

CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
DISCUSSION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT ITEMS  
December 2017

CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Cash and Investments increased in December from \$98914.47 to \$98,940.61

General Contributions for December were over budget by \$6875.00 Year to date, General Contributions were under budget by \$7745.03

Expenses for December were under budget by \$704.68

Total Expenses in December exceeded Total Income by \$2523.21

As directed, the Building Fund and Building Improvement Drive have been combined. This account now has a balance of \$5036.00

Expenditures in 2017 from Building Fund:

\$2500.00 (1/2 down of Wood Stove for Parsonage)  
\$2500.20 (final payment of Wood Stove for Parsonage)  
\$3000.00 (Materials for the Fence)  
\$1000.00 (Remainder for the Fence)  
\$5778.16 (Flooring for Fellowship Hall)  
\$ 217.11 (Fellowship Hall)

Designated Contribution for Trim \$88.00

Community Garden Grant:

Grant Amount from RMC	\$1500.00
Designated Contribution	205.00
True Value	( 5.46)
Rocky Mtn Lumber	( 279.89)
Paul Dorfmeister	( 222.61)
Rocky Mtn Lumber	( 484.34)
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Balance Remaining \$ 532.70

These funds have been set up as a separate line item and are reflected under the CE Restricted Funds.

Please let me know if you have any questions

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**Funds Report**

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Totals for Period: 01/01/2017 to 12/31/2017

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Fund #	Description	Amount
1	General Funds	156,966.51
2	OGHS	950.00
3	Neighbors In Need	813.00
4	Christmas Fund	1,150.00
5	Strengthen The Church	484.00
6	Sunday School	929.00
7	Rent/Fees	4,331.00
8	OCWM	500.00
9	Flowers	527.00
21	Memorial Fund	1,365.00
22	Youth Activities/Camp Fund	13,337.71
23	Minister's Contingency Fund	1,200.00
39	Friends of Scouting	605.00
43	Lenten Free Will Offering	247.00
46	Short Term Missions	4,556.00
48	Choir	175.00
51	Child Sponsorship	201.00
56	Backpack Ministry	8,617.00
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>196,954.22</b>



## **Board of Christian Education 2017**

The Board of Christian Education began the New Year with the traditional fundraising activities of “Pigskin Pig Out” on Super Bowl Sunday, and the youth and CE helped with the lead-off Lenten dinner. The service board was also in full swing, providing impressive deposits to the Youth Activity Fund.

Shawna continued to ably lead Youth Activities such as movie nights and ski trips and Jubilee Journey on Sunday mornings. In order to recruit teachers for Sunday mornings, the CE Board hosted an informational breakfast, and we had enough folks commit to one or two weeks that we were able to fill out a roster of teachers for the academic year.

The Trustees provided funds for special growth and education opportunities for board members; Shawna Kinkaid and Laurie Stevens were able to attend a two-day conference in Denver called “Congregations Alive.” The Sunday after they presented the highlights of their inspiration, along with Kacie Wheeler. Shawna also brought her dream of starting a “CUCC Family/ Community Garden” to the Board. With a grant from the Trustees and a larger grant from the Rocky Mountain Conference, this was begun.

Adult Education provided a varied number of discussion opportunities throughout 2017. They adjusted their meeting time to provide for choir members to have an entire hour of learning and conversation before having to leave for warm-ups. The TELLS group also presented many opportunities for fellowship and delving into self-care of our souls.

The opportunity for exploring Celtic Spirituality became a reality when eleven church members answered the “lure” of a pilgrimage to the Republic of Ireland to see sacred sites and the birthplace of Celtic Christianity. They joined with twelve other adventurers from the Denver area in September and spent ten days immersing themselves in Irish culture.

The board supported Josie Scott in her personal mission to care for babies in Tanzania during spring break. She was not able to join the other youth on the mission trip to Anchorage, Alaska in June. On the Alaska trip, nine youths and 11 adults had a very exciting and productive ten days cleaning, building and repairing buildings and landscaping for the church that hosted them, and had several close encounters with moose and other “land of the midnight sun” adventures. The presentation of their adventures upon their return was quite inspiring.

We just kept going in July with the all-church fundraiser for youth activities by selling many, many pies. This is a fun way to interact with the community and raise a lot of money, too. We also had three youngsters attend a camp session at La Foret. Then we proceeded to have an amazing VBS week on the theme “Planting Seeds” of Kindness, Love, Joy, Hope, and Sharing with unique crafts engineered by Janet Steiner and yummy snacks provided every day.

In September we had some unexpected snags when our CE Director resigned suddenly, leaving us with no leadership for children’s programs and no point person for the Garden Project. At the same time we found out that labor from the prison that we had been counting on for fence posts, etc. would not be available. This is all being worked through by your CE Board and we plan to provide Children’s Church during the Worship hour for any children that do attend. And we hope to have a full blown “Grand Planting” this coming spring season, as our congregation continues to bloom in the community.

In conjunction with the Choir and Janet Steiner’s talents, the CE board produced a Christmas Program we entitled “An Exchange of Gifts,” featuring readings, music, and silhouetted vignettes illustrating the Christmas Story from the Bible. We ended the year with our expenses in good shape, and with expectations for good things to come in the New Year, as we continue to work to provide meaningful spiritual growth for all members of CUCC.

Respectfully submitted, Laurie Stevens, 2017 Chair

## 2017 Diaconate Annual Report

The Diaconate meets monthly on the second Wednesday of the month in Pastor Rebecca's office [unless otherwise posted] at 4:00 p.m. We review assigned duties, plan services, events, and coordinate activities with the Pastor. These meetings are open to attendance by congregants and your input is always welcome. The Moderator or Vice-Moderator, as well as the Pastor, attend our meetings as non-voting, *ex officio* members.

Diaconate members for 2017 were: Barb Groy [Vice-Chair], Phyllis McCall, Millie Meardon, Lyntha Nelson [Secretary and representative to the Stewardship Committee], Doyle Nyberg [Chair], and Kacie Wheeler [Council Representative]. Due to relocation, Lyntha Nelson resigned her position and due to personal reasons Kacie Wheeler resigned her position. Ruthann Schoeffield and Betsy Neas were appointed to fill these positions respectively. Ruthann Schoeffield assumed the board secretary duties and Barb Groy became the Council representative. Millie Meardon resigned due to her move from the area. Elizabeth Shelby was appointed to fill her position.

The Diaconate works directly with the Pastor on church services and at years' end includes the following assignments: Banners and Paraments [Doyle Nyberg], Communion [Phyllis McCall - Set-up and clean-up], Fellowship [Doyle Nyberg], Flowers [Betsy Neas], Greeters and Ushers [Betsy Neas], Head Usher [rotates among members], Music Representative [Barb Groy], Nursery Oversight [Barb Groy], Soundboard [Doyle Nyberg], and Social Sunday [Barb Groy]. The Diaconate representative position to the Stewardship Committee is currently vacant. Card Ministry duties, Home Communion, and Memorial Services assistance are handled by Congregational members and friends.

Other activities and events of note during the year include the following:

- Weekly worship services and fellowship oversight

- Social Sunday assistance

- Memorial service assistance

- Mother's Day and Father's Day recognition

- Budget review and preparation

- Intergenerational activities [Hanging of the Greens; Christmas Caroling - Eight carolers ages 9-70+ (ably driven by Clarke Poos) made 10 successful stops, plus one unanswered visit, then ended at the Neas residence (with hospitality and refreshments provided by Betsy Neas). The carolers then made two additional "caroling phone calls" to two distant church members to share the spirit of the season.]

- Lenten and Easter activities and services, including ecumenical services with Grace Church and the annual Easter Prayer Vigil [24 hour]

- Christmas Prayer Vigil [reduced to a twelve-hour format]

On behalf of the Diaconate members, I extend our sincere appreciation to the Congregation and those who are so willing to sign up for the numerous duties which are part of our worship services, activities, and events. Reduced Congregational numbers are making this increasingly more difficult. We would be unable to perform our duties without each and every one of you. Thank you so very much. God Bless.

Doyle A. Nyberg, Chair

## **Mission and Ministry Board 2017 Annual Report**

The 2017 Board was Chaired by Ron Rak, with Herb Daugherty as Secretary, and Kathy Roman, Alicia Allinger, Jean Ferguson, Helen Duncan as members.

The Board met regularly the second Tuesday of each month, generally at 5 p.m.

The church was on track to again achieve 5for5 in UCC special funds contributions, with only the Christmas Fund offering remaining to be taken on Christmas Eve.

The Board continued the traditions of the Lenten Soup Supper, Easter Sunrise Breakfast, and the fall Chili Cookoff. The Back Pack program under the direction of Ken Rehborn continued to provide weekend meals to needy BV school district students who request it.

The church continued support for our “adopted” international student in the Philippines, Angelo Jesus Abellana, sending birthday and Christmas greetings and monetary support for his schooling.

Holy Joes Café Ministry and the Equal Exchange Coffee program completed its second year in the church, supported in part by the church’s Women’s Missionary Society, and sales of free trade coffee and cocoa to the congregation. The program profits supply most of the coffee for the Sunday church fellowship hour and for many other special church events throughout the year.

Financial support from the M&M Seed Fund supported the intergenerational mission trip to Alaska in June 2017.

We continued support for BV Hope’s local efforts against human trafficking. We supported Habitat for Humanity’s 20<sup>th</sup> house build in Chaffee County and hosted volunteers from Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church in their participation in the house-build.

Smaller programs supported in 2017 included: Socks for Texas (Sock It To ‘Em campaign) for hurricane relief (Rebecca); Coats for Chaffee County (Herb); Operation Christmas Child—shoebox-size gifts for children (Helen), distributed by The Samaritan’s Purse organization.

Plans for a summertime Community Gathering were started with preliminary funding granted from the Trustees. The idea was to build a closer rapport with the families of students using the Back Pack program. It was decided to expand the scope of the Gathering to include other community churches to improve sustainability of the Back Pack program and also include needy families in our neighborhood and community. This will be a new emphasis in 2018.

Thank you, church members, for your support throughout the year!  
The M&M Board