OLD ZIONSVILLE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

ANNUAL REPORT

October 2019 – September 2020



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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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2020 Consistory

Elders: Diane Berger

Patti Mittl

Christopher Schell Darlene Schmeltzle

Larry Stahler Jan Strobel

Deacons: Millie Kohler

Kathy Latshaw

Phil Rhode

Brenda Shoemaker Sharon Trexler Mark Weaver

Co-Presidents: Christopher Schell and Kathy Latshaw

Secretary: Mark Weaver Treasurer: Todd Griesemer

2020 CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Lori Esslinger

Organist: David Carlson

Choir Director: Carolyn Rhoads

Secretary: Brenda Seitz

Sexton: Richard Shoemaker

Annual Report of Pastor October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020

This year, although off to a good start, is overshadowed by the emotional roller coaster of the Pandemic nationwide of the Covid-19 Corona Virus. In March 2020, we went full stop with worship and the activities of our church family. Because of the uncertainty, the Village School decided to close in July of 2020 allowing parents to seek out other area preschools or programs at home. As of this writing in November of 2020, we are still not back to any normalcy and the whole country continues with emotional roller coasters as well as physical uncertainty about our future as a church family. From these reports, you will see that most of our committees continue to function and move forward providing hope for us all. As we remain cautiously optimistic that a new normal will emerge, we also strive to learn a great lesson on slowing down, cherishing physical touch, hugs and closeness, and allowing God to teach us what is truly important in life. May we hold on to these lessons in the future.

Peace, Lori Esslinger Part Time Pastor

Statistics of Congregation

October 2019-September 2020

Average Sunday Worship Attendance: 50

Members Received:

September 2020: Shelley Wright Pauline Haring

Baptisms:

Carter Joseph Kowalewski - September 20, 2020

Marriages:

Funerals:

*Harvey Batman, Jr. – January 27, 2020 *Rev. Paul Carlson – February 18, 2020 William Stahler – March 1, 2020 Bernadine Stahler – May 13, 2020 Ruth-Ann Schell – May 23, 2020 Emma Yorkey – June 2, 2020 Wanda Yeakel – August 18, 2020

*Denotes non-member

Congregation Membership

238 members as of October 1, 2019

Additions: 2

Put on Inactive List by action of Consistory: 22

Deaths: 5

Removed by action of Consistory: Total members as of Oct. 1, 2020: 213

Giving Analysis from Oct. 2019-Sept. 30, 2020

General Use - \$100,923.75
Parking Lot - \$339.00
Cemetery Association - \$1,283.00
Memorial Fund - \$1,520.00
Village School - \$10.00
Mission - \$4,101.27
Flowers - \$1,278.00
Bulletins - \$310.00
Heat - \$636.00
Sunday School - \$91.00

Pastor Discretionary Fund - \$1,062.19 Windows Fund - \$14,638.00 Building Repair - \$788.00

Proposed Old Zionsville UCC Church Budget for 2021	2020 Budget	2020 Actual (Oct 2019 - Sept 2020)	2021 Budget
INCOME	2020 buuget	3cpt 2020)	2021 Budget
* No \$9600 VS Taxes restricted income	142,878	136,294	133,278*
TOTAL BENEVOLENCE SUPPORT CONGREGATION	5,200	5,116	5,200
TOTAL MISC. INCOME * No planned committee funded project, this is PNEC grant	6,700	6,073	3,000*
TOTAL INCOME	154,778	147,484	141,478
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
TOTAL PASTOR'S EXPENSE * Includes Conference recommended compensation increase	41,342	39,135	42,582*
CHRISTIAN ED SUPPLIES (SUNDAY SCHOOL)	700	682	700
* Includes 3% compensation increase, Social Media Coord. * Reduced by \$9600 Village School Tax expense	54,587	51,083	51,257 *
TOTAL CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS EXPENSE	5,400	4,349	5,400
* Special Music/services was under budget	6,000	3,243*	5,800
TOTAL BUILDING & GROUNDS OPERATING EXPENSE	28,200	25,334	28,476
* Reflects transfer of licensing from Worship & Music total	6,450	6,350	7,780*
TOTAL EXPENSE PROPERTY PROJECTS * \$4,885 add infrastructure for Streaming Services * \$5,000 TBD projects	12,500	6,435	9,885*
TOTAL PARSONAGE EXPENSES	7,800	8,071	8,098
TOTAL EXPENSES	162,979	144,683	160,278
TOTAL INCOME	154,778	147,484	141,478
TOTAL EXPENSE	162,979	144,683	160,278
NET CASH FLOW	(8,201)	2,801	(18,800)

COMMITTEE AND GROUP REPORTS

Boy Scout Troop 31: Highlights from Oct. 2019 through Sept. 2020

Membership: 16 youth and 11 adult leaders

Year in Review:

Troop 31 experienced a major growth spurt over the past 12 months. Going into January, the troop had 4 scouts remaining on the roster after 3 of our scouts turned 18 in 2019. In March and April of this year, the troop welcomed 12 new scouts to the troop. Nine came from Pack 31 and three scouts from Pack 25 in Emmaus joined our troop. The oldest active scouts are 12 years old, making the troop very young. These scouts are determined not to let their youth slow them down. For the first time in several years, the troop now has two patrols: the Screamin' Bald Eagle Patrol and the Zionsville Zebra Patrol.

While 2020 has proven to be a challenge for everyone, the scouts of Troop 31 have persevered. When we were not able to meet, the troop held virtual troop meetings. When summer camp was canceled, they all decided that they wanted to have their own summer camp. The leadership of the troop made that happen at Camp Serranova. Many of the new scouts earned their Scout Rank, their Totin' Chip, and their Fireman Chit while at our summer camp. In addition to working on the First Aid Merit Badge and many other advancement items.

To stay in compliance with current regulations from the State of Pennsylvania and the US Center for Disease Control, along with directives sent out from the Boy Scouts of America and the Minsi Trails Council, the troop has adopted all of the safety measures that have been put into place. Masks are worn at all times during indoor meetings. While we are participating in outdoor meetings and activities, masks are required when the scouts and leaders are within six feet of one another. While camping, each scout is required to camp in their own tent and we are taking extra precautions when handling food, utensils, and cookware.

The scouts also held a planning day in August where they all came prepared with list of ideas for the troop to do over the next year. That combined list resulted in 46 different ideas. These young men discussed all of them and decided on which ones they wanted to do. As such, they now have plans to go on a number of campouts and hikes; serve the community through different service projects; and take trips to Washington, DC, Hershey Museum, and the Gettysburg Battlegrounds.

Achievements since September of 2019:

- Coy Naugle earned the rank of Eagle Scout
- Vince Briglia earned the rank of Eagle Scout
- 10 scouts earned the Scout Rank
- 5 scouts earned the Tenderfoot Rank
- 1 scout earned the Second Class Rank
- 1 scout earned the First Class Rank

<u>Community Service/Volunteering:</u>

- Scouting for Food the troop participated in the annual food drive supporting the Zionsville Area Food Pantry with a total collected weight of 3800 lbs.
- Participated in the Veteran's Day Ceremony at Kospia Farms.
- Supported Coy Naugle and Vince Briglia on their Eagle Scout Projects.

Activities since September of 2019:

- Several fundraisers were held to earn money for the scouts and the troop
- Wilderness survival weekends
- Winter camping
- Annual banquet held in February
- Participated in the Trexler District Klondike Derby
- Hikes
- Summer camp
- Troop planning event for 2020-2021

Upcoming Activities:

- Scouting for Food
- · Veteran's Day Flag Ceremony at Kospia Farms in Alburtis, PA
- Wreaths Across America honoring deceased veterans by placing holiday wreaths on their graves through a nationally organized event
- Snow tubing
- Rock climbing
- Bowling night
- Pottery night
- Washington, DC
- Gettysburg
- Ricketts Glenn
- Numerous other campouts (both local and with some travel)
- Hikes
- Parades
- Rocket building and launch
- Mini golf night
- Summer camp
- · Wheels of Time

Cemetery Association Annual Report for Oct. 2019-Sept. 2020

No written report submitted.

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Accrual Basis

Old Zionsville UCC Cemetery Association Profit & Loss

October 2019 through September 2020

•	Oct '19 - Sep 20
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
300 · Flat Stone Marker & Foundation	1,000.00
4000 · Grave Open & Close Fee	600.00
4002 Transfer from Savings	3,000.00
4003 · Perpetual Care	3,940.00
4004 · Donation	1,233.00
4005 · Interment	1,600.00
4008 · In Memory of	50.00
4011 · Miscellaneous Income	100.00
4012 · Permit for Cremation	90.00
42000 · Gravesite Purchase	700.00
Total Income	12,313.00
Expense	
60501 · - Repair & Parts	319.06
60504- · Petty Cash	200.00
60505- · Payroll	5,729.40
60507 · Federal Taxes	994.32
60508- · Service	700.00
60509 · - Local Taxes	55.44
60510- · State Taxes	. 199.56
60516 · Flatstone Memorials	125.00
Total Expense	8,322.78
Net Ordinary Income	3,990.22
Net Income	3,990.22

Christian Education Committee Annual Report for October 2019-September 2020

Fall of 2019 began another new year of Sunday School at our church. We have classes for children ages 2 through 6th grade. There were no youth interested in Confirmation this year so we did not start a confirmation class. We have 2 or 3 pre-teens who would be eligible.

Teachers:

Children aged 2 to Kindergarten: **Darlene Schmeltzle and Patti Mittl with help** from Amber Kriebel when she is available

Children aged 1st - 3rd grade: Susan Jacobs with help from Alyson Miller Children aged 4th grade and up: Kim DeWire and Debbie Schoenberger

Pat Sajkowicz provides music time for all combined classes. The group sings in worship at least twice a year.

We offered Third Sunday Treats to the congregation in the lower social hall every Third Sunday from 9:45-10:10 a.m. Coffee, cold drinks and treats are offered to anyone who stops by. The children especially enjoy these Sunday treats. We thank **Wanda Yeakel, Jack and Wendy Yeakel** for serving these treats and preparing the drinks, as well as cleaning up each Third Sunday.

We were off to a fine start and just getting rolling into the Spring when the Corona Virus pandemic stopped everything in its tracks. Sunday School stopped meeting on March 15 and all special programs ceased as well as any Bible Studies we were offering. As of this writing Sunday School has not yet reconvened. We are uncertain as to when we may be able to physically meet again in the building.

Starting in September, we decided to at least send worksheets to the homes of the children in Sunday School and to several other children in our church family. So weekly, our children receive their "Church Mail." We are hopeful that this at least keeps the kiddos learning and growing in the Bible Stories which match the stories that are being read and explored in worship each Sunday. Pastor Lori also emails the parents and teachers every week to alert them to the Bible Story that the children will be receiving in the mail. That way if the parents and teachers wish to keep up with what we are working on, they have that chance.

Thanks for all of the love and care our teachers and helpers have been giving our children throughout many years in our Sunday School and beyond. We are anxious to get back, but want to do so safely and with meaning as we continue to shine God's light and love in our community.

Submit by Pastor Lori for the group of teachers and friends of Sunday School.

Computer and Media Committee Annual Report for October 2018 to September 2019

Committee Members: Lori Esslinger (Pastor), Mark Weaver (Chair), Beth Massa, Joan Muth, Kelly Kowalewski, Tyler Rhoads, Robert Schmeltzle, Jr., Daniel Latshaw

Committee Purpose: The faith-based purpose of the Computer and Media Committee is to foster communication both inside and outside of Old Zionsville UCC (OZUCC). The committee promotes community, ideas, and activities by helping people experience and share the loving presence of God and to understand what OZUCC stands for and who we are. All Information Technology, including software and hardware, of OZUCC is maintained at an affordable price.

Despite the COVID-19 Pandemic, we had another busy year, again taking on additional responsibility and several aggressive projects. We continued moving forward in this very important support role for the church, utilizing our two sub-committees functioning within our framework: that of Information Technology (IT) and Sound & Audio.

October 2019:

- A committee meeting of the Sound Team was held on October 28th with 5 members present
- The schedule and timing of the Christmas Eve Services was discussed
- Tyler Rhoads gave an update on training for the Sound Technicians
- There was discussion about adding at least one additional Technician to help spread the load
- The proposed budget for 2020 included the following projects:
 - Permanent installation of the Surround Sound Speakers
 - A new projector mounted at the rear of the Sanctuary
 - Installation of Auxiliary Speakers (Narthex, Kitchen, & Nursery)
 - o New microphones for the Men in the Choir
 - o A Sound System for the Lower Social Hall

November 2019:

- A committee meeting of the IT Team was held on November 18th with 5 members present
- Beth Massa gave an update on the Website, whereby it had suffered a bit due to her competing priorities with her extremely busy work schedule
- There was hope that the new Media Coordinator would come on board in January 2020, but the hiring of this position was delayed (see below)
- Existing IT Projects were also delayed due to Mark Weaver's busy work schedule.
 The following projects were still pending:
 - Building and installing the Sound System PC
 - o IT Infrastructure Cabinet and Copper Network re-wiring
 - o Internet Security Software installation
 - Office PC Upgrades
- The 2020 budget was approved for the following:
 - IT Capital: (New Projector funded by Outlook)
 - IT Operating: (As requested)
 - Sound Capital: (As requested with Microphones funded by Outlook)
 - Sound Operating: (As requested)
- Social Media Coordinator Position
 - o The position was approved by Consistory but not be the Congregation
 - Needed a complete Job Description (Pastor Lori and Beth Massa)
 - Needed a list of Future Programs that this position would benefit (Pastor Lori)
 - Needed to find funding (???)

December 2019:

- There was no meeting again this December due to inclement weather, but work continued
- The IT Team continued their work on the Job Description for the Media Coordinator and preparing for a meeting with the Finance Committee in January 2020
- Sound System operation for the three Christmas Eve Services was covered by Alyson Miller and Dan Latshaw
- · Projects simmered due to everyone's busy schedules in December

January 2020:

- A special committee meeting of the IT Team was held on January 6th with 5 members present to continue the pursuit of the Media Coordinator
- The regular meeting scheduled for January 20th was canceled due to Mark traveling on business
- The Job Description for the Media Coordinator position that was developed by Pastor Lori and Beth Massa was read and discussed.
- Pastor Lori revised the Job Description based on comments from the team
- Pastor Lori and Beth Massa presented the Job Description to the Finance Committee on January 15th with their blessing to proceed with getting approval from Consistory
- Consistory approved the Media Coordinator Job Description and position on Jan 21st, but congregational support and approval was still needed
- Pastor Lori worked on a Grant Application to PNEC that could possibly fund the Media Coordinator
- Work sessions for various projects were scheduled for February and March
- Mark Weaver began getting quotations for the new Projector
- The Team was asked to help specify, purchase, and install a Video Surveillance System (Cameras) to be paid by Property and Village School due to some recent vandalism
- 2019 spending came in under budget

February 2020:

- A committee meeting with the combined IT and Sound Teams was held on February 18th with 6 members present.
- The Sound Team began planning for the special services during Holy Week
- Beth Massa made some small modifications and corrections to the Website to keep it going until the Media Coordinator can take over
- Pastor Lori continued to work on the Grant from PNEC to offset the cost of the Media Coordinator position for the first year
- Quotes for the new Projector were presented and approved by Finance and Consistory and the order placed on February 19th.
- Quotes for the Security Camera System were presented and approved by Property and Consistory and the order placed on February 24th.
- A work detail was held on Saturday February 29 to install the IT Cabinet, Network Wiring, and Infrastructure. 3 members were present plus the help of Rich Shoemaker.

March 2020:

- And then the COVID-19 Pandemic hit sending all into isolation and curtailing most activities at the church
- The committee meeting for March was canceled due to the pandemic
- A work detail was held on Saturday March 14th to install Network, Projector, Security Camera, and Speaker wiring along with the installation of the Sound PC.
 4 members were present plus the help of Rich and Brenda Shoemaker and Kathy Latshaw.
- The Grant Application to PNEC was presented and approved by Consistory
- The Projector / Lens arrived, and Rich Shoemaker began work on fabricating and installing a shelf at the back of the Sanctuary
- The Security Camera System materials also arrived this month

• Sound System materials (Amplifiers, Speakers, and Microphones) were ordered

April 2020:

- The COVID-19 pandemic continued and again, the committee meeting for April was canceled
- All services during Holy Week were canceled due to the pandemic
- The Grant Application was sent in to PNEC by the April 15th deadline
- Most of the Sound System materials arrived and the new microphones for the Bell Choir were installed
- The Head End for the Security Camera System was installed awaiting the installation of the cameras

May 2020:

- On May 18th, we held a virtual committee meeting via Webex with 5 members logging in for the sole purpose of discussion around the GEM Grant from PNEC that was awarded to us for the funding of the Media Coordinator's position
- We received the Grant of \$3000 and additional monies could be available later in the year
- With funding now in place, the position must now be approved by the Congregation
- The Projector was installed, but computer and cabling issues prevented completion of the project

June 2020:

- Once again, the pandemic prevented an in-person committee meeting in June
- The Sound Team provided equipment and operation for the Outdoor (Parking Lot) service on June 7th
- A letter was sent out to announce the receipt of the PNEC Grant, communicating the Job Description for the Media Coordinator, and preparing the Congregation for the vote of approval
- We had an extremely productive work detail on Saturday June 13th to complete the installation of additional wiring for the Projector, the Surround Sound Speakers, the Men's Choir Microphones, the Choir Monitor Speakers, and the Piano Microphone. Again, we had 3 members and the help of Rich Shoemaker.
- Another work detail was held on June 27th to install the Cameras and startup the Security System

July 2020:

- There was no committee meeting in July more due to a lack of agenda than because of the pandemic
- The Media Coordinator Job Description and Position was approved at the Special Congregational meeting by an overwhelming consent on Sunday July 19th.
- The new Projector and Sound PC have been used for the indoor / in-person services held each week
- The Surround Sound Speakers and Amplifier seem to have made a significant improvement in the sound at the rear of the Sanctuary

August 2020:

- The combined C&M Committee (IT and Sound) finally met in person on August 17th with 5 Members present.
- The focus this month was on brain-storming a budget for 2021 to include Capital and Operation of the both the IT and Sound environments. There was discussion

- on installing a system with the capabilities of streaming our services to the internet.
- We began broadcasting the Media Coordinator's position within the Congregation and through PNEC which only netted 2 applications. Pastor Lori subsequently submitted the job to Indeed with hopes of receiving more interest.

September 2020:

- There was no committee meeting in September.
- Mark Weaver met with the Office Staff on September 3rd to discuss the various computer upgrades planned for the office systems later in the year
- The Sound Team again provided equipment and operation for the Outdoor (Parking Lot) service on September 6th
- The new projector continues to be used weekly in support of services without the use of Hymnals
- Indeed has provided almost 50 applications for the Media Coordinator position, which the team started to process

Looking Forward - There is still more work to be done:

- Selecting and Hiring the Media Coordinator
- Completing the installation of the Auxiliary Speakers for the Narthex, Nursery, and Kitchen
- Upgrading the Secretary and Finance PCs Operating System and support software
- Follow through on the Sound and Audio Training / Operating Manual Update
- Additional minor improvements for the Sound System
- Implementation of our 2021 Budget Line Items, if approved
- Updated IT Audit and comparison to 2017 with Committee review

Respectfully submitted by Mark Weaver

Cub Pack 31: Highlights from Oct. 2019 through Sept. 2020

Membership: 24 boys and 11 adult leaders

7 boys crossed over in the Spring of 2020

Pack is currently at 11 members and 11 leaders. Pack in the process of adding girls to the pack and following council guidelines with female leadership for the girls. Pack is actively recruiting both boys and girls.

Community Service/Volunteering:

- Wheels of Time: aided Troop 31 in the collection of food donations at the gates for local food bank
- 11/09: Scouting for Food: the pack collected food for local Zionsville food bank with 3800 pounds collected in total.
- Boys participated in Macungie Halloween Parade with a great turnout on their float and distributed treats to the attendees.

Highlights of the Year:

 Boys learned a variety of scout songs and performed skits during weekly meetings.

- Various pack meetings to honor and award achievements.
- Various fundraisers for the Pack including: Popcorn, Beef Sticks, Wawa Hoagie vouchers, Gertrude Hawk Candy, Hoagie sale
- The pack participated in Community Day at Upper Milford Township building where they had a hotdog tent set up and worked on recruiting for the pack.
- Spring of 2020 brought on challenges with in-person meetings, some of the dens changed their meetings to weekly virtual where two adult leaders would lead the virtual meetings to help the boys finish their ranking achievements.

Month-by-month List of Highlights

October:

- 10/06- The pack participated in fishing and a hayride at Keller's Hideaway Farm in Coopersburg.
- 10/12,19,26: Boys ran a concession stand at Quarry park during football games to fundraise for the pack.

November:

- 11/19: The pack enjoyed scout night with the Lehigh Valley Phantoms at the PPL Center.
- The boys participated in a Hoot Hike at Wildlands Conservancy for two hours.

December:

• 12/03: The boys participated in a variety of activities with residents at South Mountain Memory Care including Christmas Caroling, telling jokes, and enjoying light refreshments.

January 2020:

• The boys attended Winter Camp at Serranova for two days. On Saturday the pack participated in group activities and worked toward their achievements and goals, that night the boys had dinner and watched a movie as a group. On Sunday the scouts participated in activities for their rank.

February:

- 02/01: The Pack held their annual Scout Banquet.
- Scouts took part in annual Pinewood Derby where 3 of the boys qualified for districts, one of which came in fourth place at the district event.
- Pack participated in Scout Sunday at the local UCC church and worshiped together as a group.
- 02/21: Pack attended Monster truck Night at the PPL Center as a group.

March:

• 03/03: The pack organized a hoagie sale together as a fundraiser.

July:

• A few of the adult leaders helped volunteer to clean out the scout room in the basement of the UCC church.

August:

• 08/06: The boys participated in a summer Pack Picnic at Lenape park while adhering to covid-19 guidelines.

September:

- 09/20: The boys hiked for nearly 2 hours together at Ringing Rock Park where they hiked through the boulder field and along trails to see the waterfalls.
- 09/28: Boys who crossed over walked over the bridge they built to honor their achievements during the annual boy scout picnic.

Pack has been meeting on a regular basis outdoors at Lenape Park where all are following covid-19 social distancing guidelines. We will be transitioning into UCC church to meet where guidelines will still be followed.

Faith Uniting Neighbors (F.U.N.) Group Annual Report for October 2019 to September 2020

Our fourteenth year as F.U.N. Group began October 2019.

Hobby Night began and was attended by 11 interested people, who worked on various crafts/sewing projects and had FUN socializing in the process!

The Church Bazaar and Basket Auction on November tenth was "over the top" successful. We had a total of 140 baskets to auction this year! The bake sale was successful, too. Julia Yeakel won the quilt raffle. Thank you to Diane Berger for donating the quilt! This raffle generated \$128. Nancy Taniser won the Nativity Set donated by The Way to Emmaus. Our total profits were \$2,014, including the bake sale and tables. We were able to distribute \$2050 to the following (56% church oriented):

Lehigh County Conference of Churches (\$200)

Meals on Wheels (\$200)

OZ Vacation Bible School (\$100)

Upper Milford Fire Company (\$150)

Macungie Ambulance Corp (\$150)

Phoebe Axillary/Phoebe Ministries (\$100)

Second Harvest Food Bank (\$100)

Camelot House (\$200)

Jen's House (\$100)

OZUCC Pastor's Discretionary Fund (\$50)

Zionsville Area Food Pantry (\$300)

OZUCC Protective Window Fund (\$400, includes profit from guilt raffle)

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

It was decided that Share the Warmth items would not be collected this year.

Also, in December, Dan Schantz coupons yielded \$56 for the Village School. The check was received in February.

In December/January Angel Tree items for Bright Hope were collected. Bright Hope was thrilled to receive diapers, baby wipes, shampoo and other items.

Also, in January, we hosted the "Souper Bowl" covered dish social, which was attended by 35 people. We enjoyed 10 soups, as well as breads and desserts. Canned soups were collected for the Zionsville Area Food Pantry. Thank you to Social and Aid Committee for their donation.

Our annual toiletry collection in March/April was delivered to the Zionsville Area Food Pantry.

The ATF (All Things Free) Room is now under the FUN Group umbrella. Millie Kohler is in charge. Donated household items are available for Food Bank patrons.

And then there was COVID-19. All our remaining activities were cancelled.

F.U.N. Group had a very successful half-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.

We hope to have more FUN in 2021!!

Committee Members: Patti Mittl, Debbie Gurgick, Robin Yoder, Jan Strobel, Ardyth Schaffer, Deb Schoenberger, Millie Kohler and Larry Stahler.

Submitted in Christ's Service by Jan Strobel

Finance Committee Annual Report October 2019 to September 2020

A year ago, the Finance Committee was looking forward to "getting back to normal" following the Church's successful campaign to complete and pay for, the bell tower and building repairs. We proceeded to review and update various Church policies, and add a Records Retention Policy. Todd and Brenda worked on aligning items in the Chart of Accounts. We changed our natural gas supplier to Dominion. Several updates were made in the Church office. The Social and Aid Committee contributed toward the purchase of a new folding machine, Quickbooks was upgraded and the paper shredded was replaced. Work dates were also set up for reorganization of the office.

In April, we went virtual with our meetings. We thank Robin for facilitating remote meetings through June. We chose to rollover the Parsonage lease for another year and advised the tenants of the security camera installations. Repairs were made to the toilet and front door lock, and a new stove was installed.

In May the committee decided to apply for the Payroll Protection Program loan. In processing the paperwork, we discovered that the name of the church had never officially been changed with the State from Evangelical and Reformed to United Church of Christ. Robin and Brenda were able to get the paperwork sent through the lawyer and approved before the PPP filing deadline. Thanks to the efforts of Brenda and Chris Schell, our PPP application was approved and used to pay salaries and utilities. When we are notified by the bank, we will apply for loan forgiveness.

The Finance Committee appreciates the continued financial support from the congregation during this challenging year. We have been able to meet our budgeted expenses while new projects like the Window Fund are succeeding, as well. We researched four online giving service providers and determined this option is not feasible at this time.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Bedell for the current Finance Committee: Jane Bedell, Chair; Todd Griesemer, Treasurer; Brenda Seitz, staff/bookkeeper/administrator; Kathy Latshaw, Consistory Co-President; Robin Yoder, Deborah Gurgick, and Millie Kohler.

Historical Task Force Annual Report for October 2019-Sept. 2020

Historical Task Force did not meet during Oct. 1, 2019 to Sept. 30, 2020.

Membership and Evangelism Committee Annual Report for October 2019-September 2020

Committee Members: Lori Esslinger (Pastor), Linda Weaver (Chair), Mark Weaver **Committee Purpose:** This Committee desires to enrich the lives of our members through meaningful activities that help us get to know each other. We also strive to involve newcomers into the faith and family of the church through advertising, personal invitation, and involvement.

2019 had a strong finish completing another year full of the Lunch Bunch and Supper Club outings, along with another gala Advent Party at the church. We had even greater plans for 2020, with a diverse itinerary of outings to places like The State Theatre, Sight and Sound, and Iron Pigs Baseball, in conjunction with numerous new venues for Lunch Bunch and Supper Club. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 Pandemic put a halt to our plans in March 2020. We did manage a number of much smaller events in compliance with the pandemic restrictions and we so hope that things can return to a somewhat more normal situation so we can make bigger plans for 2021.

October 2019:

- Supper Club ventured down to East Greenville where 21 attended dinner at The Carriage House on October 11th.
- Lunch Bunch was held at Perkins Lehigh Street on October 25th with 23 in attendance.

November 2019:

- We carpooled out to Lenhartsville where 18 of us enjoyed some wonderful oldworld German Cuisine at Deitsch Eck on November 11th.
- We went back to The Brass Rail for a Lunch Bunch outing on November 22nd with 19 again in attendance.

December 2019:

• An Advent Party Luncheon was held in the Church Lower Social Hall on December 14th. The table was set with Hamburger BBQ, and a host of Potluck Dishes. We did some Advent Crafts and made a Gift Presentation to "Bright Hope". The group in attendance had a joyous afternoon.

January 2020:

- Supper Club visited one of our favorite spots with an outing to Alburtis Tavern on January 10th with 24 in attendance.
- The Lunch Bunch had 10 souls who braved the weather for a visit to Superior in Emmaus on January 31st.
- The same evening, a second round of the Supper Club headed back out to Deitsch Eck for Pig's Stomach with 15 of us again enjoying the fine meal.

February 2020:

• The first of a number of planned visits to The State Theatre was attended by 4 of us for the rousing ABBA show on February 7th. We stopped for dinner at Outback

Steakhouse on the way and grabbed some dessert at Perkins on the way home. We had a great time.

- 23 of us ventured down to Quakertown on February 8th for a Supper Club dinner at McCooles.
- The Lunch Bunch also continued this month on February 21st, at the Trivet in Macungie, with 16 attending.

March 2019:

• Supper Club continued March 6th with 14 making the call to Florence Italian Grill in Fogelsville.

Through the Pandemic:

We had so many great plans for 2020, but the pandemic forced the cancelation of all of our activities from March onward. We were able to rebound with some Mini-picnics at Mark and Linda Weaver's Picnic Grove (spelled GARAGE) in the late spring and early summer:

- May 17th, we started small with 6 utilizing our best form of Social Distancing
- May 31st, we Social Distanced with 8 of us having some great picnic fare
- June 14th, 7 of us enjoyed the renewed companionship
- June 28th, we had 7 again at the Weaver grove
- Then the heat of July came and roasted us out. We had several more of the mini picnics planned but the heat was just too much.

Looking Forward to 2021:

- We all hope the COVID-19 Pandemic will soon disperse and allow us to be more social once again.
- We certainly wish that Lunch Bunch and Supper Club can restart in the new year, along with some of the other great events that had been planned for this past year.
- We may try to organize some Mini-Group meals for 6-8 people at a time and will be soliciting ideas from our church family in the very near future.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Weaver

Music & Worship Committee Annual Report for Oct. 2019-Sept. 2020

All year: Our Bell Choir and Adult Choir sing from September through June. They are under the direction of Carolyn Rhoads, our choir director. David Carlson continues with us in his 25+ year as our organist.

October: We had a church wide fire drill on Oct. 20. Because it was raining we didn't evacuate the building but in the future, the safe spot for all to go is to the middle of the cemetery. That day we also dedicated items donated to the church through the past year. This year we dedicated the stair glide chair donated in Memory of Sandy Rhode. All Saints Sunday was held October 27.

November: We held the congregation annual meeting and we burned our sins and misgivings written on pieces of paper in a small chimnea outside after worship. The day

always proves to be very windy. Thanksgiving Eve service was sponsored by the ministerium and held at Vera Cruz EC church.

December: Advent began on Dec. 1 with decorations and a tree as always. White Gift was held on Dec. 8 along with the Children's Christmas program. We held three Christmas Eve services. 3 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7:30 with bell choir prelude at 7 p.m. All were well attended. We are grateful for the help of the Vera Cruz Fire Police each year to provide safety for our pedestrians crossing the street. The 3 p.m. service was an abbreviated service with Holy Communion, carols and candles. Our 5 p.m. Wiggly Giggly service was led by artist Dave Fry. His talents were enjoyed by all. The 7:30 p.m. service was the all church family service which included all the choirs and candles. Bobby Schmeltzle and Richard Shoemaker put the luminaria candles outside to light the way around the church. New pew candleholders, hand made by Richard Shoemaker were used for Christmas Eve. They were much sturdier and we are grateful for his work.

January: The Ministerium pulpit exchange was once again cancelled due to bad weather. We installed Consistory members on the last Sunday of the month.

February: Boy Scout Sunday is usually held on the first Sunday of February. Many boys participated and we enjoyed learning about the troop during this special time in worship. Ed Reis preached during Pastor Lori's vacation at the end of February. The congregation enjoys hearing his witty and thought provoking messages. Our Ash Wednesday Service was tricky this year due to Pastor Lori's vacation and the substitute preacher being sick. Our Consistory President Kathy Latshaw rose to the challenge and had neighboring Pastor Marty Milne from the Lutheran Church bless the elements so we could move forward with worship!

March: We began a Bible Study on the book: IN HIS STEPS. We were enjoying reading the story and discussing the chapters when the Corona-virus 19 broke out and closed everything down. The church closed. No Sunday services until further notice. Most meetings were held virtually on either Zoom or Webx. Brenda printed pictures of our congregation members and Lori put them in the sanctuary on the pews where they usually sat. Lori put devotionals on the Facebook page every Sunday - about 10 minutes. Choir shut down and no organ. Brenda Seitz kept the office going and Rich continued to clean and sanitize the building.

April: Church continued to be closed. On Palm Sunday, we held a drive through Palm giveaway. It was a great success. Many families came out to get their palms and a blessing. We were pictured in the East Penn Press on the front page! During Holy Week Lori put devotionals on our Facebook page every day and a special segment for Easter Day. Holy Humor Sunday wasn't held and the jokes shared online just weren't the same. Lori started coming to the church to record Sunday morning messages for Facebook - about ten minutes or so. Village School remained closed as did Sunday School, Scouts and all activities at the church.

May: Church remained closed. Lori continued to go on Facebook each Sunday morning to provide short devotionals from the sanctuary.

June: Consistory decided we could have a service in the Parking Lot on June 7. We combined Memorial Day by having a trumpeter there to accompany the hymns, Mother's and Father's Day by handing out gifts of plants to all women and men, and Communion by giving everyone a self-contained package of a wafer and a little plastic cup of grape juice. It was a beautiful day and we had a great attendance outside. All other services were cancelled for the rest of June and the Dillingersville service was cancelled too. It was our turn to host. We will host in 2021 instead. The three lead Pastors for Dillingersville got together at the Lutheran Church on June 28 which would have been our Sunday, to tape and provide a live worship service on Uncle Jeffrey's WTAP. We followed the guidelines of no singing, no responses and social distance.

July: Consistory decided we could have services back in the sanctuary again. All would wear masks and social distance with hand sanitizer and gloves provided. We took attendance at each service in case someone contracted the virus so we could call everyone to take precautions. We only sang one verse of the hymns. David returned to the organ. Responses were kept to a minimum and we encouraged folks to participate or not as they felt able. The services were 30 minutes starting at 9 a.m. as we usually do for the summer. This was well received and we continued on that formula for the rest of the summer. Our sanctuary is big enough for us to social distance and all worshippers complied and wore masks. Christmas in July was held on July 26. We thank Kathy Latshaw for offering the service in the absence of Pastor Lori.

August: We continued as mentioned above with regular worship. Pastor Lori provided a sermon series on Revelation and Is this the End of the World as we know it? We held a funeral for Wanda Yeakel in the sanctuary on Aug.22.

September: We held another outdoor Parking Lot service where folks stayed in their cars. We used the disposable communion cups again. This was the last 9 a.m. service for the summer. Sept 13 we went back into the sanctuary for worship at 10:15 a.m. Music and Worship Committee met and suggested that the service time remain between 30 - 45 minutes. Our Sound System team was sharing the service on Power Point using the new projector we purchased (funded by Outreach committee). Some of the services went over an hour. We heard complaints so we are trying very hard to keep the services to no more than 45 minutes. Harvest Home service on Sept. 27 was wonderful this year. We advertised for many weeks ahead that the food pantry needed certain canned items and folks were quite generous and provided more than 20 grocery bags of canned goods that enhanced the display provided by Nancy Civitts and Carolyn Rhoads. It was lovely.

Moving forward we hope and pray that restrictions will be lifted soon since many members still do not come to worship for fear of the virus. Our choirs continue to be silent but we persevere to gather for worship because fellowship is a strong element of who we are as a church family in Old Zionsville PA.

Respectfully submit by the Rev. Lori Esslinger for the M&W committee: David Carlson, Kathy Latshaw, Susan Jacobs, Darlene Schmeltzle, Brenda Shoemaker, Carolyn Rhoads, and Lori Esslinger.

Outlook Committee Annual Report for Oct. 2019-Sept. 2020

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 2019

Breakfast was served to 108 people, had 17 helpers, made 69 omelets

November 2019

Breakfast was served to 95 people, had 16 helpers, made 66 omelets At our November meeting, Ed made a motion and Rich 2nd to pay for a new projector for the church. The Projector cost was \$5,000 and four Microphones for \$1,000. The Outlook Committee donated the \$6,000 so these items could be purchased.

December 2019

Breakfast was served to 115 people, made 69 omelets, this was our last breakfast for the year.

Also in December we held our annual cookie walk. The Social and Aid Committee (Annie Souder) made soup for us to sell at our cookie walk. We sold it for \$7.00 a quart. Profits from this soup fundraiser went into the Window Fund. We sold 98 quarts of soup for a profit of \$688.00. A motion was made to give \$1,000 to the Window Fund from the Outlook Committee.

In March 2020, Covid-19 hit us and we canceled all remaining fundraisers which included the Basket Social, Cookie Walk and the Das Awkscht Fescht. We hope to get back to doing these things again in the new year.

Respectfully submitted by Darlene Schmeltzle

Personnel Committee Annual Report for Oct. 2019 - Sept. 2020

We continue to meet to update the Employee Handbook and discuss employee wages, Raises, and change in vacation time.

In this time of the Covid-19 months we wish the choir and bell choir could have been heard. The music was missed by all.

There was a change in the members on the Committee. The Committee as of August 2020 now consists of Pastor Lori, Jan Strobel, Diane Berger and Kathy Latshaw.

Submitted by Kathy Latshaw.

Property Committee Annual Report for Oct. 2019 - Sept. 2020

Committee members: Beth Massa, Chair; Brenda Shoemaker, Consistory Representative; Marty Bertie, Henry Heil, Maynard Schaffer, Bob Schmeltzle, Bobby Schmeltzle, Darlene Schmeltzle, Rich Shoemaker, Randy Trexler, Sharon Trexler 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

No changes

Work completed in past year

- Replaced and repaired down spouting to alleviate water entering the building at multiple locations
- Worked with vendor to make final repairs to chair lift
- · Installed directional signs to chair lift
- Developed table/chair rental policy
- Initiated fire drills for worship service and Village School as a result of our insurance audit
- Installed glow-in-the-dark signs for fire extinguishers
- Resealed and fixed cracks in parking lot
- Installed "children must be supervised" signs in parking lot
- Renovated existing pew candleholders
- Installed plexiglass to protect outdoor creche
- Removed old, outdated electrical system
- Performed inventory for all persons having keys to the church
- Completed boiler pump repair
- Performed various repairs/replacements to parsonage including refrigerator, stove, door lock, toilet
- Upgraded sanctuary microphones and sound system configuration
- Worked with Computer and Media Committee to install security cameras on building exterior
- Replaced sanctuary chandelier bulbs with LEDs
- Repaired damage to slate roof of garage
- Repaired areas of water damage in sanctuary from 2019 flooding
- Performed ongoing maintenance work around the church and parsonage (minor leaks repaired, caulking/sealant laid down as needed, etc).

Future work (in progress and planned) (All work is dependent on funding availability.)

- Circulator pump to insure hot water for dishwasher: maintenance
- Spigot for kitchen sink: replace
- Main parking lot: refresh line painting and signs for reserved parking spaces
- Interior sanctuary walls: remediate water damage
- Remediate area between sanctuary & ramp
- New parking spots between church & parsonage
- Parking lot line painting
- Renovations to sanctuary roof
- Bathroom roof repairs

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the committee, Beth Massa, Chair

Social and Aid Society Annual Report for Oct. 2019-Sept. 2020

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

October 2019

Purchased school supplies for Food Pantry children Purchased apples for Food Pantry

November 2019

Made food for Church Craft Bazaar and Basket Auction Sold Chicken Pot Pie by the quart for takeout Purchased apples for Food Pantry Provided Christmas gifts for Food Pantry

December 2019

Purchased apples for the Food Pantry

Helped Outlook Committee with baking for Cookie Walk

Made soup to sell at the Cookie Walk with a profit of \$688.00 going to "Windows for The Future"

Paid for office folding machine.

Gave Church employees Christmas gifts.

January 2020

Purchased apples for the Food Pantry

February 2020

Purchased apples for the Food Pantry Prepared and served Boy Scout Banquet

March 2020

Purchased apples for the Food Pantry Prepared and served food for William Stahler Funeral

April 2020

Purchased apples for the Food Pantry
Made 295 pies for Beef Pie Fundraiser, profit of \$326.00 went to "Windows for
The Future"

May 2020

Purchased flowers for Laura Weider's grave

August 2020

Gave money to the church in memory of Wanda Yeakel.

Respectfully Submitted by Annie Souder

The Village School Annual Report for 2018/2019 School Year

Founded in 1980, this year marks our 40th year at the Village School, and sadly due to Covid, the final year of our preschool. Our year began like any other year, with Get Acquainted on Wednesday, September 4th. Our first day of school was Monday, September 9th for our 2's and Pre-k classes, and Tuesday, September 10th for our 3's.

In October, our 3's and Pre-k classes visited Savage Farms. Also in October, our Pre-k class visited the Emmaus Fire Company, and the Upper Milford Fire Company came to visit our 3's class at the Village School. We enjoyed Thanksgiving celebrations, Santa visits and Valentine's exchanges. The Pre-k Post Office field trip with Miss Sheila, and our 3's field trip to Rita's with Miss Carolyn were our last two field trips this year. The children were blessed to have our Resident Artists classes with Miss Lilly from Allegro Dance and Miss Brittney, our Yoga teacher. This summer, we celebrated an unprecedented Covid safe outdoor Pre-k Graduation Ceremony in the church parking lot! Thanks to Pastor Lori, Phil Rhoads, and Susan Hoch for the extra help, and to the board and teachers for all of your help.

Our 2020/2021 registration opened when the children returned from Christmas break. When our school year ended abruptly on March 12, 2020 due to the statewide shutdown, it had a negative impact on our enrollment. Covid caused us to experience the lowest enrollment in the history of Village School. Like everyone else, we waited to see where this time in our history would go. We did not receive many registrations prior to closing in March, and no new registrations came in over the shutdown. Our teachers were uncomfortable starting in September and wanted to wait to open until January. We began holding meetings both in person and via phone after graduation. Together, the staff and I tried to strategize a way to open our doors for the new school year.

We knew that our 2's class was not an option with only 3 enrollments. And if we combined our 3's and Pre-k classes together to make one class, we wouldn't have had half the students needed to make the class cost effective. We gathered parent's feedback and there was much uncertainty amongst them. Mostly, the parents who had children enrolled were anxious and uneasy about their children returning to preschool because of what could happen in the Fall with the predictions of rising cases. Unfortunately, we had parents pull out, parents not wanting to send their toddlers if their older children had to do school virtually, parents who did not want their children to wear masks, parents who wouldn't return until there was a vaccine, and some who would go to another school if we didn't open in September.

We discussed possibly closing just for this year until a vaccine was available. But realistically, knew that in that years' time, we would more than likely lose our staff to other jobs and that we would lose the few parent board members that we did have as they moved on to other preschools as well. With only one church member left on our board after I resign, and no one from the congregation able to provide leadership as the new chair, we felt that we had no choice but to close the Village School.

The decision to close the the Village School was not taken lightly. It was emotional and heartbreaking knowing that we would be closing our doors after 40 years of service to our community. If we had ran a class with only a few children in it, it would have depleted the balance of our account and set in motion a failure to thrive for the following year by not having the feeder classes necessary to build the following year.

We will close our books by the end of December 2020, and donate money in memory of Bob Benner to the church to help with expenses that are needed at this time. Bob was a wonderful soul and an incredible asset to our church and the Village School for many years. It was Bob's love, and belief in the Village School that kept our doors open when we suffered low enrollment 4 years ago. It is with love from the Village School, that we donate money to the church in his memory.

We would like to give a heartfelt thank you to our congregation for all of their love and support over the years. It has meant more to us than you'll ever know. Thank you Linda Bertie for having the vision to start the Village School at OZUCC 40 years ago. Thank you Brenda Seitz for your help and support over the years, you were a godsend to our school. Thank you Pastor Lori for everything. Your love and support did not go unnoticed. Thank you Wendy Yeakel, for your 20+ years of service, teaching and influence to our children. The Village School would not have been what it was if it was not for you. You taught our children with love, compassion and empathy, going above and beyond to create the most incredible preschool experience for our children. Thank you Liz Hersh, for being Wendy's long standing, dependable aide and partner for years. The two of you have impacted the lives of so many children as you built a strong foundation for them grow. Thank you to each and every teacher and aide for their contribution to the Village School over the years. And thank you to every church member who volunteered on our board for the last 40 years.

As we close out our final year at Village School, we leave with the knowledge that we are the Village that built a strong foundation for the 1000+ children that walked through our doors. We have been blessed by each of you. We thank your parents for leaving you in our care and for letting us be a part of their lives. For this, we have been blessed.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Hoch Village School Chair

The Village School Profit & Loss

October 2019 through September 2020

	Oct '19 - Sep 20
Ordinary Income/Expense	-
Income	
40000- · Donation	10.00
401 · Tuition	
401-1 · Registration	520.00
401-2 · Activity Fee/Field Trips(parent	150.00
401-3 · Fun Day	285.00
401 · Tuition - Other	19,916.60
Total 401 - Tuition	20,871.60
405 · Lunch bunch	204.00
406 · Fundraising	2,817.10
412 · Other Types of Income	21.00
413 · Petty Cash deposit	1,190.30
Total Income	25,114.00
Expense	
101 · State Withholding Tax	1,017.29
105- · payroll	23,335.25
106- · Social Security Tax	4,107.74
107- · Medicare Tax	961.00
108- · Federal Tax	3,443.80
109- Local Tax	368.59
110 · - Miscellaneous	788.20
111- · Occ. Privilege Tax	16.00
112 · Registration	920.00
114 · Activities Fund(from donations)	360.00
115 · Tuition Refund	1,280.30
160- · supplies	287.88
161- Field trip	50.00
162 · Fundraiser	1,729.12
163 · Donation to Old Zionsville UCC	100.00
164 · Website	204.34
Total Expense	38,969.51
Net Ordinary Income	-13,855.51
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Windows to the Future Annual Report for Oct. 2019-Sept. 2020

The "Windows to the Future" logo, named by Jane Bedell and created by Beth Massa, was used regularly in the bulletin and newsletter announcements. Beginning in October special Windows giving envelopes were placed in the pews to encourage regular contributions to the campaign.

The committee researched various stained glass studios and Pastor Lori networked with churches in the Penn Northeast Conference for referrals and campaign ideas. Throughout the fall and winter, five studio representatives visited from Pennsylvania, New Jersey and as far away as Minnesota. The last studio to visit (on March 6th just prior to the Covid 19 virus) was Cumberland Stained Glass in Mechanicsburg. The committee was impressed with their plan and experience and, after references were checked and with Finance Committee and Consistory approval, a contract was signed May 12. It covered restoration of the descending dove and wheat twin windows flanking the organ. Work would begin in the fall of 2020 with completion by Christmas.

Fund raising began in December with the Outlook Committee donating \$1,000 to the fund from the cookie walk and soup fundraiser. A "Matching Gift" fundraising campaign ran throughout January and February thanks to a generous member who offered to donate up to \$2,000 to the fund if the congregation could match the amount. The congregation exceeded this, donating \$3,114! In April the Social and Aid Society donated \$326 profit from the beef pie sale. During July and August, the congregation deposited loose change in the "Change for Windows" jar totaling \$134.91.

Throughout the year, and even during the Covid virus when worship was halted, members continued to generously support the project with their giving. Other donations to the fund have been received in memory of James Laudenslager, William Stahler, Bernadine Stahler and Ruth-Ann Schell.

On September 14, the restoration began with Cumberland removing the four medallions in the dove and wheat windows for handoff to their artist for reproduction. Looking forward to installation of the new windows by Christmas 2020!

Submitted by Pastor Lori Esslinger, Beth Massa and Ruth Stansfield

Addendum - November 19, 2020