

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2017



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PASTORAL LETTER

Dear Members and Friends of Good Shepherd ~

Let me begin by saying thank you to all those who made 2017 spectacular. Worship has been exciting as we introduced new ideas in worship including a service of the seasons celebrated at the end of the liturgical year as well as a beautiful Hanging of the Green Service centering on God's preparation for the birth of Christ.

There are numerous opportunities for people to serve in the ministry of Good Shepherd and during the autumn the Nominating Committee has made a concerted effort to recruit members of these committees so that Good Shepherd can continue to create a space of welcome and opportunity to serve in the name of Jesus Christ establishing sacred space for both neighbor and stranger alike.

The Audit Committee has been diligent in untangling an awkward financial situation which has called for a reassessment on the way monies of the church are handled and how our new treasurer reports to Consistory as we continue to be challenged by our stewardship. There is still a major need within our community to address the education of all those who count Good Shepherd as an important part of their faith journey through time, talent and treasure. Unfortunately, it seems people are reluctant because of the response they get from individuals who seem to be frustrated with where they are at financially. Because of this, Good Shepherd has missed out on opportunities to receive help from unexpected places. For instance, there are a number of companies that members of our congregation work for that offer matching funds set up through direct deposit from paychecks along with the company's share. Little did I know this was possible until the last couple of years. The other is through the efforts of Scrip which is just being mindful of what we spend on groceries and paying it forward through a gift card to pay for those expenses with Weis or Giant giving a percent to our ministry. It may not seem like much alone, but pulling together all those who purchase gift cards for groceries, Good Shepherd has received thousands of dollars in just this past year. Through good stewardship and educating individuals Good Shepherd could receive so much more if others would join the effort.

One other area, though there are many, I wish to lift up, is our Annual Report. It seems strange writing this when last year's report is yet to be published. But through the diligent efforts of Eric Hantz, he has persistently sought reports from chairpersons and has gone through records for those who did not submit a report so that we could have the most accurate accounting of all the activities here at Good Shepherd in 2016 ~ and now for 2017. I hope that others too might appreciate this important task as these reports are used to recall the past and as an assurance to our lending institution for our mortgage.

May 2018 be filled with as much commitment and grace as God will allow as the Holy Spirit continues to guide us in the path of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

I remain Christ's humble servant,

Pastor James

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Baptisms 6

Lily Ann **Gad**, b. November 21, 2016 / baptized January 1, 2017
Kye Lonnie **Daniels**, b. November 29, 2016 / baptized April 23, 2017
Violet Adair **Hantz**, b. January 16, 2017 / baptized June 11, 2017
Isabella Snow **Palmer**, b. July 1, 2017 / baptized October 15, 2017
McKenna Alexa **Orendach**, b. September 16, 2017 / baptized November 19, 2017
Owen Paul **Amey**, b. September 19, 2017 / baptized December 10, 2017

Weddings 11

James Allen **Strohl** and Corissa Lynne **Craig**, m. April 1, 2017
Tyler James **Rex** and Taylor Nikole **Lagler**, m. May 13, 2017
James Blake **Scott** and Kristina Diane **Schnell**, m. May 26, 2017
Matthew James **Jacoby** and Margaret Mary **Lemmon**, m. June 3, 2017
Randolph Jeffrey **Parks** and Cynthia Passaro **Long**, m. July 17, 2017
Gregory Davis **Pappenhausen** and Colleen Marie **Gilhool**, m. August 26, 2017
Paulo Cesar **Castillo** and Melissa Marie **Lorah**, m. September 9, 2017
Aaron John **Schoch** and Jeralyn Esther **Walters**, m. October 12, 2017
Patrick John **Allen** and Natasha Elizabeth **Weitzel**, m. October 28, 2017
Alexander Michael **Lahue** and Samantha Kay **Gill**, m. November 4, 2017
David Michael **Dries** and Linda Ellen (German) **Fink**, m. December 30, 2017

Funerals 13

Christopher Jon **Farber**, d. January 8, 2017; aged 51 y, 4 m, 25 d / service January 14, 2017
Arlene Ellen (Fehnel) Silfies **Hennings**, d. March 7, 2017; aged 90 y, 2 m, 14 d / service March 16, 2017
Ray Allen **Walters**, d. March 23, 2017; aged 88 y, 3 m, 17 d / service on March 28, 2017
Diane Marie **Bittner**, d. March 25, 2017; aged 67 y, 4 m, 7 d / graveside service April 8, 2017
Genevieve Ann **Wuest**, d. October 21, 2014; aged 81 y, 10 m, 16 d / graveside interment April 8, 2017
Frank Allen **Wagner**, Jr., d. April 14, 2017; aged 87 y, 11m, 22 d / service April 20, 2017
Charles **Bisko**, d. November 16, 2016; aged 88 y, 6 m, 22 d / graveside service April 22, 2017
Zachary Landis **Solt**, d. April 20, 2017; aged 24 y, 10 m, 25 d / service April 26, 2017
June Kathryn Shuey **Kuntz**, d. May 20, 2017; aged 94 y, 6 m, 27 d / service May 26, 2017
Lorraine Mae (Correll) **Schnell**, d. June 26, 2017; aged 84 y, 1 m, 6 d / service June 29, 2017
Jaron Joseph **Talotta**, d. July 12, 2017; aged 52 y, 5 m, 12 d / graveside service July 19, 2017
LouAnn (Richards) **Gill**, d. September 28, 2017; aged 56 y, 5 m, 27 d / memorial service October 3, 2017
Susan Angela (Weiss) **White**, d. October 20, 2017; aged 47 y, 7 m, 25 d / service October 25, 2017

Holy Communion 12

Epiphany - January 8, 2017, Ash Wednesday - March 1, 2017; Maundy Thursday - April 13, 2017; Easter - April 16, 2017 (2x); Pentecost - June 4, 2017; God and Country Communion - July 2, 2017; World Wide - October 1, 2017; Advent - December 3, 2017; Christmas Eve - December 24, 2017 (3x).

Miles Traveled 8,906.7 *

* does not include December mileage

Pastoral Statistics 1998-2017:

Baptisms	213	Weddings	129	
Confirmands	111	Funerals	207	James D. Robison, Pastor

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CONSISTORY REPORT FOR 2017

The Consistory Officers for 2017 were as follows:

President – Kerry Loch

Vice President – Dennis Silfies

Secretary – Robin Bellesfield

Financial Secretary – Sally Loch

Treasurer – Jasmine Rodrigues/Sally Loch/Cheryl Tully

January 2017 the consistory made a commitment to be better at paying our charitable obligations on a more timely basis. We changed our meeting time from 7:30pm to 7pm on the 2nd Monday of the month. In February, the Senior Citizens were presented with a rent increase and decided to discontinue meeting in Fellowship Hall. We received a new office computer due to a generous donation from a member. March continued to plague the consistory with financial reporting concerns and the process to resolve this issue, utilizing the personnel committee, began. We signed the contract in May for preschool to continue for their next enrollment period. We reassigned the US Mail pick-up responsibilities. In July we worked with the personnel committee to address the treasurer's responsibilities. Bids were received for the Church/Fellowship Hall lighting. We received a wireless microphone donation. October, the treasurer resigned and Sally Loch stepped up to handle the responsibility until a new treasurer was found. We voted to change the congregational meeting back to November as it had been in the past. It was brought to our attention, in November, that the preschool was under our Church's responsibility and not a separate entity as previously thought, but will continue to function as it has been since it operates seamlessly at this time. Congratulations, Cheryl Tully the new treasurer was hired and approved by the consistory at the November 13 consistory meeting. Church/Fellowship Hall lights were installed. Overall, a great year at Good Shepherd UCC!

Submitted by Robin Bellesfield

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SPIRITUAL COUNCIL

Total Membership on the Rolls of Good Shepherd as of January 1, 2017 = 359

- 3 new members [September 24, 2017 - Karl Hefflefinger; December 17, 2017 - Melba Bisko, Marilyn Reitz]
- 2 reinstated [January 9, 2017 - Bob & Jane Evans]
- 2 removed by request [May 8, 2017 - Mary Walters, Jaime Walters]
- 4 removed by order of the Spiritual Council [December 11, 2017 - Clint & Alicia Schaeffer, Todd & Shauna Teele]
- 1 transfers out [December 11, 2017 - Penny Berger]
- 7 deaths [Christopher Farber, January 8, 2017; Arlene Hennings, March 7, 2017; Zachary Solt, April 20, 2017; June Kuntz, May 20, 2017; Norene Rice, August 29, 2017; LouAnn Gill, September 28, 2017; Sue White, October 20, 2017]

Total Membership on the Rolls of Good Shepherd as of December 31, 2017 = 350

As we approach 2018, we thank Eddie for his term as an Elder and are now searching for someone who has a healthy prayer life, a compassionate heart for the homebound and those in the hospital and willing to visit them, a great love for God in Christ and the congregation here at Good Shepherd, and has served as a Deacon.

As we pray for the spiritual life of Good Shepherd we ask for your prayers as well.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor James Robison

Elders: Pam Puskas, Eddie Smith, Dennis Silfies and Kerry Loch

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PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

Good Shepherd United Church of Christ

3940 Mountain Road

Slatington, PA 18080

Personnel Committee Members

Marie E. Bachman

Monica Griffith

Richard Smith

The goals accomplished by the Personnel Committee for the 2018 calendar year were as follows:

1. Met with Church Treasurer, Jasmine Rodrigues, to review concerns regarding Church Treasurer job responsibilities not being fulfilled properly.
2. Completed the transition from former Church Treasurer, Jasmine Rodrigues, to current Church Treasurer, Cheryl Tully.
3. Provided support as needed to Cheryl Tully regarding transitioning to using Church Windows.
4. Provided salary recommendations to Consistory for all salaried employees for the upcoming 2018 calendar year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marie E. Bachman

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CHURCH SECRETARY

During 2017 the Secretary did the following duties:

- Updated *Member Directory* during the year whenever there were address changes or changes in membership
- Supervised office volunteers
- Printed 6 Certificates of Baptism
- Printed 11 Certificates of Marriage
- Printed 3 Certificates of Membership
- Made up and framed 6 Baptism certificates with family pictures
- Prepared fifty-three Sunday bulletins and ten bulletins for special services (six Wednesday night Lenten Services, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Thanksgiving Eve, Christmas Eve)
- Printed two large-print bulletins for each service
- Prepared 6 Funeral Bulletins
- Printed new offering envelopes for pews
- Ordered and picked up paper and supplies
- Ordered and received Christian Education curriculum
- Put together, with assistance from the treasurer, Pastor, Sunday school superintendent and Youth Fellowship advisors the Penn Northeast and UCC Annual Report information
- Updated addresses each quarter to Church Budget Envelopes to mail quarterly offering envelopes
- Filing
- Created the attendance sheet for the year 2018
- Created the Deacon's offering grid for 2018
- Put Worship Leaders' grid together
- Updated computer data bases
- Offered and gave assistance to treasurer Cheryl Tully when asked

Thank you to Susan Zellner for helping me with filing and printing of the bulletins and newsletters. Also, thank you to the Smoyer and Griffith children who helped with bulletins when they came with Susan.

Submitted by Debbie Silfies, Church Secretary/Bookkeeper

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COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR REPORT

The Communications Coordinator shares church events and programs of Good Shepherd with the surrounding community to increase community awareness and encourage member and non-member participation in those events and programs. The coordinator utilizes various media outlets including print, radio, television, the Internet, as well as other means deemed appropriate.

Throughout 2017, Good Shepherd's webmaster, Stephen Haas, has been busy updating the church's website. Our website has continued posting the monthly newsletters, which can be viewed online as PDFs or printed. To reach out to the congregation and community, ChurchPost is integrated into our website, allowing anyone with an e-mail address to directly sign-up and receive ChurchPost notifications.

The website is always a work-in-progress; and continued to be updated in 2017. If you haven't visited lately, please visit our website at www.GoodShepherdsIatedale.org and check back often, as we are always updating the information. We also have our Facebook site that is very active with photos and notices of events and reflections that can be visited at www.FaceBook.com/GSUCC.Slatington.

- We have 271 Email Contacts through our Church Post system
- 36 notices were sent using Church Post.
- 45 event posters were created, that then on average 20 copies made to be distributed in the community.
- 17 posters that were used for display within the Church.
- 12 Monthly Newsletters, which averaged 75 copies each apart from April's and December's which were 150 to accommodate the Easter and Christmas worshippers.
- At the end of 2017 our Facebook page had 205 likes up from 20 the previous year and 198 followers.

Submitted by: Deb Craig

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PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT

January – Septic system was checked and was found to be ok with no problems.

February – Septic system still has a problem and was being looked at again. Faulty toilets were repaired by Kerry Loch and his brother. Fellowship lights are being looked at to be replaced or revamped.

April – Confirmation class magnetic strip was replaced. Batteries on the handicapped doorbell were replaced.

May – Grove was cleaned and opened, ready for use/rent. Mowing of lawn for the summer will be done by David Silfies, with church volunteers covering when he is on vacation.

June – AT&T was called to check phone lines and were found to be ok. Phones will need to be replaced. Light in the Ladies' room was replaced. Estimates for Fellowship Hall lighting were requested.

July – Mulch was anonymously donated for the gardens. Furnace switch was moved to outside the furnace room in order to pass boiler inspection.

August – bids for the Fellowship Hall lights were sent back to contractors to get like for like bids. There will also be bids requested for total replacement of all lights in the building.

September – Septic system was cleaned out.

October – Grove was winterized and closed for the winter.

November – Received bids for Fellowship Hall lights. It was decided to replace all the lights instead of just part of them. Consistory approved Dun-Rite as the contractor to replace the lights. Gutters on the west side of the church were cleaned out. Low tree branches were cut down. Both septic tanks were pumped out. Had received copies of the septic plans from the township with the location of the drain pipes. Ends of the drain pipes were found and steel rods located with them to more easily locate pipes in the future. Toilet in the nursery classroom was fixed. Jeff Coffin agreed to become a member of this committee.

December – Oak tree on the east side of the property was taken down and the wood was donated to anyone who needed it. Christmas tree was put up as well as the manger scene outside.

Submitted by Barry Silfies/Deb Silfies

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT

The committee held 7 meetings, all of them on the third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. The number of meetings less than prior years due to lack of availability of the committee.

In February, the confirmands had a Valentine's Day candy sale, and raised \$262.00 for their class gift.

In April, on Palm Sunday there was a Youthful Worship service, which, due to the lack of students in the Sunday School other than confirmands, served as the Easter Pageant. There was egg coloring on the Wednesday before the Annual Egg Hunt. There was also a flannelgraph story done by the confirmation class.

Youth Fellowship elected officers. At this meeting, it was noted that the youth had collected \$509.85 from their M&M Fundraiser.

We planted tomato plants in the area outside of the office building again. The bounty of this planting to be given to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank.

In June, the high school graduates and college graduates were honored.

In July, was Vacation Bible School. We tried holding it in the evening and it went well. 2018 will be in the evening as well, starting on a Sunday through Thursday, with the closing program on Friday.

In September, we held Rally Day for the new Sunday School year.

October was busy with the Blessing of the Animals at the beginning of Sunday School class. The confirmands did pumpkin decorating for the congregation to vote on, and help raise funds for the confirmation class. They were 9 entries and raised \$80.44 for the confirmation fund. We also had Trunk or Treat with 10 decorated trunks plus the fire truck from the Slatedale Fire Company.

There was a Pet Shelter Donation Drive orchestrated by a former confirmand and worked on by both the confirmation class and youth fellowship. Collected was 12 bags of dry dog food, 14 cans wet dog food, 1 bag dog treats/snacks, 5 bags dry cat food, 24 cans wet cat food, 1 bag cat treats, 3 bags of cat litter, 1 dog toy, 7 mega rolls paper towels, 12 bottles cleaner, 8 canisters disinfectant wipes, 15 packages scrub sponges and a check for \$185.00 from a Love Offering.

The youth were busy on another project: Disaster Relief Buckets. These were buckets that had cleaning supplies and other items to facilitate cleanup after a flood. They were putting together 24 buckets with donations from the congregation.

The Christian Ed department also participated in the Adopt-A-Child program to benefit the children from the Northern Lehigh Food Bank along with the Northern Lehigh Pastoral Association. 24 gifts were received from the congregation to be distributed in December.

In December, the youth/confirmands decorated gingerbread houses which was to help raise funds for the class gift to the church. After the decorating there was caroling to the homebound and a poinsettia was given to each person visited rather than the traditional basket that had been done. There were 8 in total.

There was an average attendance for the children of 12, average adult attendance 17 and average attendance of teachers was 6.

Scrip Profit for the year was \$3,569.39.

Submitted by Pam Puskas

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL REPORT 2017

Class	Name	7/17/2017	7/18/2017	7/19/2017	7/20/2017
	Students Class 1				
Volunteer	Andrews, Eileen	✓	✓	✓	✓
Linda	Neff, Adam	✓			
Linda	Richardson, Breonna	✓	✓	✓	✓
Linda	Parks, Gavin	✓	✓	✓	✓
Linda	Parks, Lily	✓	✓	✓	✓
Linda	Fink, Kamryn	✓	✓	✓	✓
Linda	Griffith, Katy	✓	✓	✓	✓
Linda	Berger, Sydney	✓	✓	✓	
Linda	Arnold, Dana	✓	✓	✓	
	Students Class 2				
Monica	Hawk, Naomi	✓	✓	✓	✓
Monica	Koneschusky, Jackson	✓	✓	✓	✓
Monica	White, Ares	✓	✓	✓	✓
Monica	Bowers, Matthew	✓	✓	✓	✓
Monica	Palmer, Mackenzi	✓	✓	✓	✓
Monica	Palmer, Isabella	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Students Class 3				
Suzie	Richardson, Jazmin	✓	✓	✓	✓
Suzie	White, Ella			✓	
Suzie	Griffith, Noah	✓	✓	✓	
Suzie	Griffith, Adam	✓	✓	✓	✓
Volunteer	Griffith, Ben		✓	✓	✓
Co-Director	White, Tammy	✓	✓	✓	✓
Co-Director	Koneschusky, Katie	✓	✓	✓	✓
Volunteer	Robison, James		✓	✓	✓
Teacher	Bowers, Linda	✓	✓	✓	✓
Volunteer	Arnold, Dorothy	✓	✓	✓	✓
Teacher	Griffith, Monica	✓	✓	✓	✓
Volunteer	Craig, Deb	✓	✓	✓	✓
Volunteer	White, Ashely	✓	✓	✓	✓
Teacher	Blose, Suzie	✓	✓	✓	✓
Volunteer	White, Phillip	✓	✓	✓	✓
Volunteer	Palmer, Brandi	✓	✓	✓	✓
Volunteer	Kern, Carol		✓	✓	
Volunteer	White, Sue		✓		
Volunteer	Richardson, Cristy	✓	✓	✓	✓
Total:		29	32	32	27
Offering:		21.00	20.50	19.00	24.50
		7/17/2017	7/18/2017	7/19/2017	7/20/2017
Volunteers:		12	16	15	14
Attendees:		17	16	17	13
	Total Attendance 7/21/17:	47		Offering:	

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL REPORT 2017

(continued)

Date	Description	Debit (+)	Credit (-)	Balance
6/9/2017	Christianbook.com ROME VBS Kit		130.49	
6/16/2017	ROME VBS Ad Banner		46.89	
6/19/2017	Rome Back Drop		18.97	
7/12/2017	Walmart Craft Supplies		41.71	
7/12/2017	Dollar Tree Game, Craft, & Décor		37.10	
7/12/2017	Michael's Craft Supplies		12.94	288.10
7/12/2017	Donation - Greg & Katie Koneschusky	143.43		
7/12/2017	Donation - Jesse & Tammy White	144.67		0.00
7/17/2017	Donation - Griffith Family - Snacks	---	---	
7/17/2017	Donation - Dorothy Arnold - Snacks	---	---	
7/17/2017	Offering	21.00		
7/18/2017	Offering	20.50		
7/19/2017	Offering	19.00		
7/20/2017	Offering	24.50		
7/21/2017	Offering			85.00
Date	Description	Debit (+)	Credit (-)	Balance

Submitted by Tammy White

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YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Regularly participating members of our Good Shepherd UCC Youth Fellowship during 2017 included the following 14 youth:

Tyla Block	Toby Frantz	Evan Horninger
Kyan Block	Adam Griffith	Olivia Horninger
Janae Cancel	Ben Griffith	Cameron Shields
Julian Cancel	Katy Griffith	Gabriella Smoyer
Aricka Creyer	Noah Griffith	

Officers included Cameron Shields, President; Adam Griffith, Vice President; Aricka Creyer, Secretary/Treasurer. Advisors included Pastor James, Eric Hantz, RaeAnn Creyer, Monica Griffith, Deb Craig, and Mary Lacy.

During the past year, with the help of the following adults: John & Susan Zellner, Monica Griffith, RaeAnn Creyer, Ahstin Creyer, Ray Haldeman, Lee & Evelyn Haas, Carry Block, Deb Craig, Eric Hantz, Brian Horninger, Barry Silfies, and Pastor James; the youth accomplished the following:

- On January 28, 2017 helped at Sportsman's Night tearing raffle tickets for drawings
- On February 5, 2017 collected 109 cans of soup, 30 Cup of Noodles, 6 boxes (12/package) Ramen Noodles, and 15 boxes of crackers for "Soup'er Bowl Sunday. In addition, the Youth took a special offering and received \$129.57 for Allentown Soup Kitchen
- Held M&M Fund Raiser raising \$566.49
- Collected items and put together spring baskets for homebound members on May 28, 2017
- Conducted a Pet Shelter Supply Drive in October with collecting \$185 which was given to The Sanctuary at Haafsville along with 13 bags of dry dog food, 14 cans of wet dog food, 1 bag of dog treats/snacks; 5 bags of dry cat food, 24 cans of wet cat food, 1 bag of cat treats/snacks; 3 bags of cat litter; 1 knotted rope dog toy; 7 mega rolls of paper towels; 12 bottles of cleaner/deodorizer/disinfectant; 8 canisters of disinfectant wipes; and 15 packages of scrub sponges
- Assembled twenty-four Hurricane Relief Buckets containing items for cleanup after a disaster and delivered them to the PNEC Office in Palmerton
- On December 3, 2017 went Christmas Caroling to the homebound members and delivered poinsettias as a gift

In 2018 the Youth hope to increase the number of participants in 'Soup'er Bowl Sunday and to continue to find ways to support their mission and ministry at Good Shepherd.

Submitted by Pastor James

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2018 CONFIRMATION CLASS

In September of 2016, the following covenanted with Good Shepherd and each other to form the 2018 Confirmation Class and Mentors:

Tyla Faith Block – Rae Anne Creyer	Olivia Anne Inkyung Honringer – Amber Williams
Aricka Marguerite Creyer – Evelyn Haas	Robert Joseph Schramel, Jr. – Dwayne Kern
Toby Nathan Frantz – Eric Hantz	Cameron John Shields – Jonathan Griffith
Kathryn Irene Griffith – Deb Craig	Gabriella Lee Smoyer – Ann Johnson
Evan Parker Lim Horninger – Greg Williams	Abigail Elizabeth Williams – Pam Puskas

It is important to say thank you to those who have volunteered to be mentors. These individuals have been making lasting relationships with our confirmands by sharing their faith and creating experiences that remind us we all matter.

The Confirmands have participated in Good Shepherd Youth Fellowship with Tyla, Aricka, Toby and Cameron serving as officers. Aricka and Tyla have each served two years as Youth Deacons on Consistory. All have been active in acolyting and participating in worship. They, as a class, have raised monies through the remembering of mothers, fathers and grandparents, pumpkin decorating contests, gingerbread decorating contests, and selling Valentines' Day Candy in February. They have collected the following thus far:

Event	Date	Profit	Date	Profit
Fathers' Day	6/19/16	137.00	6/18/17	178.00
Grandparents' Day	9/11/16	103.00	9/3/17	71.00
Pumpkin Contest	10/31/16	94.79	10/29/17	80.44
Gingerbread Houses	12/24/16	59.44	12/17/17	85.88
Valentines' Day	2/12/17	262.00	2/14/18/	---
Mothers' Day	5/14/17	194.00	5/13/18	---

As always, the Confirmands appreciate the prayers and support of Good Shepherd United Church of Christ and the presence of our co-teachers, Monica Griffith, Suzie Blose, and Ben Griffith as well as all the support from Susan Zellner in coordinating the Valentine's Candy Sale, Susie Blose and Pam Puskas for orchestrating the pumpkin and gingerbread decorating, Debbie Silfies for organizing and typing the many tributes, and so many others who do so much behind the scenes to make their confirmation experience so special.

These youth are looking forward to confirming the vows their parents made for them when infants. Confirmation is slated for Pentecost Sunday, May 20, 2018.

Submitted by Pastor James, teacher

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ALTAR GUILD REPORT

The Altar Guild Committee members for 2017 were Carol Oswald (committee chairperson), Penny Bower, Lisa Gilly, Mandi Trelease, Julie Solt and Linda Coffin. The Committee is represented by Consistory member Edward Smith. A special thank you to Ed Smith for all his years being the Consistory member to represent the Altar Guild Committee and regret to say the Altar Guild accepted Ed's resignation as of the end of 2017. The Committee would like to thank Debbie Silfies, Barry Silfies, Pastor James, Debbie Craig and others who helped with many tasks during the year such as draping the Clothes over the Cross and setting up the Advent Wreath. Thank you to everyone who helped with the "Stripping of the Altar" Service and the "Service of Seasons" Service for this year. Thank you to all who volunteered to be acolytes. To everyone your assistance is greatly appreciated, thank you. The Altar Guild also regrets accepting the resignation of Penny Bowers, Lisa Gilly and Mandi Trelease. Thank you to you all for donating time taking care of the Altar.

Altar Guild duties include maintaining the candles, Altar cloths, cross cloths, Totenfest candle stand, flower and bulletin chart, assisting acolytes, ordering Altar flower arrangements, palms, baptism roses, Easter flowers, Pentacost geraniums and Christmas Poinsettias. The committee would like to thank all of those who ordered Easter flowers, Pentacost geraniums, and Christmas Pointsettias and thank you to all who sponsored Altar flowers and bulletins. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. The Altar Guild is also responsible for setting up the Harvest Home display in September, and 250 pounds of food was collected and went to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank.

The price of Altar flowers was \$25 in 2017. The bulletins were \$10. A dish garden arrangement was used for midweek Lenten services as in the past. Altar flowers were ordered for 20 Sundays this year, plus 14 sponsors for bulletins. Altar flowers are supplied by Meadow's Creations by Brenda Bruchok in 2017.

Committee members for 2018 will be Laura George, Mary Lacy, Linda Coffin, Julie Solt, and Carol Oswald.

Submitted by

Carol Oswald

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WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE REPORT

Lent – Our theme was “Living Your Life Through Faith”. Bob Koons, Eric Hantz, Dennis Silfies, and Barry Silfies each spoke during one of the Lenten services. This was held in Fellowship Hall with a soup and salad meal served.

Fall – The committee decorated the sanctuary for the autumn season.

Totenfest – We remembered eight members of our congregation during this service.

Mitten Tree – The mitten tree was placed in the narthex for the collection of hats, scarves, gloves, mittens, etc. We collected 6 pairs of socks (women and children), 1 pair adult mittens, 6 pairs infant/child mittens, 9 scarves, 1 hat and glove set, 1 glove and scarf set, 19 pairs of gloves, 21 women’s hats, 3 pairs of men’s gloves, 14 men’s hats, 1 hood, and 6 men’s scarves. Men items were given to the Allentown Rescue Mission and women and children items were given to the Sixth Street Shelter.

Service of the Liturgical Seasons – This service was held on November 26, 2017. For each church season the altar covers were changed to the appropriate color while Tammy White did the reading about each season. The Altar Guild committee did all of the changing of the paraments.

Hanging of the Greens – On December 3, 2017 we celebrated the beginning of the Advent season. The theme for this program was “Preparing for the Coming of Christ”. Tammy White narrated and several members of the congregation as well as children from the Sunday School class portrayed biblical characters for this program. Musical/video selections “A Strange Way to Save the World” and “Do You Have Room were played/displayed. Bob Koons constructed the stable and the committee decorated the sanctuary on Saturday, December 2nd.

Submitted by:

Judy Neff, Chairperson

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HAND BELL CHOIR REPORT

Good Shepherd's Hand Bell Choir had a wonderful year. The Bell Choir started rehearsing in October of 2016 with eight members. That group played until May 2017. They re-organized in October 2017 with 10 members. The Choir is under the direction of Michele Hunsicker.

The Kristal Bell Method is a totally original hand bell playing system. It allows the choir to produce beautiful hand bell music accompanied by fully orchestrated song arrangements recorded on compact discs. The unique aspect of this method is that no musical knowledge is necessary on the part of the hand bell players. A director or facilitator is needed to lead the hand bell players and to coordinate the bell playing with the recorded music.

Performances:

1/22/17	Friends
2/12 /17	In the Garden
3/12/17	The Old Rugged Cross
10/15/17	Just as I am
11/5/17	We Gather Together
11/5/17	<u>Hymn Sing:</u>
	Battle Hymn of the Republic
	God Bless America
12/17/17	Angels We Have Heard on High
	Silver Bells

The Bell Choir starts rehearsal in October (practicing one Sunday a month, after church service) and plays once a month starting in October and ending in May. If anyone is interested in joining please see Michele Hunsicker.

Also, if anyone is interested in purchasing a CD for the Choir, please see Michele Hunsicker for the listing of songs.

Thanks for the support of this musical endeavor.

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FAITH AND MISSION AND EVANGELISM COMMITTEE REPORT

Faith & Mission and Evangelism met Sunday, January 22, 2017 following Church.

Those who attended were: Tammy White, Susie Blose, Evelyn Haas, Ann Johnson, Madeline Balliet, Barbara DeLong.

Monthly Faith and Missions and dollar amount contributions were as follows:

- January – V.A.L.O.R. - \$55.00
- February – Soup Kitchen - \$10.00
- March – Habitat for Humanity - \$35.00
- April – Autism Awareness - \$35.00
- May – Muscular Dystrophy Assoc. - \$63.00
- June – Northern Lehigh Food Bank - \$55.00
- July – Lancaster Seminary - \$125.00
- August – Bethany Children's Home - \$35.00
- September – Allentown Rescue Mission - \$40.00
- October – Meals on Wheels - \$30.00
- November – Turning Point - \$25.00
- December – Aid's Awareness - \$75.00

The 1st Sunday of each month was designated to each month's mission.

Cross bookmarks were purchased and are given to first time visitors at the beginning of each church service.

Discussion was also held regarding the update of welcome packets to new members. An email was sent out on 1/25/17 to Pastor James and Debbie Silfies with attachments of what I thought needed to be updated and also inquired about a template of the original welcome packet.

No further action took place.

No receipts were turned in for 2017.

Submitted by Tammy White

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SOCIAL MINISTRY REPORT 2017

There were five functions at Good Shepherd that the Social Ministry Committee was involved with during 2017.

1. January 15 – A luncheon for 30-35 people was served after the congregational meeting.
2. May 7 – Served desserts to 40-45 people after the Hymn Sing.
3. May 26 – Served a luncheon for about 65 people after the funeral service of June Kuntz.
4. October 29 – Served 30-35 people at the Pennsylvania German Luncheon after worship.
5. November 5 – Served desserts to 50-55 people after the Hymn Sing.

Thank you to all the members of the Committee who helped at these functions, as well as those who volunteered when needed.

Submitted by Barry Silfies

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NORTHERN LEHIGH FOOD BANK REPORT

The Food Bank gets assistance from the USDA, the State, Second Harvest, and local churches and organizations in the Northern Lehigh area. On average per month, 250 families were served for 2017.

Michele Hunsicker and Barbara DeLong serve on the Board as representatives for Good Shepherd Church.

For the year 2017, Good Shepherd has contributed to the Food Bank in the following ways:

- For Souper Bowl Sunday we collected 109 cans of soup, 15 boxes of crackers, 30 cups of noodles, and 6 boxes of Ramen noodles for a grand total of 150 pounds.
- We collected 255 cans of corn for the Easter meals.
- The month of June is Good Shepherd's month to collect items for the soap closet. We collected over 55 pounds of soap products, toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet tissue, laundry detergent and misc. items.
- July is our month to volunteer to distribute food which consists of one Thursday night and one Saturday morning. Thank you to the 15 people who volunteered to help hand out the food.
- Harvest Home was held in September at Good Shepherd and a total of 250 pounds of assorted foods were donated.
- In the month of November Good Shepherd donated 250 cans of corn for the Thanksgiving meals.
- Also, in the month of December, the Food Bank distributed Christmas dinners. Good Shepherd donated 291 cans of corn for those meals.

For the year 2017, 1,250 pounds of food and products were donated to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank. The Food Bank needs the following items: Canned Pasta, Tuna, Jelly, Cereal, Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruits, Soups, plastic and paper grocery bags. If you can donate any of these items, please bring to church and place in the grocery cart in the narthex of the church.

The Food Bank wishes to thank everyone for the support given to this Ministry.

The donation of time and food is greatly appreciated. If anyone would like to volunteer at the Northern Lehigh Food Bank, please call the Northern Lehigh Food Bank @ 610-767-9525. Volunteers must be 13 years old or older.

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BLUE MOUNTAIN AREA MISSION COUNCIL REPORT

Blue Mountain Area Mission Council is a region of the Penn Northeast Conference consisting of fourteen churches in the United Church of Christ. The pastors of these churches gather once a month to offer and receive collegial support and creating a loose bond between our neighboring congregations.

Changes continue to occur among the clergy and I have had the honor of convening this fine group for the last nineteen years and feel truly blessed by my work with many of these individuals. We as pastors have taken a vow to abide by a Code of Ministry calling us to be supportive of each other's ministries and to pray for one another as we enter into sacred space with congregants who are going through times of joy as well as times of sorrow. As we transition into a new year, I ask for Good Shepherd's prayers and support for all the ministries represented by the following pastors and their congregations.

PASTOR	STATUS	CHURCH	LOCATION	BEGAN
Kris Snyder-Samuels	Pastor	Union	Neffs	(1996/2016)
James Robison	Pastor	Good Shepherd	Slatedale	(1998)
Kevin Fructl	Pastor	Ebenezer	New Tripoli	(2003)
Karen Yonney	Licensed Pastor	Heidelberg	Slatington	(2005)
Brian Haas	Licensed Pastor	Christ	Walnutport	(2007)
Sally Zelker	Supply Pastor	Morganland	Orefield	(2008)
Lunnett Hilliard	Pastor	Friedens	Slatington	(2010)
Henry Distler	Licensed Pastor	St. John's	Slatington	(2011)
Bill Albright	Stated Supply	Jerusalem	Kempton	(2011)
Rebecca Thomas	Pastor	St. Peter's	Lynnville	(2016)
Chris Cocca	Licensed Pastor	Christ	Lowhill	(2016)
Carl Siegfried	Supply Pastor	St. Paul's	Seiberlingsville	(2016)
Ernest Diefenderfer	Chaplain	Hospice		(2011)
Jeff Kistler	Interim	Ziegel's	Breinigsville	(2016)
Kayli Freeman	Associate Pastor	Union	Neffs	(2017)
TBD		New Bethel	Kempton	(2017)
Speakers	---	Bethel	Slatington	(2017)
Candy Cain Borgman	Hiatus			(2016)

Respectfully submitted,
James Robison, Convener

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STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT 2017

The Stewardship Committee is called to study and share concepts of being good stewards in all forms of stewardship including financial, ecological, time management, health, and so much more. Annually, this committee is to seek commitments in the way of Faith Promises to solicit support for the ministries and missions that Good Shepherd finds God calling the congregation to serve and to be.

Little has changed since 2016 and the committee continues to limp along. Our hope and prayer is that some interested and enthusiastic members might come forward to address the issues of our time commitments and financial obligations that God is calling us to at Good Shepherd.

There are some interesting things that have been brought to our attention including share giving. There are companies that are willing to automatically send a person's weekly/monthly/yearly giving to Good Shepherd and the company will match the giving.

We are hoping that in 2018 we will be able to revitalize the important work of this committee with enthusiastic individuals willing to learn and grow in the ways of Christ.

Something to think about is what is called the Simplicity Movement which "Calls into question the meaning of the 'good life' in modern society and posits a less materialistic lifestyle as a more personally fulfilling, spiritually enlightening, socially beneficial, and environmentally sustainable lifestyle."

When we embrace God's good news on money and possessions, we're set free ~ both to serve as stewards and to reject idols.

When we do so, we draw closer to God, and in right relationship with money.

Respectfully submitted by Pastor James on behalf of the Stewardship Team.

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

We extend a thank you to those who have served on various committees this past year. We would also like to thank those whose terms have ended in 2017 for sharing their time and talents. They include: Consistory - Edward Smith. Congregational Representative – Carrie Block. Altar Guild – Lisa Gilly, Amanda Trelease & Penny Bowers. Social Ministry – Frank Johnson. Evangelism – Ann Johnson. Audit – Todd Solt. Personnel – Greg Williams. Property – Ahstin Creyer & Dwayne Kern.

We would also like to congratulate all the faithful individuals who have agreed to serve another term on committees. The following individuals have agreed to join the faithful and fill vacant positions and work toward our mission here at Good Shepherd. Individuals joining committees are as follows: Deacon – Tammy Schaeffer. Treasurer – Cheryl Tully. Christian Education-Susie Blose. Altar Guild – Laura George & Mary Lacy. Social Ministry – Barry Silfies, Madeline Balliet & Barbara DeLong. Audit – Michele Hunsicker. Memorial – Barbara DeLong & Madeline Balliet. Property - Jeff Coffin & Brett Hunsicker. Personnel – Susie Blose. Nominating – Susie Blose.

The following committees have vacant positions:

- Consistory – 1 Elder and 1 Deacon.
- Christian Education - Nursery Teacher and Congregational Representative.
- Altar Guild – 1 member.
- Social Ministry – 1 member.
- Evangelism – 1 member.
- Audit – 1 member. Memorial – 2 members.
- Personnel – 1 member.
- Stewardship – 4 members.

If you feel a calling to serve on any of these committees or would like information on any of these vacant positions, please contact any member of the Nominating committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Nominating Committee

Susie Blose, Deb Craig, Karen Smith, James George

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MEMORIAL COMMITTEE REPORT 2017

The Memorial Committee suggests and approves all memorial gifts from members and friends of Good Shepherd United Church of Christ and oversees the purchase, construction and dedication of such appointments as well as maintaining a book of such memorial gifts. Good Shepherd received contributions to the Glory of God in Memory of the following individuals:

- * Christopher Farber
- * Luella & Eugene Miller
- * Zachary Solt
- * Arlene Silfies Hennings
- * June Kuntz

Anyone with suggestions or gift ideas can contact one of the Memorial Committee members or Pastor James.

2017 Committee Members:

Barbara DeLong

Sally Loch

Madeline Balliet

Monica Griffith, Recorder

Bryan Puskas, Consistory Representative

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FUND RAISING REPORT

Date	Function	Money Raised
1/28/2017	Sportsman's Night	\$3,714.00
2/27/2017	Little Ceasar's Pizza Sale	\$519.00
3/11/2017	Walk-In Basket Social	\$1,444.30
4/25/2017	Thompson's Hoagie Sale	\$187.40
5/2/2017	VIA	\$446.00
5/20/2017	Italian Night	\$354.77
6/25/2017	Meat and Money Raffle	\$2,785.00
7/6/2017	Madeline's Sale	\$267.25
7/22/2017	Chicken Bar-B-Q	\$111.08
8/3/2017	Great Metal Recycling/cans	\$77.88
9/16/2017	Penny Party	\$1311.38
9/23/2017	Little Ceasar's Pizza Sale	\$661.00
10/8/2017	Dinner and a Comic	\$283.83
10/19/2017	Basket Social	\$3024.50
11/12/2017	Painting Party	\$195.00
11/18/2017	Gift Card Bingo	\$1851.05
12/17/2017	Filling Sale	\$201.00
	Total Money Raised	\$17,434.44

Report submitted by Dennis Silfies

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SCRIP PROGRAM REPORT 2017

MONTH	PARTICIPANTS	CARDS	DEPOSIT	PROFIT	
January	13	82	4,235.00	224.05	
February	18	110	4,460.00	230.45	
March	19	123	5,040.00	262.63	
April	18	129	4,665.00	219.80	
May	18	101	4,860.00	249.68	
June	13	96	4,505.00	230.00	
July	11	63	3,600.00	190.63	
August	14	79	3,410.00	192.53	
September	11	66	3,225.00	171.98	
October	16	103	4,240.00	220.83	
November	38	292	14,729.00	745.48	
December	30	347	10,780.00	631.33	
TOTALS	219	1,591	\$ 67,749.00	\$ 3,569.39	5.27%
AVERAGES	18.3	132.6	\$ 5,645.75	\$ 297.45	5.27%

2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	TOTAL
174.75	144.65	144.50	167.85	142.10	153.25	263.10		
183.38	177.15	180.55	152.15	162.74	285.75	321.75		
213.13	255.53	224.25	255.95	262.65	225.25	253.46		
186.98	211.05	250.88	179.68	172.51	283.75	206.12		
170.55	239.68	171.35	188.70	234.75	231.95	284.80	\$ 99.08	
183.53	258.38	134.85	177.10	235.70	218.37	268.44	216.53	
251.03	205.93	195.50	154.45	259.83	237.50	183.98	234.15	
303.33	263.60	225.15	214.85	155.23	145.78	203.85	328.54	
240.98	245.20	260.13	297.68	213.82	146.58	298.80	343.66	
199.48	285.70	231.50	229.30	255.52	208.64	264.40	346.45	
675.43	489.20	495.05	530.63	345.75	625.30	573.45	524.06	
715.05	784.58	720.25	740.58	911.63	636.33	962.29	1,339.13	
\$ 3,497.62	\$ 3,560.65	\$ 3,233.96	\$ 3,288.92	\$ 3,352.23	\$ 3,398.45	\$ 4,084.44	\$ 3,431.60	\$ 31,417.26
\$ 63,216.00	\$ 63,953.50	\$ 59,280.50	\$ 58,671.50	\$ 59,486.13	\$ 63,016.04	\$ 71,422.00	\$ 58,434.94	\$ 565,229.61

Submitted by Monica Griffith

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RENTAL COORDINATOR REPORT

The Fellowship Hall and Grove were rented 23 times in 2017 by various groups for family reunions, wedding showers, baby showers, birthday celebrations, funeral luncheons as well as other gatherings. Miller Blood Bank used it 2 times as well.

This count does not include the regular weekly use of the Fellowship Hall by AA Back to Basics and the Girls Scouts. In addition, Little Shepherd Preschool began using the Fellowship Hall and two classrooms in September, 3 times per week. Senior Citizens discontinued use of our hall in February.

A donation total of \$3,450.00 was received for the use of Fellowship Hall and Grove throughout the year.

Submitted by Madeline Balliet

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FINANCIAL SECRETARY ANNUAL GIVING REPORT

GOOD SHEPHERD UCC		FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT 2017			
2017 CONTRIBUTIONS					
\$	GIVING UNITS		\$	GIVING UNITS	
00.01-10.00	26		600.01-620.00	1	
10.01-20.00	13		620.01-640.00	1	
20.01-30.00	10		640.01-660.00	0	
30.01-40.00	9		660.01-680.00	0	
40.01-60.00	19		680.01-700.00	1	
60.01-80.00	12		SUBTOTAL	3	
80.01-100.00	12		701.00-720.00	1	
SUBTOTAL	101		720.01-740.00	0	
100.01-120.00	10		740.01-760.00	0	
120.01-140.00	6		760.01-780.00	0	
140.01-160.00	6		780.01-800.00	1	
160.01-180.00	5		SUBTOTAL	2	
180.01-200.00	3		800.01-820.00	1	
SUBTOTAL	30		820.01-840.00	0	
200.01-220.00	3		840.01-860.00	2	
220.01-240.00	5		860.01-880.00	0	
240.01-260.00	2		880.01-900.00	1	
260.01-280.00	1		SUBTOTAL	4	
280.01-300.00	3		900.01-920.00	1	
SUBTOTAL	14		920.01-940.00	1	
300.01-320.00	4		940.01-960.00	0	
320.01-340.00	2		960.01-980.00	1	
340.01-360.00	2		980.01-1000.00	0	
360.01-380.00	5		SUBTOTAL	3	
380.01-400.00	3		1000.01-1100.00	4	
SUBTOTAL	16		1100.00-1200.00	4	
400.01-420.00	1		1200.01-1300.00	5	
420.01-440.00	2		1300.01-1400.00	3	
440.01-460.00	2		1400.01-1500.00	1	
460.01-480.00	3		SUBTOTAL	17	
480.01-500.00	1		1500.01-2000.00	11	
SUBTOTAL	9		2000.01-2500.00	7	
500.01-520.00	0		2500.01-3000.00	5	
520.01-540.00	3		3000.01-4000.00	3	
540.01-560.00	6		4000.01-5000.00	3	
560.01-580.00	2		5000.01-9000.00	2	
580.01-600.00	1		9000.01-	1	
SUBTOTAL	12		SUBTOTAL	32	
TOTAL GIVING	UNITS:	243			
MEMBERS	: 219				
VISITORS	: 24		Submitted by Sally A Loch, Financial Secretary		

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FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

2017 FINANCIAL AUDIT AND REVIEW OF ACCOUNTING BOOKS

For the Period August 31, 2017 thru December 27, 2017

Income that came into the church was properly accounted for and deposited into the bank accordingly. All monthly transactions and payments were reviewed for accuracy and verified with the bank statement and monthly reconciliation reports. The following transactions did not clear the bank as of December 27, 2017.

GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT – (Items that did not clear the bank as of 12/27/2017)

<u>Check #</u>	<u>Issued</u>	<u>Amount</u>		<u>Deposit Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
9512	12/5/17	197.50			
Auto	12/19/17	46.13			
9532	12/19/17	850.00			
9533	12/19/17	70.00			
9534	12/19/17	228.00			
9535	12/19/17	49.95			
9536	12/19/17	137.44			
9537	12/19/17	2812.49			
	TOTAL	4391.51		TOTAL	0

GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT #156213 – NEFFS NATIONAL BANK

Bank Balance as of 12/27/2017	\$23,887.19
Uncleared Deposits as of 12/27/2017	0
Less Uncleared Checks as of 12/27/2017	-4,391.51
Adjusted Church Register Balance as of 12/27/2017	\$19,495.68

SAVINGS ACCOUNT #914958 (GENERAL FUND)– NEFFS NATIONAL BANK

Bank Balance as of 12/27/2017	\$33,479.41
Uncleared Deposits as of 12/27/2017	0
Less Uncleared Withdrawals as of 12/27/2017	0
Adjusted Church Register Balance as of 12/27/2017	\$33,479.41

FUND RAISING CHECKING ACCOUNT #163694 – NEFFS NATIONAL BANK

Bank Balance as of 12/27/2017	\$3,182.74
Uncleared Deposits as of 12/27/2017	0
Less Uncleared Checks as of 12/27/2017	0
Adjusted Church Register Balance as of 12/27/2017	\$3,182.74

Audit Committee: Madeline Balliet, Susan Zellner

GOOD SHEPHERD UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 2017 ANNUAL REPORT
LITTLE SHEPHERD'S PRESCHOOL FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT

SCHOOL TERM 2015-2016

Receipts	\$39,563.00
Expenses	<u>-35,191.79</u>
Balance	\$ 4,371.21

SCHOOL TERM 2016-2017

Beginning Balance	\$ 4,371.21
Receipts	<u>+31,980.65</u>
	\$36,351.86
Expenses	<u>-33,488.44</u>
Balance	\$ 2,863.42

SCHOOL TERM 2017-2018 (Y-T-D as of 10/31/2017)

Beginning Balance	\$ 2,863.42
Receipts	<u>+ 9,970.50</u>
	\$12,833.92
Expenses	<u>-6,559.47</u>
Balance (10/31/2017)	\$ 6,274.45

Audit Committee,
Madeline Balliet, Susan Zellner

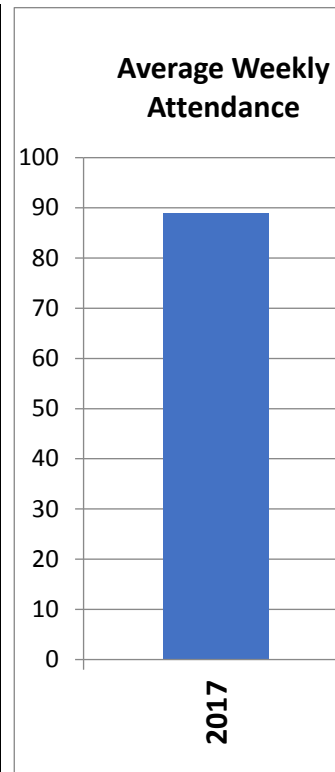
GSUCC ACTUAL BUDGET FOR 2017 and PROPOSED FOR 2018 REPORT

	2017 Budget	2017 Actuals	2018 Proposed				
Building Expenses							
Mortgage*	\$15,000.00	\$14,913.12	\$15,000.00				
Fuel Oil/Propane	7,500.00	4,697.26	6,000.00				
Insurance	9,600.00	8,263.25	9,000.00				
Electric	6,000.00	6,662.19	7,000.00				
Janitorial	250.00	118.04	250.00				
Property (sealed parking lot \$1500)	1,500.00	2,089.43	600.00				
Service Contracts	850.00	427.20	500.00				
Phone	500.00	629.78	500.00				
Snow Removal	400.00	-	400.00				
Furnace	3,800.00	3,758.40	3,758.40				
Total Building Expenses	\$45,400.00	\$41,558.67	\$43,008.40				
Missionary							
OCWM	\$4,000.00	\$1,666.65	\$4,000.00		2017 Budget	2017 Actuals	2018 Proposed
Bethany	350.00	175.85	350.00	Ministry			
Lancaster Seminary	350.00	145.85	350.00	Christian Education	\$1,600.00	\$1,111.93	\$1,600.00
LCCC	350.00	-	350.00	Confirmation (Every Othe	700.00	-	700.00
Meals on Wheels	350.00	145.85	350.00	VBS	600.00	-	600.00
NL Food Bank	350.00	145.85	350.00	Newsletter	50.00	-	50.00
Phoebe	350.00	145.85	350.00	Supply Pastor	900.00	-	900.00
Total Missionary	\$6,100.00	\$2,425.90	\$6,100.00	Flowers**	100.00	-	100.00
Mission Giving	3.27%	1.44%	3.22%	Stewardship	100.00	-	100.00
				Spiritual Council	100.00	-	100.00
				Evangelism	60.00	-	100.00
Service contracts - ABE Alarm & Terminex				Altar Guild	200.00	192.45	200.00
				Social Ministry	100.00	-	100.00
				Website	60.00	-	200.00
				Worship & Music	300.00	68.00	-
				Youth Group	100.00	105.00	150.00
* Commercial loan with variable interest rate, adjusting annually in March				Total Ministry	\$4,970.00	\$1,477.38	\$4,900.00
** Difference between what was bought and what was paid for							
NOTE: Actuals based on dates 9/1/2016-9/1/2017				Pastor Benefits			
				Salary	\$41,000.00	\$40,999.92	\$42,640.00
				Housing	18,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00
				Transportation	3,500.00	3,499.92	3,500.00
				Vision	91.00	100.00	100.00
	2017 Budget	2017 Actuals	2018 Proposed	Pension Dues (14%)	8,260.00	7,638.34	8,490.00
Church Office Expenses				Health/Dental	9,642.00	10,123.86	10,770.00
Church Office Supplies	\$2,900.00	\$180.26	\$2,500.00	Disability Insurance (1.5%	885.00	546.87	910.00
Offering Envelopes	1,750.00	1,767.71	1,800.00	Continuing Education	250.00	65.00	250.00
Equipment Contracts	1,550.00	1,960.27	600.00	Subtotal	\$81,628.00	\$80,973.91	\$84,660.00
Sunday & Special Bulletins	650.00	971.92	1,000.00	Payroll Tax Match (8%)	5,000.00	4,410.41	6,772.80
Postage	250.00	169.81	250.00	Total Pastor Benefits	\$86,628.00	\$85,384.32	\$91,432.80
Internet Cable/Church Post	800.00	915.40	1,000.00				
Treasurer	250.00	173.50	250.00	Total Budgeted Items	\$186,689.28	\$169,026.60	\$189,577.81
Virtual Office Systems (VOS)	960.00	880.00	960.00				
Vanco & E-Giving fees	600.00	313.87	350.00		1.55%	INCREASE	\$2,888.53
Total Church Office Expenses	\$9,710.00	\$7,332.74	\$8,710.00	Pastor Salary	0.00%		
Music Ministry				Sexton	0%		
Piano Repairs	\$500.00	\$200.00	\$500.00	Secretary	0%		
Organ Repairs	400.00	-	400.00	Organist	0%		
Supply Organist	250.00	-	250.00	Treasurer	0%		
CCLI Copyright	200.00	208.00	200.00				
Total Music Ministry	\$1,350.00	\$408.00	\$1,350.00				
Salary/Wages							
Workers Comp Insurance	\$1,400.00	\$1,508.40	\$1,700.00				
Organist	6,466.62	9,518.65	6,600.00	Good Shepherd PreSchool		34,500.00	34,500.00
Secretary	7,044.00	7,631.00	7,325.00				
Sexton	6,494.25	7,035.47	6,800.00				
Music Director	6,466.62	-	6,600.00				
Treasurer	2,348.00	2,582.92	2,630.00				
Total Wages	\$30,219.49	\$28,276.44	\$31,655.00				
Payroll Tax Match (7.65%)	2,311.79	2,163.15	2,421.61				
Total Salary/Wages	\$32,531.28	\$30,439.59	\$34,076.61				
					9/18/2017		

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ATTENDANCE CHART FOR CHURCH SERVICES 2017

REPRESENTS AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH	
	2017
Jan	88
Feb	94
Mar	92
Apr	107
May	76
Jun	99
Jul	81
Aug	74
Sep	78
Oct	84
Nov	110
Dec	94
Christmas Eve	261
** Services cancelled during month due to snow/ice	



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GSUCC CONSISTORY MEMBERS FOR 2017

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before name means they are not serving a full term (3 years for committees, 4 years for Consistory)

% before name means they are serving their first term

* before name means they will be completing their second term and must be replaced

italicized names denote Consistory Representative

"C" following name denotes chairperson; "R" following name denotes recorder

Consistory

Elders/Spiritual Council

%2017 Edward Smith 610.767.3776

#2018 Dennis Silfies, VP 484.707.2704

*2019 *Pam Puskas* 484.553.1827

%2020 Kerry Loch, P 610.349.5706

Deacons

#2017 Susie Blose 610.826.8043

%2017 Tammy White 610.298.2593

%2018 James George 610.767.2558

*2018 Bryan Puskas 484.553.1828

%2019 Eric Hantz 610.262.9608

%2019 Todd Solt 610.703.0790

%2020 Bob Koons 610.826.7845

%2020 TBD

Youth Deacons

%2017 Tyla Block 443.567.9972

%2017 Aricka Creyer 610.760.8511

Pastor

c. 1998 James Robison 610.432.3980

Secretary

c. 2016 Robin Bellesfield 610.509.4300

Treasurer

c. 2017 Cheryl Tully 610.704.5421

Financial Secretary

c. 2016 Sally Loch 610.295.7085

Youth Fellowship

c. 2014 Pastor James 484.571.6083

President Dylan Coffin 610.730.6585

%2017 RaeAnne Creyer 610.657.7345

%2018 Eric Hantz 610.262.9608

Tyla Block 443.567.9972

Worship and Music Committee

%2017 Lisa Kuntz 610.767.3549

%2017 Kelsey Kuntz 610.767.3549

*2018 Marilyn Smith 610.767.5270

*2018 Judy Neff, C 610.769.8018

*2019 Denise Koons 610.826.7845

#2019 Alice Christman

Organist Marion Straub 610.377.0110

TBD

Christian Education

Officers

Supt. Pam Puskas, R 484.553.1827

Ass't Sec. Barbara J. Neff 610.767.3151

Ass't Sec. Phillip White 610.767.4420

Teachers

Nursery Amanda Dieter 484.809.4986

Nursery TBD

Beginners RaeAnne Creyer 610.657.7345

Beginners TBD

Middlers Deb Craig 610.751.5200

Middlers Ann Johnson 610.767.8829

Youth Monica Griffith 610.285.2787

Youth Susie Blose 610.826.8043

Confirm. Pastor James 610.432.3980

Confirm. Monica Griffith 610.285.2787

Confirm. Ben Griffith 610.285.2787

Congregational Representatives

%2017 Carrie Block 443.567.9972

%2019 Madeline Balliet 610.767.8134

Snacks Frank Johnson 610.767.8829

Snacks Barry Silfies 610.767.2067

Aricka Creyer 610.760.8511

Altar Guild

#2017 Carol Oswald, C 610.207.8850

%2017 Linda Coffin 610.730.6586

%2018 Lisa Gilly 610.657.0133

%2018 Amanda Trelease 610.509.9870

*2019 Penny Bowers 610.969.9061

%2019 Julie Solt 610.730.6585

Edward Smith 610.767.3776

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Fund Raising Committee

%2017 Linda Bowers, C	484.294.5661
*2017 Beth Frantz	610.393.5327
*2018 Barb A. Neff	610.767.9613
*2019 Frank Johnson	610.767.8829
*2019 Edgar Smith	610.767.4657
<i>Dennis Silfies</i>	<i>484.707.2704</i>

Social Ministry Committee

%2017 Barbara J. Neff	610.767.3151
%2017 Dorothy Arnold	610.767.8037
*2018 Marie Detrick, C	610.760.8804
%2019 Frank Johnson	610.767.8829
*2019 Mabel Knittle	610.767.8710
<i>Edward Smith</i>	<i>610.767.3776</i>

Evangelism Committee

*2017 Ann Johnson, C	610.767.8829
*2018 Evelyn Haas	610.767.5878
#2018 <i>Tammy White</i>	<i>610.298.2593</i>
*2019 Madeline Balliet	610.767.8134
%2019 Deb Craig	610.751.5200
<i>Eric Hantz</i>	<i>610.262.9608</i>

Audit Committee

*2017 Susan Zellner, C	610.767.2305
%2018 Madeline Balliet	610.767.8134
*2019 Richard Schock	610.767.5625
Treasurer Jasmine Rodrigues	
<i>Todd Solt</i>	<i>610.703.0790</i>

Memorial Committee

%2017 Sally Loch	610.295.7085
#2017	
%2018	
%2019	
%2019	
<i>Bryan Puskas</i>	<i>484.553.1828</i>

Property Committee

#2017 Ahstin Creyer	610.760.8511
#2017 Dwayne Kern	484.426.7532
%2018 Kevin Minnich	610.767.0611
%2019	
%2019 <i>Dennis Silfies</i>	<i>484.707.2704</i>
Sexton Barry Silfies	610.767.2067

Personnel Committee

#2017 Monica Griffith	610.285.2787
%2017 Richard Smith	610.767.5270
*2018 Marie Bachman	610.440.2550
%2019	
%2019 Greg Williams	610.760.2050
<i>TBD</i>	

Stewardship Committee

#2017	
#2018	
#2018	
#2019	
*2019 Deb Craig	610.751.5200

Nominating Committee

%2017 Karen Smith	610.767.3776
%2018	
%2019 Deb Craig	610.751.5200
Pastor Pastor James	484.571.6083

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GSUCC PROPOSED CALENDAR FOR 2018

JANUARY		JUNE	
1	Enrollment for Pre-School begins	10	Graduate Sunday
7	Epiphany Communion	17	Father's Day
14	Congregational meeting-10 AM Service	25	60 th Anniversary of the United Church of Christ
27	Sportsmen's Banquet	30	Meat and Money Raffle
28	<i>Energy Fuel Special Offering</i>		
		JULY	
FEBRUARY		1	God and Country Communion
1	Enrollment for Pre-School begins for general public	16-20	Vacation Bible School
4	Souper Bowl Sunday	18	Miller-Keystone Blood Drive
11	Boy and Girl Scout Sunday	20	Vacation Bible School Closing-7PM
14	Ash Wednesday Imposition of Ashes/Circle Communion	22	Covered Dish Luncheon and Family Fun Day
15	Miller-Keystone Blood Drive		
21	Lenten Service-7PM	AUGUST	
28	Lenten Service-7PM	19	Prayer Pal Revealing
MARCH		SEPTEMBER	
7	Lenten Service-7PM	2	Christian Education Registration Day-9:30AM
10	Penny Party	2	<i>Mortgage Special Offering</i>
11	Daylight Savings begins at 2AM	6	PreSchool Meet the Teacher Night-6PM
14	Lenten Service-7PM	9	Grandparent's Day
17	Indoor Cleanup-8AM	10	1 st Day of PreSchool
18	<i>Mortgage Special Offering</i>	16	PreSchool Welcome
21	Lenten Service-7PM	23	Brinig a Friend Sunday-Sponsored by Evangelism Committee <i>Harvest Home</i>
24	Outdoor Cleanup-8AM	30	Outdoor Service with Campfire
29	Maundy Thursday Communion-7PM		
30	Good Friday Prayer Vigil 12 Noon-3PM	OCTOBER	
31	Easter Egg Hunt-11AM	7	World Wide Communion
		13	Miller-Keystone Blood Drive
APRIL		18	Basket Social-6PM (doors open @ 5:30)
1	Easter Communion Service-6AM and 10AM	20	Winterize Grove Kitchen 4-6PM
21	PNEC Annual Meeting	28	Pennsylvania German Luncheon
22	<i>Capital Fund Special Offering</i>		
??	Walk-in Basket Social	NOVEMBER	
		4	Daylight Savings Time ends @ 2AM
MAY		10	Penny Party
7	Hymn Sing and Music Fest-3PM	11	Stewardship Sunday
13	Mother's Day Tea sponsored by Prayer Pals	18	Consistory Elections <i>Energy Fuel Special Offering</i>
14	Mother's Day	27	Thanksgiving Eve Service @ GSUCC
20	Pentacost Communion and Confirmation		
24	PreSchool Graduation-6:30PM	DECEMBER	
27	Christian Education Promotion Sunday	2	Advent Communion-Hanging of the Greens 10AM <i>Capital Fund Special Offering</i>
28	Memorial Day Service-Slatedale Cemetary-8AM	9	Christmas Caroling sponsored by Youth Fellowship 12:30PM
		16	Sunday School Christmas Program 3PM
		24	Service @ 10AM Christmas Eve Holy Communion @ 3PM 5PM and 11PM w/Candlelight Service

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WORSHIP LEADER GRID FOR 2018

Month	Special Services	Head Deacons	Elders	Lay Reader	Acolytes	Greeters	Altar Guild
January	Epiphany Jan. 8	Eric Hantz	Pam Puskas	Pam Puskas	Tyla Block	Jeff & Linda Coffin	Julie Solt
February		Susie Blose		Pam Puskas	Aricka Creyer	Madeline Balliet	Mary Lacy
	Ash Wednesday Feb. 14	7:00pm Tammy White	7:00pm		7:00pm Cameron Shields		
	Wednesday, Feb. 21	7:00pm Tammy White					
	Wednesday, Feb. 28	7:00pm Tammy White					
March		Eric Hantz	Dennis Silfies		Olivia Horninger	Sally Loch	
	Wednesday, Mar. 7	7:00pm Eric Hantz					
	Wednesday, Mar. 14	7:00pm Eric Hantz					
	Wednesday, Mar. 21	7:00pm Tammy White					
	Maundy Thursday, Mar. 29	7:00pm Tammy Schaeffer			7:00pm Robbie Schramel		
	Good Friday, Mar. 30	7:00pm Bob Koons			7:00pm Robbie Schramel		
April		Bryan Puskas	Pam Puskas	Pam Puskas	Cameron Shields	Tammy Schaeffer	
	Easter Sunrise , Apr. 1	6:00am Bryan Puskas	6:00am Pam Puskas		6:00am Cameron Shields	6:00am	
May	Pentecost May 20	Jim George			Gabriella Smoyer	Sonny & Barb Neff	Laura George
June		Eric Hantz	Kerry Loch	Mary Lacy	Evan Horninger	Mary Lacy & Julian Cancel	Julie Solt
July	God & Country July 1	Tammy Schaeffer	Kerry Loch	Mary Lacy	Robbie Schramel /Abby Williams	TBD	Mary Lacy
August		Jim George	Dennis Silfies	TBD	Katy Griffith/Abby Williams	Madeline Balliet	Laura George
September		Tammy White		Linda & Dylan Coffin	Toby Frantz/Julian Cancel	Sonny & Barb Neff	Linda Coffin
October	World Communion Oct. 7	Tammy White	Pam Puskas	Pam Puskas	Julian Cancel	Carol Krum	Linda Coffin
November		Susie Blose	Kerry Loch	Mary Lacy		Eddie & Karen Smith	Carol Oswald
	Thanksgiving Eve Nov. 20	7:00pm Bob Koons			7:00pm	7:00pm Eddie & Karen Smith	
December	Advent Communion Dec 2	Tyla Block	Dennis Silfies			Madeline Balliet	Carol Oswald
	Christmas Eve Dec. 24	3:00pm Bryan Puskas	3:00pm Pam Puskas		3:00pm	3:00pm Eddie & Karen Smith	
		5:00pm Bob Koons	5:00pm		5:00pm	5:00pm	
		11:00pm Jim George	11:00pm Dennis Silfies		11:00pm	11:00 pm Carol Krum & Family	

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