

Lakeview United Church of Christ

ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

September 25, 2016

"SHARING THE LOVE
OF JESUS FOR ALL"

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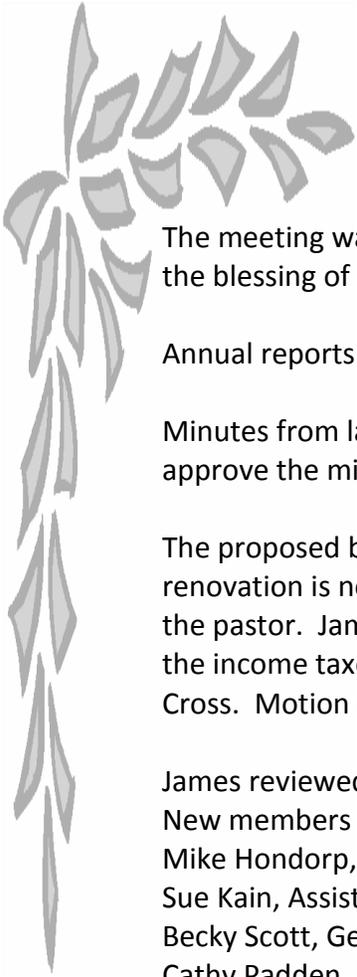
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Comments that you would like to discuss at the annual meeting.



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**LAKEVIEW UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 27, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 10:59 AM by James Hohler. Pastor Dave opened with prayer and the blessing of the food for the dinner to follow the meeting.

Annual reports were handed out to those who needed them.

Minutes from last year's meeting were reviewed. Moved by Ruth Boyce, second by Maureen Hohler to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The proposed budget was reviewed. James Hohler asked for questions or concerns. Building renovation is not part of the budget as it is a loan. Bob Cross asked about the housing allowance for the pastor. James and Maureen explained that it is not something new but a way to split his salary so the income taxes are lower. Pat Bucholtz moved to accept the budget as proposed. Second by Bob Cross. Motion carried.

James reviewed the changes in the executive board and committee members.

New members are:

Mike Hondorp, Moderator

Sue Kain, Assistant Moderator

Becky Scott, Gene Beardslee, and Andy Padden, Board of Properties

Cathy Padden, Music

Judy Maxim and James Hohler, Pastoral Relations

Marlene Scott thanked the committee members who have served. Moved by Pat to accept the new slate of committee members as presented. Seconded by Tom Scott. Motion carried.

James did a video presentation of our Facebook page with the pictures taken by Jack Johnson. He also shared our website and its features. James also talked about the new Call-M-All system. James gave a thank you to those that who have worked on setting up these new systems: Pastor Dave, Rosie Witt, Judy Maxim and Mary England.

Pat said she worked at the foodbank this week with three newer visitors. They commented that they had done a lot of church shopping and this was the only church that made them feel welcome.

James thanked all who had worked on projects in the last year.

The congregation thanked James for all his hard work as the moderator. They also thanked Rosie for doing a fabulous job.

Pat moved to adjourn. Second by Tom. Meeting adjourned at 11:17.

Respectfully submitted.

Mary England, clerk

Lakeview United Church of Christ

Church Council / Committee Members 2016-2017

Moderator:	Mike Hondorp	989-352-6495 or 989-280-0887
Assistant Moderator:	Sue Kain	616-984-7137 or 616-835-6134
Clerk:	Mary England	989-352-7229 or 989-560-2666
Treasurer:	Julie King	989-352-8561 or 989-287-3307
Financial Secretary:	Gyl Hondorp	989-352-6495 & James Hohler 352-8340
Secretary:	Rosemary Witt	989-534-1916

Board of Property

Ruth Boyce, Chair	989-352-6064
Gene Beardslee	616-232-3562
Tom Scott	616-302-5501
Becky Scott	989-287-4539
Bob Cross	989-365-3393
Andy Padden	989-818-0876
Elaine Rossman	989-352-7570
Bruce Weiler	616-808-0388

Christian Education

Judy Maxim, Chair	616-894-8117
Marsha Andersen	989-352-6740
Bob Lord	616-443-4456

Diaconate

Maureen Hohler, Chair	989-352-8340
Nancy Olsen	231-937-6272
Peggy Domine	989-352-6004
Tom Scott	616-302-5501
Marcia Anderson	989-352-6740
Cecil Boyce	989-352-7711
Sheila Smith (summer)	989-352-6078
Dorothy Jensen (winter)	616-712-6047
Gene Beardslee	616-232-3562
Eileen Hamilton	989-352-7499
James Hohler	989-352-8340

Music

Georgie Perkins, Chair	989-352-6120
James Tanis	989-352-1342
Cathie Padden	989-352-8216
Maureen Hohler	989-352-8340
Colleen Larsen	616-984-2801
Carol Taylor	989-352-7322
Becky Scott	989-287-4539
Michelle Edwards	616-894-0336

Memorial

Pat Bucholtz, Chair	989-352-6246
Gyl Hondorp	989-352-6495
Marsha Anderson	989-352-6740
Pat Rankin	989-352-6053

Pastoral Relations

Pat Hinrichs, Chair	616-984-6061
Nancy Olsen	231-937-6272
James Hohler	989-352-8340
Judy Maxim	616-894-8117



Dear Church Family,

I find it hard to believe that this is the third “pastoral letter” that I am submitting for our annual report. The past three years have gone by very quickly. This past year has been one of many accomplishments for our little church.

During the past year we as a congregation have stepped out in faith and brought to life two programs that we have not had in many years. Sunday school for school age children was started up again during the worship hour and we recently celebrated the completion of a week of vacation bible school! Approximately 12 children enjoyed learning about Jesus, the Light of the world, via the theme “Cave Quest”. A good time was had by all!

We have also been busy on the technological side of things. In July, we rolled out our “new and improved” website www.lakeview-ucc.org. Check it out! Our site has recordings of the Sunday services as well as links to other sites within the UCC. Memorial funds were used to purchase a digital music system. The system contains recordings of our entire hymnal as well as several other hymnals. In order to become familiar and comfortable with the new system, we are planning on using it during the Sunday service, once a month for the next year.

As of this date we have published, two editions, of the “Connector”. The plan is to publish an edition quarterly with distribution in March, June and December. The Annual Report will take the place of the September edition.

The building renovation project is 99% complete and is scheduled to be wrapped up this week.

And finally, as your pastor I am thankful for all of the many, many volunteers who have worked countless hours to see these faith projects as well as the other faith projects listed in the following committee reports, through to completion. Thank you for sharing your talents to complete the Lord’s work. I am also thankful for the new faces that have been led to join us for worship. Let us continue to spread our motto of, “No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.”

May God continue to bless our church family and our ministry.

Peace, Pastor Dave

Dates to remember:

Friday and Saturday, October 14th & 15th
Sunday October 23rd 2:30pm

Michigan Conference UCC Annual Meeting, Flint
GWA UCC Annual Fall Business Meeting, Lakeview UCC

FROM THE MODERATOR

THE 2015/16-YEAR WAS ONE OF ACHIEVING MAJOR CHALLENGES. GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL FOR THE FOLLOWING ACCOMPLISHMENTS;

- **RENOVATION OF OUR 124-YEAR-OLD FACILITY**
- **REVISION OF OUR CHURCH CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**
- **MANAGEMENT OF OUR FINANCIAL ASSETS**
- **CREATION OF OUR WEB SITE AND FACE BOOK PAGE**
- **DELIVERY OF A VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PROGRAM**
- **SUCCESSFUL INDOOR YARD SALE FUND RAISER**
- **POSITIVE PRESENCE AT SUMMERFEST UNITY TENT**

ADDITIONAL GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION TO PASTOR DAVE FOR HIS SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP, ROSIE FOR HER SUPERB SECRETARIAL SKILLS, AND TO ALL OF THE MUSICIANS AND VOCALISTS THAT ENHANCED OUR WORSHIP SERVICES.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST, THANK YOU TO OUR CARING, GIVING CONGREGATION FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT. YOU MAKE OUR CHURCH A GREAT PLACE FOR ALL TO WORSHIP. MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS YOU ALL AND OUR CHURCH.

A very special THANK YOU to Women's Fellowship, who decided to inactivate December of 2015, for the many years of service to our church.

MIKE HONDORP



Pastoral Relations Committee

Members: Pat Hinrichs, Chr., Judy Maxim, James Holder, Nancy Olsen and Pastor Dave (exofficio)

The Pastoral Relations Committee provides a communication link between the pastor and the congregation. This advisory group serves as support for the pastors' leadership, as a sounding board for new ideas, as a monitoring agent of the pastors' contract, and as an advocate for the continuing education of the pastor. It also emphasizes pastoral involvement in the community and pastoral participation in the UCC Conference. In order to provide a mutually, productive ministry, the Committee has strived to provide a constructive, caring atmosphere in which confidentiality and trust are the main ingredients.

This year we administered an Annual Pastoral Review. Results: overall very positive – likes: friendly, outgoing, caring & welcoming; and his sermons are Biblical, well prepared and delivered so the congregation can understand and apply them; concerns: his health and self-care; appears to be overworked. The Committee recommended an 3% raise. It was accepted.

We meet regularly an hour before the Council.

Pat Hinrichs, Chr.



FINANCIAL SECRETARY YEAR END REPORT FOR 2016

MONTH	WEEKLY OFFERINGS	BUILDING FUND
2015		
SEPTEMBER	\$5604	\$301
OCTOBER	\$5648	\$283
NOVEMBER	\$6962	\$401
DECEMBER	\$5073	\$267
2016		
JANUARY	\$6387	\$284
FEBRUARY	\$5770	\$194
MARCH	\$7701	\$360
APRIL	\$4581	\$170
MAY	\$7795	\$348
JUNE	\$4524	\$243
JULY	\$5550	\$433
AUGUST	\$4739 (as of 8/21/16)	\$230
TOTALS	\$70,334	\$3,514

ADDITIONAL MONIES COLLECTED INCLUDED:

PRISON MINISTRY	\$652	INITIAL OFFERINGS	\$58
WEILER LOAN	\$528	CROP WALK	\$300
FOOD TRUCK	\$307	YARD SALE	\$1220
UNITY TENT	\$136	SENIORS DONATION	\$203
VETERANS OF CROSS	\$617	AFGAN	\$127
AA DONATION	\$125	COMPUTER GIFT	\$500
CHAIR LIFT	\$50	ONE GRT HR SHARE	\$304
VBS DONATIONS	\$1054	M.EDWARDS LOAN	\$10
OTHER MISSIONS	\$116	WMS FELLOWSHIP	\$12,079

RENOVATION LOAN INFORMATION: 11 MONTHS COLLECTIONS = \$20,334
LOAN VALUE EQUALS = \$28,380.29

EDWARD JONES INVESTMENT \$25,086.00

Respectfully Submitted: Gyl Hondorp and James Hohler

ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF AUGUST 10, 2016

Checking	\$726.35
Building Fund	\$512.85
Capital Improvement	\$200.00
Fund (Interest)	\$575.21

Respectfully Submitted, Julie King, Treasurer

Projected 2016-2017 Budget

#	CATEGORY	2015-2016	2016-2017	ADJUSTMENT
				plus or minus
100	PASTORAL	\$30,000.00	\$30,864.00	\$864.00
101	Salary	\$15,000.00	\$15,432.00	\$432.00
102	Housing Allowance	\$12,600.00	\$13,032.00	\$432.00
103	Gas Allowance	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	
	TOTAL	\$30,000.00	\$30,864.00	\$864.00
200	STAFF	\$14,900.00	\$15,100.00	\$200.00
201	Organist	\$3,300.00	\$2,400.00	-\$900.00
202	Custodian	\$4,500.00	\$4,000.00	-\$500.00
203	Secretary	\$5,000.00	\$6,500.00	\$1,500.00
205	FICA	\$2,100.00	\$2,200.00	\$100.00
	TOTAL	\$14,900.00	\$15,100.00	\$200.00
300	WORSHIP	\$4,800.00	\$4,600.00	-\$200.00
301	Pulpit Supply	\$900.00	\$900.00	
302	Supplies/celebrations	\$600.00	\$600.00	
303	Music	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	
304	Community Fund	\$300.00	\$100.00	-\$200.00
	TOTAL	\$4,800.00	\$4,600.00	-\$200.00
400	ADMINISTRATION	\$23,700.00	\$23,500.00	
401	Office Supplies	\$5,200.00	\$5,500.00	\$300.00
402	Church Maintenance	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	
403	Parsonage Maintenance	\$500.00	\$500.00	
404	Utilities	\$10,000.00	\$10,500.00	\$500.00
405	Ins./dues/OCWM	\$6,500.00	\$5,500.00	-\$1,000.00
	TOTAL	\$23,700.00	\$23,500.00	-\$200.00
500	CHRISTIAN ED	\$800.00	\$800.00	
700	NON-BUDGET	\$1,200.00	\$536.00	-\$664.00
800	IN/OUT			

Grand Totals	\$75,400.00	\$75,400.00
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The executive committee met July 11, 2016 to recommend this budget.

Memorial Committee Report

Our Memorial Committee received several gifts this year. They were given by church family & friends of Al Nienhuis, Myrtle Maddock, Dick Hillman, Ellen Baker, Lillian Smith, Mel Merriman & Vernon Beardslee. We were able to purchase air conditioning for our fellowship hall, a new banner, a photo of our church done by Jack Johnson & a digital hymnal. These new additions couldn't have been possible without the thoughtful memorial gifts we received. We miss our family & friends that passed away this year, but your memories remain in our hearts. Our committee would still appreciate any ideas for purchases to improve our church. Please contact any of our committee members with your suggestions. Pat Bucholtz, Chairperson, Gyl Hondorp, Marsha Anderson, Pat Rankin



MUSIC COMMITTEE REPORT

Our Sunday music schedule has had another change. Marcy no longer plays for us because of health issues. We want to thank her for the many years of playing piano. Her special technique will be missed. Verna Ritsema continues to play every other Sunday. James Tanis and Mike Boerman fill in on the other Sundays. We are so blessed to have so much wonderful talent to help us out.

The past year has brought many enjoyable talents to us; Gravel Ridge Band, The Narrow Road Band, and Lost Country Band, and so many people from our congregation. Their talents are so appreciated. A special thanks to James Tanis who continues to play piano and direct the choir.

We have purchased a digital hymnal that can play hundreds of songs. The hymnal was used during the July 17th service and very much enjoyed.

Committee members: Georgie Perkins, Chair, James Tanis, Verna Ritsema, Marcy Raak, Carol Taylor, Colleen Larsen, Maureen Hohler, Becky Scott, and Michelle Edwards.

Diaconate Committee

Maureen Hohler, Chairperson

Members: Maureen Hohler, Chairperson, Sheila Smith, Eileen Hamilton, Dorothy Jensen, James Hohler, Peggy Domine, Nancy Olsen, Tom Scott, Cecil Boyce, Gene Beardslee, and Marsha Anderson.

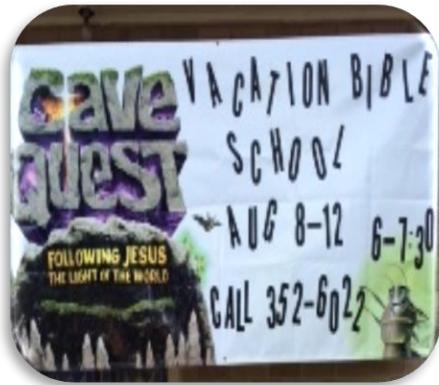
- At Christmas, our committee distributed one card, eleven gift bags and nine poinsettias to members of the community as well as some members of our church.
- We helped celebrate the high school graduation of two of our members. We purchased bibles and the names of the students were engraved on the cover.
- We made sure the sign-up sheets for both "soup suppers" (Advent and Lent) went around and were filled.
- The men of the committee prepared and served breakfast for Mother's Day and the women prepared and served strawberry short cake for Father's Day.
- While we did not have a Maundy Thursday service due to inclement weather, we had a service prepared.
- The committee members continue to visit with and deliver communion to those who cannot attend service.

A big thank you to Peggy Domine, who again this year, bought carnations for the women of the church for Mother's Day. Thank you to everyone who helps keep our church flowing with compassion, grace and love.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

This has been a year of new beginnings. God led us to begin ministering to children once again. Sunday school began in May. We have had the pleasure of teaching 6 children using Hands On Worship from Group Publishing. Cave Quest, our Vacation Bible School, happened the week of August 8. We had the joy of sharing with 12 precious children the wonderful, fun songs and lessons about following Jesus the Light of the World. We were blessed by 2 churches who shared their decorations with us and we were able to bless a church with decorations as well! I can't thank God, the volunteers, decorators, helpers, station leaders, church family, and parents enough for all the prayers, help, financial support, supplies, and other support for Vacation Bible School. Special recognition for our station leaders: Nan Riley, Marsha Andersen, Sue Kain, Garrison Rasmussen, Rosie Witt and for Bruce Weiler who has helped with decorating, un-decorating and playing a special role in the Deep Bible Quest station.



In September, our Wednesday night adult study group (6pm) will begin a new book, In the Grip of Grace by Max Lucado. Based on the book of Romans, we hope more of our church family will read the book along with us.

BOARD OF PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Members: Gene Beardslee, Bob Cross, Dr. Andy Padden, Tom and Becky Scott, Bruce Weiler, Elaine Rossman, and Ruth Boyce, Chairperson.

This year some brick work, painting and replacement of siding was needed at the parsonage and Bruce Weiler is now the new occupant and was able to do much of the work and maintenance.

Custom Caulking completed work on the original church surfaces, power washed and applied water repellent to all masonry surfaces. They also replaced brick and caulked windows, doors, louvers, and wood beans.

Griffith Builders installed new glazing on the five windows facing Fifth Street and on the two windows in the bell tower. They also gave the church a generous donation on the engineering of the projects.

K & A Painting scraped all loose paint and primed surfaces prior to caulking. They also painted the soffits, fascia, trim, windows, doors, and frames on the church. On the fellowship hall, they applied wood finish to the soffits, fascia, and cross. They also painted windows, hand railing, doors, and frames.

Kieff's Roofing repaired the flashing on the bell tower and roof repair.

The projects were expensive, but were much needed to preserve our building structures. We were able to obtain a loan from the Community First Federal Credit Union and the re-payment on the loan is progressing very well.

H & H Plumbing replaced our 1983 water heater and improved the kitchen drain. New magnetic hangers were placed on the kitchen cupboards.

Our committee helped with cleaning the fellowship hall. We also set up and assisted with a very successful indoor yard sale.

Thanks to all who have helped keep our church and fellowship hall in such good shape.

