

# OLD ZIONSVILLE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## ANNUAL REPORT

October 2021 – September 2022



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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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## **2022 Consistory**

**Elders:** Millie Kohler  
Brenda Shoemaker  
Larry Stahler  
Jan Strobel, Vice President  
Mark Weaver, Secretary

**Deacons:** Kathy Latshaw, President  
Maynard Schaffer  
Robert Schmeltzle, Jr.  
Ruth Stansfield  
Sharon Trexler

Church Treasurer: Robin Yoder

## **2022 CHURCH STAFF**

Pastor: Rev. Lori Esslinger  
Organist: David Carlson  
Choir Director: Carolyn Rhoads  
Secretary: Brenda Seitz  
Sexton: Richard Shoemaker  
Social Media Coordinator: Beth Massa  
Angela Stahler

## **Annual Report of Pastor October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022**

The fall season of 2021 into fall of 2022 has been a very interesting year. At first glance, it has been a year of funerals. Many of our beloved members have gone Home to meet Jesus. Ministry at our church has changed some due to the Pandemic and some due to these losses. I have tried to keep the congregation moving forward at a stable pace in the midst of these changes. Slowly, with meaning, we continue to talk about the changes, realize the grief, and support each other.

In January of 2022, I began my 8th year with this congregation and for sure the focus has changed. The congregation is aging and we are dealing with the challenges of that both for the members individually and for us together as a church.

We continue to offer GriefShare for those who wish to learn and gain support. Our Windows to the Future program is flourishing to give meaning to the fact that we are still and will continue to "be here." Our property committee continues to update and maintain our aging building keeping the structures strong and beautiful. The FUN Group continues to provide opportunities for Mission work both near and far. We interact and work with our sister churches in the area through the Ministerium realizing that together we can do more. We still continue ministry to the young people in our midst by providing Sunday School and Confirmation/Youth Group. Our Social Media presence has blossomed thanks to our Social Media and Information Technology teams. Our Covenantal relationships with the Penn Northeast Conference and the National United Church of Christ remain strong and stable as we do our part as a UCC congregation.

We may not be running into the future, but we are moving with meaning to be the presence of Jesus Christ in this place. See the rest of the reports in this document to learn the specifics. I'm proud of our church leaders who work hard to make wise choices in following the call of Jesus Christ.

Peace,  
The Rev. Lori Esslinger  
Part Time Pastor

## **Statistics of Congregation**

October 2021-September 2022

### **Average Sunday Worship Attendance: 41**

#### **Members Received:**

October 24, 2021: Glenn Shingler  
Angela Stahler  
Samantha Molter  
June 12, 2022: Jennifer Casper, Reaffirmation of Faith  
Joshua Ritter, Reaffirmation of Faith  
Lois Frantz, Transferred

#### **Baptisms:**

Madison Marie Walbert  
Morgan Monique Trexler  
Natalie Rose Shollenberger

#### **Deaths:**

Robert Lehr – November 23, 2021  
Barry Ritter – December 1, 2021\*  
Patricia Pastor – December 9, 2021\*  
Richard Meier – December 11, 2021\*  
Elsie Gibiser – December 18, 2021\*  
Julia Yeakel – December 26, 2021  
Douglas Urffer – January 5, 2022\*  
Pat Harig – February 24, 2022  
Elisabeth Gehring – March 21, 2022  
Robert Schmeltzle, Sr. – April 22, 2022

\*Denotes non-member

#### **Weddings:**

Samantha Molter & Nathan Boyer – November 20, 2021  
Jennifer Casper & Joshua Ritter – August 20, 2022

### **Congregation Membership**

Members as of September 30, 2021: 220  
Additions: 6  
Deaths: 5  
Members as of September 30, 2022: 221

### **Giving Analysis from Oct. 2021-Sept. 30, 2022**

General Use - \$98,343.10  
Parking Lot - \$640.48  
Cemetery Association - \$12,562.00  
Memorial Fund - \$5,570.95  
Mission - \$4,790.83  
Flowers - \$2,234.00  
Bulletins – \$440.00  
Heat/Electric - \$550.00  
Sunday School - \$227.00  
Pastor Discretionary Fund - \$489.59  
Windows Fund - \$59,081.75  
Building Repair - \$535.00

# Proposed CHURCH BUDGET FOR 2023, Dec 2022

|   | 2022 Budget     | Actual Oct 21 -<br>Sept 22 | 2023 Budget     |
|---|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>INCOME</b>   |                 |                            |                 |
| <b>TOTAL REGULAR CHURCH INCOME</b>                                | <b>131,050</b>  | <b>122,585</b>             | <b>124,005</b>  |
| - Reflect downward trend regular giving                           |                 |                            |                 |
| <b>TOTAL BENEVOLENCE SUPPORT CONGREGATION</b>                     | <b>5,500</b>    | <b>5,638</b>               | <b>5,500</b>    |
| <b>TOTAL MISC. INCOME</b>   | <b>1,000</b>    | <b>366</b>                 | <b>500</b>      |
| - No planned committee funded project                             |                 |                            |                 |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>   | <b>137,550</b>  | <b>128,589</b>             | <b>130,005</b>  |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>   |                 |                            |                 |
| <b>TOTAL PASTOR'S EXPENSE</b>                                     | <b>43,859</b>   | <b>43,559</b>              | <b>44,431</b>   |
| - Includes Personnel Committee recommended increase               |                 |                            |                 |
| <b>CHRISTIAN ED SUPPLIES (SUNDAY SCHOOL)</b>                      | <b>300</b>      | <b>478</b>                 | <b>300</b>      |
| <b>TOTAL STAFF EXPENSE</b>  | <b>51,358</b>   | <b>49,375</b>              | <b>53,900</b>   |
| - Includes Personnel Committee recommended increases)             |                 |                            |                 |
| and full year for social and media positions                      |                 |                            |                 |
| <b>TOTAL CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS EXPENSE</b>                     | <b>5,200</b>    | <b>6,270</b>               | <b>6,000</b>    |
| <b>TOTAL MUSIC &amp; WORSHIP EXPENSE</b>                          | <b>4,000</b>    | <b>5,095</b>               | <b>5,250</b>    |
| <b>TOTAL BUILDING &amp; GROUNDS OPERATING EXPENSE</b>             | <b>22,400</b>   | <b>21,088</b>              | <b>23,200</b>   |
| <b>TOTAL OFFICE/COMMUNICATION OPERATING EXPENSES</b>              | <b>7,670</b>    | <b>5,617</b>               | <b>4,610</b>    |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSE PROPERTY PROJECTS</b>                            | <b>8,500</b>    | <b>7,387</b>               | <b>5,721</b>    |
| - reflects no additional capital purchases by computers and media |                 |                            |                 |
| - \$5,000 TBD projects - as necessary                             |                 |                            |                 |
| <b>TOTAL PARSONAGE EXPENSES</b>                                   | <b>6,900</b>    | <b>7,567</b>               | <b>7,800</b>    |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>   | <b>150,187</b>  | <b>146,437</b>             | <b>151,212</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>   | <b>137,550</b>  | <b>128,589</b>             | <b>130,005</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>  | <b>150,187</b>  | <b>146,437</b>             | <b>151,212</b>  |
| <b>NET CASH FLOW</b>  | <b>(12,637)</b> | <b>(17,849)</b>            | <b>(21,207)</b> |

# COMMITTEE AND GROUP REPORTS

## **All Things Free (ATF) Report from Inception to September 2022**

The idea of providing more than food to the clients of the Zionsville Area Food Pantry came about in the fall of 2019 by Pastor Lori, Gisela Lorish and Millie Kohler. (Carl Lorish came on board, "reluctantly") We started by collecting, sorting and then offering good used clothing to the clients on regular food distribution days. It was so well received and over time we expanded our collection to include almost everything and anything in good or like new condition. Furniture is an exception due to lack of storage space. Any donations deemed unacceptable for our food pantry families get passed on to other charities. Our original team has been blessed with the addition of many amazing, hardworking, dedicated volunteers and more volunteers are always welcome. We pray God will continue to bless us and our mission as we continue to help our families in need.

Following is a summary of our activities from 2019-2022:

**2019** – In January our original team of volunteers (Pastor Lori, Gisela and Carl Lorish, Melody Casey, Sue Hartman, Ardy Schaffer, Mike Magruder and Millie Kohler) began giving away clothing, housewares and other items to the clients of the Old Zionsville Food Pantry on food pantry days in a room adjacent to the food distribution room at Zion's Lutheran Church. Clients received their food bags first than shopped with us.

In August of 2019 Phil Rhode made an Emmaus property complete with tables available to us (free of charge) to sort and store donated items, which freed up space in Pastor Lori's garage☺. That same month we officially named ourselves the "All Things FREE" Room. In October, Debbie and Maynard Schaffer joined our team. In November we hosted our first Christmas Shoppers Shop so clients could shop a limited number of gifts for their family and/or friends. Extra volunteers wrapped their selections for them! In November a Zionsville resident generously donated shelves for our sort and store room.

Thanks to Phil Rhode and Bobby Schmeltzle for securing and installing them. In December, as a fundraiser we set up a table at our Church's Bazaar and Filled Basket Auction and successfully raffled off new items that had been donated to us.

**2020** – In January, as directed by the Finance Committee, we became a subgroup of FUN Group. They manage our church envelope finances and we are responsible to submit a monthly petty cash report at the regular meetings. Giveaway days were canceled April through July due to Covid. In August and September we resumed our giveaways on the Lutheran Church parking lot, following CDC Guidelines. We gave away lots of Halloween items donated from Herbein's Garden Center. In November we moved our Christmas Shoppers Shop to our Church's upper social room, again strictly following CDC Guidelines. We distributed gift wrapping materials rather than wrapping gifts for the clients. We also invited an area fire victim's family to shop without limits. December's giveaway was canceled due to Covid.

**2021** – January giveaway was canceled in honor of the loss of my brother and Gisela's husband, Carl Lorish. In March Sherri Harrison joined our team. Also in March, the Boy Scouts began volunteering their services to us whenever needed. In June we gave away large children's items on the Lutheran Church parking lot. In July Phil sold his property and we relocated our "stock" to our Church's back Sunday School room. Also in July, another huge donation was gratefully received from Herbein's. In addition to distributing to our clientele, we were able to share some of these items with FUN Group; "Back to Church Day" Bingo at the Lutheran Church; and have a table at the November Bazaar and Basket Auction at our Church. In August Beth Eck and Glenn Shingler joined our team.

Our giveaway days in October 2021 were reduced from three days to two days to coincide with the Food Pantry schedule. Both Monday and Saturday's events were held on the second floor of the Lutheran Church. In addition to our clients, several families attended (by invitation) from

the Food Cupboard operated by Grace Lutheran Church in Macungie. We featured Halloween and Thanksgiving items along with our usual miscellaneous surprises. We also participated in Upper Milford's Community Day event by offering a table full of free books and a few other items. We received cash donations for some of these things. Proceeds from three Emmaus community yard sales were contributed to the windows restoration project.

Because FUN Group's Bazaar and Basket Auction fell on the same day in November as our second annual Christmas Shoppers Shop and Christmas giveaway day, we moved our event to the second floor of the Lutheran church. We served a total of 49 very happy, appreciative families from both our Food Pantry and Macungie's Food Cupboard. Additionally, we set up a table at the Bazaar and Basket Auction and gave away free festive items donated from Herbein's. We accepted monetary donations as well.

In January 2022 we were back in our Church basement for giveaway days and distributed many, many winter coats, blankets and numerous other items.

Remaining at our Church for March giveaway days we featured spring, Easter and early summer items.

May's month featured Memorial Day, Father's Day and Fourth of July items together with our usual surprises. Sarah Hoch joined our team this month and agreed to work with us until she was off to college in the fall. Several Boy Scouts also assisted this month. July's giveaway tables were loaded with Barbie dolls and Barbie accessories, school supplies and a grand supply of craft items. Once again September was our month to give away Halloween and Thanksgiving items but our grand display of baby and small children's clothing drew the most attention. Two great shopping days, as smiling parents and grandparents filled bags of nice clothing for their kids.

Many thanks to all our volunteers and generous donors! You've made it possible for our ATF Room to have another successful year!

Respectfully submitted, Millie Kohler

## Cemetery Association Annual Report for Oct. 2021-Sept. 2022

The Cemetery Association continues to maintain the three cemeteries entrusted to us. The Committee is always looking for helpers to join to oversee the working parts of the Cemetery Association. If you are interested in supporting the Cemetery Association, see anyone on the Committee.

Members: Chris Schell, John Civitts, Jane Bedell, Dan Latshaw, Glenn Shingler and Larry Stahler.

### Old Zionsville UCC Cemetery Association Profit & Loss October 2021 through September 2022

|                                      | Oct '21 - Sep 22 |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| Ordinary Income/Expense              |                  |
| Income                               |                  |
| 300 - Flat Stone Marker & Foundation | 1,400.00         |
| 4000 - Grave Open & Close Fee        | 400.00           |
| 4003 - Perpetual Care                | 6,600.00         |
| 4004 - Donation                      | 2,062.00         |
| 4005 - Interment                     | 1,300.00         |
| 42000 - Gravesite Purchase           | 800.00           |
| Total Income                         | 12,562.00        |
| Expense                              |                  |
| 60504 - Petty Cash                   | 445.26           |
| 60505 - Payroll                      | 5,738.28         |
| 60507 - Federal Taxes                | 994.32           |
| 60509 - Local Taxes                  | 48.78            |
| 60510 - State Taxes                  | 199.56           |
| Total Expense                        | 7,426.20         |
| Net Ordinary Income                  | 5,135.80         |
| Net Income                           | 5,135.80         |

## **Christian Education Committee Annual Report for October 2021-September 2022**

The Christian Education at our church is alive and well. We have Sunday School for our youngsters and adult education happens in worship.

We are grateful for our very dedicated and loyal Sunday School teachers including: Patti Mittl, Susan Jacobs, Amber Kriebel, Alyson Miller, Debbie Schoenberger and our pianist Pat Sajkowicz. Joining the team in fall of 2022 is Linda and Mark Weaver. Thank you to each and every one of them!!!

Starting in fall of 2021, we began with three classes: preschool, early elementary and upper elementary. Total students were 9. The year went well while we were wearing masks and getting back to normal after a year off due to Covid. The Children sang in worship for White Gift Sunday in December and were a big hit with the congregation. You never know what the children will say or do! Sunday School started back up in the new year and commenced to the end of a year well done in June.

Beginning in Fall of 2022, we have 4 children in early elementary and upper elementary as well as 5 confirmands. The schedule for Confirmation class includes service projects, helping around the church, Sunday School, Worship attendance and lunch after worship once a month with the mentors. Our hope is to give the students a well-rounded look at the whole year of the church, including summer. These students will be confirmed in September of 2023.

We thank all of our dedicated teachers, helpers and parents for bringing their children to Sunday School. Patti Mittl has stepped down from weekly teaching but will be around from time to time to lead a craft or prepare a special lesson. We thank her for her years of leadership too. We also miss Darlene Schmeltzle who died suddenly in September of 2021. She taught the littlest ones for around 50 years! What a commitment. There is always room for you to help and share the love of Christ with our youth!

Peace, Lori Esslinger for the committee: Patti Mittl, Susan Jacobs, Amber Kriebel, Debbie Schoenberger.

## **Computer and Media Committee Annual Report for October 2021 to September 2022**

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

**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.

**The COVID-19 Pandemic** slowed down some this year and we began a recovery. We did execute our project to install the fixed equipment for recording and streaming our church services and began streaming first to YouTube in March 2022 and then simultaneously to Facebook in May 2022. Beth Massa took over as our interim Media Coordinator and Angela Stahler has joined our team as our primary Director of Streaming and Assistant Media Coordinator. We pray that the pandemic continues to subside and that we can continue 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 2021:**

- A meeting of the Sound Team meeting was held on October 18<sup>th</sup> with 2 members present.
- The proposed budget for 2022 included the following projects:
  - Wireless Microphone replacement (FCC requirement)
  - Materials and Installation of the old Computer Projector in the Lower Social Hall
- Media Coordinator
  - Beth Massa continues as the interim Media Coordinator, and it was planned to begin the search for a permanent replacement early in 2022.
- Live Streaming of Services
  - We purchased the Fixed Camera Video and Streaming Equipment this month.
- Sound System
  - We are waiting for the Choir to return in order to re-tune the Sound System.

**November 2021:**

- The IT Meeting scheduled for November 15<sup>th</sup> was canceled due to a number of personnel conflicts.
- The 2022 budget was approved for the following:
  - IT Capital: (Misc. Unforeseen Hardware and Supplies)
  - IT Operating: (As requested)
  - Sound Capital: (Wireless Microphone replacement)
  - Sound Operating: (As requested)
  - Security Capital: (No budget requested)
  - Security Operating: (No budget requested)
- Media Coordinator
  - Beth Massa continues her work on updating the Website and ongoing Facebook engagement.
- Live Streaming of Services
  - Phil Rhode has been recording our services with his cell phone and sending the file to Beth Massa for upload to YouTube, which will continue until the new Fixed System is operational.
  - The Fixed Camera Video and Streaming Equipment was received, and Mark Weaver worked on the configuration and setup of the computer that was needed prior to installation.
- Sound System
  - The Sound Team has been attending the Choir Rehearsals to work on re-tuning the system.

**December 2020:**

- There was no Sound Team meeting in December since they have been attending Choir Rehearsals for the tuning of the Sound System.
- Live Streaming of Services
  - Offsite testing of the Live Streaming Equipment was completed and delivered to the church. Began planning for the installation including the procurement of a desk for the computer operation.
  - Beth Massa "Live Streamed" our December 19<sup>th</sup> service to YouTube using her cell phone.
  - Streaming Camera and Microphone were installed on December 28<sup>th</sup>
- Sound System
  - It was decided that the rear "Surround Sound" speakers need replacement and were ordered.
  - Sound System operation for the Christmas Eve Service was again covered by Dan Latshaw.

**January 2022:**

- A combined team meeting scheduled for January 17<sup>th</sup> was canceled due to inclement weather.

- 2021 spending came in under budget
- Office Projects
  - The UPS was installed on the Head End for protection from brief power outages.
  - A larger Ethernet Switch was installed in the Head End.
  - Internet Security and Backup Software yearly subscription will be installed in February.
- Live Streaming of Services
  - Streaming System computer installation started but additional longer cables were needed.
  - Still working on plans for the final installation and startup (Need help for operation, however).
- Sound System
  - Mark handled the Sound System for the funeral of Patricia Pastor on January 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - We talked with Tyler Rhoads on Christmas Eve, who suggested certain adjustments. Mark and Dan are working to get these adjustments completed. Will need the Choir to return to complete.
  - Replacement Surround (rear) Speakers have arrived and need to make a date for installation.
  - New Wireless Microphones will be ordered soon.
  - Plans for the installation of the Projector and Screen in the Lower Social Hall are in the works.

## **February 2022:**

- A Combined Team meeting was held February 21<sup>st</sup> with 7 members present.
- Media Coordinator
  - Pastor Lori and Mark Weaver are working on updating the Media Coordinator job description.
  - Beth Massa has agreed to remain as Media Coordinator for the meantime.
- Office Projects
  - The annual update of the Administrator passwords on all church PCs was completed as of 2/18/2022.
  - The Guest Wireless Passwords will not be changed.
  - Internet Security and Backup Software was ordered, received, and installed on all church computers.
  - During the installation of the Internet Security Software, it was observed that neither of the Office Computers has been backing up, as the backup drives are either full or have failed.
    - Mark installed the Network Attached Storage (NAS) drive and backups of all computers were completed.
    - The NAS drive will also be a Central File Storage and a plan will be developed to migrate all office data to this device.
  - Office Computer OS Upgrades are canceled pending the rollout of Win 11.
  - Also, with the 2 Office Computers being of age, we will look into replacing them in 2023.
  - Media Coordinator's PC will be installed after the Office Reorganization is completed.
- Live Streaming of Services
  - Installation of Equipment continues.

## **March 2022:**

- A meeting was held with the IT Team on March 21 with 4 members present.
- Office Projects
  - The completed IT Accounts and Password List was put in the safe on 3/2/2022
- Live Streaming of Services
  - We began recording our Services with the Ash Wednesday Service on 3/2/2022.

- The recording of the first several services will include tuning of the system and software prior to beginning our Live Streaming process.
- Sound System
  - Replacement Surround (rear) Speakers had a glitch. The company we purchased them from sent the wrong product, which is in the process of being returned for the correct ones.
  - Mark Weaver and Daniel Latshaw have been working on the specifications for the new Wireless Microphones and hope to place the order soon.
  - Plans for the installation of the Projector and Screen in the Lower Social Hall is now a low priority.

## **April 2022:**

- The Sound Team meeting for April 18 was canceled due to the level of activity during Holy Week.
- Media Coordinator:
  - Beth Massa provided a detailed report for the period of January 1 through April 14.
  - Beth has worked through the task of moving us into the "Live" Streaming of our services with the new system. She has also created a very detailed procedure to help others learn the process.
  - Beth has also been working on upgrades / updates to our Facebook Page and Website.
  - Pastor Lori and Mark Weaver continue work on updating the Media Coordinator Job Description.
- Office Projects
  - Beth Massa provided the Social Media Passwords which were put in the safe on 3/21/2022.
- Computer Use Policy:
  - Mark Weaver will present the 3 -year Review of Computer Use Policy to Consistory in April which includes some minor re-wording of the section detailing Password Protection.
- Live Streaming of Services:
  - We have now "Live" Streamed 6 services to YouTube since March 27<sup>th</sup> and Pastor Lori received a comment thanking us for doing this when the person could not attend a service one week.
  - Beth Massa is working on how to Live Stream to both YouTube and Facebook concurrently and will be testing this in the near future.
- Sound System
  - The correct replacement Surround (rear) Speakers have been delivered and the installation is planned for Thursday April 21<sup>st</sup> during choir practice.
  - Mark Weaver is still fine tuning the specifications for the new Wireless Microphones.

## **May 2021:**

- A ZOOM meeting was held with the IT Team on May 16<sup>th</sup> with 6 members present.
  - Angela Stahler has joined our team and will be helping with the Video Streaming.
- Media Coordinator:
  - Beth Massa provided a detailed report for the period of April 15 thru May 10 competing 27 hours.
  - Beth continues to refine the "Live" Streaming process and now has us streaming to both YouTube and Facebook simultaneously. She has also created a detailed procedure to help others learn the process and has spent several Sunday's training Angela Stahler and Mark Weaver.
  - Beth continues to work on updates to our Facebook Page, Google Calendar, and Website.
  - We are still working on updating the Media Coordinator Job Description.

- Computer Use Policy:
  - Changes to the Computer Use Policy as part of the 3-year review were approved by Consistory in April. And was sent for signatures 5/27/22.
- Live Streaming of Services
  - In order to support our Live Streaming, we need additional bandwidth from our ISP. We began the process through Consistory.
  - The Computer Desk, donated by Peter Yeakel, has been installed. Daniel Latshaw did a great job in cutting down the top section in order to improve the line of site while sitting behind the desk.
- Sound System
  - The new Surround (rear) Speakers have been installed and tuning is underway.
  - We have settled on the purchase of Sennheiser Wireless Microphones. The quotation from Full Compass will be presented to Consistory on May 17<sup>th</sup> for approval to purchase.

#### **June 2022:**

- The Sound Team met on June 20<sup>th</sup> with 3 members present. There will be no meeting scheduled in July.
- Live Streaming of Services
  - Angela is directing the Streaming of Sunday Services to YouTube and Facebook on her own.
  - Internet has been upgraded to 100 x 10 Commercial Service to improve the uplink bandwidth.
- Sound System
  - Rear Surround Sound Speaker Replacement – Seem to be working well.
  - The new Wireless Microphones were ordered on June 13<sup>th</sup> and are expected to arrive in late July.
  - Diane and Mike Berger donated a 55-inch TV for use in the Lower Social Hall. The committee will work to evaluate it prior to installation later in the year and this TV will most likely replace the installation of the old projector.

#### **July 2022:**

- No meetings this month.
- Sound System
  - New Wireless Microphones have been received and will be installed in Mid / Late August.
  - TV donation for the Lower Social Hall still needs evaluation and a plan for installation.

#### **August 2022:**

- A meeting of the Combined Teams was held on August 15<sup>th</sup> with 4 in attendance to plan / budget for 2023.
- Live Streaming of Services
  - Weekly Streaming of Services to YouTube and Facebook continues to go well with Angela Stahler directing the operation on most Sundays with fill in by Beth Massa and Mark Weaver.
- Sound System
  - The TV donation for the Lower Social Hall was evaluated and will be installed on the wall after some further planning and materials procured.

#### **September 2022:**

- A meeting was held with the IT Team on September 19<sup>th</sup> with 3 members present.
- Mark is working on the proposed budget for 2023.
- Media Coordinator:
  - Beth Massa provided a detailed report for the period of August 12 thru September 8 competing 28 hours.

- Beth continues to work on updates to our Facebook Page, Google Calendar, and Website.
- Office Projects:
  - Mark replaced the Hard Drive on the Sound Computer with a new Solid State drive, which will extend the life of that computer.
  - The computer for the Media Coordinator is ready to install once the Office Reorganization is completed.
  - Mark is still working on the outline for the file structure on the Network Attached Storage (NAS) drive.
  - One new computer will be purchased in 2023 for installation in the Office (replacing 2 existing).
- Live Streaming of Services:
  - Working to overcome an issue where the Facebook Live Stream has been reported to be "Choppy".
- Sound System
  - All materials for the new Wireless Microphones have been received. Need to schedule a work detail to install.
  - All materials needed to mount the large flatscreen TV on the wall in the Lower Social Hall have been received. Need to schedule a work detail to install.
  - Finishing the Auxiliary Speaker installation in the basement is also still pending.

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

- Social Media Coordinator
  - Beth Massa continues as our primary Media Coordinator
  - Angela Stahler will provide an assistant role and continue as our primary Streaming Director.
- Office Projects
  - Purchase a new computer for the office, which will be our first with Windows 11.
  - Perform hardware upgrades to some of the existing PCs and move the older Office PC to the Lower Social Hall.
- Sound System
  - Complete the installation of the new Wireless Microphones
  - Completing the installation of the Flatscreen TV and Sound system in the Lower Social Hall.
  - Completing the installation of the Auxiliary Speakers for the Narthex, Nursery, and Kitchen
- Implementation of our 2023 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. 2021 through Sept. 2022**

Membership: 26 total, combination of 25 boys, 1 girl, and 10 adult leaders

4 Crossed over in the spring of 2022

### Month-by-Month List of Highlights

#### October '21:

- Pack participated in Vera Cruz Halloween parade.
- Did a hay ride and pumpkin patch at Savidge Farms.
- Did a day hike at Hawk Mountain, learned about migratory and predatory birds.
- Participated in Upper Milford Community Day.

November:

- Cubs participated in Scouting for Food. Cubs went around to people's homes and collected donations that participants had set out by their mailbox.

December:

- Had our Christmas Party / movie night

January '22:

- Worked at the den level on advancement awards

February:

- Held our annual Pinewood Derby.

March:

- Winter camp out at Camp Serranova. Lots of outdoor skills and belt loops/pins earned.
- Visit to the Upper Milford Historical Society to learn about the history of the township
- Held our Winter Fun Day at Bear Creek, bring a friend night.
- Visited the Upper Milford Western District Fire Company, learned about firefighting.
- Webelos participated in fishing for youth mentor day.

April:

- The cubs got together and did an Earth Day clean up at Lenape Park. They walked around with garbage bags and picked up any non-natural debris on the walking path.
- Visited Macungie Ambulance, learned about EMS activities and practiced our first aid.
- 3 kids participated in district pinewood derby, brought home 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

May:

- Webelos II's Crossover to Boy Scouts, had 4 this year.
- Scouts went to a presentation at Jasper Park to learn about the early inhabitants of the area.

June:

- Pack held a boat regatta and closing ceremony for the year.
- 3 of our kids were on the Parkland Youth League baseball championship team!

July:

- Five cubs and three adult leaders went to the Summer Camp at Akelaland. A great time was had by all and everyone is looking forward to 2023 Summer Camp.
- We had our summer pool picnic for the pack.

August:

- Wheels of Time volunteer with food bank collections.
- Cubs went to an Iron Pigs sleepover where they watched the game and got to sleep on the field overnight.
- Participated in Vera Cruz Community Day.
- Participated in Shoemaker and Macungie Elementary back to school nights.

September:

- We held our first meeting for the 2022/2023 year on September 13th.
- Visited area day care centers to expose kids to scouting.
- Had a great time and the Shankweiler's Drive-In camp out night.
- We had 11 new scouts join the pack.

Year in Review:

2020 – 2021 was a difficult time for scouting due to Covid, what meetings we could have were virtual and recruiting efforts were greatly curtailed, so membership suffered. However, it appears that we have come back strongly with a great influx of younger kids to fill out our Lions and Tigers, as well as a couple of older kids. As important, we've got great participation from the parents with full den leadership and lot of parents just helping out.

We have a full slate of activities planned for this year and have *eight* kids looking to join Troop 31 in the Spring.

Submitted by Jim Cairns (Cubmaster) on behalf of the Cub Pack 31

## **Faith Uniting Neighbors (F.U.N.) Group Annual Report for October 2021 to September 2022**

Our 16th year as F.U.N. Group began October 2021.

Hobby Nite continues to be on HOLD due to COVID19.

Three new members received welcome baskets in October.

The Church Bazaar and Basket Auction in November was more successful than we imagined it would be after COVID. We were able to distribute \$3150 to various organizations. Thank you to all who helped to make this event at huge success!

All but two Angels were taken from the Angel Tree in December. Gifts were given to The Kindness Project for foster families.

Our annual toiletry collection in March/April (about 130 toiletries) was delivered to the Zionsville Area Food Pantry.

The ATF (All Things Free) Room has had very successful give-a-ways every other month. This event was moved to our church. Donated household items and clothing are available for Food Bank patrons.

New Member welcome gift bags were given to 3 new members of our congregation in August.

Our annual PB&J collection yielded 21 jars of PB and 21 jars of jelly. All were given to the Zionsville Area Food Pantry.

School supplies were collected and distributed only to Eyer Middle School, as there were not as many donations this year.

Finally, we were able to have a social event again! The Ice Cream Social and Bingo night was attended by 21 members/friends. A good time was had by all!

It was so good to return to having activities this year. All church members are invited to attend our meetings and give us new input and ideas. We meet the second Tuesday of the month.

We hope to have more FUN in 2023!!

Members: Patti Mittl, Debbie Gurgick, Robin Yoder, Jan Strobel, Deb Schoenberger, Millie Kohler, and Larry & Angela Stahler.

Submitted in Christ's Service by Jan Strobel

## **Finance Committee Annual Report October 2021 to September 2022**

The Finance committee consists of the Finance Chair: Cheryl Martucci, Treasurer: Robin Yoder, Consistory President: Kathy Latshaw, Staff/bookkeeper/administrator: Brenda Seitz, Deborah Gurgick, Millie Kohler, Paula Lilly.

### **Oct 2021**

Committee reviewed the financial report and motion carried to approve the reports and pay the bills. Discussed the Money Market accounts and CD due dates for the upcoming year. Discussed

the upcoming budget for the new year. Updated Printer lease and moved to Topp Business Solutions for 60 months.

### **Nov 2021**

Committee reviewed the financial report and motion carried to approve the reports and pay the bills. Discussed new Committee Chair needed now that Robin was elected Treasurer. Discussed the Memorial fund and Window fund and campaign. Budget was adopted at the annual meeting.

### **Dec 2021**

Committee reviewed the financial report and motion carried to approve the reports and pay the bills.

### **Jan 2022**

Committee reviewed the financial report and motion carried to approve the reports and pay the bills. Discussed meeting dates for new year. Cheryl was nominated as Finance Committee chair and accepted. Discussed exploring electrical rates. Discussed copyright licenses and Streaming will go under Computer and Media, and copyright will go under Music and Worship. Discussed re-evaluating Insurance needs for plowing etc. for next winter.

### **Feb 2022**

Committee reviewed the financial report and motion carried to approve the reports and pay the bills. Discussed having passwords in safe. Discussed signature changes for newly appointed positions.

### **March 2022**

Committee reviewed the financial report and motion carried to approve the reports and pay the bills. Computer Passwords are in the safe. All signatures are up to date.

### **April 2022**

Committee reviewed the financial report and motion carried to approve the reports and pay the bills. Discussed updating the parsonage lease and adding addendums. Made recommendations for updating the bidding policy and sent to consistory. Discussed new computers for the church office.

### **May 2022**

Committee reviewed the financial report and motion carried to approve the reports and pay the bills. Robin reviewed with the tenants the draft addendum to the lease. Discussed updating the internet for better streaming, sent recommendation to consistory.

### **June 2022**

Committee reviewed the financial report and motion carried to approve the reports and pay the bills. Bidding policy completed and signed by consistory. Discussed payment for Organist and substitutions.

### **July 2022**

Committee reviewed the financial report and motion carried to approve the reports and pay the bills. Discussed issues from Property committee about the parsonage.

### **August 2022**

Committee reviewed the financial report and motion carried to approve the reports and pay the bills. Discussed opening accounts at New Tripoli Bank.

### **Sept 2022**

Committee reviewed the financial report and motion carried to approve the reports and pay the bills. Discussed reviews from Personnel Committee and raises for employees. Discussed Outlook committee and their funds. Discussed Boundary Awareness Training that Pastor Lori attended and the details for taking a sabbatical. Discussed making reminders for the Congregational meeting according to by-laws.



## **October 2022**

Committee reviewed the financial report and motion carried to approve the reports and pay the bills. Discussed the match drive for the window fund. Discussed adding a computer to the budget for next year. Discussed the use of the Pastor's discretionary fund to be brought to Elders on consistory. Recommended that Property Committee receive bids for an awning in the front of the church.

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Martucci

## **Historical Task Force Annual Report for October 2021-Sept. 2022**

This task force has been quiet but plenty has been going on behind the scenes in the history of our church. We have been working on applying for National Historical Registry status for our building of over 110 years old plus our cemetery which is older than that plus our congregation which is founded in 1740! So the massive amount of paperwork is being worked on by a friend of our congregation. Sherald Ward met us through the GriefShare Program and asked if there was a way she could help us. As a former school principal's secretary in Brooklyn, NY, we thought she might be just the person to pay attention to details and get this process moving. She has about half of the project completed as of this writing and will be moving forward to complete the rest of it during year 2023. This is exciting for all of us as we look at the great legacy this church building and congregation have created.

Submit by Lori Esslinger

## **Membership and Evangelism Committee Annual Report for October 2021-September 2022**

Committee Members: Lori Esslinger (Pastor), Linda Weaver (Chair), Mark Weaver, Kathy Latshaw

**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.

**2021 and the continuing Pandemic:** As the pandemic began its wane, we attempted to re-start our fellowship activities. In many cases, it was difficult to obtain venues, as many did not have enough staff to support larger groups. We got off to a slow start, but throughout the year, things progressed to where we were able to have several events every month, including Lunch Bunch, Supper Club, a new venture with the Sunday Brunchers, a trip to the State Theatre for Riverdance, and our first time back to the Iron Pigs in over 2 years.

In addition, our GriefShare program has been much appreciated and well received by the many recipients who have participated. In the fall of 2021, we ran our second round of sessions, bringing on a new leader, Pastor Lori's Uncle, Terry Eck. He participated in the first go round and we believed he would make a great addition to our team. The other leaders (Paula Lilly and Nancy Weitzel) agreed and so we trained him and brought him on board. This session ran August 31, 2021 - November 23, 2021 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday afternoons and had 9 attendees (including 2 repeat attendees).

### **October 2021:**

- Lunch Bunch was held at the Superior Restaurant in Emmaus on October 4th with 14 in attendance.
- We had 17 folks attending Supper Club at the Washington Grille in Bechtelsville on October 29th.

### **November 2021:**

- Lunch Bunch went to the Mercantile Club in Emmaus with 16 attending on November 4th.

**December 2021:**

- We held a combined Lunch Bunch / Supper Club Christmas Party at Nick's Bistro in Fogelsville on December 11th. 16 folks enjoyed the festive event complete with Ornament Exchange.

**January 2022:**

- We skipped our fellowship events in January due to the promise of Winter Weather. Mother Nature did not disappoint.

**February 2022:**

- We got back in the swing of things with a rearranged schedule whereby we moved Supper Club earlier in the month with an outing to the 1760 Grille and Pub in Trexlertown on February 11th. 14 of us enjoyed a wonderful event.
- Lunch Bunch now moved to the end of the month heading to Superior Restaurant in Emmaus on February 25th. Fun was had by the 12 that attended.

**March 2022:**

- Supper Club enjoyed a "Bit of the Irish" on March 11th at the Bally Hotel with 13 attending.
- Back at the Mercantile Club in Emmaus for Lunch Bunch. 15 folks dined with us on March 25th.
- The Spring 2022 GriefShare session ran from March 9 to June 1 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. and had 11 attendees (including 5 repeat attendees). This was our first venture into the evening program, and it proved fruitful especially for those who had to work during the day. Nancy Weitzel, one of our leaders, sat out of this program since she was unable to drive safely at night. With Terry, Paula and Pastor Lori, we made it through.

**April 2022:**

- We started April with something new. 20 members and guests traveled to Easton for a night at the State Theatre on April 3rd. We saw an amazing performance by Riverdance. We hope to do more of these types of outings in the future.
- Supper Club ventured to a new venue, as well. On April 8th, 16 of us dined at the Fairgrounds Hotel in Allentown sharing a wonderful meal, laughter, and fellowship.
- With mixed emotions, we dined at the Brass Rail on Lehigh Street in Allentown for the last time, as it is closing permanently, being replaced by a Gas Station / Convenience Mart. 17 of us had a great lunch and said goodbye on April 22nd.

**May 2022:**

- The May Supper Club was canceled due to our friend COVID coming back to greet some of our folks.
- We recovered later in the month to head over to the Hamilton Family Restaurant in Allentown with 12 attending Lunch Bunch on May 20th.

**June 2022:**

- Again, we needed to cancel Supper Club in June due to various personal reasons amongst the group.
- But that could not stop us from heading out to the Ball Game at Coca Cola Park on June 18th for a night with the Iron Pigs and Fireworks. Although we did not win, 23 of us certainly enjoyed the evening.
- We added another new venue to our Lunch Bunch list whereby 16 folks lunched at the New Pennsburg Diner on June 24th. With the great meal and service, we want to come back here again.

**July 2022:**

- Supper Club and Lunch Bunch took a summer vacation in July and August, but that did not stop our fellowship.
- A new activity was started called Sunday Brunchers. With early church services in the summer, we thought we would try getting some folks together to enjoy brunch after church. For our first attempt, 19 of us shared a meal at the Mercantile Club in Emmaus on July 24th. We also voted for this event to continue.

### **August 2022:**

- We continued our Sunday Brunchers fellowship again at the "Merc" with 20 dining after church on August 28th.
- GriefShare began another session which ran from 1 - 3 p.m. on Thursdays continuing through November. This session was our least attended session and included some personality conflicts plus some dropouts who found it was too soon to tackle the grief. Pastor Lori has been in touch with them and will follow up with them over the holidays 2022. We anticipate having one attendee complete the program, and two people partially complete the program, with all having the option to return any time for follow-up.

### **September 2022:**

- Getting back after summer break, we skipped Lunch Bunch, but picked up with Supper Club out at Ozgood's in Kutztown on September 17th with 19 attending.
- It had also been decided to keep Sunday Brunchers going, so 16 of us were back at the Mercantile Club in Emmaus on September 25th.

### **Looking Forward to Fall 2022 and 2023:**

- Our hope is that the COVID-19 Pandemic will continue to subside and that the dining venues will also be able to restore their staff, opening up both our old favorites and some of the ones we still want to try.
- We also continue our plans for most of our familiar activities through the fall of 2022 and are beginning to work on the schedule for the new year. Plans for some additional activities include:
  - o Sight and Sound Theater "David" in October
  - o Pines Dinner Theatre Christmas Show in December
  - o Several events at the State Theatre in February and March 2023
  - o Going all out at the ball game with the Picnic Pavilion at the Iron Pigs on June 17th
- Finally, GriefShare wishes to thank Nancy, Terry, and Paula for their outstanding commitment to this venture as we serve our church plus the surrounding community. Thanks also to the Membership and Evangelism committee for sponsoring this worth-while endeavor. We are working on plans for another session in Spring 2023.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Weaver with Pastor Lori Esslinger and Mark Weaver as contributors

## **Music & Worship Committee Annual Report for Oct. 2021-Sept. 2022**

At the start date of this report we are still moving forward toward the new normal since the Pandemic. September is off to an easy start back to Sunday School and worship at 10:15 a.m. again. Masks are being worn in Sunday School to protect all. Consistory decided that masks are optional and people can make their own choice about wearing them during Worship. October brings Harvest Home and new members plus a baptism which is always a joy. We had a fire drill for the first time in Sunday School and Worship on Oct. 24. During worship we just talked through the process. In Sunday School, the children went to the safe place which is the playground by the Carriage House. We celebrated All Saints Day on Oct. 31.

Choir resumed practicing on Thursday, Oct. 4 at 7:30 p.m. They decided not to sit in the choir loft together due to Covid but would come forward to sing during the anthem time. The Ministerium led Thanksgiving Eve service moved to the Tuesday before Thanksgiving with hopes of having a higher attendance. We hosted the service since there was more space for folks to spread out. It went well with Robin Roman preaching. Advent went forward with a change in our Christmas Eve Services. We had an early service at 3 p.m. geared to the homebound members and those who don't like to drive at night. It was slated to be a shorter service with communion and candles too. We didn't use regular candles in case children would be around, but used battery operated candles. We had a larger than expected attendance. The family

service remained at 7:30 p.m. with choirs, candles and scripture. There was no bell choir prelude as in the past. There was also no 11 p.m. service since that had been having low attendance for the past several years.

**2022** brought us periods of snow and ice. We cancelled worship on Jan. 9 due to ice and in February cancelled worship on Feb. 13 due to 5 inches of snow. **March** brought the beginning of Lent with Ash Wednesday Worship held on March 2 and Wednesday evening programs through Lent plus participation in the Ministerium which led Thursday evening programs on Fasting. We hosted the ministerium services twice on Thursday evenings. Our Wednesday offering for our members and friends was the GriefShare program. On Sunday mornings during worship, we were following a book study with the title: Good Enough: Embracing Imperfections of Life and Faith by Kate Bowler. We had a ladder set up in the chancel that included added plants each week as we talked about various imperfections in our lives and how we are simply Good Enough as Children of God.

**Easter Sunday** provided lots of joy especially amongst our children. We had a great attendance at the Egg Hunt that took place during the time between services. We had many young children and their parents hunting and celebrating, renewing relationships from back in school days as now these young adults are married with children. It was fun to see young and old alike sharing stories and reminiscing about days gone by.

**May** brought us welcoming a new colleague at our Lutheran Church. We celebrated with our sister church during his installation. Welcome **Reverend Tom Busted**. During May also, **David Carlson**, our organist of almost 30 years, broke his foot! He was unable to drive and was out of commission from organ playing for 6 weeks. We give great thanks to **Jennifer Goudsward**, our member, who drove up to church many of David's absent Sundays to provide music for us. **Carolyn Rhoads** also filled in and one Sunday we even sang **A Cappella**! We all rejoiced when David returned at the beginning of July just in time for our **summer services**, which were held at 9:30 a.m. this year, decided by a consistory vote. **June 12** was our last Sunday for Sunday School and we welcomed three new members on **June 19**. The annual **Dillingersville** Pilgrimage was held on the last Sunday of June with the Lutheran Church hosting this year.

The **summer** flew by as we prepared for the fall, celebrated one baptism, worshipped downstairs in the social hall when the sanctuary was too hot, heard a speaker from YWAM (Youth With A Mission) from the Philippines, participated in the Vera Cruz Homecoming with a coin toss game, sold three quilts to benefit Windows to the Future, and started the next round of GriefShare on August 25, Thursdays, from 1 - 3 p.m.

**September** brought us back to the regular schedule of Sunday School at 9 a.m. with four children in regular classes, five youth in confirmation classes and worship returning to 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submit by the Rev. Lori Esslinger for the Committee including: David Carlson, Susan Jacobs, Carolyn Rhoads, Kathy Latshaw and Brenda Shoemaker.

## **Outlook Committee Annual Report for Oct. 2021-Sept. 2022**

Since our leader, Darlene Schmeltzle, suddenly died on Sept. 27, 2021, no activities of this group happened all year. We met on Sept. 27, 2022 to decide how to proceed with our check book and if we wanted to sponsor any special projects with the money accumulated so far. It was decided to give the church a gift of an Awning over the front door to prevent ice/snow from building up on the top step of the main entrance of the church. The cost of this is estimated to be \$8,000 with an estimate given by Reinhardt Awning Company. The installation will not happen until the spring, and there are many decisions yet to be made but we are moving forward with this project in partnership with the Property Committee.

Respectfully submitted by Lori Esslinger for the Outlook Committee, Brenda Shoemaker, Rich Shoemaker, Bobby Schmeltzle, Jane Bedell, Henry and MaryAnn Heil.

## **Personnel Committee Annual Report for Oct. 2021 – Sept. 2022**

The Personnel Committee met frequently this year to conclude the final drafts of all of the job descriptions for our paid employees and contractors. It has been a lengthy but thorough process to make sure that the job descriptions were complete. Final drafts were finally sent to Consistory for approval before Summer of 2022. Raises were submitted to Finance Committee for their consideration in formulating the budget for 2023.

Thanks to Diane Berger, Jan Strobel, Kathy Latshaw for their fine service to this committee.  
Lori Esslinger

## **Property Committee Annual Report for Oct. 2021 – Sept. 2022**

Committee members: Beth Massa, chair; Brenda Shoemaker, Consistory Representative; Lori Esslinger, pastor; Diane Berger, Bobby Schmeltzle, Rich Shoemaker, 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.

We meet every other second Monday of the month at 7 PM, usually at the church. Our meeting months are February, April, June, August, October, and December. If you're interested in joining the committee, please reach out to any of our current members.

### **Administrative**

- Long-time committee member Bob Schmeltzle, Sr. passed away on April 22, 2022. His work for and support of this group will be very deeply missed.
- Diane Berger joined the committee, many thanks to her for volunteering!
- We continued with in-person meetings, some offsite
- Moved to meetings held every other month
- Many, many thanks to the volunteers who are not part of this committee but who help with the repairs and maintenance to our buildings and grounds this past year.
- Robin Yoder continues as tenant liaison. Thanks for her work in that role this past year.

### **Work completed in past year**

- Restoration of the masonry work of the carriage house completed
- Continued interactions with tenant liaison to ensure rental issues handled in a timely manner
- Windows renovation work continued; see report else in this annual meeting packet
- Provided oversight to Scout room renovation project
- Purchased and installed new batteries in all smoke detectors
- Worked with PA Department of Environmental Protection to ensure the well/sewage system of the church and parsonage met state guidelines
- Facilitated fire drills for Sunday school and Sunday worship services
- Contracted with new trash hauler that provided improved services
- Clock in upper social hall out for maintenance; thanks to Dolly Kichline
- Performed ongoing maintenance work around the church and parsonage (fire extinguishers inspected and approved, snow blower repaired, boiler upkeep/maintenance, snowplowing, etc.).

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

## **Scout Troop 31: Highlights from Oct. 2021-Sept. 2022**

Report unavailable at time of printing.

## **Social and Aid Society Annual Report for Oct. 2021-Sept. 2022**

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

November 2021 – Soup sale was held with pick up at the Bazaar and Basket Auction.

Gave a Memorial Gift in memory of Darlene Schmeltzle to the  
Windows to the Future Fund.

May 2022 – Purchased flowers for Laura Wieder's grave.

Respectfully Submitted by Annie Souder

## **Windows to the Future Annual Report for Oct. 2021-Sept. 2022**

Committee Members: Pastor Lori Esslinger, Beth Massa, Ruth Stansfield

### **RESTORATION**

- 12/1, 12/2 Cumberland removed the glass from the Good Shepherd window for restoration at their studio.
- 2/22, 2/23 The restored window was returned and installed.
- 6/6 - 6/8 The exterior moldings of the Good Shepherd window and the window behind the organ were scraped and painted. Damaged molding was replaced.
- 6/13, 6/14 The exterior protective covering was installed on the Good Shepherd window.

### **FUNDING**

Restoration of the Good Shepherd window completed Phase 2 of the project. After payment of Cumberland invoices, the balance in the fund on 6/30 was \$32,532.97. Phase 3 will cost \$85,000. The first part, restoration of the Nativity window glass, will cost \$44,975. With the continued financial support of the congregation and fund raising, we are on track to sign a contract to begin work on Phase 3 early in 2023.

### **FUND RAISING**

The 2021 \$5,000 Matching Gift Challenge continued during October and November. When the challenge was met by the second week of November, another \$1,000 was added to the challenge. By November 30 this goal was also met, resulting in a very successful challenge raising \$12,498 in just three months.

In January the Fun Group donated \$200 to the windows from their fund raising events in 2021.

Four of the six handmade quilts donated in August 2021 were sold. A closed bid auction was held during April. The minimum bid for the star quilt was \$375. Four bids were received and the lucky winner was Jessica Yothers with a bid of \$808. Following distribution of a flyer highlighting three of the quilts at the Vera Cruz Homecoming in August, a buyer's offer to purchase the three quilts for \$1,100 was accepted.

The "summer" change jar began appearing every Sunday and successfully raised \$627.

Windows note cards continued to be sold raising \$97.

The 2022 Matching Gift Challenge was officially kicked off September 11 with three donors combining funds to offer a \$3,000 challenge. The challenge will run through the end of November.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Project updates appeared monthly in the newsletter. The March newsletter contained a "Looking Back" summary of Phases 1 and 2. The April newsletter contained a "Looking Ahead" summary of the long-range plan for Phase 3.

April Peterson, a reporter/photographer for the East Penn Press, was contacted and agreed to write an article about the restoration. Ms. Peterson interviewed Pastor Lori and Ruth Stansfield

and made several visits to the building to follow the progress of the Good Shepherd window first-hand. A full page article, "Restoring Radiant Light", along with photos, appeared in the April 6, 2022 edition.

During worship on September 11, the committee provided an update on the status of Phase 3, the final phase of the project, along with a financial projection.

Project updates were listed on the website throughout the year. Fund raising activities were highlighted on Facebook, including the note cards and quilts with photos and detailed descriptions.

Respectfully submitted by Ruth Stansfield