



Christ United Methodist Church
2016 CHARGE CONFERENCE WORSHIP & AGENDA
Saturday, December 17, 2016 at 3:30pm
District Superintendent: Rev. Darneather Murph-Heath

Words of Welcome	<i>Richard Brooke</i>
Greeting and Call to Order	<i>Rev. Darneather Murph-Heath</i>
Gathering Song	<i>music leader: Peggy Literski</i>
Celebrating the Year in Ministry	
Video	<i>"Faith on a Wire"</i>
Scripture Lesson: Matthew 14:22-33	<i>Doug Literski</i>
Holy Conferencing	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How is your church like that boat out of water?• How could it be that Jesus is "out of the boat"? Meaning—how is it that Jesus is out walking in/on the chaos in your community or our world?• If the church of today is like those in the boat, what are your fears? In that context, how is Jesus telling you: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid"?• What would it take for you to get out of the boat and into your community to meet Jesus?• It says that Peter became afraid when he "noticed the strong wind," not the deep and churning sea beneath him. What are the strong winds that are prevailing against your boat/church that make you afraid?• What are the next steps this congregation can take? What are you going to do when you get on shore?	
Song	<i>music leader: Peggy Literski</i>
Business	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leadership Nominations and Election• Clergy Compensation• Ministry Recommendations• Additional Business requiring Church Conference decision	<i>Rev. Ronald Greene</i> <i>Gary Gruebnau</i> <i>Gary Gruebnau</i> <i>Gary Slagle</i>
Prayer	<i>Rev. Ronald Greene</i>
Closing	<i>Marty Himebaugh</i>
<i>Faith is to believe what we do not see;</i> And reward of this faith is to see what we believe. - St. Augustine <i>May we go forth to walk in faith, seeking to see all the possibilities that God sees.</i>	

The following 2016 membership information
is submitted by Michele Linner, Membership Secretary; December 17, 2016

Professing Members as of Church Conference 2015	163
Members added since 2015 Church Conference	+10

Profession of Faith	
(Connie Gustafson, Al Jones, Thelma Jones, Leanne Busko)	4
Transfers from Other UMC	6
(Carl Gustafson, Becky Lundell, Greg Lundell, Dick Hranac, Maylo Hranac, Linda Riggs)	
Transfers from Other Denominations	0

Members Removed since last church conference	-15
Death	2
Withdrawals	0
Transfer to Other Denominations	0
Transfer to Other UMC	2
Removed by previous Church Conference	11

How Members Removed: (W – withdrawn, D – death, X – transfer to other church)

Sue Choromokos D Nancy Reid D Renee Hofer X Kevin Hofer X

Removed at last Church Conference: Sarah Licata, Elaine Howard, Rod Howard , Dana Cook, Gill Giese, Christopher Giese, Tricia Ratajczak, Zach Hofer, Patton Hofer, Chris Kuhn, Heather Kuhn

Total Members	158
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Baptisms since 2016 Church Conference	0
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Moved/Inactive members who have not responded to status requests. **First** year of 2-year process.

Brianna Erdman	Allison Gilbert	Sierra Gilbert-Erdman	Brittany Palmer
Jessica Palmer	Ryan Palmer	Melodie Svihlik	Travis Wittmeyer

Finance Report

Submitted by Larry Fournier, 2016 Acting Finance Chair

At this point in time, the Finance Team consists of

- Larry Fournier, Treasurer
- Joe Greenwood, Finance Secretary
- Terence Agabin

And members via their CUMC roles...

- Deb Thomas, Ad Board Chair
- Gary Slagle, Lay Leader
- Ron Greene, Pastor

Needed/Required

- Chair Person
- Person to balance GF, DF & Pastor Discretionary Fund Account Check books
- Additional counters on Sunday mornings

The Finance team has not met in over 6 months. Out of necessity, I am currently balancing the check books and currently acting as Finance Chair. I know the Nominations Committee is working on getting more members for the Finance Team.

A financial audit is being completed by Dave Clark.

We had a rough Spring with the General Fund bank ending balance reaching \$918.74 at the end of April. All necessary bills are being paid, but not leaving any reserve in the checking account for our programs.

We have faithfully maintained sending 10% of our General Fund contributions to the Northern Illinois Conference which will pay approximately 68% of our \$22,308 apportionments by the end of 2016. These payments have been financed in the lean months by withdrawals from our UMF Fund account. No UMF funds have been used for this purpose since June.

Income for July-October has been improving and we have been able to meet our monthly bills, provide minimal funds for some of our programs and maintain a manageable bank balance.

I have begun writing a monthly Column "Behind the Curtain" as a communication device in an attempt to present our financial status and needs in a conversational type of explanation of what goes on in CUMC's financial world. (A large-print copy is on the Bulletin Board in the hallway).

Our proposed 2017 Budget is included in this 2016 Church Conference Booklet for approval at the October 27, 2016 Charge Conference.

2017 CUMC Budget

Notes:

- Not all 2017 data is available at this time. Budget will need to be “tweaked” once all 2017 numbers have been received.
- Note new “Expense Pool Category”... Amounts budgeted for committees are minimal amounts. As funds become available, they will be available for use from the Expense Pool for those areas requiring additional funds.

INCOME	AMOUNT
Contributions Received	158,025
Transfers	5,000
Other Income	3,607
TOTAL INCOME	166,632
EXPENSES	
STAFF PARISH	
Compensation & Benefits	104,490
Travel	900
Continuing Education	1,100
Other Expenses	250
Subtotal Staff Parish	106,740
TRUSTEES	
Church Facility	26,295
Parsonage	6,430
Subtotal Trustees	32,725
MINISTRY PROGRAMS	
Membership	300
Adult Spiritual Development	250
Children’s Education & VBS	650
Events	300
Worship	250
Subtotal Ministry Programs	1,750
GENERAL EXPENSES	
General Office Expense	1,200
Copier Expense	3,410
Computer Expenses	1,072
Advertising & Publicity	200
Conference Apportionments	16,000
Misc. Expenses	360
Bank & Finance Charges	675
Subtotal General expenses	22,917
Expense Pool	2,500
TOTAL EXPENSES	166,632

Christ UMC Leadership Team 2017

AD BOARD CHAIR – Richard Brooke

STAFF PARISH (members CANNOT roll back on immediately)

Evy Markowski – 2017
Gary Gruebnau – 2017
Amy Huibregtse - 2017
Lisa Greenwood – 2018
Sue Pedersen – 2019

TRUSTEES (members CAN roll back on immediately)

Jenny Heider – 2017
Larry Fournier – 2017
Kelley Williams – 2018
Alternate – Sam Williams – 2018
Bill Strother - 2019 –
Eric Linner – 2019

FINANCE CHAIR - TBA

Finance Team member – Linda Riggs
Financial Secretary – Joe Greenwood
Treasurer – Larry Fournier

LAY LEADER – Gary Slagle

LAY MEMBER TO ANNUAL CONF – Peg Literski

Lay Member to Annual Conf. Alt. – Kim Aupperle

Membership Secretary – Michele Linner

Recording Secretary – Evy Markowski

Leadership Development (Nominations)

Robin Deak – 2017
Sam Williams – 2018
Judy Baker – 2019

NUTURE MINISTRIES

Welcoming Ministry	Doug Literski, leader
Wed. AM Study & Spirituality	Pastor
Thurs. AM Study & Spirituality	Lisa Greenwood
Sat AM Men's Study	Gary Slagle
Membership Nurturing	Pastor – Chair
Stephen Ministers	Linda Mullen
Children's Ministries	Julie Kukreja
Youth	Chad Aupperle
Kitchen Committee	Janet Kleckner - Ashley Ward
Mature Methodists	Muriel Wright
Special Events	Michele Linner
Prayer Shawl	Katy Spooner

Christ United Methodist Church Leadership Team 2017—continued

OUTREACH AND WITNESS MINISTRIES

Missions	Bonnie Dodge, Maylo Hranac- Co-Chairs –
Web Ministry	Enrico Santoso
Public Relations	Elena Agabin
Bethlehem Marketplace	Janet Kleckner
Reconciling Ministries	Gary Gruebnau - Task Force Leader
Reconciling Ministries Task Force: Judy Baker, Cheryl Fournier, Janet Graf, Kareen Hernandez, Marty Himebaugh, Evy Markowski, Lyna Michel, Linda Mullen, Gary Slagle, Katy Spooner, Debbie Thomas	

WORSHIP AND WITNESS MINISTRIES

Worship Design Team Co-leaders: Peg Literski & Cheryl Fournier;

Members: Lisa Greenwood & Gary Gruebnau

Sound Team	Gary Slagle
Bell Choir	Janet Kleckner
Communion	Marty Himebaugh
Greeters/Ushers	Marty Himebaugh

Other Ministry Reports

Administrative Board Report for 2016 Church Conference

Submitted by Debbie Thomas, 2016 Administrative Board Chair

We have completed our enhancement project, which made changes to the appearance of the exterior and interior of the building. The canopy was completed, new tiles in the foyer, new furniture in the fellowship area, painting and a new counter top. We have a new patio and door to access it from the fellowship area. Our plantings are taking hold. We have a butterfly bush and stepping stone in the garden that is a memorial from a member who passed, Sue Chromokos. We have opened the patio for several social gatherings and have been able to enjoy God's gift of nature.

God's blessings are upon CUMC as we grow and change. With God as our Father, the possibilities are endless!

Children's Education

Submitted by Julie Kukreja, 2016 Children's Education Chair

Journeyland explorers (K-5th graders) studied the lectionary from Charles Kirkpatrick's *Sermons 4 Kids* and Group's 13-week *The Lord's Prayer* curriculum weekly. Every first Sunday, explorers joined their families for worship in the sanctuary.

During Easter a special one-day event was held open to the public called " Rise Up with Jesus." This was a one-day vacation-bible-style event focusing on the first Easter morning.

Vacation Bible School was held in July, theme of Surf Shack. Kids learned about God's Amazing Love. The program lasted a week with a closing celebration with families.

Mission Team

Submitted by Bonnie Dodge, 2016 Mission Team Co-Chair

Events included since last report submitted in Sept. of 2015:

Crop Walk – Oct. 2015 – Participated with three other area churches and collected \$4129.00 to benefit two local food pantries, PADS, and Church World Services.

Warm Ministry – Oct. 2015 thru April 2016 – Collected new gloves, scarves, hats and hand warmers that were donated to PADS - \$239.00 value

Home of the Sparrow (HOS) Giving Tree – Dec. 2015 – Collected Holliday presents for three HOS families.

Super Bowl Sunday – Feb 7, 2016 – collected 273 lbs. of non-perishable food worth approximately \$469.56 for the Algonquin/Lake in the Hills Food Pantry.

TLS Veterans – For the month of April 2016 we collected \$160.00 cash and miscellaneous grocery articles for the McHenry County Veterans Food Pantry.

Colonial Fundraiser - April 6, 2016 - \$133.17 was raised - \$126.39 for PADS and \$6.78 for the Algonquin/Lake in the Hill Food Pantry.

Panda Express Fundraiser – June 25, 2016 - \$118.00 was raised and proceeds were divided as follows: 25% to Sunday School Programs, 25% to Youth Ministry Program, and 50% to Family Ministry Outreach.

Culver's Fundraiser – July 25, 2016 - \$313.30 was raised for Imagine No Malaria.

Feed My Starving Children – Aug. 13, 2016 – 30 Volunteers helped pack 20,529 meals called Mana Packs, to be sent to countries in need.

School Supplies - Aug. 2016 - collected 850 various school supplies for the 2016 – 2017 school year at Perry School in Carpentersville.

Lake in the Hills Sunset Festival – Sept. 3 & 4 - Volunteered in Kid's Korner Tent helping children make God's Eyes and handed out shopping bags containing our church's brochures for community church awareness.

Bake Sale – Sept. 25, 2016 – raised \$416.00 for Imagine No Malaria.

"Get Your Can To Church" – Monthly collection of non-perishable food and cash to benefit Algonquin/Lake in the Hill Food Pantry - Oct. 2015 thru Aug. 2016 - 1308 lbs. of food with an estimated worth of \$2249.00 has been donated. Cash donations for that period were \$370.00.

Imagine No Malaria – Thru various fundraisers since we set a goal of \$7500.00 in 2014, we have raised a total of \$6150.57.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Submitted by Katy Spooner, 2016 Secretary

Helping Hands is the Prayer Shawl Ministry at Christ United Methodist Church in Algonquin, Illinois. We provide handmade shawls, cross stitch bookmarks and prayer boxes that have been prayed over by our group. Upon request, these are presented to family members, friends and neighbors in our Community during challenging times in their lives.

In 2016 we have given 20 prayer shawls, 11 of those were donated to Advocate Sherman Hospital in Elgin.

We make cross-stitched crosses as book marks to give out to various people in need. We have also given out care boxes, which contain small wrapped gifts with biblical sayings to open daily during a difficult time. Prayer boxes constructed by our members are offered to new members and those visiting our church. Informational (pamphlets) on our group were given out at the Lake in The Hills (IL) Sunset Festival on September 4, 2016, and a pamphlet is included with each shawl.

Prayer Shawl Ministry—continued

We meet on the second Monday of each month except in July and December. We generally have 8 or more women attend as we conduct our meeting, work on projects and enjoy coffee and treats. We collect a voluntary donation from each member and a portion of that money is donated to various church ministries.

Ours is a special ministry that offers the opportunity to meet and help other people who are suffering and need God's healing touch. If you are interested in crocheting, knitting or cross stitching, we would welcome anyone to join us. We will be happy to help you get started. The love of this church is far reaching and the Christ United Methodist Church flame shines around the world through the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Special Events Committee

submitted by Michele Linner, 2016 Special Events chair

This Ministry team's purpose is to plan free or low-priced fellowship events for church members and their friends. We have planned and implemented a number of events this year and have a few planned for the remainder of the year. We continue to work with other committees/ministries when needed

2016 Events planned and implemented:

- Planned Mardi Gras Fellowship Time Sunday, February 7th (around 40 people attended)
- Planned Fen Walk on Sunday, May 15th (5 people attended)
- Organized and set up for Summer Picnic on Sunday, August 14th (around 55 people attended)
- Planned Hayride on October 1st (cancelled due to weather)
- Organized and set up for Pastor Appreciation Potluck on Sunday, October 23rd (postponed)

Coming events for Fall/Winter 2016:

- Joyful Ringers Concert [December 11th] Free Concert by our own Bell Choir, the Joyful Ringers
- Cocoa and Carols [date TBD] Caroling to home-bound members with cookies and cocoa following.

Coming events for Winter 2016/Spring 2017:

- Game Night [February or March TBD] Free game night for all members and their guests.
- Family Craft or Hobby Night [date TBD] Learn a craft or bring one to work on. Cost TBD.
- Spring Fen Walk [date TBD]

For 2017 we have asked for a \$250 budget to help keep the cost of events down for members and their friends.

Stephen Ministry

Submitted by Linda Mullen, 2016 Stephen Leader

Stephen Ministry is an important part of the life of Christ UMC. A commissioned Stephen Minister is available to walk one-on-one with a person who is going through a difficult time. The most important element of being a Stephen Minister is confidentiality. This gives Care Receivers a safe environment to discuss personal details of their situations, as they receive emotional and spiritual support.

This year we welcomed two new Stephen Ministers to this team! In order to do this they completed the required home study and approximately 50 classroom hours, including discussion, role playing and a lot of prayer. We now have 10 Stephen Ministers available to members of our congregation and even into the community. Each month we meet for continuing education and peer supervision. The parameters of the supervision are set forth by the Stephen Ministry founders and are designed to protect the confidentiality of every Care Receiver.

Stephen Ministry—continued

If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister, would like to have one or have questions about this ministry, please contact Pastor Ron or Linda Mullen.

A common reaction is that we all feel that we are so privileged to be able to serve in this way. Stephen Ministers know that we are the care givers, providing support, not answers. God is the cure-giver and we rely on Him for guidance, hope and love.

Report of the Clergy

Pastor's Report

Submitted by Pastor Ronald Greene

From my perspective Algonquin Christ UMC Church is strong and vibrant in the core spiritual gifts. Ongoing conversations and possible retreats could address some of the limitations and frustrations that we continue struggling with. CUMC's growth in new membership and leadership is gradual at present, but it is real, and it promises to remain steady.

I am blessed to work directly with CUMC's large group of Stephen Ministers, with the Wednesday morning spiritual reading group, with the Thursday morning women's Bible study, and with the Saturday morning men's study group. This year I also added a Tuesday-evening Lectionary study with an average of 6 to 12 well-motivated laity. I have also begun meeting with and working more closely with our 4 gifted Lay Servants and with our youth group, especially our 3 confirmation-age youth.

I make, on average, two pastoral visits per week within the congregation. And often these visits extend to non-members in need of care. I am grateful to the laity who have helped facilitate these visits.

Beyond the local church:

- I join with CUMC's Reconciling Task Force to work with the NIC Reconciling Ministries Network.
- I have re-initiated the gathering of our UMC clergy cluster (Central Cluster of the Elgin District).
- I have begun working with FaithBridge, the McHenry County interfaith organization, as well as with the ecumenical McHenry County Clergy Gathering. I have invited the latter group to hold their January 2017 lunch meeting here at CUMC.

I am blessed to work with our dedicated and capable laity and church secretary/administrative assistant in administering the temporal affairs of the congregation.

This pastor's program of continuing education and spiritual growth for the past year has included

- ◆ "Faith In the Public Square: Becoming the Prophetic, Pastoral and Political Church" - 9/ 24/2016
- ◆ "Substance Abuse and Recovery Symposium" - College of Dupage – 9/9/2016
- ◆ Order of Elders at Barrington UMC on – 1/19/ 2016
- ◆ People in Need Forum at McHenry County College - 1/30/2016
- ◆ personal study via Luther Seminary (St. Paul) podcasts, and readings from Crossan and Borg

One of my specific goals for the coming year is to take part in more specific training in the area of Contemporary Worship Leadership. I am hopeful that such training can be found and shared as a refresher course with CUMC's worship leadership team.

This report is submitted, trusting in the faithfully refreshing presence of the Holy Spirit.

Ron Greene