The 2016 School year was made possible from a generous donation from Mr. Bob Benner. Because of his heart and love of the Village School, we were able to rebuild our school program. Bob does a lot for our school. He gives us generous donations as well as many hours of physical labor. He donated the mulch and raked it out, along with painting the playground and benches with Wendy Yeakel. He does countless other things for us, which are too many to mention. We are very grateful for his love and support to our school. He has an unwavering faith in our school!

Our focus for the last few years has been on growing our Literacy Through the Arts Program. As we continue to grow and expand this unique program, we bring various resident artists into our school to teach the children. It is very exciting for both us and the children. Our resident artists this year include:

Miss Billman, who teaches yoga to the children.

Angela Fadely, who owns and operates Out of our Minds Studios, teaches the children painting. She brings small easels and everything needed to paint beautiful masterpieces.

Miss Lily, from Alegro Studio teaches the children dance and music.

Dave Fry, who sings and plays guitar, leads a wonderfully interactive program with the children during Open House. The children dance, and sing and use instruments to create songs with Dave.

Our Parkette's program ran for two sessions after the Christmas break. Parkette's brings their equipment and works with the children on large motor skills and beginner gymnastics exercises.

Our Fundraisers included Ham and Cheese Sandwiches, the Presidential Election bake sale and Holiday wreaths. Thank you for all the bake sale items that were donated. Many church members supported the bake sale throughout the day with baked items, donations and visits. Thank you to Bob and Annie Souders for donating a delicious soup for us to sell throughout the day. Thank you to Marty Bertie for help with setup and clean up. And thank you to Bobby Schmeltzle and Chris Schell for helping us break down. We provided the opportunity to have our wreath fundraiser on line as well as on site at the school and church. We would like to thank the congregation for their continued support of our fundraisers throughout the year. We appreciate you greatly.

Chester Yeakel was our Santa Claus this year. Thank you Chester for stepping up to be Santa for the children. We appreciate you!

We had various class trips which included Ritas, Poole Wildlife, Savidge Farms Pumpkin Patch, Emmaus Fire House and a visit from UMWD Fire House.

This was the first year in the history of Village School that we had a beautiful "all girl" graduating class!

We were pleased to have two new board members come on board this year. In addition to them, Bob Souders and Lisa Griesemer were also two church members who came on the board. Lisa has been very helpful in running numbers and reports for us.

This year, we added Miss Katie Hoch as our 2's aide. Katie came aboard when the current aide that was hired for the position was no longer able to continue in the position after one month. Although Katie was only able to stay with the Village School until the end of the school year, she quickly became an asset to our staff and school.

Mrs. Wendy Yeakel is the teacher for our 2's, 3's and Pre-k classes. She is also our school registrar. Her love of children and her knowledge from the many years of teaching at the Village School makes her irreplaceable. Her creativity and energy are endless. She is always doing something above and beyond the call of duty, and is always alongside Bob Benner on any projects that need to be done for the school. She is truly a valuable asset to our school.

Mrs. Liz Hersh is our 3's and Pre-k aide. Miss Liz not only created our website a few years ago, she rebuilt our new website this year and maintains it. Our website is an

extremely useful tool in marketing our school. She also takes care of the Petty Cash, and the Scholastic Book orders.

It is important to point out the remarkable working relationship that both Mrs. Yeakel and Miss Liz have together. They have been working together at the Village School for years. They are both hard working, dependable and knowledgeable with the children. They are both dedicated to the school, and make a fabulous team. The children get to see Miss Liz and Mrs. Yeakel as they grow through the school for two years, consecutive years as they transition from the 3's class to the Pre-k class effortless and familiar.

If you have a love of the arts, or know of someone with young children who would enjoy the benefits from our unique program, please refer them to our school and help us grow.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Hoch, Village School Chair