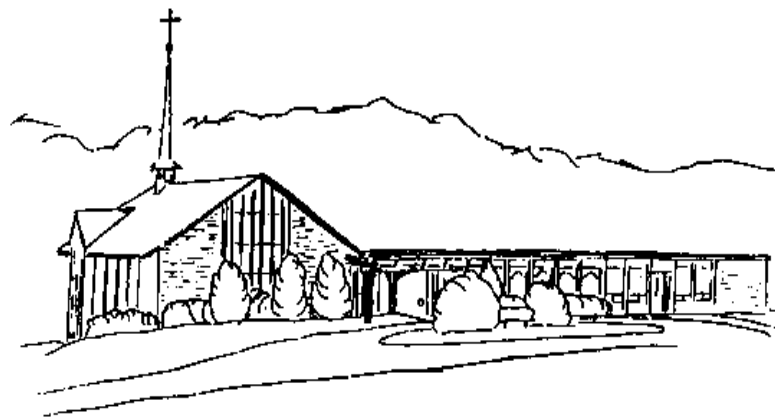


North Hills Community Baptist Church



67th Annual Report
1951-2018

**67th ANNUAL MEETING
NORTH HILLS COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
JANUARY 28, 2018**

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<p><u>ATTENTION NEW AND CONTINUING BOARD MEMBERS:</u> This is a reminder that all four program boards will hold brief organizational sessions following the annual meeting. New and continuing board members should attend. The locations for these sessions are: Christian Ed - Cafe; Deacons - Pastor's Office; Missions - Junior Room; and Trustees - Junior High Room.</p>

NORTH HILLS COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Church Officers, Board Members and Elected Committees for 2017

Church Officers—1 Year Terms

Moderator	Brian Gongaware
Church Clerk	Kerri Buschmeyer
Sunday School Co-superintendents	Suzi Hines
Term runs 7/1/17-6/30/18	Linda Wagner
Assistant Sunday School Superintendent	Bill Griffith
Treasurer	Gary Claus
Financial Secretary	Mark Mendicino

	Term	Begins (Jan.)	Ends (Jan.)
Board of Christian Education			
Ginger Clarke	3 years	2015	2018
Brianne Claus	3 years	2015	2018
Linda Wagner	3 years	2015	2018
Lynne Scherer-Baranowski	3 years	2016	2019
Jim Binz	2 years	2017	2019
Ed Simmons	3 years	2016	2019
Gail Litwiler	3 years	2017	2020
Beth Spence	3 years	2017	2020
Eric Tissue	3 years	2017	2020
Board of Deacons			
Lynn Berney	3 years	2015	2018
Marian Marinack	1 year	2017	2018
David Swihart	3 years	2015	2018
Olivia Tunnell	3 years	2015	2018
Cindy Binz	3 years	2016	2019
Jo Ann Claus	3 years	2016	2019
Mike Wertz	3 years	2016	2019
Ron Barnes	3 years	2017	2020
Christina Glenn	3 years	2017	2020
Norma Morrow	3 years	2017	2020
David Spence	3 years	2017	2020
Board of Missions			
Manuel Bautista	3 years	2015	2018
Amy Mendicino	3 years	2015	2018
Pauline Spring	3 years	2015	2018
Joanne Hopkins-Budd	3 years	2016	2019
Ryan Buschmeyer	3 years	2017	2020
Mildred Early	3 years	2017	2020

	Term	Begins (Jan.)	Ends (Jan.)
Board of Trustees			
John Binz	3 years	2015	2018
Ryan Brooks	3 years	2015	2018
Dave Yarbrough	3 years	2015	2018
Kim Kelley Anderson	3 years	2016	2019
Rod Nixon	3 years	2016	2019
Trenton Tunnell	3 years	2016	2019
Bill Sunderman	3 years	2017	2020
Gregg Clark	3 years	2017	2020
Church Council (At Large)			
John Castellano	2 years	2016	2018
Tom Litwiler	2 years	2016	2018
Mike Stott	2 years	2017	2019
Pastoral Relations			
Gina Dayieb	2 years	2016	2018
David Spence	2 years	2016	2018
Krystal Brooks	2 years	2017	2019
Kim Dering	2 years	2017	2019
Memorial Gifts (At Large) 1 year - 2017 to 2018			
Scott Detwiler			
Stewardship Committee 1 year - 2017 to 2018			
Ryan Buschmeyer			
Adam Claus			
Marian Marinack			
Eric Tissue			

North Hills Community Baptist Church
Annual Meeting Minutes
January 29, 2017

Moderator Marcy Braunstein called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with prayer. **A quorum of 55 people was present.** A motion was made to approve the 2016 annual meeting minutes by Gail Litwiler and seconded by Richard Hopkins. The vote carried unanimously.

Under Old Business, a brief presentation was made by, or on behalf of, each person who had prepared a written report for inclusion in the 66th Annual Report. Since copies of the printed report were available, presenters only gave brief highlights or recognized persons for extraordinary efforts.

2017 Financial Plan: Gary Claus presented this year's balanced budget of \$383,363. It was noted that staff will be receiving a 4.5% pay raise this year. In addition, several items were noted as being in need of repair or replacement, such as painting the steeple, lighting, and appliances in the kitchen.

A motion was made by Bill Griffith to accept the 2017 budget as presented and seconded by Amy Mendicino. The vote carried unanimously.

Election of Officers: A list of nominees for the 2017 Church Officers and Board and Committee members was presented by Jim Binz. A motion was made by Gail Litwiler to accept those nominated for the respective offices; it was seconded by Joanne Hopkins. The vote carried unanimously to elect the nominated candidates.

Marcy Braunstein thanked the people leaving offices, and the kitchen crew, sound crew and Beth Spence. Marcy introduced our new moderator, Brian Gongaware.

Amy Mendicino made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned which was seconded by Ryan Buschmeyer. The meeting was closed with prayer at 2:00 p.m. Respectfully submitted,

Kerri Buschmeyer
Church Clerk

Pastor's Report

Dear Friends,

Twenty eight years ago the Pulpit Committee of the North Hills Community Baptist Church interviewed me as a potential candidate for pastor. I remember quite clearly a question that was asked me by numerous members: "We are looking for opportunities to invest in mission and outreach. What mission will you encourage us to focus on if you become our pastor?" My answer was simple: "I don't know. We will work together to figure out what God wants us to do."

Twenty eight years later I marvel at what God has done in and through this church. When there is a passion for God's purposes, the Holy Spirit moves. Consider the mission and outreach of the North Hills Community Baptist Church: Once a month we prepare the evening meal for the Pleasant Valley Men's Shelter on the North Side. We deliver the meal, serve it, and visit with the men. Throughout the year we provide financial help for physical improvements at the shelter. This past Christmas our Faithbuilders group raised money, purchased toys and delivered them to the Rankin Christian Center so children would have presents for Christmas. They do this every year. Additionally, through our annual budget, we gave \$4,200.00 to the Center. For the past 16 years, groups from this church have traveled to Nicaragua to work with AMOS, and our missionaries David and Laura Parajon. This year, eight people went to La Consulta to build an addition onto their Health Clinic. Our church has contributed well over \$100,000 to AMOS through the years, and individuals in the church have contributed thousands more. In addition, our Mission Garden, tended to by many in the church, provides food for needy North Hills families. This year, a new small group has been in operation, reaching out to immigrants and refugees in the area. For many years our church had a goal of giving 10% of our annual budget to missions; and for several years that has been the reality. Truly, we've been listening to what God wants us to do.

Jesus tells one of his most memorable parables in Matthew 25:31-46. The parable's point is powerful. There are many ways to reach out in the name of Jesus. Over the years we have seen the face of Jesus as we have done his work. I look forward to our continued mission and outreach in 2018.

I would also like to share a vision that is developing for the new year. The Deacons are beginning to think about how we might develop small groups in our church. We've been praying and planning, believing that the church grows in spirit and numbers when we come together. Take a moment and read Acts 2:42-47, focusing particularly on the beginning of verse 44. I invite you to pray, too, that God will guide us and empower us as we meet together!

In Christ,

Pastor Tim

MODERATOR REPORT

TRUST is one of those concepts that may be easier to imagine than to describe. Trust is part of our daily lives. It is infused in our daily lives in subtle and blunt ways. As life experiences accumulate, I see how Trust isn't a season, it's a way of life.

Recently I went back and reread the "*NHCBC Historical Review 1951-2015*". I'm so appreciative of those that accumulated the archives to assemble this important booklet. The story I found of challenges and opportunities weaved a beautiful chronicle of the life of a Church, not all that dissimilar to one of our own individual lives.

Below are just a few chosen excerpts:

1952 – Mr. Stanley Davis passed away in February. His passing was a great loss in the church family. The formation of the church was his dream.

1960 – The first service in the new sanctuary was held on Easter Sunday, April 17.

1961 – The young church entering its new building experienced a great deal of financial pressure in its upkeep, especially as the tide of members began to flow in and out.

1975 – "We possess a beautiful building, tastefully appointed; spacious grounds which offer many opportunities for serving our community; dedicated people within the congregation, including our minister and his wife; excellent organist who has trained a remarkable choir; enthusiastic superior and lay church school teachers." Fran Boyd

1983 – A year of mixed feelings. A year that ran the gamut of emotions. A year that taught us the importance of prayer.

1994 – NHCBC continued to grow and flourish. The first youth musical was performed with 180 in the audience who responded with a standing ovation.

2000 – In February, we celebrated the joy of Pastor Tim Spring's ten-year anniversary at NHCBC. We are thankful to Pastor Tim and his family for these years of dedicated service to our church.

2018 -

In 2017 we saw loss and growth, sorrow and joy, memorials and celebrations, questions and answers. Through the decades there was one constant – an abiding Trust in the Lord. Let us continue to worship, share, and journey together to see where God takes us in 2018!

My favorite verse and prayer for us: Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. – New International Version

Respectfully submitted – Brian Gongaware, 2017 Moderator

NHCBC Board of Deacons 2017 Annual Report

Board Members: Ron Barnes, Lynn Berney, Cindy Binz, Jo Ann Claus, Christina Glenn, Marian Marinack, Norma Morrow, Dave Spence, Dave Swihart, Olivia Tunnell, Mike Wertz

In preparing this year's annual Deacons Report, I was struck by the first paragraph of, then Chairperson, Mark Mendicino's, report in 2016. I'll credit Mark with this description which is still relevant:

"The responsibility of the Board of Deacons is to facilitate the spiritual growth, worship, and fellowship of the NHCBC community. This is accomplished by coordinating all aspects of our Sunday service including communion (to those present and those homebound), fellowship events such as our annual Maundy Thursday service, Easter breakfast and Christmas Eve service, and also providing ways to open our doors to others. The Board also coordinates the Right Hand of Christian Fellowship for new members, memorial services, baby dedications, and baptisms. The Music Committee is a subcommittee of the Deacons since much of our worship experience involves our music program."

Some highlights of 2017 include:

- Hosted Greenville College Choir on March 19. Members of the NHCBC congregation provided housing for 23 women and 21 male choir members
- Hosted Anchorpoint Marriage Class March 3 and 4
- Easter - Planned Ash Wednesday service, Maundy Thursday service with Passover seder meal, Easter breakfast and Easter service. Three young people & one adult were baptized.
- All-Church retreat at Jumonville March 10-12
- Hosted Anchorpoint 50th Anniversary Celebration and Commissioning Service for local missions on April 22
- Membership desserts were held and the Right Hand of Christian Fellowship administered to two families and one adult
- Major upgrades to sanctuary sound and video system; including a new large TV screen in the sanctuary; a TV screen in the café and one in the Narthex for welcome and information
- Hosted PBA Ordination Council and reception for our own Erika Spring June 1, followed by an Ordination Service and reception for her September 10.
- All-church fellowship luncheons on May 7 and October 1
- Sent "goodie boxes" to our college students in Spring and Fall – thanks to Greg and Cindy Glass for coordinating and donating shipping through their UPS store.
- Plans made for men's brunch and video presentation in January 2018.
- Formed focus group to explore the possibilities of small group ministry

Thank you to all who have served the church in the past year. The Deacons appreciate the assistance of so many who serve the Body of Christ that is NHCBC.

Many thanks to the members of the Board who give so much time and energy to ensure a meaningful worship experience. We are all grateful to Pastor Tim for his leadership and guidance throughout the year.

In His Service,
Jo Ann Claus, Chair, Board of Deacons

2017 Board of Trustees Annual Report

2017 Trustees: Kim Kelley Anderson, John Binz, Ryan Brooks, Gregg Clarke,
Bill Sunderman, Trenton Tunnell, Dave Yarbrough

Ahh 2017. You brought us some ups and some downs. We were kept busy with planned projects including replacing the sanctuary roof, resealing the driveway, and upgrading kitchen appliances. Unfortunately, the inevitable unplanned projects were also evident throughout the year, including a major repair to one of the rooftop HVAC units and a major plumbing repair affecting the downstairs bathrooms.

Some of the work that we were hoping to accomplish in 2017 is now hoped for completion in 2018. This includes upgrading some outdoor lighting in the parking lots and on the roof, refurbishing the steeple, and installing the Jacuzzi in Pastor Tim's office (which now includes a sauna and a Zen garden outside).

As our church grows and our facility ages, we remain blessed to have the people and resources necessary to maintain it.

Sincerely,

Ryan Brooks
Chair, Board of Trustees

Mission Board Annual Report

Overview

2017 was a year in which the Mission Board was tremendously blessed. Not only did the church's budget expand the board's budget by several thousand dollars...the fundraising, donations, and offerings for 2017 were outstanding.

Budget Expansion

The total expansion of the Mission Board's budget is a reflection of the 10% commitment NHCBC has made to mission work. Additional donated funds were identified for the Rankin Christian Center, ABCOPAD, Alderson Broaddus University, Colgate Rochester Seminary, Palmer Seminary, Anchorpoint Counseling Center, Pleasant Valley Shelter, the AMOS Health Clinic Fund, the Mission Garden and Discretionary Funding. In total, the Mission Board distributed or utilized over \$32,000 for mission work locally and internationally.

National Efforts

The Mission Board continues to support the following organizations financially: ABCOPAD, Green Lake Conference Center, Alderson-Broaddus University, Colgate Rochester Seminary and Palmer Seminary.

Local Efforts

The Mission Board contributed monetarily to the following: Anchorpoint Counseling, Baptist Homes Society, Rankin Christian Center, North Hills Community Outreach (NHCO) and the Pleasant Valley Shelter.

The Mission Board also worked with the Bless-A-Dress group to hold their annual Prom dress give-away at our facility in March. The group was able to distribute over 100 dresses to local girls. The event was covered by KDKA-TV and featured on their 6 p.m. newscast. NHCBC has been asked to hold the event again in 2018, which we have agreed to do.

A crafting event was held to help provide items for Kerri Buschmeyer's Fostering Hope ministry. Approximately 40 people attended, 12 from outside the church. The event provided 46 blankets, 30 stuffed teddy-bears and 25 drawstring bags. There was also a large collection of personal care items for use in the bags.

Fundraising

Rummage Sale

The Board decided early in the year to suspend the annual church Rummage Sale for 2017. Declining interest and revenues drove this unpopular decision. The Board

replaced this annual fundraising effort with three new fundraising efforts: the Cake Auction, Firewood Sale and the Goodwill Truck donation drive.

Cake Auction

In July the Mission Board held its first Cake Auction. This fundraising event called upon members of the congregation to donate desserts and other items for the purpose of auction both live and through a raffle. We also had volunteers to take a pie to the face. The event was a rousing success and the board met its \$2,000 fundraising goal for the event.

Firewood Sale

As a result of an Eagle Scout project, the church was presented with an abundance of cut firewood. The Mission Board members bundled this firewood on the lower parking lot and held multiple sales through the fall.

Goodwill Truck

Because several members had already begun placing items in the garage for the Rummage Sale, the board decided to hold a donation drive for Goodwill in December. The overwhelming amount of donations caused Goodwill to have to send a second truck. The total amount of funds raised by this effort totaled \$640.

Special Offerings

As expected, we saw an increase in special offering giving in 2017. Not only were three of our four traditional offerings up over 2016, we collected a special offering for the victims of the hurricane ravaged areas of Texas, Louisiana, and Florida.

Offering	2015	2016	15-16 Average	2017	Change from 2016	Change from 15/16 Average
America for Christ	\$2,507	\$2,039	\$2,273	\$2,874.50	\$835.50	\$602
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$2,649	\$1,924	\$2,287	\$2,234.00	\$310.00	\$(53)
Retired Ministers & Missionaries	\$2,262	\$2,393	\$2,328	\$2,127.00	\$(266.00)	\$(201)
World Mission Offering	\$2,788	\$1,880	\$2,334	\$2,291.00	\$411.00	\$(43)
Hurricane Relief				\$3,794.00		
Total	\$10,206	\$8,236	\$9,221	\$9,526.50*	\$1,290.50	\$305.50

*Does not include Hurricane Relief offering funds.

Garden

With the increase in the Mission Board's budget and a generous donation from a church member, the Board was able to fund construction of new fencing and other improvements to the Mission Garden. The total effort was put forth by multiple families to replace the entire

fence with a cemented wooden frame filled by vinyl coated steel mesh and plastic mesh rodent barriers. The Garden's size was expanded by 2' on two sides, additional gate added and walking paths from the driveway and shed. New soil was added and tested by the end of the growing season.

Mission Trips

Mission participation as a whole was slightly down over 2016. The encouraging news is that the vast majority of the delegation members were young people.

AMOS Nicaragua

NHCBC in cooperation with ABCOPAD participated in a rural effort in Rancho Pando in the Cinendega department of Nicaragua. There delegation members participated in water construction projects, vacation Bible schools and other related work. NHCBC sent nine members of the delegation seven of whom were first time international missionaries.

Youth Mission Trip (Ripley, WV)

The Youth Mission trip to Ripley, WV included ten students and two teachers. Students participated in work for local residents devastated by flooding in 2016.

Ryan Buschmeyer
Chair, Mission Board

2017 Board of Christian Education Annual Report

The Board of Christian Education continues to provide opportunities for the entire congregation, babies through adults, to grow in their faith. We seek to develop disciples of Jesus and further spiritual development for all ages and stages of Christian faith.

The Board of Christian Education supported a number of initiatives and programs in 2016, including:

- A chili cook-off and fellowship event in February—food for the soul and trivia competition!
- Camp Sunday held in March; we were able to provide scholarships for several youth to attend summer church camp events
- CE Sunday service and picnic in June to celebrate the successes of the 2016-2017 Church School year
- Memory books created for our graduating seniors
- VBS in July
- Faith Builders continued under the direction of Kendra Detwiler and Mildred Early with a variety of activities for 2nd-5th graders
- Trenton Tunnell began as director of youth ministries and has continued to support, encourage, and disciple our youth (a special thanks to Trent and Shannon Dering for their time as interim youth leaders following Rob Parise's departure)
- Rally Day Pancake Breakfast to kick off the new Sunday School Year (Thanks to Seth Bailey for the delicious pancakes!)
- Sunday school for all ages, including a new focus on adult classes and incorporating quarterly adult fellowship Sundays to promote classes and to encourage adults to attend, switch, or be aware of Sunday School class options
- Christmas Pageant written by Jim Binz; directed by Jim, Suzi Hines, and Linda Wagner with cookie reception following the service

The Board is especially thankful for all the volunteers who help to make this possible! We have been blessed with many volunteer leaders in our nursery/toddler rooms, Children's Church, Faith Builders, Youth group, and Sunday School teachers. A special thanks goes out to those who help to coordinate these many programs: to Suzi Hines and Linda Wagner, co-Sunday School Superintendents, Cindy Dugan for coordinating the Nursery/Toddler room, Kendra Detwiler and Mildred Early for leading Faith Builders, Trenton Tunnell, Director of Youth Ministries and his team of volunteers, and Kendra Detwiler & family for leading VBS.

I would like to add a special note of recognition to Amy Mendicino, who stepped down as children's church coordinator at the end of 2017. Amy has served in this position for a long time (10 years!) and has helped to make the program a safe, consistent, and nurturing place for our children to continue to learn about God during the worship service. THANK YOU, Amy!

Thanks also to members of the Board of Christian Education during 2017. As always, a special THANK YOU to our church administrator and all-around saint, Beth Spence, for her support of the work of the Board!

The Board of Christian Education continues to encourage all to find a place to plug in and grow in their faith and spiritual development. We strive to offer an opportunity for everyone, and welcome suggestions to meet areas of need for spiritual growth within our church.

Respectfully submitted,
Brianne Claus, Chair, Board of Christian Education

NHCBC YOUTH GROUP ANNUAL REPORT

Wow, it's hard to believe that 2017 is over already! Once again, it was a busy year! If I had to choose a word that summarizes 2017, it's transition. Our calendar included several events from Jumonville, Brother's Keeper, watching the Pens bring home the cup, a lock-in, and so much more!

As I stated above, this was a year of transition. With Rob's exit, we were tasked with keeping the kids motivated and engaged with the youth. To do this, we planned several events over the summer. Events such as a lock-in (which included an Amazing Race scavenger hunt across North Hills), a trip to Valley World's of Fun (an indoor/outdoor mini-amusement park), a Mercy Me concert, and so many more exciting things. It was a great success as we saw anywhere from 15-20 kids at each event throughout the summer! It also proved to be a great way to plug in our new 6th graders as well.

One event in particular over the summer was our annual Youth Mission Trip. This year 12 of us decided to head down to Ripley, WV for Brother's Keeper. Brother's Keeper is a week dedicated to going out into one of the poorest counties in WV and helping with various home construction projects, and most importantly to share the love of Christ with those in need! Over the course of the week, 170 students total completed 52 projects. It was amazing to see all the lives impacted on the final night when all the homeowners came to evening worship.

With the start of a new school year came a new focus. As a new youth pastor, I had two goals for our group. The first was to challenge our students to be real with their faith. Our theme "Don't Blend In" is meant to ask the question about whether or not our identity is in Christ or is it just something we do on the weekends. So far we have focused on the importance of prayer, studying and understanding scripture, and community. We also took a week and watched the new movie, "The Case for Christ", about Lee Strobel a former Atheist reporter for the Chicago Tribune who came to know Christ while trying to disprove the faith.

My second goal is to grow our community beyond NHCBC. One thing Rob did well was creating community within our Youth Group. I want to expand on that and show our Youth that community amongst believers in Christ is so much bigger than just NHCBC. To demonstrate that, we participated in Jr. High Convention which is a weekend in which 150 students come together for a weekend of fellowship and worship! Our mission trip, Brother's Keeper, was also a way to demonstrate this as many of the students from Brother's Keeper also attended Jr. High Convention. In fact, upon arriving at Jr. High Convention, one of our students stumbled upon a friend that he had made at Brother's Keeper. The look of surprise, shock and joy on his face was one I will never forget. The relationships we forge through our faith in Christ can and will last a lifetime.

Now, as we look to 2018, we continue to focus on these two goals. We will see new opportunities for service and outreach in our community, opportunities for reflection and community at Jumonville and Sr. High Convention, and so much more. Please continue to keep the NHCBC Youth in your prayers that God will transform lives through the work he is doing here.

Trenton Tunnell
Director of Youth Ministries

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Throughout the year of 2017 the youth continued exploring and learning about the Bible and scriptures using the following curriculums:

Classes for children and youth used Cokesbury's *Deep Blue* curriculum. This curriculum was used from Toddler through the Junior Class and incorporated Bible study with activities which expanded upon the Biblical lessons.

The Junior High used The *Grapple* curriculum from Group Publishing. Grapple helps 7th and 8th graders wrestle with the big questions about God, the Bible, and themselves. The teachers also presented material on Theology, the Trinity, Bible History and Church History.

The Senior High studied various books of the Bible using the *Explore the Bible* series by Lifeway. They also incorporated the *Sticky Faith* series for teens to help nurture their faith while in high school and beyond as they head into college.

The 2016-2017 Sunday School year culminated with a program presented by the children on C. E. Sunday. The students performed skits representing the theme of "God Is Able" based on a song of the same title.

During the winter and spring of 2017, five Sunday school classes were offered for adults:

The Ladies Class: Focused on studies which not only explore God's Word, but also promote the participant's growth in and relationship with Christ.

Family Matters: Focused on issues involving family and Christian values.

Exploring Your Christian Faith Journey: A DVD class with discussions led by Paul Hatala, Mike Wertz, Gary Claus, Jim Binz, and JoAnn Swihart.

Becoming a Good Samaritan: Explored ways that Christians can live out Christ's love in world changing ways, right now, right where you live.

The Young Adult Class: used *The Wired Word* curriculum to begin meaningful discussions about current events and current topics in our world.

The summer Sunday school program was *The NHCBC Summer Sessions: Our People, Our Passions, Our Purpose*. This six-week program was presented by members of our congregation who shared ways they live their faith. Presenters

and topics were: Cheri Barnes – Comfort for the Uneasy; Ryan and Krystal Brooks – Help the Poor; Mark Mendicino – A House for God; Heidi Clark – Feed Your Soul; Scott Detwiler – Stewardship of our Environment; and Mary Michalek – The Power of a Praying Church.

In September 2017, a new format was adopted for the adult classes. Classes now run on a nine-week schedule with topics changing each session. A gathering of all adult classes was held on November 12th to introduce the second session topic for each class, thus giving adults the chance to change classes if they were so inclined. Four classes were offered for adults:

Immersion Bible Study: In depth study of the gospel of Matthew in session 1 followed by a special Advent study in Session 2.

Family Matters: Discussed how God calls us as Christians to interact with people in all life stages in session 1. In session 2 the book *What the Amish can Teach Us About the Simple Life* by Georgia Varozza was discussed.

The Café Class: Continues to use *The Wired Word* curriculum to discuss what it means to be a Christian in today's world.

A Class for Women: Started September with the study *What Happens When Women Say YES to GOD* by Lysa TerKeurst and in November started the study *What Happens When Women Walk in Faith* by Lysa TerKeurst.

The theme for Rally Day was **“I am the way, the truth, and the life.”**

John 14:6. Through Christian education we as a board would like to offer the opportunity to all to learn about and go deeper into God's word through participation in Sunday School so one can experience that the Lord truly is the way, the truth and the life.

The year culminated with the Christmas Pageant, *Joy to the World*. Children from Nursery through Junior High presented sections of the Christmas story which were reflected in the Carols of Christmas.

Bibles were presented to our 3rd and 7th graders on Rally Day. Our High School graduates received the *Life Application Study Bible* along with Memory books on C. E. Sunday.

“Thank You” to all our teachers, assistant teachers, substitutes, and volunteer leaders who help children and adults grow in their faith.

“Thank You” to Assistant Sunday School Superintendent, Bill Griffith, for his dependable service each week. And a special “Thank You” to the parents who faithfully bring their children to Sunday school helping to lay the foundation of faith for their future.

“Thank You” to Amy Mendicino for her many years of service as Children’s Church Coordinator. We appreciate all she has done for Children’s Church.

Monthly Average Attendance for 2017

January	83
February	90
March	90
April	90
May	85
June	90
September	102
October	87
November	79
December	86

In His Service,

2016-2017 Sunday School Superintendents
Suzi Hines and Linda Wagner

Vacation Bible School Report 2017



For July 2017, the VBS curriculum was prayerfully created and coordinated by several people from NHCBC. Many churches have begun to do this to address specific needs of their group by having the flexibility to choose the theme, subject matter, scriptures, and music. This was a learning experience for all of us, especially me. I have wanted the chance to try this and am thankful to the CE Board for their permission to do so. The theme was “SHINE!” The Bible story focus was for the kids to understand how **God’s light Guides** us, God’s light **Answers** us, God’s light **Protects** us, God’s light thru

Jesus **Saves** us, and God’s light thru the Holy Spirit **Sends** us. The following stories were dramatized, taught, and discussed: Moses and the burning bush, Elijah and the prophets of Baal, Shadrack Meshack and Abednego, Jesus death and resurrection, and Pentecost. Each participant was able to hear about God’s plan of salvation through song and story without being pressured in any way.

We chose to focus on one group of verses the whole week to help them learn those better instead of learning a new verse from different parts of scripture each night. The focus was on Matthew 5:14-16 New International Version (NIV):

14 “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.

15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

We also chose songs, science experiments, and crafts to go along with this theme. In addition to water night we also had a night where they all got to spend time at the fire ring at NHCBC and make s’mores. Jim Binz coordinated the scripts for the puppets and actors to bring the stories to life as well as make them applicable to our lives. We spent more time acting out the Bible story as a larger group, eliminated Bible time as a separate station to travel to, and gave the group leaders more time to discuss the Bible story in their small group at the group’s level of understanding.

Many things still stayed the same: VBS in the evening, security system for children, snack time at the end of the evening, having each group leader do the craft in their own room as well as have extra discussion time with their group, game time, music time, science time, water night, and ice cream social. Trenton Tunnell and Shannon and Kara Dering led the middle school group this year. That group did a great job not only doing the lessons and activities, but also taking time out to help the younger groups with their craft time. Parents again appreciated getting info each day about VBS. The last night ended with the kids singing for their families, a slide show of the week, and an ice cream social.

NHCBC has been blessed with many great adult and teen volunteers for VBS. VBS is truly a group effort! I was blessed to work with such a great group of volunteers! Thanks to each of you!

The mission project for this year was collecting money for the Rankin Center -- for school supplies for the children and an activity for the senior group. The kids raised \$748.31. Thank you to Cole Buschmeyer and Tiffany Allen for adding to the donation excitement.

Word of mouth and people returning each summer continue to be how more children are coming to VBS each year. The fact that many children continue to return says something about the VBS staff!

Lots of great things happened. I pray VBS 2018 at NHCBC will be used by God to reach people in the community as well as strengthen relationships within the church. Most of all I pray it will help people start and continue a close relationship with God. Thanks for letting me serve with all of you.

Respectfully submitted,
Kendra Detwiler

NHCBC Music Annual Report

What a blessed and exciting musical year 2017 was! There are several facets to the music at North Hills Community Baptist Church. They include choir, congregation music and activities, special music, youth, praise band/song leaders and technology.

The choir had another amazing year, with the highlights being Easter Sunday, Music Appreciation Sunday, Rally Day and the Christmas Eve service. The choir has been able to perform several difficult pieces this year due to three factors: consistent participation, members desiring a challenge and a mutual goal of performing music to glorify God. Along with this, the choir room anthem clean-up project is finally complete! Thank you to all those that helped in this very large task.

Congregational music has had a wonderful year with the addition of several new contemporary songs and the revisiting of many older hymns and praise songs.

Special music is growing once again. There have been new small groups, individuals, vocalists, instrumentalists, etc that have added their talents to the Sunday service. The Men's Choir, Frauencore and the A Capella Ensemble are a staple in the NHCBC music ministry.

Youth Sunday and Children's Pageant Sunday was successful due to the dedication, preparation and coordination among Sunday school teachers, children and their parents. A special thank you to the Sunday school teachers, Rob & Christine Parise, Olivia & Trenton Tunnell, Jim Binz, Suzi Hines & Linda Wagner.

Praise band and song leaders have spent the past year working on polishing the service repertoire and overall ensemble sound. Kim Kelley Anderson retired from playing bass this past May and Josh Mendicino has added his bass skills to the praise band. In 2018, Matt Clark will be joining the praise band and will be playing a Maschine. Thank you to the song leaders and praise band for their talents and time to create an even tighter network of musicians.

2017 has been a year of maintenance and refining the integration of technology within the various worship experiences at NHCBC. A new version of Easy Worship (the software that is used for displaying all visual elements of the service) was implemented, a new digital audio stage box replaced our previous analog stage boxes and finally a 78 inch television was purchased to replace the previous projector. Thank you to John Beckas, John Binz, Ryan Brooks, Matt Clark, and Alex Kurtz for aiding in the installation of the television and stagebox.

Also, the position of sound engineer was expanded in September to include sanctuary production. Sanctuary production includes everything that is projected during the service (lyrics, announcements, videos, slideshows, etc), the scheduling of video techs and also the redistribution of this information to individuals (song leaders, praise band, etc).

Heidi Clark, Director of Music Ministries

NHCBC 2018 Annual Report

Report of the Church Clerk

Membership as of December 31, 2017: 354

Members received during 2017:

By Transfer of Letter..... 1
By Profession of Faith 5
By Baptism 4

Members dismissed during 2017:

By Transfer of Letter..... 0
By Resignation 0
By Death..... 1

Membership as of December 31, 2017: 363

Received by Transfer of Letter:

Kaitlyn Maurer

Received by Profession of Faith:

Trever Miller
Chinene Miller
Morgan Miller
Heidi Clark
Matt Clark

Received by Baptism:

Natalie Marinack
Dylan Bandeira
Ashley Zuk
Mikhail Serowik

Dismissed by Death:

Jean Daly

Respectfully submitted,

Kerri Buschmeyer
Church Clerk

2017 Average Worship Attendance: 165

2017 Average Sunday School Attendance: 88

NHCBC Annual Giving - 2017

Prepared by NHCBC Financial Secretary - Mark J. Mendicino

Pledged Giving	\$330,524	
Loose Giving	\$11,298	
Church School Offering	\$1,235	
Dividends	\$98	
Jazzercise Rental	\$7,780	
Y-Knot Rental	\$1,700	
Other Rentals	\$1,930	(Includes AA, Mothers of Multiples, Weddings, others)
America For Christ Offering	\$2,885	
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$2,351	
RMMO Offering	\$2,027	
World Mission Offering	\$2,291	
Other Missions Giving	\$10,426	(Includes Cake Auction, Mission Garden, Scholarships, Special Hurricane Offering, other misc.)
Deacons' Fund	\$5,193	
Flower Fund	\$535	
Memorial Gifts	\$365	
Pastor's Gift	\$1,700	
Vacation Bible School	\$748	
Youth Fund	\$3,025	(Includes Youth Mission Trip, Jumonville Retreat, other misc.)
Nicaragua Mission Trip	\$12,155	
All-Church Retreat	\$2,145	
Miscellaneous	\$2,518	(Includes Pirate Game, Bake Sale, College Boxes, other misc.)
Pre-Paid Pledges	\$32,634	(Represents pre-paid dollars for current year or following year)
	\$435,563	
<div> <div> *Please note that values will differ from Treasurer Report and Budget. These figures are for actual dollars given in 2017 and do not reflect use-year values as reported in budget. </div> <div> New for 2017 - Counting Teams (Trustees), Ability to donate appreciated stock, Fully detailed giving receipts </div> </div>		

Treasurer's Report

2017 Fund Balances				
<u>Name of Fund</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/2016</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Disbursed</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/2017</u>
Current Fund	19,656.34	371,748.98	381,624.69	9,780.63
Prepaid Pledges	<u>17,619.72</u>	<u>46,184.14</u>	<u>31,169.70</u>	<u>32,634.16</u>
TOTAL Current Fund	37,276.06	417,933.12	412,794.39	42,414.79
<u>Annual Mission Special Giving</u>				
America for Christ	35.00	2,884.75	2,909.75	10.00
One Great Hour	100.00	5,944.73	6,044.73	0.00
Pleasant Valley	1,010.12	850.00	697.02	1,163.10
Retired Min. & Mis.	2,398.00	2,027.00	2,398.00	2,027.00
World Mission	1,923.50	2,291.00	1,923.50	2,291.00
<u>Restricted Funds</u>				
<u>CE Board:</u>				
Christian Educ Special Fund	1,116.33			1,116.33
Vacation Bible School	6.63	748.31	748.31	6.63
Youth Fund	2,312.66	3,932.50	6,232.06	13.10
<u>Deacon Board:</u>				
All Church Retreat	0.00	5,313.50	5,313.50	0.00
Deacon's Fund	326.42	5,192.50	5,457.00	61.92
Pastor Gift	25.00	1,700.00	1,720.00	5.00
Sanctuary Banners	181.00			181.00
<u>Mission Board:</u>				
Mission Scholarship Fund	9,817.62	5,098.00	3,954.92	10,960.70
Amos-Nicaragua / Parajon	0.00	1,500.00		1,500.00
Nicaragua Mission Trip 2017	0.00	14,465.34	14,465.34	0.00
Misc Benevolences	6,341.88	153.00		6,494.88
<u>Trustees:</u>				
Capital Improvement Fund	1,617.70	77,600.00	36,600.00	42,617.70
Sanctuary Renovation Fund	318.16			318.16
Special Capital Fundraising	2,195.48		392.59	1,802.89
Youth Room Special Fund	257.73			257.73
<u>Other Restricted Funds:</u>				
ABW Core Women's Ministry	712.70		48.84	663.86
Church Council Fund	0.00			0.00
Dedicated	1,237.87	2,953.00	3,349.87	841.00
Flower Fund	218.00	535.50	682.50	71.00
Major Gifts	878.29			878.29
Memorial Gifts	102,601.77	448.92	50,000.00	53,050.69
Real Estate Invest Fund	11,250.95			11,250.95
Totals	184,158.87	551,571.17	555,732.32	179,997.72

Account Balances		
<u>Name of Account</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/2016</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/2017</u>
PNC Bank (Enterprise Ckg)	53,454.64	66,611.80
PNC Bank (Money Market)	115,114.23	77,732.55
Mars Natl Bank (Checking)	5,455.57	5,992.73
Duff & Phelps Fund	1,128.96	1,128.96
Stock certificate FMV	0.00	19,623.95
Real Estate Investment	11,250.95	11,250.95
Totals	186,404.35	182,340.94

2018 Budget - The North Hills Community Baptist Church

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>2017 Budget</u>	<u>2017 Actuals</u>	<u>2018 Budget</u>
	Carryover	19,656.34	19,656.34	9,780.63
	Pledged Offering	342,832.00	348,148.70	349,385.00
	Loose Offering	8,000.00	11,375.80	8,000.00
	Church School Offering	1,250.00	1,235.00	1,200.00
	Interest	125.00	132.68	125.00
	Misc	-	171.80	-
	Church Use	11,500.00	10,685.00	11,500.00
TOTAL INCOME		383,363.34	391,405.32	379,990.63

EXPENSES

		<u>2017 Budget</u>	<u>2017 Actuals</u>	<u>2018 Budget</u>
Church Home	Utilities			
	- <i>Electric</i>	7,200.00	6,820.22	7,000.00
	- <i>Gas</i>	4,550.00	5,500.23	5,500.00
	- <i>Trash</i>	1,350.00	1,245.99	1,250.00
	- <i>Telephone</i>	2,150.00	2,370.78	2,370.00
	- <i>Water & Sewage</i>	1,650.00	1,209.43	1,200.00
	Insurance - Worker Comp	6,500.00	7,408.00	6,300.00
	Insurance - Commercial Liability	-	0.00	1,250.00
	<u>Taxes</u>	<u>2,250.00</u>	<u>2,063.49</u>	<u>2,100.00</u>
	Total Church Home	25,650.00	26,618.14	26,970.00

		<u>2017 Budget</u>	<u>2017 Actuals</u>	<u>2018 Budget</u>
Maintenance	Buildings & Grounds	15,000.00	12,702.12	15,000.00
	Snow Removal	2,500.00	2,640.00	2,750.00
	Mowing	3,500.00	4,275.00	4,200.00
	Elevator	800.00	821.00	825.00
	Supplies/Kitchen/Misc.	1,000.00	1,355.21	1,100.00
	Furniture/Equipment	0.00	159.43	0.00
	Copier	2,800.00	2,697.88	2,800.00
	Total Maintenance	25,600.00	24,650.64	26,675.00
Office & Activities		<u>2017 Budget</u>	<u>2017 Actuals</u>	<u>2018 Budget</u>
	Postage	1,400.00	1,351.94	1,400.00
	Office & Business Supplies	5,000.00	5,086.90	5,000.00
	<u>Media License</u>	<u>400.00</u>	<u>397.00</u>	<u>400.00</u>
	Total Office & Activities	6,800.00	6,835.84	6,800.00

Deacons Activities		2017 Budget	2017 Actuals	2018 Budget
	Deacon Activities	5,000.00	4,693.29	2,500.00
	Music	1,340.00	1,435.21	1,500.00
	Audio/Visual Supplies	3,000.00	4,202.39	4,000.00
	Pulpit Supply	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Substitute Organist	200.00	350.00	350.00
	Special Event Babysitting	1,000.00	978.00	1,000.00
	Worship Supplies	875.00	454.88	875.00
	Coffee Hour	500.00	247.47	500.00
	<u>2015 - Database</u>	<u>250.00</u>	<u>174.40</u>	<u>250.00</u>
	Total Deacons Activities	13,165.00	13,535.64	11,975.00

Christian Education		2017 Budget	2017 Actuals	2018 Budget
	Faith Builders	300.00	321.83	300.00
	Curriculum & Supplies	5,500.00	4,486.44	5,500.00
	Youth & Young Adults	6,000.00	5,698.04	6,000.00
	Scholarship Fund	750.00	712.50	750.00
	Vacation Bible School	1,000.00	968.00	1,000.00
	Special Events	850.00	1,299.73	1,200.00
	Play Group	150.00	38.00	50.00
	Total Christian Education	14,550.00	13,524.54	14,800.00

Missions		2017 Budget	2017 Actuals	2018 Budget
	American Baptist Missions			
	- <i>United Mission Support</i>	5,500.00	5,500.00	5,500.00
	- <i>Rankin Christian Support</i>	4,200.00	4,200.00	4,200.00
	- <i>ABCOPAD</i>	6,200.00	6,200.00	6,200.00
	- <i>The Baptist Home</i>	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	- <i>Green Lake</i>	500.00	500.00	500.00
	American Baptist Schools			
	- <i>ACTS</i>	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	- <i>Alderson-Broadus</i>	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	- <i>Colgate Rochester</i>	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	- <i>Palmer Seminary</i>	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Local Ministry			
	- <i>Anchorpoint Ministry</i>	5,200.00	5,200.00	5,200.00
	- <i>North Hills Comm Outreach</i>	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
	- <i>Pleasant Valley Men's Shelter</i>	850.00	850.00	850.00
	- <i>Discretionary Fund</i>	3,686.33	2,534.97	3,749.06
	- <i>Mission Scholarship Fund</i>	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
	- <i>AMOS Health Clinic</i>	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
	Mission Garden	1,200.00	1,200.00	800.00
	<u>Biennial Conference</u>	-	<u>1,151.03</u>	-
	Total Missions	38,336.33	38,336.00	37,999.06

Wages & Benefits		2017 Budget	2017 Actuals	2018 Budget
	Minister's Salary & Housing			
	- <i>Salary</i>	82,561.43	82,560.97	85,038.27
	- <i>FICA Offset (Pastor)</i>	6,316.02	6,316.08	6,505.50
	- <i>Auto & Prof Reimbursement</i>	5,000.00	4,999.92	5,000.00
	- <i>Pension & Medical</i>	13,210.04	13,209.74	13,606.34
	- <i>Continuing Education</i>	2,000.00	1,721.37	2,000.00
	Director of Pastoral Care	10,545.00	10,351.80	10,861.35
	- <i>Mileage Reimbursement</i>	1,000.00	1,090.87	1,000.00
	Assistant to the Pastor	11,502.32	11,502.53	11,847.38
	Director of Youth Ministries	16,977.07	16,977.06	17,486.38
	- <i>Mileage Reimbursement</i>	500.00	0.00	500.00
	Director of Music Ministry	18,760.89	18,761.00	19,323.71
	Secretary	16,605.05	16,604.37	17,103.20
	Nursery Workers - Infant	2,727.45	1,363.68	4,554.00
	Nursery Workers - Toddler	1,113.97	1,184.24	2,574.00
	Sexton	8,020.38	8,019.86	8,260.99
	Audio Tech	3,336.27	4,563.94	5,708.50
	<u>Employer FICA</u>	<u>6,921.75</u>	<u>6,833.62</u>	<u>7,475.54</u>
	Total Wages & Benefits	207,097.62	206,061.05	218,845.18

Capital Projects Loan		24,450.00	24,462.84	24,450.00
Cap Imp Fund		27,714.39	27,600.00	11,476.39

TOTAL EXPENSES		383,363.34	381,624.69	379,990.63
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NET INCOME		0.00	9,780.63	0.00
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Nominating Committee Report

Jim Binz - Chair, Gail Litwiler, Ron Barnes, Gregg Clarke and Pauline Spring

Church Officers:

Moderator	(All one year terms) Brian Gongaware
Church Clerk	Pauline Spring
Sunday School Superintendent (term runs 7/1/18-6/30/19)	Suzi Hines
Assistant for Administration	Bill Griffith
Treasurer	Gary Claus
Financial Secretary	Mark Mendicino

Board of Christian Education:

Ginger Clarke - 3 years (ends 2021)
Brianne Claus - 3 years (ends 2021)
Linda Wagner - 3 years (ends 2021)

Board of Deacons:

Lynn Berney - 3 years (ends 2021)
Marcy Braunstein - 3 years (ends 2021)
David Swihart - 3 years (ends 2021)
Olivia Tunnell - 3 years (ends 2021)

Board of Missions:

Jennifer Bond - 3 years (ends 2021)
Tori Kurtz - 3 years (ends 2021)
Amy Mendicino - 3 years (ends 2021)
Sherry Willison-Armstrong - 3 years (ends 2021)

Board of Trustees:

John Binz - 3 years (ends 2021)
Ryan Brooks - 3 years (ends 2021)
Cole Buschmeyer - 3 years (ends 2021)
Dave Yarbrough - 3 years (ends 2021)

Church Council: (At large)

Ray Fosnight - 2 years (ends 2020)
Tom Litwiler - 2 years (ends 2020)

Pastoral Relations:

Brandon Stott - 2 years (ends 2020)
Lori Tissue - 2 years (ends 2020)

Memorial Gifts:

Scott Detwiler - 1 year (ends 2019)

Stewardship Committee: (All one year terms, end 2019)

Ryan Buschmeyer
Adam Claus
Marian Marinack
Eric Tissue
Mike Wertz

NORTH HILLS COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Proposed Church Officers, Board Members and Elected Committees for 2018

Church Officers—1 Year Terms

Moderator	Brian Gongaware
Church Clerk	Pauline Spring
Sunday School Superintendent	Suzi Hines
Term runs 7/1/18-6/30/19	
Assistant Sunday School Superintendent	Bill Griffith
Treasurer	Gary Claus
Financial Secretary	Mark Mendicino

	Term	Begins (Jan.)	Ends (Jan.)
Board of Christian Education			
Lynne Scherer-Baranowski	3 years	2016	2019
Jim Binz	2 years	2017	2019
Ed Simmons	3 years	2016	2019
Gail Litwiler	3 years	2017	2020
Beth Spence	3 years	2017	2020
Eric Tissue	3 years	2017	2020
Ginger Clarke	3 years	2018	2021
Brianne Claus	3 years	2018	2021
Linda Wagner	3 years	2018	2021

Board of Deacons

Cindy Binz	3 years	2016	2019
Jo Ann Claus	3 years	2016	2019
Mike Wertz	3 years	2016	2019
Ron Barnes	3 years	2017	2020
Christina Glenn	3 years	2017	2020
Norma Morrow	3 years	2017	2020
David Spence	3 years	2017	2020
Lynn Berney	3 years	2018	2021
Marcy Braunstein	3 years	2018	2021
David Swihart	3 years	2018	2021
Olivia Tunnell	3 years	2018	2021

Board of Missions

Joanne Hopkins-Budd	3 years	2016	2019
Joyce Katich	2 years	2017	2019
Ryan Buschmeyer	3 years	2017	2020
Mildred Early	3 years	2017	2020
Jennifer Bond	3 years	2018	2021
Tori Kurtz	3 years	2018	2021
Amy Mendicino	3 years	2018	2021
Sherry Willison-Armstrong	3 years	2018	2021

	Term	Begins (Jan.)	Ends (Jan.)
Board of Trustees			
Kim Kelley Anderson	3 years	2016	2019
Trenton Tunnell	3 years	2016	2019
Bill Sunderman	3 years	2017	2020
Gregg Clark	3 years	2017	2020
John Binz	3 years	2018	2021
Ryan Brooks	3 years	2018	2021
Cole Buschmeyer	3 years	2018	2021
Dave Yarbrough	3 years	2018	2021
Church Council (At Large)			
Mike Stott	2 years	2017	2019
Ray Fosnight	2 years	2018	2020
Tom Litwiler	2 years	2018	2020
Pastoral Relations			
Krystal Brooks	2 years	2017	2019
Kim Dering	2 years	2017	2019
Brandon Stott	2 years	2018	2020
Lori Tissue	2 years	2018	2020
Memorial Gifts (At Large) 1 year - 2018 to 2019			
Scott Detwiler			
Stewardship Committee 1 year - 2018 to 2019			
Ryan Buschmeyer			
Adam Claus			
Marian Marinack			
Eric Tissue			
Mike Wertz			