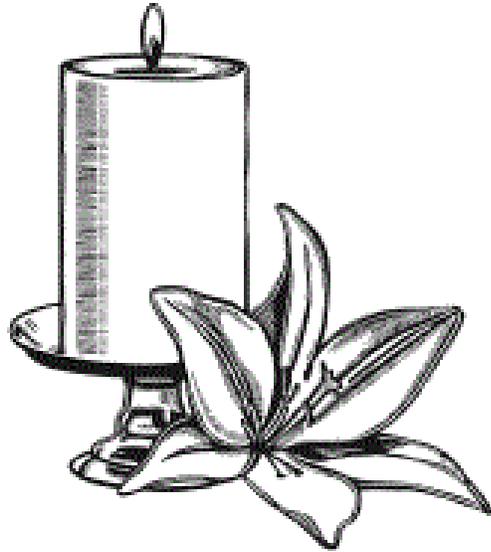


2017 *Annual Reports*



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DOCKET

74th Annual Ecclesiastical and Corporate Meeting of the Congregation Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian of Warwick, Rhode Island January 28, 2018, 9:30 A.M.

1. Opening Worship
2. Preliminary duties of the Clerk of Session
 - a. Certification of a quorum
 - b. Reading of the Call for the Meeting
 - c. Reading of the Minutes of the 73rd Annual Meeting, January 29, 2017
3. Roll Call of the Church Triumphant * (*please stand*)

Unison Reading from Psalm 23

“The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”

- b. Reading of the names of the dearly departed
- c. Memorial Prayer of Thanksgiving
4. Report of the Nominating Committee
5. Election of new Elders and Deacons
6. Election of congregational members of the 2018 Nominating Committee (*5, plus two alternates*)
7. Election of two Auditors and two Alternates
8. Presentation of Annual Reports and Auditor's Report
9. Review and approval of Pastoral Terms of Call for 2018
10. Presentation of the 2018 Approved Budget
11. Statement of Indebtedness
12. Other Business; Additional Motions
13. Adjournment
14. Closing Prayer
15. Benediction

* *From Wikipedia.com.* In Christian theology, the Christian Church is traditionally divided into:

- **The Church Militant** (*Latin: Ecclesia militans*), which consists of Christians on earth who struggle as soldiers of Christ against sin, the devil, and "the rulers of the world of this darkness, against the spirits of wickedness in the high places." (Eph. 5:12)
- **The Church Penitent** (*Latin: Ecclesia poenitens*), also called the Church Suffering (*Latin: Ecclesia dolens*) or the Church Expectant (*Latin: Ecclesia expectans*), which in the theology of certain churches, especially that of the Roman Catholic Church, consists of those Christians presently in Purgatory.
- **The Church Triumphant** (*Latin: Ecclesia triumphans*), which consists of those who have attained the Beatific Vision and are now in Heaven.

**MINUTES OF THE SEVENTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE CONGREGATION AND CORPORATION
GREENWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN, OF WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND
JANUARY 29, 2017**

The morning worship service was opened with the call to worship and a prayer by the pastor, the Rev. Dr. Stephen L. Clark, at 9:32 a.m. The 73rd Annual Meeting was formally called to order by the moderator, the Rev. Dr. Stephen L. Clark, at 10:55 a.m. There being 62 members present, the Clerk certified a quorum. The call for the Annual Meeting was read by the Clerk. It was moved, seconded and voted that the call was in order.

It was moved, seconded, and voted to approve the minutes of the 72nd Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of the Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian, of Warwick, Rhode Island, held on January 31, 2016.

Pastor Clark asked the congregation to join together in reciting the words of the 23rd Psalm. The Clerk read the names of the members who transferred their membership to the Church Triumphant during 2016: Donald William Boyle, John Wesley Combs, Jr., Joseph M. Hurtubise, Jr., and Betty Earline Pelrine Holden McLeod. Pastor Clark led the congregation in a prayer for the departed.

Pastor Clark then introduced Elder Walter Sullivan, chair of the Nominating Committee.

On behalf of the entire congregation, Elder Sullivan thanked the elders who will be leaving the Session for their valuable service. They are Dennis Charpentier and Eric Robinson.

Elder Sullivan then presented the Committee's nominees for election to the office of elder: Joan Eichenfeldt and Jeffrey Plouffe to be ordained and installed to serve 3-year terms (class of 2020), Joann Rudolph and Kristine Swanson to be installed to serve 3-year terms (class of 2020), and Donald Sorgel to be installed to serve a 1-year term (class of 2018).

Pastor Clark called for additional nominations from the floor. Hearing none, he asked for a motion that the nominations be closed. It was moved, seconded, voted, and approved to close the nominations for elder. Pastor Clark instructed the Clerk to cast a single ballot for the election of the above listed elders for the designated terms. The ballot was seconded, voted, and approved.

On behalf of the entire congregation, Elder Sullivan expressed thanks to the deacons who will be leaving the Board for their dedicated service: Joan Eichenfeldt, Mary Farnsworth, and Linda Martin.

Elder Sullivan presented the Committee's nominees for the office of deacon: Stephen Hall and Sherry Phillips to be ordained and installed to serve 3-year terms (class of 2020) and Monika Algozino, Nancy Blasdel, Jean Brown, Beverly Carson, Margaret Phillips, and Evelyn Robinson to be installed to serve 3-year terms (class of 2020).

Pastor Clark called for nominations from the floor for the position of deacon. Hearing none, he asked for a motion that nominations be closed. It was moved, seconded, voted, and approved to close the nominations for deacon. Pastor Clark instructed the Clerk to cast a single ballot for the election of the above listed deacons for the designated terms. The ballot was seconded, voted, and approved.

Pastor Clark asked the newly elected elders and deacons to stand and thanked them for their service. The congregation demonstrated their appreciation with applause.

Elder Sullivan presented the Committee's nominees to serve as alternate elders: Kitty Channell and Stephen Parkinson. Alternate elders will fill unexpired terms as needed until the next annual meeting election.

Pastor Clark called for nominations from the floor for the position of alternate elder. Hearing none, he asked for a motion that nominations be closed. It was moved, seconded, voted, and approved to close the nominations for alternate elder. Pastor Clark instructed the Clerk to cast a single ballot for the election of the above listed alternate elders. The ballot was seconded, voted, and approved.

Elder Sullivan presented the Committee's nominees for the 2017 Nominating Committee (5 at-large members are needed): Jonathan Farnsworth, Jesstin Jacobs, Joan-Sandra McKnight, Cynthia Pisano, and Betty Stacey.

Pastor Clark called for nominations from the floor for the 2017 Nominating Committee. Hearing no additional nominations, he asked for a motion that nominations be closed. It was moved, seconded, voted, and approved to close the nominations for the 2017 Nominating Committee. Pastor Clark instructed the Clerk to cast a single ballot for the election of the above listed Nominating Committee members. The

ballot was seconded, voted, and approved.

Elder Sullivan presented the Committee's nominees as alternate members of the 2017 Nominating Committee: Jean Greco and Catherine Maguire.

Pastor Clark called for nominations from the floor for the position of alternate members of the 2017 Nominating Committee. Hearing none, Pastor Clark called for a motion to close the nominations. It was moved, seconded, voted, and approved to close the nominations for alternate members of the 2017 Nominating Committee. Pastor Clark instructed the Clerk to cast a single ballot for the election of the above listed Nominating Committee alternates. The ballot was seconded, voted, and approved.

Elder Sullivan presented the Committee's nominees for 2017 Auditors and Alternate Auditors: Robert Gungle and James Ruegg for Auditors (2 needed) and Jeffrey Black and Samuel Koldyk for Alternate Auditors (2 needed).

Pastor Clark called for nominations from the floor for 2017 Auditors and Alternate Auditors. Hearing none, Pastor Clark called for a motion to close the nominations. The motion was seconded, voted, and approved. Pastor Clark then instructed the Clerk to cast a single ballot for the election of the Auditors and Alternate Auditors listed above. The ballot was seconded, voted, and approved.

Elder Sullivan thanked the members of the 2016 Nominating Committee for their diligent work in finding quality individuals to lead our church: Elder Elaine Magyar, Deacon Eric McNeely, Jonathan Farnsworth, Catherine Maguire, Sherry Philips, Cathy Schobel, and Betty Stacey, alternates Louise Ferrante and Jesstin Jacobs, and Pastor Clark, who as an *ex officio* member provided valuable help to the Committee.

Pastor Clark extended thanks to Elder Sullivan and the Nominating Committee for their work. The congregation demonstrated their thanks with applause.

Pastor Clark called for the presentation of the Annual Reports.

Pastor Clark supplemented the Pastor's Report with a reminder that Greenwood Church is now contributing to fund Eric McNeeley's full-time study towards his Associate Degree at CCRI as he prepares for the ministry.

There were no further comments or questions on the Pastor's Report.

There are three changes to be made to the Clerk's report. During 2016, our roll was reduced by 47 members (not 48) with 14 by request (not 15). Thus, at the end of 2016, there were 322 (not 321) members on our active roll.

There were no further comments or questions on the Clerk of Session Report.

There were no comments or questions on the Director of Music Report.

Pastor Clark highlighted the Personnel Committee's work to develop a policy regarding the provision of a sabbatical leave for the Pastor and a policy regarding sexual misconduct. The Presbytery of Southern New England has a new policy providing that pastors will receive a three-month sabbatical after six years of service.

There were no further comments or questions on the Personnel Committee Report.

There were no comments or questions on the Director of Family Ministries Report.

There were no comments or questions on the Ministry Intern Report.

There were no comments or questions on the Sunday School Co-Superintendents Report.

There were no comments or questions on the Christian Education Committee Report.

There were no comments or questions on the Member Care Committee Report.

There were no comments or questions on the Worship Committee Report.

There were no comments or questions on the Mission Committee Report.

There were no comments or questions on the Building and Grounds Committee Report.

Moderator Eric McNeely reported that in the last -3- line of paragraph two of the Deacons Report on p. 21 "Hoim" should be replaced by "Him."

There were no further comments or questions on the Deacons Report.

There were no comments or questions on the Board of Deacons Treasurer Report.

There were no comments or questions on the Thirty-niners Report.

There were no comments or questions on the Presbyterian Women Moderator Report.

PW Treasurer Debra Stacey reported that there is \$25 more in the PW bank account than is indicated in Church Windows and they are working to resolve the difference. Also, both the old and new report formats were included this year; future reports will be in the form on p. 27. It was also pointed out there that the item Greenwood CU CD at the bottom of p. 26 should read 6,981.20. There were no further comments or questions on the Presbyterian Women Treasurer's Report.

Pastor Clark called upon President of the Board of Trustees, Dennis Charpentier, to present the Stewardship Committee Report.

Elder Charpentier reported that, financially, 2016 was a very successful year.

He called on Treasurer, Barry Baxter, to present the 2016 Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer Baxter reviewed the highlights of the 2016 Treasurer's Report with explanations of certain line items. He explained that the Balance Sheet on p. 31 shows the net activity for the year, while pp. 32 and 33 show the amounts spent from each account during 2016.

Treasurer Baxter asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Pastor Clark reported that the Holy Land Trip account was established through the gift of an anonymous donor. The church is planning a one week – ten day trip to the Holy Land during February school vacation in 2018. Donated money will be used to help defray expenses.

Treasurer Baxter reminded the congregation that the church's per capita assessment is no longer included in the budget and called on them to contribute the \$44.60 per member that is needed. An envelope for this purpose will be found in the envelope box with the envelopes for February.

Treasurer Baxter expressed his thanks to Associate Treasurer David Dickerman who fills in for him during the summer months when he is in Michigan.

Elder Charpentier thanked Treasurer Baxter for his excellent work.

Elder Charpentier reviewed certain aspects of the Stewardship Committee report. He thanked the congregation for the extra envelope giving in 2016 and explained that it was especially appreciated since the increase in income from T-Mobile that was expected to begin in February was not realized until November because of delays in installing the additional antenna.

The extra giving meant that less money needed to be taken from the investment income to balance the budget. He also explained that the cost of the new sound system will be covered by donations and endowment income. He noted that some committees spent less than their 2016 allotments, while others incurred unexpected additional expenses such as the new water heater and thermostats installed under the direction of Building and Grounds.

Elder Charpentier also noted that the Committee was encouraged by the increase in pledges for 2017 and the growth of the Memorial and Endowment Fund. He thanked the Investment Committee for their work.

Pastor Clark asked if there were any questions or comments on the Stewardship Committee Report. There were none.

There were no comments or questions on the Investment Committee report.

Pastor Clark called on Clerk Magyar to read the Auditor's Report.

"We have performed the following procedures for the year ending December 21, 2016, regarding the financial records of the General Treasurer, the Board of Deacons Treasurer, and the Treasurer of the Presbyterian Women.

- Traced items from deposit -4- worksheets to bank statements and underlying documentation to determine completeness
- Comparison of account reconciliations of bank statements
- Traced items from disbursement registers and cancelled checks

“To the best of our knowledge, everything appears to be complete and in order.

“Respectfully submitted,

James Ruegg and Michael W. Desmond”

There were no comments or questions on the Auditor’s Report.

Pastor Clark asked for a motion to approve the Auditor’s Report.

It was moved, seconded, and voted to approve the Auditor’s Report.

Pastor Clark turned the Moderator’s chair over to Elaine Magyar, Clerk of Session, and excused himself from the meeting during the presentation of the Pastor’s Terms of Call. The Clerk recognized Treasurer Barry Baxter, to present the Terms of Call for 2017. Treasurer Baxter used slides and referred the congregation to p.35 of the Annual Reports and then explained the individual line items associated with the Pastor’s Call. The Pastor’s Terms of Call for 2017 are shown below:

Pastor’s Terms on Call for 2017

Cash Salary

Housing Allowance

Social Security Offset

SubTotal

Expenses to be reimbursed as vouchered:

Auto Expense

Utilities

Household Expenses

Professional Expenses / Book Allowance

50% Medical Co-pay

Pastor’s Medical Deductible

Study Leave

SubTotal

PC(USA) Pension Health Plan

Grand Total

Clerk Magyar asked if there were any questions. There were none.

It was moved, seconded, and voted to approve the terms of the Pastor’s Terms of Call as listed above.

Pastor Clark returned and was greeted with applause. He resumed his role as moderator and called on Dennis Charpentier, Chair of the Board of Trustees, to present the budget for 2017.

Elder Charpentier reviewed highlights of the 2017 budget. Staff costs have increased because we have two new positions, Ministry Intern and Music Associate, and we are supporting the education of one of our volunteer youth workers as he prepares for a career in the ministry. Committees are doing more and this is reflected in budget increases. The Mission Budget amount is set automatically at 10% of the total projected giving in Accounts 4.3010, 4.3011, 4.3030, and 4.3040.

He reported that in 2017 we will complete the transition of our investment funds from Merrill Lynch to UBS.

In summary, in 2017 we are projecting additional income and expenses and growth of about 7% in the budget.

Elder Charpentier asked if there were any questions. There were none.

He thanked the Stewardship Committee members, Eric Robinson, Walter Sullivan, Jonathan Snowman, Sam Koldyk, and Barry Baxter, without whom he could not have carried out the work of the Committee, and he thanked the congregation for the honor and privilege to serve as Chair of the Stewardship Committee and President of the Board of Trustees.

The congregation responded with hearty applause.

Pastor Clark asked for a motion to approve the Annual Reports with the amendments noted above and the

2017 budget approved by the Session. It was moved, seconded, and voted to approve Annual Reports with the amendments noted above and the 2017 budget approved by the Session.

Statement of Indebtedness:

Pastor Clark called on Treasurer Barry Baxter who reported that our indebtedness as of December 31, 2016, was \$7,700. He explained that during the course of the year we have transferred our funds and line of credit from Merrill Lynch to UBS. At the beginning of 2016, our line of credit balance was \$20,500. During the course of the year this amount was reduced to \$7,700 through donations to the Capital Campaign and payments from investment income. He explained that the interest earned on our investments is higher than that paid on the line of credit, and it is prudent to keep the line of credit available to unanticipated sudden expenses.

It was moved, seconded, and voted to approve the statement of indebtedness.

Pastor Clark asked Clerk Magyar to present the motions of thanks.

Clerk Magyar read a motion of thanks from Angie D'Albora.

First of all a big thank you to our shepherd pastor for his leadership and his Sunday messages given with sincerity and a touch of good humor.

Thank you for our church staff, their talents and efficiency.

Thank you to Krissy Swanson, Joann Rudolph, and all the Sunday School staff for their faithful work with our young people.

Thanks to Betty Mason who has served as Moderator for the best Women's Association in New England for almost a decade.

Also to John Pickup, a man of many talents who can solve all problems and who has also supplied us with a trumpeter.

And also to Cathy Schobel who enhances our Fellowship Hall so beautifully.

And thanks to our clerk for all her faithfulness.

The motion was seconded and approved.

The Clerk read a motion of thanks from Barry Baxter.

A very big and heartfelt thank you to my friend and the church's Associate Treasurer, David Dickerman, for his support during the year.

His support is most important during the summer when Karen and I are at our summer home. What happens during the summer, you ask? There are more checks written during the summer than any other time of the year.

THANKS Dave!

The motion was seconded and approved.

Clerk Magyar read a motion of thanks from Kitty Channell.

Many thanks to all the groups that used the church kitchen this past year and faithfully took home their recyclables to recycle.

The motion was seconded and approved.

Clerk Magyar read a motion of thanks from Peggy Phillips.

I would like to extend my appreciation and heartfelt thanks to all the hardworking Presbyterian women and men at Greenwood. Your help and generosity of time, talents, and purchases allowed for our most financially successful Christmas Bazaar in years. The monies raised will help the P.W. with their many important church and community service projects. We couldn't have done it without you.

The motion was seconded and approved.

The Clerk read a motion of thanks from Cathy Schobel.

Greenwood is God at work!

I am grateful for the many who quietly work behind the scenes to make things happen (you know who you are): the integration of new members who seek us out to help, Janice Black, who 'gets Christian to the church on time,' the dedication of the music ministry – bells, choir, soloists, Director John Black, Associate Christian Black, adults and kids – whose community outreach is inspiring and praises God twice-fold.

To the Worship Committee, Donald Sorgel and Wayne Meunier, for tireless efforts in training acolytes, encouraging lectors, greeters, and any and all members who wish to serve the Lord! We are His disciples.

To Elaine, our Clerk of Session, a person who wears many hats from Vacation Bible School monitor, pot luck coordinator, pumpkin carver, wreath maker, Member Care chairperson, I can't thank you enough for all you do, and aren't we blessed you have a husband who is always there to support you and Greenwood.

The motion was seconded and approved.

Pastor Clark asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.

Pastor Clark led the congregation in a prayer for the new year; the meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



D. Elaine Stedman Magyar
Clerk of Session

Attested:



Stephen L. Clark
Moderator

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CLERK OF SESSION

The Session held ten stated meetings and four special meetings in 2017. Two of the meetings were held jointly with the Board of Deacons.

Our congregation entered 2017 with 322 members on the active roll.

During the year 12 members were added.

- 3 by letter of transfer
- 2 by profession of faith
- 7 by reaffirmation of faith

Our roll was reduced by 22 members.

- 3 by death
- 2 by letter of transfer
- 2 by request
- 13 because of inactivity for two or more years
- 2 to correct previous oversights (one person who passed away several years ago and one listed under both maiden and married names)

On December 31, 2017, there were 312 members on the active roll.

There were 4 baptisms during the year, two adults presenting themselves for baptism and two children presented by their parents.

On September 21, 2017, the Session voted to accept with regret the resignation from the Session of Elder Walter Sullivan.

We are deeply appreciative of the spiritual guidance, ministry, and leadership of our pastor, the Rev. Dr. Stephen L. Clark, and the skilled and faithful service of all of Greenwood's staff. We are grateful for the creativity, energy, and talent of Director of Music and Choirs and Organist, John Black, and Music Associate, Christian Black. We are thankful for the enthusiastic leadership of our Director of Family Ministries, Virginia Jacobs, and Ministry Intern, Stephen Clark. We offer our special thanks to Church Office Administrator, Carol Castergine, for helping us carry out our responsibilities and brightening the office with her warm, friendly greetings, and Sexton, John Pickup, who keeps our church building in superb condition and responds to every request with patience, skill, and good humor. The Session and its committees thank the members of the congregation for their support during 2017, and we look forward to our work together in 2018 as we seek to follow God's plan for us at Greenwood Church.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ D. Elaine Stedman Magyar

Clerk of Session

Members of the Session: M. Barry Baxter, Jay David, Joan Eichenfeldt, Emmy Kmet, D. Elaine Magyar, Evelyn Murray, Stephen Parkinson, Jeffrey Plouffe, Joann Rudolph, Michael Snyman, Donald Sorgel, and Kristine Swanson.

2017 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PASTOR

As mentioned last year in this space, one immense blessing of staying put for over two decades is having the privilege of seeing young people I've held in my arms at their baptisms continue to embrace their faith into adulthood. On the back of our weekly bulletins are names of three of these serving on the staff of our church and two currently serving on the Board of Deacons (*a fourth staff member, Virginia Jacobs, was also raised in this church since her childhood, which predated my 1996 arrival!*). Many in this congregation have a "Timothy Testimony" (*1 Tim. 3:14-15*) ... that's someone who doesn't remember a time when they weren't a Christian, someone who doesn't remember NOT hearing (*I know that's a double negative, but it works!*) the faithful teaching of the Scriptures at home and at church. While it's good to celebrate with those with a newly found faith, such testimonies really should be the exception rather than the rule among those raised in the church. As this church has demonstrably believed since our 1944 founding, our children are to be raised like Timothy, who was faithfully taught the Scriptures from infancy by people he knew and loved (*and who loved and knew him!*) and throughout his life continued in what he learned. This is what we want for our children; it is also what we want for **ALL** God's children, young & not-so-young, who are part of this Family that calls 805 Main Avenue "home."

As you'll read in these pages, in 2017 not only have we continued to demonstrate this conviction with a vibrant Sunday School program and an active King's Kids, Vacation Bible School, American Heritage Girls and 29Eleven Fellowship embracing young people from within and without the congregation, but we continued to enjoy a versatile and exceptional music ministry whose members span generations (*and is earning a growing reputation in the greater community!*), a consistently vital women's ministry, a supportive 39ers fellowship fostering caring community for many who are "39 and holding," a busily engaged and compassionate Board of Deacons, a wide-reaching and generous Mission focus, and a deep resource of selfless, talented, long-lasting, committed and conscientious volunteers. In your hands is the annual record of the news, accomplishments and other happenings of yet another year reflecting Christian growth, inspirational worship, financial stability, energetic ministries to all ages, visionary mission-mindedness, compassionate concern, mutually supportive cross-generational interaction, community engagement and all-around vitality continues unabated at Greenwood into our 74th year!

We continue to be blessed with Director of Music **John Black**, who, while directing and developing our four choir ensembles, two handbell choirs and a still-increasing number of instrumentalists and vocalists, has been carrying a very full academic load and is now beginning studies toward his master's degree at Rhode Island College. Music Associate **Christian Black** continues into her second full year as an indispensable, talented and wonderfully gifted support to our music ministry. Ever-creative, resourceful and contagiously enthusiastic **Virginia Jacobs** enters her sixth year of ministry as our Director of Family Ministries. We are also blessed that our ever-dependable sexton **John Pickup** continues into his 37th year here, while our ever-cheerful and engaging Office Administrator **Carol Castergine** is nearing the end of her third year keeping our office humming. Last but not least, as both father and pastor, I continue to be pleased and proud to have Ministry Intern **Stephen Clark** sharing his talents with us; this trustworthy, personable, & thoroughly capable seminarian continues to be a welcome asset to our staff as he gains invaluable experience for his future in pastoral ministry.

I'm filled with gratitude for having been privileged to be your pastor over 21 years, and look forward with *great* anticipation to what God has in store for all of us in 2018!

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Stephen L. Clark, Pastor



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Dear friends,

In writing this report each year, I am always filled with a deep sense of gratitude. From the very beginning of my tenure here, I was struck with the overwhelming impression that this church family is gifted with a tremendous potential to foster ministry in its truest, most inspirational form. Through the years I've served this church, I have continued to watch our programs grow and blossom, our members grow in relationships of faith and love, and our worship continually touch all of our hearts and give us each a glimpse of the glory, splendor, and majesty of our Lord. What is more, I have personally been nurtured, provided for, and greatly blessed by this congregation, in my personal life, faith journey, and the many activities of our music program this year, outlined in the following paragraphs.

Our **Chancel Choir** has continued to grow over the past year, presenting beautiful choral anthems in worship each week. We were delighted to welcome new members **Vera Koldyk, Loretta Nelson, Claudette Pailin, and Jay Swiatek**. We are blessed with a supremely talented, well-balanced group of dedicated volunteers who lovingly give of their time and talent each week to make this ensemble a vital part of our ministries at Greenwood. Our **Youth Choir** holds regular Sunday evening rehearsals during the first hour of King's Kids. This ensemble, consisting of a very talented group of children, presents anthems in worship on a regular basis during the program season. We are so thankful to their parents for continued support and encouragement, and to Music Associate **Christian Black**, Director of Family Ministries **Virginia Jacobs** and teaching assistants **Sherry Phillips** and **Olivia Vicente** for their devoted leadership in this ministry. Our **Children's Choir** for boys and girls in pre-kindergarten through grade one is thriving in its second year. This group meets each week following the 10:30 service of worship and offers children a time of music with age-appropriate songs and movement activities.

Our two adult **Handbell Choirs** continue ringing in worship on a regular basis. One group prepares hymns to ring to supplement congregational singing, and the other group presents handbell anthems during the introit on selected Sundays throughout the year. Our Handbell Choir was selected to perform with the award-winning Rhode Island Children's Chorus again in December, presenting three handbell works and playing alongside the chorus in a spectacular performance. We have also continued to nurture the gifts of many of our musicians through their participation as soloists, further enhancing our services of worship with diverse offerings of vocal and instrumental music.

We enjoy welcoming students and leaders of **29Eleven** to share music in worship occasionally. On several occasions we welcomed youth group members to sing alongside the Chancel Choir in worship, and other times members of 29Eleven offered music on their own during the offertory. It is always a pleasure showcasing the music used during their Sunday evening fellowship gatherings to the entire congregation on Sunday morning.

In her role as Music Associate, **Christian Black** continues to provide tremendous support to our ministry of music at Greenwood. In addition to her most visible roles accompanying our choirs and providing solo music in worship each week, Christian is a vital partner to me in the planning and execution of all of our programs and activities. She continues to compose and arrange music for our choirs and soloists, including several lovely choral anthems presented by our Chancel Choir and Concert Choir this year. Having received four first-place rankings and seven acceptances to this year's All State festival, we are always grateful for Christian's instrumental offerings in worship.

We continue to meticulously preserve and maintain the beautiful instruments we are blessed to use here at Greenwood, ensuring our seven pianos are all tuned and voiced properly, our two organs are in good working order, and our three octaves of handbells and two octaves of tone chimes are cleaned and maintained. All of these instruments are worthy assets of our church and vital tools for our ministry of music as we continue to grow and develop. Please do help us protect our investment by taking special care of our instruments, ensuring we maximize their potential for years to come.

In April, approximately fifty of us enjoyed a time of musical fellowship at our third annual **Hymn Sing and Family Potluck**, which included well over two hours of singing. Thank you to **Cathy Schobel** and the Member Care Committee for organizing this fun event.

We presented a full concert program in June entitled “**God Bless America**,” featuring patriotic favorites and American spirituals. The **Greenwood Concert Choir** was again joined by all of the members of our music program for a lovely afternoon of beautiful music. We are most grateful to an extraordinary team of volunteers who provide a tremendous amount of support and leadership to these events, serving as ushers and greeters, assisting in setup and stage management, and taking care of the many other details required to sustain a program welcoming so many guests to each performance.

During July and August we continued our **Summer Music Program** consisting of a choir and featured soloist each week. We were delighted to include over fifty participants in this program, which welcomed many first-time singers and visitors to the church. We look forward to continuing this program in 2018, further developing the depth of worship at Greenwood during the summer months and offering a unique sacred music experience to members of our congregation.

In November, we were delighted to welcome RI Philharmonic Violist **Consuelo Sherba** to share her gifts in worship on Thanksgiving Sunday. Ms. Sherba, the current artistic director of the acclaimed Aurea Ensemble, played a Bach trio sonata in addition to accompanying our Chancel Choir in a beautiful arrangement of “For the Beauty of the Earth.”

I was blessed to again lead the **Vacation Bible School music class** in July, working with three groups of children each day. The kids enjoyed singing, ringing chimes, and playing musical games. Perhaps the highlight of the class was our hands-on organ demonstration, during which each child was able to try our magnificent organ. I hope we planted a seed which will grow into a lifelong love of sacred music, using their God-given gifts to praise the Lord!

We presented a full concert program during Advent, entitled “**Veni Emmanuel**”. Over fifty performers gave an hour-long concert to another very full audience.

The **Greenwood Concert Choir** performed lovely choral arrangements of favorite Christmas repertoire. We also enjoyed hearing “Sing We Now of Christmas” from our Youth Choir, “Angels We Have Heard on High” from our Handbell Choir, and many wonderful solo pieces from vocalists and instrumentalists. Thank you to **Cathy Schobel, Sue and Mike Desmond, Denise Mair, Elaine Magyar** and the Member Care Committee for their help in planning this event and organizing a phenomenal reception after the performance. We also took our annual **Christmas Caroling** bus trip around Warwick on Sunday evening, December 17. We enjoyed visiting many of our members and friends at local retirement homes, singing for over two hours!

Because Christmas Eve was on a Sunday this year, we had a special opportunity for worship and music at our morning family service of worship and evening candlelight service. In the morning, our Youth, Children's, and Handbell Choirs shared music, and we offered a special Christmas Eve Choir that welcomed over 35 singers to share a medley of carols. In the evening, our full music program offered anthems and led the congregation in singing familiar carols, and we welcomed guest harpist **Mary King**, who played an extended prelude of carols and offered music during worship (and gave some appreciative youngsters from the congregation a mini harp lesson after worship!).

It is very clear that, both in our music program and throughout the entire congregation, there's a lot going on at Greenwood Church, and for this, we are very grateful. However, it is only because all of this is sealed and dedicated as praise and prayer to God that we are so greatly blessed, and are able to minister to one another in His name. Thanks be to God, that we may call ourselves His children, His family of faith, and may continue enjoying all of the wonderful gifts He bestows upon our ministries at Greenwood.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ John C. Black

Director of Music and Choirs, Organist

ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF FAMILY MINISTRIES

What a great year we've had! As I write this report and reflect back on the year, I can't help but smile from all the memories. I can't wait to make more memories this coming year through the growth of the programs we have in place and the creation of new ones.

Movie Nights, Parents' Night Outs, Game Nights, family dinners, the Easter Egg Hunt, Polar Express and the Christmas Pageant all went really well. If you missed them, there'll be opportunities to participate in these fun events in 2018. Those who attended were able to see and appreciate all the contributions made by the adults and older youth of our church; everyone is so willing to lend a hand in ministry for our young ones. As Jesus says in Matthew 19:14, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." Thank you to all volunteers and staff for showing your Christian love to our children and helped us all to have such fun.

I continue to write the Crib Room schedule and the Children's Church schedule; **THANK YOU** to all the volunteers who faithfully help each week to care for our children in these rooms. I organized the training of many new volunteers this year under the "Child Protective Training" program, and we can always use more help! Please let me know if you can spare any time to volunteer from three times a year in the Crib Room to each week for Sunday School.

I would like to thank **Loretta Nelson** for her expertise with "Parents Night Out" each month. Loretta is a pleasure to work with and her crafts are always so much fun. I also would like to thank **Lisa David** for her superb leadership in our **Vacation Bible School** this year (which saw a record number of seventy participants as well as a selfless and energetic team of thirty-plus volunteers!) and all she does for the church in teaching **Junior High Sunday School** and leading our **American Heritage Girls**. **Rob Petrucci**, I have to thank you for another magnificent **Talent Show** production this year; you and **Wendy** are amazing and we are so proud you both are part of this church family! **Krissy Swanson** and **Joann Rudolph**, what a great team you both make! Thank you so much for your fine work as **Sunday School co-superintendents**. Thanks, too, to all the **hardworking Sunday school teachers** who selflessly and freely give their time and talents to make sure our children have the education about, knowledge of and love for Jesus that they so obviously have.

King's Kids had another excellent year and I would like to thank **Sherry Phillips** and **Cindy Pisano** for their sharing their time, energy, great ideas and passion working with our youth. We continued with the "**Operation Christmas Child**" mission project again this year. Once again the members of the church were very generous and we meet our goal of 100 boxes. From the Operation Christmas Child promotional: *"Long before shoeboxes arrive in more than one hundred countries, volunteer National Leadership Teams train pastors and community leaders who want to share the message of the Gospel and bless children. The leaders learn how to host child-friendly outreach events, and how to implement 'The Greatest Journey' follow-up discipleship program."*

I look forward to serving the church in the year to come through the ministry of these programs and more, as together we all seek to spread the love of Jesus and to glorify God.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Virginia Jacobs

Director of Family Ministries

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MINISTRY INTERN

It was as I grew up in this very church that many encouraged me to pursue vocational ministry as God's calling for my life. By the time I was in high school, I had a hard time imagining doing anything with my life besides working in a church. I continue to be filled with gratitude that my first full year serving in church ministry was here at Greenwood, where I grew as a young Christian and first discovered my sense of call. I continue to be filled with joy to be a part of the Greenwood family, with friends old and new, and I continue to be filled with excitement as I see the work God is doing among the youth of our congregation.

The first half of 2017 was filled with many memories as our youth group began to bond together. A couch in the youth room was broken during a wild 3 A.M. dance party during the **Lock-In** (for which the Ministry Intern may be at sole fault); a unified final act at the annual **Talent Show** moved many to tears; and new and old members of our group encouraged, strengthened, laughed with, and prayed for one another as we came together each Sunday evening. The school year culminated in an inspiring and worshipful Youth Sunday (which, unfortunately, I missed due to being in Dubai; see below).

We had a very memorable trip to Eastern University in Saint Davids, PA for our annual mission trip which eight students and four adults attended this past July. I used to not understand when people would cry "tears of joy." I sometimes doubted the authenticity of such a response. After that week, I stood corrected. I cried tears of joy that week for the first time as I saw some of our young people grow tremendously in their walk with God, brought to tears themselves as they experienced His presence; as I listened to youth pray meaningful prayers for one another, and as I watched them lovingly serve those around them. After some tumultuous times, over the years, God has brought our group closer together than I could ever remember seeing it.

God's blessings over our group have continued to abound! Over the calendar year of 2017, our youth group has grown from an average weekly attendance of around ten students to an average attendance of sixteen. We have put down the deposit for our next mission trip with FUGE Camps at Eastern University, reserving a total of 25 spots for teens and leaders based on the level of interest expressed – more than double the number from last summer, and the highest number we have reserved in a decade. Many of you have seen our young people engaged with church activities and involved in the life of the congregation – the Lord has certainly blessed our group, and blessed many of us through them.

Space almost forbids me to adequately share my gratitude for the many who sponsored me on my mission trip to Dubai this past summer (I could write another annual report about that alone!). My six weeks there were life-changing and fruitful in countless ways, and led to the genesis of a summer Bible study for youth and young adults as well as a small young adult group that met during this past fall. As many of you know, I've been asked to return to Dubai this summer, this time to lead a new team of missionaries – your prayers and support would be most coveted as I plan and prepare for this next adventure.

There is so much more I could share in which this church has played a tremendous part – my beginning of the ordination process for ministry, my continued education, and other opportunities God has been gracious to grant me. Much that the Lord has led me to do I would not have been able to do without such a supportive and nurturing home congregation. As always, I remain indebted to the faithful, reliable, and godly men and women who served as youth volunteers this past year, who have shown themselves not just coworkers but true friends: **Eric McNeely, Patti Parkinson, Wendy Petrucci, Emmy Kmet, and Cindy Pisano**. I am indebted to those of you who sent me to Dubai, and those of you who have contributed to the cost of my graduate education. I am indebted to the session of Greenwood that willingly brought me on board and has endorsed the other endeavors God has granted me. I am indebted to the love and grace and fellowship of this community, the body of Christ, who has helped teach me what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

And I am indebted to our Lord, who gives broken and redeemed sinners a chance to be part of His mission in this world, who made us for His joy and His glory, for Whom we do all that we do.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Stephen Clark

Ministry Intern

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School program of Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian is a vibrant ministry to our next generation of believers. We have volunteer teachers who faithfully prepare lessons, bulletin boards and craft activities to bring meaning to God's Word. They consistently serve as role models for the children of our church as they grow from infancy through their teen years. Our Sunday School roll includes 75 students, with 30-40 attending each week.

An important part of our Sunday School program is our **Worship Time** each Sunday morning. Pre-School through Senior High students gather to sing and pray. **Angie D'Albora** plans the music, scripture and prayers and prepares the student volunteers for their parts. **Kitty Channel** plays the piano and **Jay David, Nicole David and Gavin Carson** keep the lyrics going on the computer screen. We are also thankful for our substitute pianist, **Christian Black**. **Eric McNeely** leads this worship service with contagious enthusiasm. After worship, the children are excused to their age-based classrooms where they have their lessons and activities. Our Pre-K class is for 3-4 year olds, Kindergarten is for 5 year olds, Primary class is for grades 1 and 2, and grades 3, 4, and 5 meet together. Grades 6-8 make up the Jr. High class and grades 9-12 make up the Sr. High class. Pre-K through grade 5 use a curriculum written by David C. Cook. The Jr. High and Sr. High use the Bible and various supplemental resources for their lessons and discussions.

Most of our Sunday School teachers have been teaching for several years. We appreciate the ongoing commitment of **Rob and Wendy Petrucci, Sherry Phillips, Vera Koldyk, Cheryl Bowser, Jay David, Angie D'Albora, Krissy Swanson, Virginia Jacobs, Lisa David, Jonathan Farnsworth, Eric McNeely** and **Barry Baxter** as well as our **Ministry Intern, Stephen Clark**. We were delighted to add the following people to our staff this September, **Jillian Jacobs** to the Pre-K class and **Alexis Cobb** to Grades 3-5.

The Sunday School has many Mission Projects throughout the year. During Lent, we collected different coins each week and were able to donate **\$1,040 to Heifer International**. In October, two Bake Sales were held to raise **\$556.41**; the Mission Committee added **\$143.59** to that amount for a total donation of **\$700** to the **Serving Orphans Worldwide** program. In November and December, grades 1 and 2 sponsored the "Mitten Tree" project. Many mittens, gloves, hats and scarves are collected for needy members of our community.

The Sunday School students participated in many church services in the sanctuary. They walked with **Hannah the Donkey** in our Palm Sunday procession. On **Youth Sunday** in May, the students sang and read scripture verses. We sang songs with Pastor Clark on **Rally Day** in September. On **Christian Education Sunday** in October, third graders **Keegan Carson, Alyssa Jones, Tess Ruhren, and Madelyn Sullivan** received Bibles from our church. During the **Hanging of the Greens** service on December 3, the children helped decorate the sanctuary for the Advent season. The younger children carried forward the figures of the crèche and the older students placed the wreaths on the windows. On December 17, the children presented the **Christmas tableau**, directed by Angie D'Albora.

All grade levels were able to take part in this year's **Christmas Pageant** at 3 PM on December 17. After the production, a delicious pasta dinner was served. This was followed by happy voices heading off to carol to several of our shut-ins. Many thank you's to Ginny Jacobs and John Black for planning and leading this program.

We are grateful to all the teachers and volunteers who keep faith alive by ministering to the youngest members of our congregation.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann Rudolph and Kristine Swanson

Co-Superintendents of the Sunday School

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Christian Education Committee oversees several aspects of the life of Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian: Sunday School, Adult Education, Nursery Care, 29 Eleven Student Ministries, King's Kids, Vacation Bible School, Children's Church, Church Library, training of volunteers, and the review of, and adherence to, the Child Protection Policy. This committee is co-chaired by Elders Joann Rudolph and Krissy Swanson. Director of Family Ministries, Virginia Jacobs is an ex-officio member of the committee, and Sandra Olson brings her talents and experience to this ministry. The work of this committee touches the lives of church members of all ages as they seek to know Jesus better. At Greenwood Church, we are blessed with many talented teachers and leaders who help these programs thrive.

ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Education classes are led by Barry Baxter, assisted at times by Harry Curran and Bill Cheney. During 2017, the following studies were offered: **The Apostles' Creed, The Gospel of John, I John, and This Changed Everything: 500 Years of the Reformation.** They currently meet in the parlor each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. The classes are designed so they can be joined at any time and regular attendance is not necessary. Any and all adults are encouraged to come; new participants are always welcome.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School program is under the leadership of co-superintendents Joann Rudolph and Krissy Swanson. They bring different talents and gifts to this task and keep things humming along. The classrooms are staffed by faithful teachers who enthusiastically guide and lead the children each week.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

We enjoyed an enthusiastic week of Vacation Bible School in July/August under the capable and creative leadership of Lisa David, assisted by a team of thirty-four adult and young adult leaders ... seventy children enjoyed a week of stories, songs, crafts, games and snacks focusing on the theme "PASSPORT TO PERU: DISCOVERING GOD'S GOOD GIFTS."

29ELEVEN

The name **29Eleven** comes from the Bible verse Jeremiah 29:11, *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."* Our young people continue to hold these words close to their hearts as they meet each week to learn more about the Bible, enjoy fellowship together and seek to help others who are in need. 29Eleven's summer mission trip was to Eastern University (near Philadelphia) this year; they were housed on campus and went out into the community each day to serve in various mission and service capacities through the coordination of Lifeway Ministries' **MFuge** program. What a rewarding experience for all involved! Also, a Fall Retreat was held in early December at Camp Aldersgate. Thank you to the young people and leaders -- Ministry Intern Stephen Clark, Eric McNeely, Patti Parkinson, Emmy Kmet, Cindy Pisana and Wendy Petrucci for their work in this important ministry.

KING'S KIDS

This program is a popular one for the elementary school age children of the church and community. Each week they pray for each other and their families and give thanks for their many blessings. They play games, cook, do craft projects, rehearse for the Youth Choir and practice their talents for the annual Talent Show and other events. They would like to thank the members of the congregation who so faithfully supported **Operation Christmas Child** by filling boxes with gifts; through the generosity of Greenwood Church members and the enthusiasm of King's Kids participants, over one hundred children and their families will hear the Good News of Jesus Christ through this program coordinated by **Samaritan's Purse**. Thank you to **Virginia Jacobs, Sherry Phillips, Cindy Pisano** and **Jillian Jacobs** for their enthusiastic leadership of this program.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Families with busy, active and growing children enjoy this opportunity for some "grownup time" while their children have fun at the church under the care of Virginia Jacobs and her trained and experienced helpers. The church supplies a movie and refreshments on the first Friday of the month (unless otherwise specified). The movie starts at 6:00 p.m. and the children stay until 9:00 p.m.

CHURCH LIBRARY

In 2014, the church library was reorganized and catalogued according to the Dewey Decimal system. There is a printed library list, divided by author and title, in a binder in the library. We thank **Dena Janson, Emmy Kmet** and **Debra Stacey** for their work on this continuing project. Recent additions have been made to the library collection, including a large number of books from the former Faith Presbyterian Church in Cranston.

NURSERY CARE

Care is provided for babies and toddlers, ages 0-2 years, during both the 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services (and at 9:30 a.m. during the summer and other single-service Sundays). We encourage families to take advantage of this service, and would welcome anyone who may be interested in joining the faithful and responsible team of loving volunteers engaged in this vital ministry of loving service. Special thanks to Virginia Jacobs and all the volunteers for the loving care they provide for the littlest members of our church family.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Joann Rudolph and Kristine Swanson

Co-Chairs, Christian Education Committee

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS

American Heritage Girls (AHG) Troop 3130 is halfway through our third year of being chartered by Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian. Our troop continues to grow and thrive with thirty-four girls from ages 5-18 (including six children from our church), and seventeen adult volunteers, including three who are Greenwood members. Our board is made up of five women: a Troop Coordinator, an Assistant Coordinator, a Charter Representative from Greenwood, a Treasurer, and a Shepherdess, who supports the troop through prayer and service.

The troop meets every other week during the school year on Thursday afternoons, with occasional special family night events. Each member actively pursues the AHG oath to "Love God, cherish my family, honor my country and serve in my community". This year the girls have been busy at activities such as volunteering at Greenwood's Work Day in October, placing flags at gravesides on Veteran's Day, packing 121 Operation Christmas Child Boxes and making cards of thanks for the Greenwood church staff.

The girls have also enjoyed many outdoor activities, including an outdoor water day this summer on the church lawn, tie-dying washcloths as part of our September kick-off, a Camporama for older girls in upstate New York and a weekend camp-out for the older girls. Much of regular troop meeting time is used to work on badges from the six frontiers of "Personal Well-Being", "Science and Technology", "Family Living", "Our Heritage", "The Arts" and "Outdoor Skills".

We are thankful for the continued support of Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian as we pursue the AHG mission of "Building women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country."

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Lisa David

AHG Charter Representative

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEMBER CARE COMMITTEE

As its name suggests, the **Member Care** Committee is charged with attending to the needs of members of our church family. We work with others within the church to provide opportunities for members to get to know one another better by sharing a meal or joining in some kind of activity. We welcome visitors and encourage new members, and we try to keep in touch with members who can no longer get out to church on a regular basis.

Inquirers' Classes were held in the spring and fall. We welcomed twelve new members during 2017 and others who attended the classes plan to join soon. We have also continued outreach to our members as well as visitors to Greenwood. Several of our Committee members regularly sent cards and notes and made phone calls. Others visited members who have difficulty getting out, sharing friendship and news of what's been going on at church. We also encourage all our members to join us for worship or for one of the many potlucks and other activities going on at Greenwood.

With the help of other committees and church organizations, many events during the year provided opportunities for food, fellowship, and fun.

We sponsored a **potluck on March 5**, a Sunday when we all worshipped together at the single service.

In **April**, we helped organize a **Hymn Sing and Potluck**, and everyone present enjoyed singing favorite hymns led by our enthusiastic Director of Music John Black.

For **Mother's and Father's Days**, we organized the distribution of carnations and Hersheys "Hugs and Kisses," respectively.

On **Memorial Day** weekend, the Committee organized the reception following the **Greenwood Concert Choir** concert of patriotic music. **Cathy Schobel** and **Sue Desmond** did a fantastic job with the patriotic decorations in red, white, and blue! Thanks to all for the many contributions of food. Special thanks to **Denise Mair** whose myriad contributions and organizational skills made the reception a huge success.

June also brought our **annual all-church picnic at the Masonic Youth Center** in Buttonwoods. The weather was perfect, the Building and Grounds Committee did their usual fine grilling burgers, hot dogs and sausage, and food and fellowship were enjoyed by all.

In **August**, a lively group of fans enjoyed our annual **PawSox outing**. We were again able to offer financial support from the **Martha Fund** for families and others who otherwise might not have been able to attend.

We started the fall with a **potluck luncheon in September**, which provided a chance to hear about the 29Eleven summer mission trip. Everyone present was inspired and impressed by the testimony of our young missionaries.

In **October**, we assisted Christian Ed with the **Pumpkin Carving and Soup and Sandwich Potluck**.

In **December**, after the single **Hanging of the Greens** service on the first Sunday in Advent, we again teamed up with Christian Education for a **potluck luncheon** followed by the construction of **Advent Wreaths** by all who chose to participate in this endeavor.

The following week we hosted another reception following the **Greenwood Concert Choir's Advent Concert**. Again Sue and Cathy took charge of the wonderful decorations, lots of people made it possible by their generous donation of sandwiches, pizza, cookies, and other delicious treats, and Denise Mair tied it all together with her magical touch. Even the **Warwick Beacon** commented on the food! Thanks to all our wonderful friends and thanks to all who made these events successful by your participation. We hope even more people will be able to join us in fellowship in 2018.

We hope that you all had a chance to benefit from our Committee's efforts in 2017 or will be able to do so in 2018. If you need a ride or would like a visit, let us know. Come to worship, visit with new friends and old at coffee hour, come to a pot luck (all are welcome, even if you are not able to bring a dish to share; there's always plenty of food for a few more), enjoy a fun-filled evening at the annual Talent Show, or attend a Greenwood Group activity. We can all show our support by attending church events like the Presbyterian Women's May Breakfast or the choir's special musical events.

I want to offer my sincere thanks to all the members of the Committee for their superb work during the year. Their ideas, energy, teamwork, and sincere concern for every member of the Greenwood Church family are inspiring. I especially want to thank Carol Sullivan for sending lots of cards to visitors as well as the sick and homebound. I also want to give special thanks to Cathy Schobel who provides both the creative ideas and the hands-on labor for everything from evangelism to program and decorations. Finally, thanks to all the members of Greenwood Church for your care of one another.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Elaine Magyar, Chair

Member Care Committee

2017 Committee Members: Harry Curran, Sheila Curran, Susan Desmond, David Dickerman, Nancy Dickerman, Joan Eichenfeldt, Linda Martin, Joan-Sandra McKnight, Jeffrey Plouffe, Bonnie Readett, Doris Safford, Cathy Schobel, Betty Stacey, and Carol Sullivan.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Worship Committee I would like to recognize and thank all who took part in making 2017 an extremely successful year for our worshiping families and congregation. We thank all our Acolytes, Greeters, Lectors, Deacons, Elders, members and visitors who took part in serving the Lord through assisting in our services of worship one way or another.

Through the grace and blessings of the Lord we were able to increase our numbers with the participation of past, present and new Acolytes, Greeters, Lectors, Ushers, Deacons, and Elders stepping up to faithfully serve the Lord and help enhance our worship experience each Sunday.

Our constantly changing Worship Board in Fellowship Hall has been an inspiration to all who serve, and shows a pictorial story and example of the many new faces we are blessed to have serving the Lord and following His example of faithful service. Please check out our Worship board weekly for updates and volunteer by signing up to serve the Lord. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at my home by calling 738-0480 and remember, training is available for all positions.

As we enter the New Year, we will continue to grow with new members joining and more families coming to and serving Christ. Our entire congregation must stand ready to welcome and embrace all who enter the house of our Lord, and help direct and encourage them to follow the rewarding path of serving God. Our Worship Committee meets weekly before and after services and we look forward to hearing your feedback.

"Heavenly Father, we thank you for the many gifts You have given us. Holy, holy, holy; we praise Your name and thank You for the opportunity to continue to serve as Your faithful servants.

Respectfully submitted,

/S/ Wayne A. Meunier

For the Worship Committee

Donald Sorgel, Chair; Stephen Parkinson, Wayne Meunier

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MISSION COMMITTEE

The Mission Committee seeks to provide concrete ways for the members of our congregation to respond to God's love in Christ through ministry and service in His name to the world beyond our own church. We accomplished this objective through inviting missionaries to visit, providing information to the congregation regarding their vital work, and by the disbursement of financial support to local, national and international missionaries and mission agencies. Additionally, the Committee provided information regarding the missions Greenwood Community Church supports in the *Fishermen's News* to involve you and other members of the congregation in offering informed prayer for our mission partners. The Mission Committee is allocated a tithe (10%) of the anticipated annual congregational giving. The allocated budgeted funds were used as follows:

- **Presbyterian Church (USA) Mission:** The Revs. Gregory and Christine Callison in northern Iraq; Prison Immigrant Ministry, the Rev. Gerson Anunciacao; Medical Benevolence Foundation; OneByOne; The Outreach Foundation's Sertao Project, Brazil; Nancy Collins in Chasefu, Zambia and Drs. Les and Cindy Morgan in Bangladesh.
- **Other Mission:** ECHO (*Education Concern for Hunger Organization*) based in North Fort Myers, FL; Frontiers; Hope N Literacy, Hugh Lackey, in Haiti; Jews for Jesus; TEAM (*The Evangelical Alliance Ministry*) Kiersten Hutchinson in Zimbabwe; World Relief's Stand for Haiti; WISH (*West Indies Self-Help*) on LaGonave Island, Haiti), International Ministries, Ruth and Chuck Fox in Thailand), Mercy Ships Floating Hospital, Overseas Missionary Fellowship (OMF) and Global Outreach International, Oded and Bimini Cohen.
- **Local Missions:** Rhode Island Young Life (\$800); InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Val Gordon, NE Director, Adam Croft at URI and Kathy Cooper at Brown (\$1,000 each) and RUF (Reformed University Fellowship) with Eddie Park at Brown University (\$1,000).

In addition, the Mission Committee distributed to the following made possible by members of the congregation donating generous contributions through special offerings, designated donations:and/or mission envelopes:

- **Lenten Offering** – Distributed to OGHS; World Relief/Haiti; ECHO; Samaritan's Purse; WISH, Jubilee Partners/Comer, Georgia/Refugees, Christian Aid, U.K., Fresh Start, and Deacons
- **World Relief / Where Most Needed**
- **Stephen Clark - Dubai**
- **Hannah Clark – Romania**
- **Eric McNeely - Education**
- **Jim Ruegg, Eric McNeely, Jazmine Knight, and Emmy Kmet** (for Camino del Santiago pilgrimages)
- **Presbyterian Immigrant Ministries**
- **Ariana Coules – Bethlehem mission**
- **Serving Orphans Worldwide** – Free-will offering on Orphan Sunday
- **29Eleven Summer Mission**
- **Hurricane Harvey response:** World Relief (\$1,080)
- **Additional Hurrican response** – Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
- **Christmas Giving Tree**, \$100 Stop N Shop gift cards to each family (see below)

Through the **Christmas Giving Tree Program** we provided toy and clothing gifts for twenty children each from West Bay Community Action and The Kent Center, for a total of fourteen families and forty children.

In addition to the gifts for the children, the Mission Committee provided \$100 Stop and Shop gift cards for each of the families. We give special thanks to all who took multiple tags, those who bought extra gifts for the children and those who helped in regards to wrapping the gifts.

We were blessed with visits from:

- **Jews for Jesus, Max and Sheer Raev**, who provided a remarkably moving Passover presentation on Good Friday, which linked the Old and New Testaments.
- **Global Outreach International, Oded and Bimini Cohen**
- **Greg and Chris Callison, PC(USA) Kurdish ministry.**

Committee Chair Emmy Kmet attended **The Navigators Northeast Winter Conference** in February. Subsequently, a contact was established with Ralph Gatti, Executive Director of the **Agathe Center for Entrepreneurship in Bratislava, Slovakia**. The Agathe Center serves six Eastern European countries to develop businesses with wholistic purposes. From their website: *"We believe that businesses should not only make profit, but also change society for good. This is why we are called the Agathe Center for Entrepreneurship - in Greek, "Agathe" means "Good". Our mission is to provide holistic support to existing and aspiring entrepreneurs."*

The Mission Committee, Lisa David, Christian Education, and Member Care combined efforts for a potluck and informative Minute for Mission in recognition of **Orphan Sunday November 12**. Lisa David also provided an information table in recognition Orphan Month (November) to bring awareness of the plight of those who cannot speak for themselves, locally, nationally and internationally.

The Mission Committee expresses great appreciation for your financial gifts and prayers on behalf of our supported missions during 2017. Many of you served as a witness to the evangelism for Jesus Christ by Greenwood and its congregation. Additionally, as God provides, mission gifts may be directed to the Greenwood's non-budgeted mission efforts through the special Mission envelopes in your 2018 church envelope package.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Emmy Kmet

Chair; Mission Committee
Michael Snyman, Co-chair

Mission Committee Members: Debra Stacey, Jonathan Farnsworth, Amy Monahan, Patti Parkinson, Marilyn Jacobs, Shelley Monahan, and Wilma Swanson. Special thanks to Lisa David and Harry Curran

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Personnel Committee's primary role is to support the church staff. Keeping the lines of communication open among the staff and the committee is a key focus. Duties also include a variety of administrative issues such as renewing health care coverage, maintaining accurate job descriptions, reviewing salaries and recommending annual merit increases. The committee is currently developing a training program for our Policy and Procedure Regarding Allegations of Sexual Misconduct which was written by the committee in 2016. We appreciate Jean Greco working with us to develop this training program.

Greenwood continues to be blessed with a talented and caring staff. Much goes on behind the scenes to keep the church operating and we owe the staff a big THANK YOU for their hard work and dedication. I am very grateful for the valuable input of members Barry Baxter, Joan Eichenfeldt, Evelyn Murray, Joann Rudolph and Michael Snyman. It has been a pleasure serving with such a dedicated and caring committee.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Kristine Swanson

Chair, Personnel Committee

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Over the past year the members of the Building and Grounds Committee, with the help of many volunteers, completed a number of projects to help maintain and beautify the church. During the spring work day we painted, installed handicapped accessible signs on the two bathrooms on the second floor of the west wing, finished painting the ceiling tiles in Fellowship Hall and painted two areas in the sanctuary where the paint was peeling because of water leaks. THANK YOU to the following volunteers who gave of their time and energy to sweep, scrape, scrub, paint (inside and out, and in some high and precarious places!), polish, prune, vacuum and haul trash -- Lisa, Nicole & Akeelah David; Sam, Vera, Samantha & Janet Koldyk; Brandon Phillips, Luke Donovan, Tom Harrop, Joann Rudolph, Wayne Meunier, Dick Collins, Jon Farnsworth, Steve Ruscito, Sue Desmond, Bill Cheney, Evelyn Murray, Kitty Channell, Eric Muenier, Pastor, Hannah & Steve Clark, Jim Ruegg, Eric & Mary Jane Milner, Sherry Phillips ... I hope I didn't miss anyone! Volunteers also cleaned the pews and washed the toys in the kindergarten, nursery and crib rooms. Everyone also enjoyed a pizza lunch provided by Pastor Clark.

During the Fall Workday in October, a group of thirty volunteers cleaned the windows in the sanctuary, washed the pews and cleaned the toys in the kindergarten, nursery and crib rooms. Thank you to **American Heritage Girls** Akeelah David, Nicole David, Anna Edgar, Sarah Edgar (and mother Kim Edgar), Justina Ladino (and mother Dawn), Evelyn Majeika, Juliette Majeika, Ashley Pires, Rachel Miller, Janet Koldyk and Samantha Koldyk (and mother Vera); **29Eleven members** Brandon Piliips, Luke Donovan, James Ladino, Jared Ladino and Jude Ladino, and other **Greenwood members** Corrie and Matt Majeika, Dick Collins, both Steve Clarks, Cindy Pisano, Jonathan Farnsworth, Bill Cheney, Bill Springer and Steve Ruscito. In addition to the cleaning, these volunteers thatched the east and west sides of the front lawn and raked up the thatch, trimmed and weeded the hedges along the driveway, filled and painted the locations at the front of the sanctuary where the old speakers were mounted and installed two room darkening shades on the windows on the south side of the 29Eleven room to darken the room sufficiently on sunny days to use the projector for presentations. Unfortunately, the rain prevented us from completing some outdoor painting projects which will be addressed this coming spring. Everyone enjoyed another pizza lunch provided by Pastor Clark.

As the day for the Christmas Concert drew near, Building and Grounds and the Pastor brainstormed ways to improve the lighting in the chancel for the benefit of the choir members and to enable the congregation to better see the members of the Concert Choir. After experimenting with various lighting configurations we settled on two halogen work lights mounted high at the front of the chancel shining toward the back. The lights were first used during the concert and have since been used during regular services of worship. Additionally, brighter spotlights were installed in the ceiling above the pulpit and lectern. The increased and enhanced illumination seems to be well received; what was meant to be a temporary and economical accommodation may serve us quite well until we can find a more permanent solution.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Jay David

Chair, Building and Grounds Committee

Building and Grounds Committee members:
Evelyn Murray Vice-Chair, Tom Harrop, Bob Martin, Dick Collins

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DEACONS

As I sit down to reflect on all the things that took place this year, I am overwhelmed with an abundance of joy. Being commissioned a Deacon is a privilege, honor and delightful responsibility that is not to be taken lightly. It can be tough and difficult from time to time, but we are assisted with the powerful Jesus Christ present in our lives. My hope and prayer is that we as the Board of Deacons are committing everything we have to the Kingdom of God. Christ has made a way to live out our faith, filling us with his Holy Spirit to use our gifts to the glory of God.

It almost seems repetitive every year of writing this annual report that things might sound very similar when summarizing everything that has taken place the past year of ministry. In a way, I feel it is a good thing because it shows the willingness of faithful volunteers to habitually use the talents with which God has entrusted us to shine the love of Christ. We are servants and messengers of Christ that have a beautiful story to tell. Throughout the past years in serving on the Board of Deacons, I have seen tremendous amounts of growth take place within this ministry. In addition to my own faith being shaped right here in the church, it has been incredible to see others share in that same experience. Every year comes with new opportunities to take the past year in ministry and effectively make improvements along the way. This is a process which takes time; however, we are reminded of our own personal journey with God and remember that it doesn't happen overnight.

The roles of each Deacon can be similar or different depending on how much one has committed their time to, nevertheless each of us is there to serve with a purpose. I am entirely grateful for the hard work and dedication each member on the board has committed to this ministry. It is such a delight to be on the same team, work alongside one another, and assist wherever we can to be a blessing to the family of faith. This is all possible through our faithful Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. What a beautiful display of the workmanship that God designed, in which we are able to carry out tasks, fulfill specific requirements and meet the needs of many along the way. Whether it is helping out at coffee hour, preparing the elements for communion, or delivering flowers after service to a person homebound and/or in need, I pray we are glorifying God in all that we accomplish.

I want to thank each Deacon for their willingness to humbly serve in a way that was unique, bold, creative and effective. Every individual on the board has blessed my life in some shape or form and I am entirely grateful for their dedication to go the extra mile. Coffee Hour has virtually transformed into a miniature Dunkin Donuts in Fellowship Hall which is a good way to conclude the service of worship each Sunday. Not only is there coffee prepared by the one and only John Pickup, there is a variety of goodies on display for a quick bite to eat. A huge thank you to all those that brought in some type of pastry, bread, cookie, cream, juice or any other type of breakfast fixing that was delightful for the tummy. In addition, I am so thankful for the Deacons that participate week in and week out helping prepare and clean up after coffee hour, as well as the members who are not officially a Deacon, but feel led to serve and assist. The coffee hour ministry is top notch at feeding people physically and spiritually, THANK YOU!!

Deacons also assist the first Sunday of the month, as the church comes together to observe the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Two deacons will get together and prepare the elements on Saturday, which usually takes about an hour to accomplish. In addition to the preparation, the two volunteers will refill the elements in between our two services, as well as do the full cleanup after the conclusion of the second service. Thanks so much to all those that contributed in their faithful service of communion preparation.

We are a church family that prays together and loves to encourage one another along the paths of life. Every meeting that the board holds in the church parlor opens and closes with prayer. The prayer ministry of the Board of Deacons is one that is very special to be a part of, connecting individuals together and lifting up prayer requests from our church family. I am grateful that this takes place and to see the friendships that bond together for a lifetime.

Each season brings upon many new adventures every year and it is truly wonderful to see the outcome. With the faithful support of the congregation, the Deacons have been abundantly blessed to be able to assist ten

specific ministries of compassion and service here in Rhode Island. There is plenty of need here in our state and I am so grateful to God for enabling our church to take part in supporting these local ministries. In addition, fifty Thanksgiving baskets and fifty Christmas baskets were put together and distributed to the Kent Center and the Westbay Marketplace. A personal thanks to all the Deacons and Elders, as well as members of the congregation, that made these events possible. The amount of people who have poured their hearts into this ministry is astounding and important to mention. I am thankful for our Beyond High School (BHS) ministry putting wonderful care packages together to send out to our young people attending college or in the military. I can say with confidence that this was such a blessing to receive!

Some of the other areas where Deacons assist are with are delivering flowers, setting up flowers, decorating our sanctuary in Advent and Easter with wreaths, garland, poinsettias, lilies and spring flowers, making phone calls, praying, serving, baking goodies, sending cards, organizing blood drives, delivering letters and donations to our community ministries and so much more. All the information I am including in this Annual Report gives just a glimpse of the life of a Deacon; there is much I am probably forgetting and for that I apologize! I am so grateful I have the opportunity to serve on this board and look forward on how God will use each individual for His glory. I am not sure how long God will have me continue serving on the Board of Deacons; however, I am so blessed on how this journey has played out thus far.

In conclusion, thank you again for all those who contributed so much throughout this year of ministry. Let me also take the moment to thank the congregation for their faithful support in contributing to the **Deacon Fund** as well as our annual **Stop and Shop** fundraiser. This has been a pivotal fundraiser every year in supporting two ministries in one. The overall purchase of cards came to approximately \$4,000 in which 5% of the funds received went to the 29Eleven summer mission trip fund (\$200.00). The **Stop and Shop** cards are also used for Holiday Baskets as well as the Deacon Emergency Fund, and have been a means of blessing for many in need. Also, an additional thank you to the **28+ (!)** volunteers who selflessly spent Thanksgiving morning helping me prepare, package and deliver hot meals to many of the needy in our community, and/or who made contributions of food items to make this possible: *Steve and Patti Parkinson, Wayne Muenier, Louis Messier, Cynthia and Gabby Pisano, Jay and Nicole David, Dan and Emily (David) Fauber, Sherry and Brandon Phillips, Marilyn Girardin Jacobs, Bill Springer, Lexie and Trey Budlong-Springer, Jonathan Farnsworth, the Petrucci family (Rob, Wendy, Alex), Stephen Clark, Devin Tasker and Brandon Ehardt (two seminary classmates of Steve from California and Oklahoma, respectively), Beverly Carson, Jean Brown and Cathy Maguire (AND Mrs. Maguire's classroom students, who prepare goodie gifts each year for this endeavor!).*

What an amazing ministry to be involved in, with so many options to explore and invest in a solid commitment. Thank you to all that made serving on the Board of Deacons a delight and a privilege. The Lord has truly blessed me to be a small vessel in this ministry and I am thankful to be used as an instrument of his grace, love and service to the Kingdom of God.

Thank you again, and I am excited to see what God does in 2018!

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Eric McNeely

Moderator, Board of Deacons

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DEACONS' TREASURER

Balance in Checking Account as of January 1, 2017

Receipts

Deacons' Fund			
Flower Fund			
Holiday Food Drive Fund			
Other/Family in Need Fund			
Stop and Shop Gift Cards			
Miscellaneous (OGHS; Member Care reimbursement)			
Total Receipts			

Disbursements

Deacons/Pastor's Discretionary Fund			
Flowers, Chancel (<i>includes Holidays</i>)			
Flowers, Sympathy			
Christmas Poinsettias/Greens			
Coffee & Miscellaneous			
Beyond High School (BHS)			
Diaconal Ministries			
Holiday Fund – Food Drives (<i>includes Thanksgiving and Christmas</i>)			
Stop and Shop Gift cards & 5% Mission Trip			
Family in Need Fund			
Total Disbursements			

Balance in Checking Account as of December 31, 2016

Balance in Savings Account (includes \$4.94 total interest)

Deacons' Fund Balance as of December 31, 2017

Diaconal Ministries – Local missions supported are:

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| Amos House | Tanner House |
| Habitat for Humanity | Westbay Caregivers |
| The Kent Center | Westbay Marketplace |
| McAuley Ministries | Elizabeth Buffum Chace Center |
| Providence Rescue Mission | Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center |

Thanks to your donations, ten local missions were able to receive a total of \$4400 from the Deacons.

\$500 was given to the 29Eleven Youth Fellowship Summer Mission Trip.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ *Monika Algozino*,

Treasurer

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE THIRTY-NINERS

The 39ers enjoyed another year of Christian fellowship with our monthly luncheon at the Top of the Bay restaurant, then returning to Fellowship Hall for varied and interesting programs. We would like to thank our program co-chairs Doris Fahlman and Bill Cheney for the wonderful variety of programs we enjoyed this year: We especially thank Doris for her many years of service, as she is leaving this committee.

For our January program, Bill Cheney told us about his cruise down the Danube River.

In February, Nancy and Dick Collins told us about their trip to the Baltic countries.

In March, we had to cancel due to bad weather.

In April, Nancy and Dick Collins continued their presentation on their trip to the Baltic countries.

In May, Nancy and Dave Dickerman shared their memories of their trip to the National Parks.

In June, we were entertained by the Generation Quartet.

We did not meet in July, but we visited Gregg's Restaurant in August.

In September we had our luncheon at the Governor Francis Inn, and then returned to the church for a presentation by Dr. Scott Ruhren of the Audubon Society about bird migration.

In October, we had local historian Henry Brown tell us about the history of Warwick.

In November Jim Ruegg shared with us memories of his recent Camino pilgrimage and his one million steps through the Pyrenees in northern Spain.

Finally, in December, we had a great time with our annual Yankee Swap, sang Christmas carols and enjoyed a visit from Santa.

I would like to thank my callers for all their help, Sue Stock and Nancy Dickerman, and would also like to thank our treasurer, Joan Eichenfeldt, for all her help.

We placed two dear members, Marjorie Woodard and Shirley McLeod, in the hands of our Lord this year.

I want to thank my callers for all of their help, Sue Stock and Nancy Dickerman, and I also want to thank Joan Eichenfeldt for her help as Treasurer and Vice President.

2017 Officers:

President	Linda Gungle
Treasurer/Vice President	Joan Eichenfeldt
Program Committee	Bill Cheney, Doris Fahlman, Harry Curran
Communications	Sue Stock, Nancy Dickerman
Sunshine	Linda Gungle

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ *Linda Gungle*

President, Thirty-Niners

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

In 2017 the Presbyterian Women enjoyed another busy and meaningful year. Our theme for January to June 2016-2017 was "Let Your Light Shine" and in September we began our 2017-2018 theme "Renewed Strength." Our over seventy women in our eight circles are always ready to welcome new members to join us. We are blessed to have such an active Presbyterian Women's Association. Our gatherings were well attended, interesting, informative, and most enjoyable –

Spring Gathering, April 4 – Evelyn Ferguson spoke on working with immigrant families.

June Gathering, June 6 – The Woodbury Union Presbyterian Church ladies joined us to hear the Rev. Jim Keller discuss immigration from a pastoral perspective.

Fall Gathering, October 3 – Marilyn Lowney of Haitian Health Foundation spoke on their work in Jeremie, Haiti

Christmas Gathering, December 5 – Catered dinner by Blue Moon (which was plated and served by wonderful gentlemen from our church), Mini-Bazaar, and in the sanctuary a Christmas program by the Narragansett Chorale from Rocky Hill School as well as special readings and prayers by program committee members. Singing "Silent Night" holding hands as we encircled the sanctuary ended this joyous evening.

Presbyterian Women's Sunday, June 25, was not only a great day to have PW officers installed by Pastor Clark, it was an opportunity for women to participate in all aspects of the worship service. Thank you to John Black, accompanied by Christian Black, for directing the women's choral group.

As in past years, our **Funeral Collation Committee** has helped Greenwood Church families, when faced with the loss of a loved one, by serving a simple meal in Fellowship Hall following a funeral or memorial service.

Our circles participated in the **Fellowship of the Least Coin, Hunger, Birthday, Thank, and Blanket Offerings** as well as the "**Gift of the Heart**" program. Many ladies from various circles join Circle VIII **Picasso Quilters** to make sleeping bags, well over 758 since 2010, from donated materials for the homeless. Presbyterian Women also make donations of clothing, household items, paper goods, cleaning supplies, and knitted and crocheted baby items to help several local agencies. We are thankful for the congregation's generous support of the Blanket Offering, Mother's Day Cards, "Gifts of the Heart" program, donations to our collection boxes (pulltabs, eyeglasses, cancelled stamps, and so on), and our fundraising event – the Annual **May Breakfast**. These items, along with money raised, helps us to support and fund our many mission projects locally, in the U.S., and around the world. In 2017 we were able to help these organizations –

Presbyterian Women PC (USA)	Fellowship of the Least Coin Thank Offering Birthday Offering	Hunger Offering Blanket Offering Healthy Mothers/Healthy Families <i>(Mother's Day cards)</i>
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Other agencies:	West Bay Food Pantry House of Hope Project Hope @ Open Table UMC S. Providence Neighborhood Ministries Haitian Health Foundation GCCP Memorial and Endowment Fund Ronald McDonald House of Providence	Doctors without Borders Shelter Services/Tanner House TEAM (Kiersten Hutchinson) Elizabeth Buffum Chace Center Hasbro Children's Hospital Interfaith Sewing Group 29Eleven Mission Trip
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We, the Presbyterian Women, are fortunate to have such a dedicated staff here at Greenwood Church willing to help us. Our sincere thanks for your ready and willing help to all the staff and especially Pastor Stephen Clark, Carol Castergine, John Pickup, John Black, and Christian Black.

A sincere and grateful thank you to Betty Mason for all her guidance and support to me as Moderator in this, my first year. Also a huge thank you to my faithful and dedicated members of the Coordinating Team for their support and hard work on our many projects and programs. I am truly blessed to work with you!

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Artena Fairbairn

Moderator, Presbyterian Women

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Elected Elders of Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian represent the congregation as members of the Session and members of the Board of Trustees. As part of the Session meetings, these Elders conduct the business of the Board of Trustees. The Trustees are responsible of the annual operating budget, the stewardship campaign, and the financial operations of the church. The Trustees work through the Stewardship committee and the Investment sub-committee to build the financial resources to support Christ's work in and through Greenwood Church.

Serving on the Stewardship Committee in 2017:

Eric Robinson	Sam Koldyk, Chair of Investment Subcommittee
Dennis Charpentier	M. Barry Baxter, Treasurer
Walter Sullivan	Joan Eichenfeldt, Chair/President of the Corporation

Income Summary for 2017:

In building the annual operating budget, the Stewardship committee relies on income projections to account for anticipated expenses. Pledged contributions and regular contributors account for the bulk of the church's income and allow us to balance income to projected expenses. We are also reliant on income from the rental of steeple space to T-Mobile for antennae and investment income from the Memorial and Endowment Fund.

Income Categories	Budgeted	Received	Difference
Envelopes			
Additional Giving			
Other Income			
Building Usage			
T-Mobile			
Investment Income			
Totals:			

Actual Spending Spending vs. Budget

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2017

The Stewardship Campaign for 2017/18 consisted of messages in the *Fishermen's News*, letters to our congregation, the church's website, and messages from the pulpit. We also promoted the enhancement of church programs, most notably youth and music in the *Fishermen's News* and through the "Transformed by Grace, Faith & Love" campaign. There was a decrease in the number of pledges, but many pledges that we did receive increased significantly. We are encouraged that the congregation is recognizing the increased commitment and enhancement of our music, youth, and ministry programs. Overall increasing operating expenses, along with two additional part-time personnel, and salary increases accounts for the growing budget.

Results of 2017/18 Stewardship Drive:

Pledges Statistics for 2018:	<u>Pledges</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Pledges for 2018:	78	
*Projected Giving for 2017:	63	
Total Anticipated Giving for 2017:	141	

**Based on estimated giving in past years.*

Statistics of the Pledges:

Increases:	32
New Pledges:	4
No Change:	39
Decreases:	3
Did not pledge for 2017, but pledged in prior years:	39

MEMORIAL AND ENDOWMENT FUND

The Memorial and Endowment Fund of the Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian *exists "to provide a place to conserve all money from memorial gifts, bequests, and other monies specifically designated to this fund to benefit the continuing programs of Greenwood Church."* The income produced from the invested funds is used to support the programs of the church as directed by the Trustees. The principal of the fund cannot be used without the approval of a ¾ vote of the congregation at a congregational meeting of the corporation. Since the fund's creation in 1982, contributions and other receipts transferred to the fund have totaled \$515,547.28

The Fund is managed by the Investment Committee, which is a sub-committee of the Stewardship Committee. The Church's investments are with USB Financial Services Inc. in order to take advantage of the detailed reporting available and the financial insight of the UBS advisor.

Members of the Investment committee in 2017 were:

Eric Robinson	Dennis Charpentier
Willard "Bud" Voigt	Barry Baxter
Sam Koldyk, Chair	Karen Grande
Joan Eichenfeldt	Bob Gungle
Walter Sullivan	

The Board of Trustees requires the Treasurer to provide a monthly analysis of the Fund's market value to enable the church to monitor the appreciation from the Fund. As of December 31, 2017, the market value of the fund was \$XXXXXX (\$XXXXXX in excess of the principal). The holdings of GCCP are \$XXXXXX greater than one year ago due to favorable market conditions and despite withdrawals to support the operating budget and pay down the Line of Credit. We are appreciative of the effort of our Investment Committee members to manage the Memorial and Endowment Fund.

Memorial contributions were made during the past year by:

George R. Robinson in memory of: parents Norman & Elizabeth Robinson, sister Marjorie & husband W. Maier & her children, Fay Burlingame, Dr. Jack Robinson, brothers Robert Robinson, Norman & wife Edna Robinson, Everett (Larry) Robinson, and his son Lawrence (Little Larry) Robinson. Other contributions were made in memory of: Bernie Ferrante, Bernie Vierstra, Ginny Arling, Hal Allen, Hilma Pepin, Marjorie Woodard, Shirley Kingston, and Albert E. Bragger, Jr. A contribution was also received by the Presbyterian Women.

2018 BUDGET REVIEW

There were concerns in planning the 2018 budget as we continued to face increasing operating costs in some sectors, such as salaries and utilities. However, we were also anticipating savings due to investments we have made to increase the efficiency of our lighting and heating. In 2016-17 we increased our staff by two part-time positions. For 2018 we have given cost-of-living raises of 2%, and bonuses of 1.6%. And now we see that the congregation is apparently responding to the investment we have made in our programming and member care of our congregation and have increased their giving. Therefore, we are reducing our possible withdrawal from the Memorial and Endowment Fund market gain balance as compared to 2017 by \$7,000.

- **Staffing:** This sector accounts for the largest portion of the budget. Overall costs have risen due to salary increases and new part-time hires: Ministry Intern (Sept. 2016) and Musical Accompanist (Jan. 2017). These increases also resulted in the growth of associated taxes for these positions, but is also associated with increased giving by the congregation.
- **Operations:** We have held these expenses relatively flat and believe that improvements we have made to lighting and heating due to the installation of more energy efficient systems will hold these expenses in check, or at least stem rising costs. We also plan to replace our aging copier in the office with a more efficient model.
- **Church Programs:** We continue to fund our committee budgets and continue funding to other areas, notably Mission giving (fixed at 10% of giving).

2017 BUDGET SUMMARY:

Income Categories	Projected	Expense Categories	Projected
Envelopes		Member Care	
Previous Year Pledges		Building & Grounds	
Loose Offering		Christian Education	
Youth Offering		Mission	
Enrichment Programs		Stewardship	
Special Gifts		Music	
Building Usage		Worship	
T-Mobile Rental		General	
Savings Account Int.		Staff	
Investment Income			
Totals:			

The detailed 2018 budget is attached.

The result is an operating budget of \$377,187 for 2018 which is \$9,571 or 2.43% more than 2017 with a \$7,000 reduction to the withdrawal from the market gain of the Memorial and Endowment Fund.

I am grateful to the Stewardship Committee Eric Robinson, Dennis Charpentier, Sam Koldyk, Walter Sullivan, and especially Barry Baxter, our Treasurer, for their insight and commitment to the financial success of Greenwood Church. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve this Congregation as your president.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Joan Eichenfeldt

President, Board of Trustees; Chair, Stewardship Committee

Summary Of Investments For 2017

Merrill Lynch Investments Balance January 1, 2017	
UBS Investments Balance January 1, 2017	
Total Investments Balance January 1, 2017	
New Gifts to Memorial & Endowment Fund Principal During 2017	
Payments to Line of Credit During 2017	
Funds used to support Operating Budget During 2017	
Market Value Change During 2017	
UBS Investments Balance December 31, 2017	

Summary Of Line Of Credit For 2017

UBS Line of Credit Balance January 1, 2017	
Interest Charges During 2017	
Payments from Investments During 2017	
Payments from Building Fund Contributions During 2017	
UBS Line of Credit Balance December 31, 2017	



CLOSING PRAYER

Standing on the threshold of a New Year, between darkness and dawn, between memory and hope, between the known and the unknown, we feel Thy presence, O Thou Who art timeless, Creator of the world and of man! We have come to Thy Sanctuary, O Lord, to give utterance to the emotions that surge within us. Recalling the past year with its exultations and its disillusionments, its joys and sorrows, and facing the uncharted course of the coming year, we realize our destinies are in Thy hands.

OUT OF THE DEPTHS OF OUR HEARTS, WE EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE TO THEE FOR THE JOY OF LIVING, FOR HEALTH AND HOME AND FRIENDS, AND FOR THE COUNTLESS OPPORTUNITIES OF ENRICHING OUR LIVES.

We give Thee thanks for the fortitude which has sustained us in adversity and delivered us from despair, for the unfaltering faith in Thee that enabled us to regard each failure as a challenge to greater achievement and to find good even in our trials and sorrows. Yea, we are grateful for the comfort Thou didst send us in hours of darkness and grief when precious links in our family chain were severed, and loved ones were called to their eternal rest.

GRANT, O GOD, PEACE TO ALL WHO ARE AFFLICTED IN BODY AND SPIRIT, SOLACE TO THE BEREAVED, AND HEALING BALM TO THE BROKEN HEARTED.

Our Lord told us, "Behold, the hour is coming, and now is here, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth. (John 4: 23-24)"

IN THE COMING YEAR, O GOD, SO DRAW OUR HEARTS TO YOU, SO GUIDE OUR MINDS, SO FILL OUR IMAGINATIONS AND CONTROL OUR WILLS THAT WE MAY BE WHOLLY YOURS, UTTERLY DEDICATED TO YOU AND YOUR PURPOSES. FILL US WITH YOUR HOLY SPIRIT, THAT WE MAY CELEBRATE YOUR GLORY AND WORSHIP YOU IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH, IN JESUS NAME, AMEN.

*This prayer was, for the most part, excerpted and adapted from the translated liturgy for the Jewish New Year holiday, **Rosh Hashanah**, "Evening Service for the New Year", as prescribed in the **High Holy Day Prayer Book** (Prayer Book Press, Hartford, CT, c. 1951).*