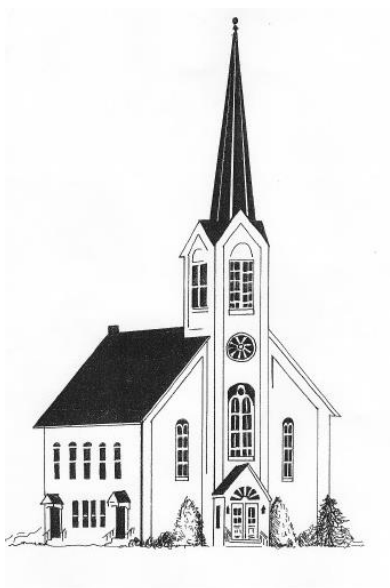


# CHESTNUT HILL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## ANNUAL CHURCH REPORTS

2020



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## PASTOR'S REPORT:

Greetings to All!

WE MADE IT!!! We can honestly say that we survived COVID-19, despite it being an ongoing pandemic. We are truly blessed in this family of faith with all those who continued to support our ministry and life together!!! To say that 2020 was a challenging year, I think, would be a serious understatement. Yet, despite it all, we made it through and can say that we are stronger despite it.

One of the things that impresses me the most is the faithfulness we all share in prayer and love toward one another. 2020 presented opportunities for our prayer ministry to grow and grow it did. The other thing that we have learned together is that prayer truly does change everything.

I know that this year brought much fatigue and much change, none of which we asked for or desired. I also believe that God might be telling us in this fast-paced world in which we live that we sometimes need to slow down and enjoy the time we have been given. For me, this was a general theme for 2020. I looked for ways to develop and grow in my walk with God. While I have not necessarily found new or exciting ways to connect, I have found that it is really important to stay connected and look for ways that it can be achieved.

I also have discovered that being together is something that we all need. I know this has been a challenge but despite the challenge, when we were together physically at the end of the summer, I found that I appreciated that time more than I ever knew was possible.

As we move through 2021, I continue to pray for guidance from the Spirit as to how to achieve all that God calls us to do in a virtual world. We have the wisdom and capability to do so, it is just a matter of how to achieve what God calls us to do. I am also looking forward to the time when we gather together physically and when we can, all the hope that comes in knowing we are in this together (sorry for the reference to words that are becoming overused), but it is true. We are truly in this together and we can achieve so much when we stand together as we have in the last 12 months.

May God continue to bless us with wisdom, perseverance, and strength!

Pastor Christian

## Pastor Christian's 2020 Time and Visitation Report

### Visitation Log:

Type of Visit:	Number of Occurrences:
In Office	62
Over phone or via email	42
Hospital Visits	7
Nursing Home	1
Physical Home Visitations	3
Counseling Sessions	2
Visits with Communion Served	0
<b>Total visits, meetings, and counseling sessions:</b>	<b>117</b>

### Task Report:

Task	Time Invested	# of Instances
Bulletins Prepared	328.25	73
Sermons Prepared	231.50	61
Services Conducted	202.75	61
New Member & Pre-marital Prep	6.75	3
Administrative Duties	274.50	117
Bible Study Prep and Sessions	7.50	6
Meetings for Conference	20.50	10
Meetings for Church Business	103.75	75
Report Preparation	19.50	12
Visitations	50.50	117
Special Activities	30.00	21
Personal Study	13.75	13
Holiday/Vacation/Sick Time	150.00	11
Compensated Time Off	21.00	3
Other activities	4.75	5
<b>Total Hours &amp; Tasks Completed</b>	<b>1,465.00</b>	<b>588</b>
<b>Average Hours per week (52 Weeks)</b>	<b>28</b>	

**CHESTNUT HILL CHURCH PASTOR’S REPORT OF WORSHIP SERVICE ACTIVITIES:**

Please note that this table does not include all, or only statistics for Chestnut Hill Church members. For instance, under Funerals, there is a funeral conducted by our pastor for members outside of the church and some who may not be buried in the Chestnut Hill Union Cemetery, but rather we participated in those services through the ministry of Pastor Christian.

<b><u>TASK:</u></b>	<b><u>DATE:</u></b>	<b><u>NUMBER OF INSTANCES:</u></b>
<b>WORSHIP SERVICES:</b>		
<b>SUNDAY SERVICES</b>		49
<b>FUNERALS:</b>		5
<b>MARY (MAITZ) TRINKLE</b>	April 30	
<b>FLORENCE A. (RINKER) CORDES</b>	May 22	
<b>DOROTY SARTORI</b>	July 9	
<b>LUCILLE L. YOUNG</b>	November 5	
<b>TAMMY A. FRAZIER</b>	December 30	
<b>WEDDINGS PERFORMED</b>		1
<b>KAYLA M. MICHAEL &amp; MARK C. HEINTZELMAN</b>	October 10	
<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>		1
<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>		1
<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>		1
<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>		2
<b>OTHER:</b>		
<b>NEW MEMBERS ADMITTED:</b>		0
<b>NONE IN 2020 DUE TO COVID-19</b>		

**CHESTNUT HILL CHURCH  
ANNUAL SELF EVALUATION FOR PASTOR  
for the year 2020**

Name: Pastor Christian Creyer

Required Training:

    Date of last Boundary Training: *January 29, 2020*

    Date of last Cultural Awareness Training *Scheduled for 2021*

    Date of last Anti-Racism Training: *May 26, 2020*

*All clergy (except retired no longer serving as supply) are required to attend each of these training sessions every three (3) years to maintain standing in PNEC.*

**Required Continuing Education:** *to maintain standing, Pastor Christian must complete 25 hours of continuing education each year. Pastor Christian completed a total of 39 ½ hours of continuing education in the following:*

- 1) Community of Practice Group – monthly, Pastor meets with 4 other pastors across the denomination who also serve as Associate Conference Ministers within their Conferences. This is a group that discusses challenges and joys of being a Pastor and serving at the Conference level. It is a collegial group for support and conversation.*
- 2) Book Study – “Forgiveness: A Lenten Bible Study”*
- 3) Authorizing Ministry in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (AM21) – multiple online webinars*

**Please list any committees, boards, agencies, etc. of the Conference, or any setting of the United Church of Christ on which you served during the past year.**

2021 Delegate to General Synod

Search and Call Associate for the Penn Northeast Conference

**Conference required meetings attended:**

PNEC Fall Conference Meeting (November 2020)

**Based on *The Marks of Faithful and Effective Authorized Ministers of the United Church of Christ*, rate yourself on each category. For any ratings of 1, please provide a plan for improving the rating in the upcoming year (Goals for 2021).**

**Comments**

In general, I will not give myself more than a 2 as we are all works in progress and should always be looking for ways to improve our walk of faith. 2020 was a challenging year for all of us. In 2020, we saw many transitions in our paid staff, in the advent of COVID-19, and trying to stay connected despite being “locked” in our homes for the entire summer. I continue to look at ways to improve my walk with God and to find ways that I can further our mission as Christ’s church in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

**Accomplishments**

We worked our way through hiring and training 5 new employees.

Established a Care Team to stay connected to folks

Established and implemented a new way of worship (virtual, first through Facebook and then Faithlife TV)

**Challenges:**

Once again, time limitations imposed multiple restrictions on certain activities (visitation being the key)

COVID-19 caused many challenges for us all. COVID-19 fatigue has set in and continues to leave its mark on my mental health. I continue to look for ways to connect and stay connected to our members.

Several folks have expressed an interest in becoming members of the congregation, it is a challenge to admit new members with not being able to be physically present in the church to do so.

**Pick two MARKS to work on for 2021**

1. **Exhibiting a Spiritual Foundation and Ongoing Spiritual Practice – Praying actively and nurturing spiritual practices**
2. **Working Together for Justice and Mercy – Drawing on the ministry of Jesus Christ to confront injustice and oppression**
3. **Caring for all creation – Attending to one’s own spiritual and pastoral care, including engagement in supervision as appropriate**

**Explain why you choose these?**

1. In addition to number 3, these marks truly speak to my goals for 2021. I continue to need to focus on my Spiritual growth and development. I need to be able to have some time for Stephanie and my family. As a pastor, if I am not tending to my spiritual needs and growth, I cannot effectively minister to other's needs and spiritual growth. I am working on ways that I can stay connected to all and to God in my own spiritual walk.
2. One of the ways that we can work toward justice and mercy for all is to become a Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, and Engaged (WISE) congregation. We have already expressed a desire to support those living with mental health issues and as such, this would be a next logical step for us. It is a process that needs to be prayed upon and explored before we commit to the process of being certified a WISE congregation. We already do several of the requirements, however there is still a process and a vote of the congregation that must happen.
3. See #1 above

**OTHER COMMENTS:**

**Congregational Review:**

1. Over the last year, amid all that has changed, I am encouraged by the growth, health, and spirit of our family of faith. We continue to grow closer to God and one another.
2. Divisions that have been noted in the past are diminishing and there is a renewed spirit amongst our members.
3. There are many things that we need to accomplish going forward and as long as we continue to come together and work together, we will continue to grow stronger and become what God is calling us to be and do in this world.

**Goals for the upcoming year:**

1. Continue to develop ways to connect with the congregation as we move through winter and spring. Now that we have moved into another time of

shutdown related to COVID-19 and it is happening around the holidays, we will need to stay connected even more.

2. Continue to meet with the Missions Team to develop ways that the congregation can become involved in community outreach. As we move through winter and spring, the work the Vitality Team did over the last few years is going to become extremely important. The surveys performed in 2019 will help us to begin reaching out in ways that are meaningful and important to the congregation.
3. Begin meeting with the Vitality Team to continue the work begun in 2018/2019 to find more ways or more directed ways that the congregation desires to be involved in Missions.
4. Begin the process of becoming a WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, Engaged) congregation. With people being forced to be inside more, there is a distinct need to address concerns of Mental Health in our community (both the congregation and beyond). With all that has happened in the last year, this may become more of a priority for us to reach those dealing with Mental Health Issues.

## STATISTICAL DATA REPORT:

<b>Deceased Members</b>	3
Florence Cordes	
Lucille Young	
Tammy Frazier	

<b>New Members</b>	None this Year due to COVID
<b>Confirmation</b>	None this Year
<b>Baptism</b>	None this Year
<b>Marriage</b>	None this Year

	<b>Summer Only</b>	
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
Overall Average Attendance	36	39
	<b>VIRTUAL</b>	<b>PHYSICAL</b>
Change in worship related to COVID-19	39	37

*(Statistics continued, next page ...)*



<b>Membership:</b>	<b>As of, December 31, 2019</b>	<b>285</b>
	Received by Affirmation	0
	Received by Confirmation	
	Removed by Death	3
	Removed by Transfer	1
	Removed by Request	
	Removed by Council	
<b>Membership:</b>	<b>December 31, 2020</b>	<b>281</b>

## COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

2020 Members: Kim Burns (President), Cindy Buchter (Vice President), Joan Slota (Secretary), Robin Shedlauskas, Debbie Koder, Ken Debus, Harry Rupp, Heather Clark, Pennie Hoofman

Outgoing Members: Kim Burns, Pennie Hoofman

What a different, frightening, challenging, innovative and reflective year 2020 was!

Most of our meetings were held virtually this year due to COVID and the Church being closed. Many of our meetings were spent discussing whether to close the church, re-open the church, close the church again, and how to do all of this as safely and smoothly as possible. As the safety of our members was a priority, we did not take this task lightly.

Even though most teams were not meeting as usual, we still received updates from many teams, reviewed Pastor’s time and visitation reports and worship-related items and any new business. We continue to work on finishing the Policies and Procedures for all of the Teams at Chestnut Hill Church, which will conclude the Constitution and Bylaws work completed in 2019.

A Town Hall was held in early December and the 2021 budget was approved. I am grateful that Chestnut Hill Church managed to survive 2020 relatively unharmed financially. What a blessing!

As always, the governing body of Chestnut Hill Church is all the members of its Congregation. Without you, we would not be able to accomplish what we do in the name of Jesus Christ. Thank you to everyone, especially our leaders and volunteers.

Thank you, 2020 Chestnut Hill Church Council

## MUSIC MINISTRY REPORT:

It's hard to believe my first year at Chestnut Hill UCC has come to a close! It has certainly been an interesting year.

**WORSHIP:** I have enjoyed recording piano preludes, hymns, and contemporary Christian songs to complement worship services while we are virtual. It was wonderful to be in person with many of you for several months this year, even masked and with one hymn. I am eagerly awaiting the day when we can be together again.

**CONGREGATION:** One of my first impressions of CHC this year was how beautiful and full the hymn singing always is. This year we have explored learning new hymns, especially while we are not in person together, and sang familiar hymns.

**MUSIC MINISTRY:** Although we are not able to sing together at this time, it is my hope to include more members of the congregation musically in the future. This could happen virtually through audio/video recordings as well! If you have any interest in participating in any way, please email me at [e.dickson@chcucc.org](mailto:e.dickson@chcucc.org).

Thank you all for the kindness you have shown me. I truly feel like I am a part of the CHC community and family. It is such a joy to worship together in song.

“My Heart, O God, is steadfast; I will sing and make music with all my soul.”  
Psalm 108:1 NIV

Respectfully submitted, Erica

## DIRECTOR OF HANDBELL CHOIR/CHILDREN'S CHOIR REPORT:

### CHILDREN'S CHOIR REPORT:

The children continued to listen to, play, and sing songs from our Sunday School curriculum, relating to the topic of the week. They also practice on the handchimes or sing songs for various times of the year.

The children were in the process of preparing a Palm Sunday program in the beginning of the year. However, due to the pandemic the church closed. In the Fall, we were then able to meet and rehearse a few songs for them to perform for the virtual church services as

well. We audio recorded them this year and Heather Lippincott edited the recordings. It was great to see their confidence level this year with their singing.

For the virtual Christmas Eve service Brynn sang a solo, "Mary Did You Know". She also sang "Light of the World" for the following Sunday's virtual service to which Heather Lippincott accompanied her on the piano for both pieces. Kyle Clark recorded a beautiful arrangement on the guitar of "Silent Night" which was used for the Christmas Eve virtual service.

Thank you for the continued support from our families and congregation.

### **CONTEMPORARY GROUP REPORT:**

This year due to the pandemic, the Contemporary Music Group was unable to meet. We hope to resume sometime in the Fall. If anyone is interested in joining our group, please feel free to contact me.

### **ADULT HANDBELL CHOIR REPORT:**

The adult Handbell Choir Members typically attend weekly rehearsals on Wednesday evenings. The handbell choir normally performs throughout the year for church services. This year was very different. Both the handbells and hand chimes were able to be refurbished. A very special thank you to the Hoff Endowment for funding these much needed and necessary repairs. The bell choir then ceased in-person practices in March due to the pandemic. The members were in the process of preparing pieces for Palm Sunday on the hand chimes. We resumed with a few small group, in-person, rehearsals in the Fall. Services were being done virtually at this time, so we spent many hours practicing and recording our pieces. I then had many hours editing the audio recordings in preparation for the virtual church services.

For the virtual Christmas Eve service, we audio recorded these pieces on the handbells and played "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" as well as "Christmas Carol Medley" which consisted of segments of familiar Christmas carols so the congregation could sing along at home or simply just listen and enjoy.

The members of the handbell choir for 2020 were Kim Burns, Pastor Christian and Stephanie Creyer, Helene and Larry Endy, Leigh Hansen, Bill Lippincott, and Joan Slota. Thank you to Kyle Clark and Debbie Wagstaff for their willingness to substitute for us as needed. The time and effort of all our members are greatly appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted, Heather Lippincott, Director

## **WORSHIP AND MUSIC PLANNING TEAM REPORT:**

Members: Music Director, Erica Dickson; Handbell/Children's Choir Director, Heather Lippincott; and Pastor Christian

2020 brought us many changes to how we worship. The Worship Planning Team began meeting in the Spring with plans for our Lenten journey. And then COVID-19 caused the closure of the church for more than 4 months. Throughout this time, the Team continued to meet virtually to plan and discuss upcoming worship services and special music. Despite not being able to physically worship for the majority of the year, the Worship Planning Team worked very hard to produce worship services that were meaningful and to help us all stay connected to God. In 2021, look for more special services and continued virtual worship even after we begin to gather physically once again.

Respectfully submitted, Pastor Christian

## **WORSHIP DECORATING TEAM REPORT:**

In 2019, a small group of folks came together to beautify our worship space. This group includes Helene Endy, Ken Debus, Heather Lippincott, Lorraine Kahler, Stephanie Creyer, and Pastor Christian. Until COVID-19 closed the church, we met about once a quarter to discuss upcoming special services and how to keep the sanctuary looking fresh in each season. In 2021, we are hoping to get back to our regular meetings and ways that we can make our space visually appealing as well as connecting us to the worship service. We are always open to new ideas and thoughts, if you have an idea or would like to join the group, please see Pastor Christian.

Respectfully submitted, Pastor Christian

## **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT:**

During Sunday School the children listen to and discuss a Bible story, read verses from the Bible, and participate in age-appropriate activities designed to reach kids using a variety of learning styles. These activities help the kids connect what they've learned to their lives.

In February, the Sunday School children enjoyed the Sunday School's Tenth Annual Movie night get together. This year they watched the movie, "Bee Movie" which coincided with our discussion of the Beatitudes. Popcorn, juice boxes, and other treats were enjoyed by all. Brynn and her friends helped to prepare the food and with clean up.

The Sunday School Spring Mission Project was collecting items for the animal shelter. This year we again collected our items to be donated to the Upper Bucks SPCA. This coincided with Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month. The Sunday School children and adults would like to thank the congregation for their generous donations. Due to COVID, we were not able to deliver the items right away. Heather and Bill Lippincott made an appointment and were able to drop the items off in late summer.

Our church was able to participate again this year in the Holiday Hope Chests program sending a record of 42 shoeboxes. Ours were part of the 8,040 shoeboxes that were donated to the 44 nonprofits here in the Lehigh Valley. The Sunday School children packed all of the boxes, as they always do. Thank you very much to those of you who were able to donate supplies for the shoeboxes. A huge thank you to Helene Endy for wrapping all of the tops and bottoms of all the shoeboxes this year with holiday paper. The Holiday Hope Chests program brings "happiness in a shoebox" to so many youth in our community. The need was especially great this year, and we are always happy to do what we can.

As we all know, this year looked very different. Due to our restrictions, in late March Heather Lippincott began meeting virtually with the Sunday School children. Throughout the months they also had special virtual nights playing games, cooking together (with Brynn demonstrating), and having at home scavenger hunts. They also continued to listen to and sing some songs together.

Heather also met with the children to practice and record their Christmas story skit. This year was a favorite by all of us. The theme sure fits life as it is right now but still telling the story. "A Socially Distant Christmas", was actually recorded both in person and online! In addition to the practicing and editing of the audio recordings, she spent many days learning and video editing their performance. They also provided familiar holiday songs for the skit.

What started as a small idea by Heather Lippincott for the Sunday School children to place wreaths on our veterans' graves at Christmas due to the pandemic, flourished into a Wreaths Across America event here at Chestnut Hill Church. This nationwide event to honor our veterans is celebrated every December before Christmas to "Remember, Honor, and Teach". We were very fortunate to be able to place close to 150 wreaths in our cemetery. It was an honor to have a Major General for our guest speaker. Thank you

to the small group of parents, Sunday School children, Scouts, and church members who took part and for helping to place the wreaths at the veteran gravesites. A very special thank you goes to the Hoff Endowment for providing the funding for all the wreaths that were laid in the cemetery. Thank you to Pastor Christian for providing a prayer and blessing. Thank you to Kyle Clark for running the sound system that day. Thank you to Brynn Clark for all of the hours walking the cemetery with Heather Lippincott many times. We wanted to be sure that all of our veterans were recognized. We appreciate your understanding that due to COVID we weren't able to make this a huge public event. It is our hope that this will be an annual event and that everyone will be able to be invited to attend next year.

Thank you to the families of our Sunday School children and congregation for their continued support.

Sunday School Coordinators, Heather Lippincott and Helene Endy

## PERSONNEL TEAM REPORT:

This year was indeed a challenging one, given the COVID-19 Pandemic, and its impact on everyone.

All new staff in the positions of Secretary/Jessica Yaich, Treasurer/David Mitchell, Sexton/Sandy Eckhart, and Music Director/Erica Dickson started their tenure with Chestnut Hill Church beginning in January 2020, while Hand Bell/Children's Choir Director/Heather Lippincott, continued on in this position.

During this time of staff transition, the COVID-19 Pandemic hit at the beginning of March 2020, necessitating Chestnut Hill Church's staff members and Pastor remain flexible and fluid with completion of job tasks and responsibilities. Throughout, there was no lapse in staff coverage with all job responsibilities and duties continuing to be performed, albeit in maybe different ways and formats. A staff transition took place in October, after David Mitchell, Treasurer left his position in August and it was filled with the hiring of Karen Billger in October.

Staff evaluations were completed by the Pastor with a member of the Personnel Team also present. An evaluation for Karen Billger will be conducted in the fall 2021, as she had just begun her position in October 2020.

The Personnel Team requested congregation input in the evaluation of Pastor Christian and did so via two modes: a paper survey and an electronic one through Survey Monkey. A Total of 36 responses were received and a synopsis of the results was included in the Church newsletter. A copy of this same information also follows at the end of this report.

The Personnel Team was also involved in the creation and disbursement of a Christmas letter to all members of the Congregation allowing for parishioner contribution toward a Christmas gift for Pastor, if they chose to do so.

During the course of the year, the Personnel Team also experienced changes with Heather Clark leaving the team. Her input and dedication to the workings of this team have been greatly appreciated. The Personnel Team was blessed to have her involvement.

Looking ahead into 2021, the Personnel Team will continue with oversight of Personnel issues of all staff members and Pastor Christian. We welcome any and all input from congregation members.

Team Members: Kim Ruppel, Heather Clark, Robin Shedlauskas, Cindy Buchter

**Annual Evaluation for Pastor Christian Creyer- 2020 Results**

A survey covering eight categories of ministry was adapted from *The Marks of Faithful and Effective Authorized Ministries of the Church of Christ*. A ninth category was added which focused solely on how Pastor Christian responded to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

A total of 36 surveys were completed. Each category could be scored with only one ranking with the given choices: 3=above average or outstanding; 2=average or satisfactory; 1=below average or needs improvement. Twenty surveys were completed via Survey Monkey and 16\* completed via paper copy.

Category	3	2	1	Weighted Average
Exhibits Spiritual Foundation	28	7	1	2.8/3 = 93%
Nurturing UCC Identity	27	7	2	2.7/3 = 90%
Building Leadership Skills	29	5	2	2.8/3 = 93%

Engaging in Sacred Stories and Traditions	27	7	2	2.7/3 = 90%
Caring for Creation	32	2	2	2.8/3 = 93%
Applies Theology***	28	7	0	2.7/3 = 90%
Working Together for Justice and Mercy	27	8	1	2.7/3 = 90%
Strengthening Intra/Inter Personal Assets	27	7	2	2.7/3 = 90%
Responsiveness to COVID-19	31	4	1	2.8/3 = 93%

\*\*\*One respondent left this question blank – not scored.

**Results of Comments Received:**

Out of the 16 paper survey results:

- 9 had no comments
- 1 listed one negative comment
- 4 surveys each had one positive comment listed

Out of the 20 Survey Monkey results:

- 15 had no comments
- 1 survey listed 5 negative comments, one for each of 5 different categories
- 1 survey listed 4 positive comments, one for each of 4 different categories
- 1 survey listed 3 positive comments, one each for 3 different categories
- 1 survey listed both a positive and negative comment, each in a different category
- 3 surveys each listed one positive comment

\*One individual did not participate in the survey but did send in a written positive comment regarding Pastor’s performance over the past year.



## STEWARDSHIP AND FUNDRAISING TEAM REPORT:

**We would like to again, thank all our members and their family and friends for their support over the last year.**

**YARD SALE/ BAKE SALE** - October 3, WAS to be our annual Yard/Bake Sale and Free Recycling Program, but due to COVID-19 this was cancelled, (as were most of our public fundraisers for the year). However, Debbie decided to sell some items remaining from the 2019 Yard Sale on Facebook Market Place and **made a total profit of \$ 400.00 !** The 3 sold items were: Hallmark Peanuts Band 2015, Hallmark Peanuts Band 2011, 1950 Merry Go Round toy. **Here is to hoping the annual yard sale can return Saturday Oct. 2, 2021 with all the good stuff – items for sale, baked goods, food and the FREE electronic recycling program!**

**INK CARTRIDGE RECYCLING** - Our ink jet cartridge recycling program at Staples allowed us to recycle ALL types of cartridges. We earn \$2.00 per cartridge. These cartridges would have normally gone to the landfills! Please remember, we will gladly accept small or large ink cartridges, just put them in the box in the lower narthex or speak with Debbie or Jessica Yaich, Secretary to arrange a drop off time and location. The money earned helps to pay for more office supplies and more printer cartridges. When you consider all the bulletins, newsletters and COVID-19 update letters that have been printed for the church this year, these small donations can help in a big way, in 2020 the estimated **Total Profit was around \$ 200.00.** Keep 'em coming...

**The Lower Milford Festival** in September was also cancelled this year due to COVID-19, but we hope to return in 2021, and we hope to see you there!

**GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER** - Our Christmas gift card fundraiser sold \$ 13,950.00 in Gift Cards, which earned us a **Total Profit of \$ 817.25 in Gift Card Sales!** This money will be used towards our fuel bill. Thank you to everyone who placed an order for the gift cards. This will return again in October 2021.

**THRIVENT CHOICE PROGRAM - Total Profit of \$ 2,019.00** The Thrivent Choice Program is a member-advised program that allows eligible members to recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes part of its charitable outreach funds each year. When eligible

Thrivent Financial members direct Choice Dollars to Chestnut Hill Church in a particular month, Thrivent Financial reviews the recommendation and makes an electronic deposit into our account. Those funds may be used to carry out the religious, charitable or educational purposes without restriction. If you are a member of Thrivent Choice and would like to make your choice dollars work for the church, please make sure to select Chestnut Hill Church from the online catalog and help us to build up funds through this program.

**AMAZON SMILE** - For all our Amazon shoppers, if you register your Amazon account under smile.amazon.com and list Chestnut Hill Church as your charity, we earn .05% of sales into our checking account, (that is free money for the church)! For 2020, we earned a **Total Profit of \$ 246.32** from our Smile Account, so keep shopping and smile!!

Thank you to all our volunteers! And remember, we are always looking for more volunteers!! We would love to see some new faces join us and make 2021 even better!

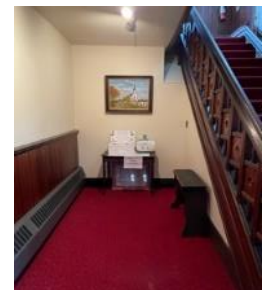
**TOTAL FUNDRAISED PROFIT for 2020 was \$3,482.57 and when including the \$200.00 for office supplies EQUALS \$ 3,682.57**

Sincerely, Debbie Koder

## TRUSTEES REPORT:

Below are some of the started, finished, and ongoing projects that occurred in 2020, followed by a list of projects that are being considered for completion in the future.

1. We are at the halfway mark with our goal for funding our new Fellowship Hall floor. Estimate is \$12,640.00. We are looking at a product called Fusion, which is high traffic flooring, the color of interest is Barnyard. Our current floor has asbestos glue, so we cannot remove the flooring. The new floor will be laid over the old one.
2. Several small inside projects were completed in the Spring of 2020 including improvements to the church narthex; the front lower narthex wall was painted, a church picture (a painting of our church) donated by Lorraine and Doug Kahler was hung, and new baseboards were stained and installed.\*\*\*



3. Additional small inside projects completed - In the back hallway by the administrative office; new baseboards were stained and installed, trim was painted, and the old outside entrance with the glass windows overhang was sanded and painted. The accordion doors in the fellowship hall were also cleaned and look like new again. \*\*\*

Before:

After:

Accordion Doors Cleaned:



4. Our smelly, messy Chestnut Trees were removed. Now there will be no more worrying about people tripping or falling from the dropped chestnuts and there is no longer a risk of a tree branch hitting the sanctuary windows. \*\*\*

Before:

After:

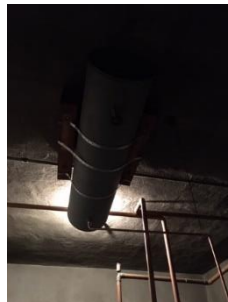
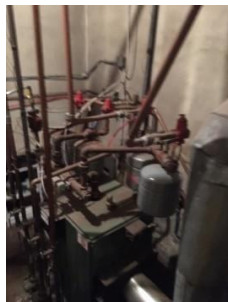


\*\*\*These above repairs and projects were completed at NO cost to the congregation thanks to trustee and church member donations of time/ labor and supplies.

5. Our furnace was leaking water and not holding pressure. This was the result of all four of our bladder tanks having slow leaks. The most economical and long-term solution for repair was to replace all four bladder tanks with one large tank. The cost of this project was \$1,500.00 and was completed by Walker Fuels.

Before:

After:

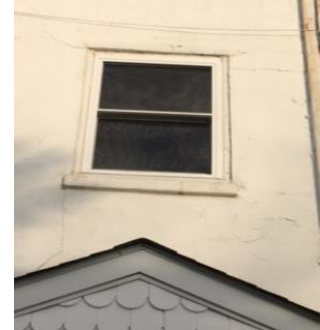


6. Our church road sign on Limeport Pike was vandalized. Horizon cleaned the sign at a cost of \$250.00, but they did not get the sign totally clean. Dave Shelly (non-member) who drives by the sign, inquired about cleaning the sign for us and did such a good job that it looked like new, at no cost to the church. Thank you, Dave Shelly!
7. We were having a problem with people using our church dumpster for their own personal use and it was filling up with non-church related refuse. This problem was also resolved with the help of Dave Shelly, who installed a cable and locks so that the dumpster is now inaccessible to the general public.
8. Due to the hailstorm of May 2019, we had our insurance company take a look at the roofs on the church property to see if there was any damage. The slate roof, the garden shed roof and the cemetery shed roofs did not have any hail damage. The lower roof over the Pastor's office, however, did have some damage and Keith Ruppel was able to install a new shingled roof at a cost of \$4,250.00
9. Our steeple lights were replaced this past year and all new wiring was installed. The new lighting system is LED and should last us several years without having to change the bulbs. The work was performed by Chris Guttman Electrical and \$500 of the total cost for the work was donated by Ed and Mary Goehring (non-members), who wanted to help us "let our lights shine". They enjoy seeing our steeple lit up at night. The total cost was \$1,562.00. Thank you to Ed and Mary for their generous donation.
10. Our A/C units in the Admin office and Pastor Christian's office needed to be repaired this past summer. These units were installed in 2014 and we did not have a service contract with them. This is the first repair for the ACs and the cost was \$1,982.00. The work was completed by Hannaberry HVAC.
11. In December, right before Christmas, a member noticed a major ceiling leak in the back hallway by the stairs of the church. Debbie reached out to 4 masonry contractors and is awaiting their quotes as of the beginning of January 2021. This repair will need to be done before we can proceed with the fellowship hall flooring. The estimated cost to make this repair is \$10,000.00. *(Pictures follow ...)*

Ceiling & window leak:



Cause- hole in outside wall: and also, cracks on side wall:



While many of the needed repairs were done at no cost to the church, ALL of these improvements would have cost the church some money if it were not for the generosity of our members and non-members who had donated their time and the materials that were needed. Thanks to these donations, we were able to save a few thousand dollars on the completed repairs and upgrades. As your home is an investment that needs to be repaired and upgraded; Our church also needs improvements.

Considering that our church was built in the 1880's, we have a lot of repairs that need to be completed each year. Please consider donating additional funds to our Improvement Fund on your envelope. It adds up! We want to continue making our church a wonderful place for worship and friendship.

Looking ahead, these are some of the future projects that are in consideration:

- \* Phase III of the brick work inside the steeple area which needs to be re-pointed.
- \* New Roof on the church
- \* Covered Pavilion out back with concrete floor, picnic tables, electric and water.
- \* Outside of Church to be painted
- \* New furnace
- \* Replacement of fellowship hall floor

We are looking for additional volunteers to help us with the maintenance of the church. If you are interested, please see Debbie Koder.

Trustees: Dave Berner, Debbie Koder, Terry Miller, Harry Rupp, Keith Ruppel and Glenn Snyder

## AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT:

Because of the transitions in the Treasurer position, Council engaged the work of an outside auditor (Campbell, Rappold, & Yurasits LLP) to perform an external audit of our financial records as of December 31, 2019. The work began in May of 2020 and due to COVID-19 remains open. Once an audit report has been issued, it will be made available to the congregation for their review. Council will take into consideration any and all recommendations made by the external auditors prior to an internal audit being performed by members of the congregation. The Audit Committee will be looking for volunteers to perform this vital work going forward, in between external audits, which are recommended every 3 to 5 years.

Pastor Christian

## SAFETY TEAM REPORT:

This year the Safety Team was formed. They began meeting and forming a church policy. The team has been looking at ways to keep our church safe during church services as well as when the church is vacant. The Safety Team met with Trustees and a Ring system was approved for the main door at church.

This team will continue to meet and look at ways to keep our members safe, prepare and practice for an emergency, and enhance the security system of the church.

The members of the Safety Team are Kim Burns, Heather Clark, Dana and Steve Hughes, Heather Lippincott, and teen members Brynn Clark and Katie Duffy.

## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP REPORT:

Like most support groups, it hurts not to meet in person, BUT our members are contacted just about weekly by phone and they have the ability to call me, Craig Adams, for support 24/7. For those that are not aware, Chestnut Hill Church has an active, healthy Grief Support Group. It is a Christ centered fellowship, where we examine and discuss this sensitive topic in a safe understanding format. Everything that is discussed and shared is done in a climate of total anonymity. What is shared there, stays there. We explore writings and publications by experts in the field which are all grounded in scripture. This is a fellowship that understands that everyone grieves in their own way. This is a safe group with no judgement on what you share or experience. We all understand that Grief isn't a disease. It's a natural emotion, but has no cure. When you come into our group, you are no longer alone, but are among friends who understand your situation/Grief as few others could. We will respect your anonymity, as we know you will respect ours. We

hope to give you the assurance that no situation is too difficult, and no unhappiness is too great to be overcome. All resource materials are supplied at no cost. For more information feel free to contact Craig Adams 610-554-4967 or [dcraig.adams8@gmail.com](mailto:dcraig.adams8@gmail.com)

## WHINE, WOMEN, WORRY REPORT:

The mission of WWW is to come together as Christian women to grow close in relationship with one another and to reach out to the community at large. There is only one new thing to report for the year 2020 since the group was unable to gather due to COVID-19. In October, we held a food drive for Betty Lou's Pantry.

Respectfully submitted, WWW, Stephanie Creyer

## FELLOWSHIP OF MINDFUL MEN REPORT:

The newly formed men's group is open to all men of the congregation, no matter age or experience in life. We had a really good start in 2019...and the general theme throughout the annual report...AND THEN COVID took over...

We are an informal fellowship group sharing stories, testimonies, personal anecdotes about life and our walk with Christ. It is not a Bible study or prayer group per se but spiritual and theological subjects are interwoven in our discussions. We are also looking forward to a time when we can start gathering again so that we can do service projects for the community.

All men from Chestnut Hill Church or the local community are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact David Kadingo on Facebook or call 484-935-2204 or contact Pastor Christian for more information.

Meeting dates, times, and locations vary month to month so check with any current member first before attending one of our monthly meetings.

## MISSION TEAM REPORT:

In 2018, we received a very special gift of \$25,000 from an anonymous donor. In 2020, the team met in November to discuss ways that we could utilize these funds to help others in our local community(ies) and beyond.

It was decided, after considering the work of the Vitality Team and its surveys, that we would donate (\$1,250) to 5 organizations and sponsor several boxes (total of \$750) for our Holiday Hope Chest program through the Sunday school children. All the

organizations chosen work directly with the homeless, those suffering food insecurity, or children. This year's recipients were: Betty Lou's Pantry (Christmas Gift Card Program), The Children's Home of Easton, The Covenant House, Allentown Rescue Mission, and REACH LV Youth Recovery Center.

We continue to meet and look at ways that we can all be involved in helping the community. Our fund has approximately \$11,000 to be used over the next two to three years, however, we can keep this extravagant generosity going with the help of the entire family of faith at Chestnut Hill Church. If you would like to make this a possibility for years to come, donations can be made and designated to go to this important outreach opportunity. We are also always looking for ways that we can ALL be involved in reaching out to the community. If you have any questions or ideas to share, please contact Joan Slota for more information.

Respectfully submitted, Pastor Christian

## BETTY LOU'S PANTRY REPORT:



bettylouspantry.com  
610-282-2838

The food bank board met February 6, May 7, August 6, and November 5.

The names of the 12 Southern Lehigh Area Churches (SLAC) and their representatives are as follows:

Assumption BVM Church	Linda Matyas
Calvary Bible Fellowship Church	Enos Martin
Chestnut Hill Church	Tracy Zapach/Alice Debus
Cornerstone Presbyterian Church	Barry Hoffman
Faith United Church of Christ	Chuck Talboo and Mike Ford Friedens
Lutheran Church	Paul and Jean Wetzel
MorningStar Moravian Church	Audrey Green
Saucon Mennonite Church	Kay Hallowell
St. James Lutheran Church	Jason Schlieman



St. Joseph Church  
St. Johns UCC  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Peggy Patterson  
Martha Helverson  
Deb and Dean Stover

Officers:

President: Chris Page  
Vice President: Chuck Talboo  
Secretary: Linda Matyas  
Treasurer: Pam Page

Committees:

Restocking – Chuck and Karen Talboo, Tim Talaber, Bob Shelly  
Publicity and communications – Anne Nichols  
Application review – Chris Page

**HIGHLIGHTS**

Due to Covid, Betty Lou's Pantry changed from allowing patrons to shop in the pantry, to prepacking orders and putting them in the patron's cars. This started in March and will continue through 2021 until it is safe to resume normal operations. To facilitate this new system, new packing crews were formed from folks who reached out to help. New crews were also formed from the 12 churches plus other volunteers, to work outside on distribution days to relieve the churches from the responsibility of supplying all the help. Each church has the option of bringing their own help or taking a break due to Covid. Prior to Covid, each family came once a month but due to space limitations, we were not able to pack enough food for a full month, so we now allow all families to come twice a month if they want to. Approximately 20% of the families come twice a month.

Special holiday dinners: For Easter we gave out 99, \$25 Giant gift cards in lieu of meals. For Thanksgiving, and Christmas, we gave out a meal which consisted of a turkey, ham or lasagna and a pie. We served 107 families for Thanksgiving and 111 families for Christmas. We used community donations made at Giant to purchase most of the food. Thank you Giant for delivering all the food in your Peapod truck. Girl Scout troop 637 provided many of the pies for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Thank you girls and to Marcie Weaver for coordinating everything! Whatever we did not use was taken to the Allentown Rescue Mission.

Betty Lou's Pantry is the beneficiary of two large food drives – the Letter Carriers in May and the Boy Scouts in November. This year, the letter carrier food drive was cancelled. The scouts' food drive yielded **a record 26719 pounds, a 29% increase over last year!** Special thanks to Matt Woodruff for coordinating all the scouts to staple 10,000 flyers

to paper bags and sort, pack and stock all the food. Because we are using the shed to store the prepacked boxes of food, we needed a place to store close to 500 banana boxes. Thank you, St. James, for letting us use one of the rooms in the church. Thank you to everyone who helped.

The last few years we have been blessed with churches, individuals and community groups who sponsor a family for Christmas. Instead of gifts, this year we asked for monetary donations and received \$13293 which was used to purchase Walmart gift cards. Each child and senior received \$50 while the other patrons received a \$35 Walmart and \$10 Giant card.

We continued the summer lunch program between June and August which provided extra food from the pantry for families with school age children to make up for the lunches they were not receiving at school.

### **VOLUNTEERS**

Keeping the pantry stocked with food for over 200 people is an enormous job. After each distribution, the restocking crew takes inventory and then places orders at Second Harvest. Over 4000 pounds of food is loaded, unloaded and stocked on the shelves every two weeks. On the off weeks, special fill in purchases are made at various stores and stocked in the pantry. A **HUGE THANK YOU** goes out to the Second Harvest crew: Ken Bogle, Sharon Chism, Barbara Coleman, Alice Debus, Fannie DiPlacido, Carol Evans, Kay Hallowell, Andy Kametz , Tracy Keim, Cheryl Levy, Connie Mae, Larry Marhefka, Lesley Motruk, Frank Milcetic, Diane Neiermeier, Bob Shelly, Jeffery Stocker, Deb and Dean Stover, Lauren Sullivan, Tim and Cindy Talaber, Chuck & Karen Talboo, Jerry Trexler and Susan Valasek. We could not do it without all of you. A **VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU** to Chuck and Karen Talboo for managing the whole restocking process and for the **countless** hours they put in at the pantry!!!

On the Wednesday and Friday before distribution, volunteers prepack food for 70 families. Each family receives the same quantity of food which is comprised of 20-25 core items and a few miscellaneous items. The Wednesday crew packs for 40 families which goes in shed and the Friday crew packs for 30 families which stays in the pantry. Thank you to Erica and her family for packing on Wednesday's and to Hilary, Janelle and Nell for packing on Fridays.

We distribute on the second and fourth Saturday each month from 9-10:30. There are separate crews for each day. The day starts at 8am setting up outside under tents along the driveway. Thank you to the scouts and Matt Woodruff for loaning us the tents. Tables are removed from the shed – thank you to Faith UCC for loaning us the tables.

Cherie and Roy Raub start packing meats on both days – thank you both. Peter Farrell handles the shed both days- thank you Peter. Bread is sorted and bagged. Patrons are checked in as they wait in line in their cars. The rest of the volunteers take the food from the shed or basement to the cars. Two volunteers pack additional orders in the basement in case 70 is not enough and to make sure we have enough for our Wednesday night families. Thank you to all who either answered the call to help or reached out to the pantry to offer help. We could not do it without you. A special thank you to my counterpart, Christina Gettins who oversees the entire Saturday distribution 12 Saturdays out of the year.

On distribution day, the “bread crew” makes a run to Giant and Fresh Market to pick up donations of bread and baked goods. Thank you to Connie and Jon Kirsch and Donna and Keith Polizzano.

Due to Covid, the Upper Bucks Senior Center closed and could not make their pickups at Giant. Thank you to Deb and Dean Stover and Peter and Sherry Farrell for picking up donations at Giant on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The food is spread out between the Knights Inn and Coopersburg apartments. Thank you all.

Thank you to Donna Martonik for picking up the donations at the Center Valley post office, to Marybeth O’Neill for picking up at the Coopersburg post office and to Kathie Parsons for pickup up donations at the Southern Lehigh Library. We receive an enormous amount of community food donations which sometimes requires trips 2-3 times per week. Thank you, Southern Lehigh community, for your faithful support and thanks also to the three different drop off locations for letting us use your facilities.

A **special thank** you to Stephanie Shapiro who checks the food pantry answering machine. While this may not sound like a big deal, she sometimes gets six or more calls a day about food assistance, donations or volunteering, all which needed to be addressed. Thank you Stephanie.

Some families cannot make it on Saturday so we have a special pickup on Wednesday night. A **big thank you** to Tracy Zapach for handling all the Wednesday night pickups.

Anne Nichols is our “thank you” volunteer who sends out a personal thank you whenever the need arises. In 2020, Anne sent 303 letters, up from the 56 she sent last year! Thank you, Anne, for continuing to help with this.

During this past year, we estimate over 150 volunteers have helped in one way or another. Thank you all!

## **DONATIONS**

Throughout the year, Betty Lou's Pantry receives monetary donations from various individuals, organizations and the 12 covenant churches. Here is a recap of 2020:

Organizations - \$2,621  
Churches - \$5,035  
Individuals - \$83,116  
Businesses – \$20,914  
Giant gift cards - \$4,625  
Second Harvest grants - \$9,429

With the huge outpouring of financial support, we continue to receive from the community, each patron receives a \$25 Giant gift card each month.

Thank you to the Steeley family for donating 70 dozen eggs throughout the year. Fresh eggs are greatly appreciated by the patrons.

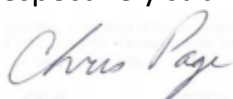
Throughout the year, Betty Lou's Pantry receives calls for help for all types of things. Even though we are technically a food pantry, for many people, we are their hope for help. Thank you to everyone who answered those calls of help.

## **STATISTICS** – (These numbers reflect families coming twice a month starting in March.)

<b>Month</b>	<b>Families</b>	<b>18-59</b>	<b>1-17</b>	<b>60+</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>New Individuals</b>
January	71	120	91	31	242	6
February	80	108	77	45	230	6
March	105	166	133	54	353	15
April	126	186	130	71	387	7
May	116	177	123	62	362	10
June	121	200	124	57	383	5
July	104	169	89	61	319	4
August	96	145	100	57	302	10
September	117	177	121	70	368	3
October	114	175	118	69	362	14
November	156	242	189	83	514	3
December	162	278	211	77	566	1
<b>Annual Totals</b>	<b>1368</b>	<b>2143</b>	<b>1506</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>4388</b>	<b>84</b>
<b>Monthly Average</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>7</b>

Thank you to everyone who donated his or her time, money or food to help support Betty Lou's Pantry in 2020. For those I missed acknowledging, I apologize, but thank you too. It is truly a team effort! With your support and prayers, we will continue to help our neighbors in need throughout 2021.

God Bless you all,  
Respectively submitted,



## GARDEN COMMITTEE REPORT:

2020 will always be remembered as the year that COVID-19 changed the entire world. So, because of the pandemic, there was not much activity in the memorial garden at Chestnut Hill Church.

The committee always looks forward to spring and new growth and color from the many perennial flowers in our memorial garden. We usually begin by placing decorative items in the garden, spray and remove weeds that have grown between the tiles, remove last year's dried plants, and add mulch. Due to the COVID virus, the garden was pretty much on its own.

Nathan Seiger, from troop 334, finished his Eagle Scout project of planning and building a new maintenance-free, sturdier arbor that is wide enough for a wheelchair to pass through.

Our garden lawn mowing was taken over by Harry Rupp.

On Black Friday, November 27, Ken Debus, Laura Held, Marj Trinkle, and Debbie and Brett Koder cut down the dried growth, cleaned up our church garden, and took the debris to the back tree line. All of the decorative items were stored in the shed for the winter. It was discussed that the tall grasses were getting out of control and should be removed. Ken dug out one, and Debbie sprayed a concentrated ground clear on the other three. In spring those three grasses will be removed from the memorial garden.

We are always looking for volunteers to help throughout the growing season whether it is for weeding or just for general cleanup. We would be pleased to have new members.

May God grant peace and serenity to those who enter our garden.

Garden Committee Members: Brynn Clark, Heather Clark, Ken Debus, Helene Endy, Diane Gehman, Kathy Kale, Brett Koder, Debbie Koder, Heather Lippincott, Harry Rupp, and Carole Vasilik.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

This was the first year for our Finance Team and its members presently consist of Cindy Buchter, Gale Hartzell, Laura Held, Debbie Koder and Rodney Slota. I am proud to say we all worked well as a team and even though we come from diverse work backgrounds, we were able to use that knowledge to our advantage to help make everything flow nicely in coming to a consensus with the development of the 2021 Budget.

This year, of course, was different with Covid-19 coming into the picture, but we were able to continue our work and meet our deadlines. (A big thank you again, to all those who purchased masks and donated to the church from Rod and Joan Slota. Those donations were put towards fuel expenses.)

The first big challenge the Finance Committee faced was revising the 2021 Budget. In the past, items such as expenses were lumped together, and we felt this needed to be changed by providing more explanation, separating, and breaking down expenses, so that the budget was more detailed, descriptive and user friendly.

As we go through the year, our budgeted amount will remain at \$128,064.56 but as we see expenses occurring, we may move around some of the allocations that were set up to accommodate such needs as they arise. The budget for all our salaried employees is \$90,374.56 and our budget for expenses is \$37,690.00.

Our Budget in 2020 was \$127,313.11, and in 2019 our budget was \$127,349.00, a slight decrease of \$35.89 with the two budgets roughly being the same for two years in a row. Our new finance team continues to be fiscally conscious when it comes to areas of spending. Please note that the difference in budgeted amounts between 2020 (\$127,313.11) and 2021 (128,064.56) comes to an approximate increase of under 1%.

So that the congregation is aware, per PNEC (Penn Northeast Conference), the Pastor's part-time salary should be \$71,350.27 with benefits. Please know that paying for the benefits would be an extra expense paid by the church and would be in addition to his paid salary. We are currently paying our Pastor \$51,260.56 which is below salary guidelines and does not include benefits. (He is on Stephanie's healthcare plan at this time).

We were able to give Pastor Christian a small 2% raise of \$732.00 and we also were able to give him a gift of \$3,000.00 for his years of experience. Pastor Christian has given us so much this past year, especially his knowledge of technology, which has allowed our church to continue with our weekly church services via Facebook and the link on our website. We have also been able to continue having all of our church meetings via Zoom, including the Budget discussion meeting that was held on Sunday Dec. 27, 2020.

Karen Billger, was hired to be our new Treasurer and she is an asset to our church. She has been able to clean up several items in QuickBooks and has entered our budget numbers into QB, so that we can see where we are at on a monthly basis with our budget and expenses. The Finance Team/ Committee will continue to work toward having all financial information and reporting to be openly offered in a more user friendly format.

Sincerely; Debbie Koder (Financial Secretary), Cindy Buchter, Gale Hartzell, Laura Held and Rodney Slota.

# END OF YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT:

Account Balances as of December 31, 2020

## Account Balances

Checking Account	QNB	\$ 16,014.33
Improvement Fund	QNB	\$ 6,443.63
General Savings	QNB	\$ 39,206.84
Memorial Fund		\$ 15,132.08
Mission Team		\$ 11,645.88
Garden/ Landscaping		\$ 322.43
Sunday School Fund		\$ 685.01
Steeple Fund		\$ 729.39
WWW Group		\$ 1,418.21
New Church Sign		\$ 977.87
Fuel Oil		\$ 5,226.97
Cemetery Board		\$ 69.00
Audit		\$ 3,000.00
TOTAL GENERAL SAVINGS		<u>\$ 39,206.84</u>

## **Endowment Funds** (not included in savings above):

Miller Endowment, investment held by Magellan Financial Inc., these funds are designated for income and all expenditures must be approved by Council and the Congregation. The initial Investment was \$415,500; the end of year investment value (with accumulated earnings) is \$465,571.93.

Improvement (Endowment) Fund, investment held by Ameriprise Total Investment, these funds are designated for building maintenance and improvement as well as for final expenses. All expenditures must be approved by Council and the Congregation. The initial Investment was \$29,000; the end of year investment value (with accumulated earnings) is \$11,722.85.

Vivian Hoff Endowment, investment now held by Magellan Financial Inc. (fund transferred in December from SA Stone Investors, Inc.). These funds are restricted and the interest earned has been designated for Music, Worship, Christian Education, and Community Outreach. All requests for funding are reviewed by the Hoff Endowment Board of Trustees and Council prior to disbursement. The initial investment was \$150,000; the end of year investment value (with accumulated earnings) is \$205,959.64.



# STEWARDSHIP DONATION REPORT:

## Chestnut Hill Church Annual Giving Report January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020

In 2020, we had 108 giving units, where a giving unit is counted as each adult member who has an offering envelope. Married couples always count as one giving unit because they will share an envelope between them.

Here is the breakdown of giving, by giving units, as defined above:

Units giving between \$1 and \$99	28
Units giving between \$100 and \$499	42
Units giving between \$500 and \$999	10
Units giving between \$1,000 and \$1,999	17
Units giving between \$2,000 and \$3,999	7
Units giving more than \$4,000	4

Without your generous contributions in 2020, Chestnut Hill Church could not have been as successful as it was during the year that began the effects of the Pandemic in our region! Thanks to your support, we, as a church, were able to continue finding ways for our members and members of our community to worship outside of our physical worship space. We were also able to perform some necessary repairs and maintenance to our church building while it was mostly vacant, (*please refer to Trustees report page 18, for more information on improvements and repairs*). This was all possible, thanks to folks like you. With the continued support of our family of faith, we will be able to offer so much continued help, for those in need. Without the generous giving from our church members, none of what we have done, could have been possible! Thank you and God Bless.