

St. Paul United Church of Christ

Annual Report for 2017



God's Church In Ministry!

**Annual Congregational
Business Meeting**

Sunday, January 28, 2018, 11:30 am

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Agenda For 2017 Annual Congregational Meeting

1. Call to Order
2. Declaration of a Quorum
3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting
4. Report of Auditing
5. Election of Nominating Committee
6. New Business
7. Items from the Floor
8. Closing Prayer
9. Adjournment

Minister's Letter

January 28, 2018

It is with great joy that I submit to you my very first Minister's Report. Sometimes I find it difficult to believe that I've been with you for three months already because the days have gone by so incredibly quickly. Indeed, it has been a very busy time both in the life of my family and in the life of our church. Valerie, Hope, Tess and I thank you for your hospitality, which has made our transition to Ohio from New England a markedly easier one. We are truly grateful for you all. Now, if you could only manage to do something about the cold temperatures and snow!

As the new year gets underway, I wanted to take this chance to highlight two priorities that I hope we can focus upon in the coming weeks and months.

First, as we welcome new members onto the myriad committees that do so much of the church's work — and give thanks both for those who have served and those who continue to serve on them — I look forward to meeting with each of these groups in the near future to discuss plans and projects. One of the key virtues of our way of being "church" in the United Church of Christ is the empowerment of the congregation, which allows everyone in the community to bring their experiences, gifts and interests to bear in shaping the life of our church — "our" being the operative word here.

Second, I hope we can give considerable thought in this year (and, truly, in every year) to Jesus' Great Commandment, which instructs us to "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:39). I have been positively awestruck during my short time here by the work that this church, the town of Navarre and the entire Fairless district do for those in our community who are in need — particularly in the essential area of feeding people. It has been a wonder to behold and to work alongside you in these important endeavors.

Jesus' desire for us to love our neighbor, it seems, compels us to consider how we might answer two key questions. The first is this: What are the ways in which we currently show love to our neighbors and what else can we possibly do going forward? Said slightly differently, in addition to the key ministries to which we already contribute our time and treasure (Fairless Food Cupboard, Fairless Clergy Association and The Salvation Army, to name just a few) are there other opportunities for mission — either nearby or far away — that we ought to explore? The second question, then, is: Who do we actually consider to be our neighbor? Following from this second question, of course, are a host of others. How do we engage with the people in our area who are in need as fellow children of God? And, as important as caring for our fellow Fairless community members is, should we consider the possibilities and challenges of having a more expansive view of our neighborhood — one that includes those we either don't necessarily meet face-to-face every day or to whom we don't devote enough attention when we do?

I look forward to working with you on all of this and more in the coming year and, hopefully, for many years to come.

Peace,

The Reverend Brent L. Gundlah

Council President's 2017 Letter

Dear Members and Friends of St. Paul UCC,

Wow! It's been another very busy and interesting year for the tireless members of our church. The highlight, of course, was hiring of our new minister, Brent Gundlah. Again, I would like to thank the Search Committee for a job well done. Charlie Snyder was a stellar leader, and all the team members worked many, many hours. We all offer a big welcome to Brent and his family and hope they find our church and community to be just what they wanted. Brent is quickly becoming familiar with us and has great ideas for our future. With his leadership we look forward to a new era!

Much has also been accomplished with our buildings this past year. Our church elevator was overhauled and is in great working order. A big "thank you" to Bruce Burdge and Don Stein for overseeing this project. After the annual fire inspection this past spring Bruce was kept very busy. New fire inspection laws resulted in a lengthy list of needed improvements and up-grades which seemed overwhelming at first, but true-to-form, Bruce completed the required work very quickly. It was a lot of work, and a little expense, but the improvements have brought us in line with current fire codes and also have made our storage areas neater and more accessible. We commend Bruce for all his efforts.

I would to thank all the following people: Evelyn Jones and her son, Mike; Mike Kuhn; Jim Gaal; Randy Yoder; Jack and Cindy Longworth; Tim Alter; Bruce Burdge. They have volunteered countless hours of their time and expertise for the renovation of our parsonage. We completely remodeled the bathroom which included installing new shower fixtures and replacing all water and drain lines. The basement was scraped and repainted. New plumbing fixtures were added to the kitchen. The front foyer ceiling was redone. And for the finishing touch, the entire front of the parsonage was resided, a new porch roof was added; the doors were replaced; and some new indoor and outdoor lighting fixtures were replaced.

This is a shining example of what God's work is all about. With the exception of the cost of the materials, most all of the labor and skills were donated, literally saving our church thousands of dollars. Because of this group's generosity we are able to offer our parsonage as a rental thereby improving our financial status.

Regarding our employees, I could not ask for more dedicated people. Our church secretary, Margaret, is doing an outstanding job which makes my job a lot easier. Our music director, Lynne, is doing a great job with the music department and coordinating worship music very well with Pastor Brent. Our pianist, Natasha, and the choir are a pleasure to hear. As for our custodian and grounds keeper, Bruce, what more could you ask for. He is always present and willing to assist with every project that we have. He always has a smile and is the most tireless worker I have ever been around.

I again would like to offer my thanks to all those who are members of council and our various committees. I know that your time is precious, but somehow, some way, you all find a way to be here when your church calls. Just take a look around and see what has been accomplished. It's awesome!

As I say every year, I am extremely honored and humbled to work and interact with such dedicated people. My hope is that others of our congregation will sense the great spirit and camaraderie we share and will feel moved to join us!

Thank you all
Sincerely,

James. S. Savage
Church Council President

Annual Congregational Business Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2017

President Jim Savage called the meeting to order directly after the church service. He thanked those that stayed and gave their time for this important meeting. Jim also thanked Margaret Weber for putting the report together while dealing with a computer that contained a virus.

It was stated that the agenda included the following: approving minutes of the last Congregational Meeting on January 24, 2016, approving minutes of our Congregational Budget Meeting on December 18, 2016, closing nominations for this year's council and committee members, and then approving those members.

Charlie Snyder stated that a quorum was met.

Everyone present received a copy of the Annual Congregational Report for 2016 which included minutes of last year's congregational meeting, minutes of our congregational budget meeting for 2017, and a list of all nominees for this year's open positions. Also included are various financial statements showing the financial well-being of the church.

Charlie Snyder motioned to approve the minutes from last year's annual congregational meeting. Jerry Berlyoung seconded, and the motion to approve the minutes as printed passed by unanimous hand-vote.

Before the vote was taken on approving the minutes from the budget meeting, Jim Savage explained that Church was under budget in 2016 due to not having used any of the Search Committee expenses that were in the budget for 2016. Search Committee expenses will be in the 2017 budget.

Randy Yoder made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 18th budget meeting. Joan Snyder seconded. Motion passed with unanimous hand -vote.

Jim Savage explained that in 2017 the Nominating Committee will meet after Thanksgiving. Jim thanked those members who will be stepping down from their committee posts. Those whose terms were ending are Mike Kuhn, council; Evelyn Jones and Diana Youngman, music committee; Gegi Drage and Margaret Weber, Christian Board of Education; Susan Whitmore, Memorial Committee; and Carolyn Haas, Pastor/Parish Relations.

Jim then announced those who were nominated to the open Council and Committee posts. Church Council : Sue Dostal, Randy Yoder, and Jim Gaal. Music Committee: Laurie Salopek and Margaret Weber. Christian Board of Education: Sarah Peterson and Sara Amato. Memorial Committee: Evelyn Jones. Pastor/ Parish Relations: Susan Whitmore.

Sandy Hanson made a motion to close nominations. Marjean Watson seconded. Motion carried with unanimous hand vote.

Charlie Snyder made motion to approve installation of new Council and Committee Members. Tim Alter seconded. Motion passed with unanimous hand vote.

Jim Savage informed the congregation that Grabill Plumbing is remodeling the bathroom in the parsonage. The work should be finished shortly.

Dr. Cliff Price gave a benediction. Bill Bair made a motion to adjourn. Esther Berlyoung seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:50AM.

Special Congregational Business Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2017

Charlie Snyder, chairman of the Pastor Search Committee, called the meeting to order, following church on August 13, 2017. Jim Savage declared a quorum which is to be reflected in the minutes.

Charlie asked for a motion to vote to extend a call to Brent Gundlah as a permanent pastor of St. Paul UCC. Ed Whitmore made the motion and Matt Feucht seconded. The motion carried on a verbal vote.

Paper ballots were distributed to those present. The ballots were collected and counted while the Brass Band played music.

Rev. Gundlah and his family were escorted into the sanctuary. Charlie announced that the vote to extend the call was 100-0 and that Rev. Gundlah has accepted the call to become the permanent pastor of St. Paul UCC.

Jim Savage moved to adjourn; Bill Bair seconded. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned to the social room where church members met and greeted the Gundlah Family.

Submitted by:

Diana Youngman

Congregational Budget Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2017

St. Paul UCC held a budget meeting on December 10, 2017 following church service. President Jim Savage called the meeting to order and Charlie Snyder declared a quorum.

Jim thanked Ed Whitmore, Wilbur Haas, Matt Feucht, Julie Feucht, Rev. Brent Gundlah, and Charlie Snyder for their work on preparing the 2018 budget.

He pointed out several changes between the 2017 and 2018 budgets – increases and decreases. Lynne Indorf asked about the amount of money Natasha Musaelyan is to be paid for her services.

Patsy Benson moved to approve the budget and Charlie Snyder seconded. The congregation voted on the budget by paper ballot. The budget was approved unanimously.

Randy Yoder moved to approve Suzanne Turner as the financial secretary. Sandy Hanson seconded and the motion was approved.

Ed Whitmore nominated Charlie Snyder for church council. Cindy Longworth nominated Mike Kuhn also for church council. The nominations were seconded. Joan Snyder moved to close nominations; Susan Whitmore seconded. The motion carried. Charlie and Mike will be the new council members.

Charlie Snyder moved to adjourn; Bill Bair seconded and the motion carried. Jim thanked everyone for attending, reminding all to attend coffee hour downstairs and adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by Diana Youngman

Proposed 2018 Budget

Report of Financial Secretary– December 31, 2017
Submitted by Suzanne Turner

Unified Budget Income

Current Fund Deposits

Pledges & Offering Envelopes	\$ 107,257.00
Loose Plate Offering	3,651.11
Brewed Awakenings	192.50
Initial Envelopes	284.00

Miscellaneous Deposits

Garage Sale	\$ 3,564.28
Soup and Salad	1,792.95
Strawberry Social	1,654.20
Christmas Village Lunch	983.75
Weddings	680.00
Transfer of Capital Funds	13,956.34
Elevator Fund	4,407.55
Flowers, Easter and Christmas	1,208.60
Use of Buildings	2,720.00
Navarre Preschool	9,000.00
Misc. Deposits	1,846.80

Total **\$41,814.27**

Designated Special Offerings & Gifts

Fairless Food Cupboard	\$ 300.00
Christmas	1,141.00
One Great Hour Sharing	488.00
Maundy Thursday	468.00
Neighbors in Need	425.00
Music	250.00
Salvation Army	600.00

Total **\$ 3,672.00**

Total Deposits to Unified Budget **\$156,870.88**

**ST. PAUL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
2017 ANNUAL TREASURER REPORT**

MATTHEW FEUCHT, TREASURER

<u>SALARIES</u>	<u>2017 BUDGET</u>	<u>DISBURSEMENT</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>
Minister	42,000.00	53,439.82	11,439.82
Secretary	10,000.00	8,965.42	1,034.58
Custodian	7,761.00	6,572.33	1,188.67
Music Director	3,902.00	3,526.85	375.15
Pianist	4,200.00	4,363.35	-163.35
Treasurer Hon.	600.00.00	600.00	0.00
Financial Sec. Hon.	600.00	600.00	0.00
Pulpit Supply	600.00	600.00	0.00
TOTAL SALARIES	\$69,563.00	\$78,368.27	-\$8,805.27
 <u>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</u>			
Pension, Include. Life, Dental, Health Insurance	16,000.00	3,906.13	12093.87
Cont. Education	150.00	0.00	150.00
Workers Compensation	375.00	809.03	-434.03
Social Security & Medicare	4,800.00	7,379.04	2579.04
Auto Allowance	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
TOTAL EMP. BENEFITS	\$25,325.00	\$12,094.20	\$13,230.80
 <u>COST OF OPERATIONS</u>			
Utilities	25,000.00	22,090.87	2,909.13
Church/Office/Copier/ Sunday School	10,000.00	9,517.09	482.91
Music	1,500.00	526.83	973.17
Youth Group	500.00	0.00	500.00
Search Expense	7,500.00	2,916.07	4,583.93
TOTAL OPERATIONS	\$44,500.00	\$35,050.86	\$9,449.14
 <u>PROPERTY MAINTENANCE</u>			
Church, Parish Hall, Parsonage	5,000.00	21,548.83	-16,548.83
Equipment	1000.00	178.43	821.57
Insurance	5,500.00	5,452.00	48.00
Real Estate Taxes	1,900.00	1843.78	56.22
TOTAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	\$13400.00	\$29,023.04	-\$15623.04

<u>BENEVOLENCES</u>	<u>2017 BUDGET</u>	<u>DISBURSEMENT</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>
Our Churches			
Wider Mission (OCWM)	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00
Mark Behle Mission	0.00	500.00	500.00
<u>TOTAL BENEVOLENCES</u>	\$1200.00	\$1700.00	-\$500.00
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	\$153,988.00	\$156,236.37	-\$2248.37

UTILITY REPORT

<u>GAS</u>	Church	\$4,352.23
	Parish Hall	\$4,841.44
	Parsonage	<u>\$ 806.23</u>
		\$9,999.90

ELECTRIC

Church	\$4,196.34
Parish Hall	\$3,719.46
Parsonage	\$150.88
Pole Light	<u>\$385.61</u>
	\$8,452.29

WATER AND SEWER

Church	\$600.00
Parish Hall	\$673.30
Parsonage	<u>\$600.00</u>
	\$1,873.30

TELEPHONE AND INTERNET

<u>TOTAL</u>	\$1,765.38
	\$2,2090.87

ASSET REPORT

DECEMBER 31, 2017

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	\$1,888.44
MEMORIAL FUND	\$12,982.04
ORGAN FUND	\$8,052.61
WINDOW FUND	\$8,052.61

2107 Board of Christian Education Report

Submitted by Julie Feucht

Beginning Balance	\$785.76
Offerings	\$533.80
Strawberry Social	\$827.10
Total Cash Inflows	<u>\$2,146.66</u>

Curriculum	\$375.15
Supplies	\$68.22
Graduation Gifts	\$103.19
Sunday School Teacher Gifts	\$95.74
JAM Party and Snacks	\$245.00
Educators' Sunday/Gifts	\$60.49
Total Cash Outflows	<u>\$946.80</u>

Ending Balance **\$1,199.86**

2017 Report of Women's Guild

Submitted by Suzanne Turner, Treasurer

Balance, Jan. 1, 2017

Checking Account **\$1,125.43**

Receipts:

Services Rendered \$439.00
Transfer Kitchen Account 2,112.00

Disbursements

Misc. 523.00
Upper Room 186.25
Salvation Army 150.00
Crossroads Christmas 150.00
Church World Service 150.00
Fairless Food Cupboard 150.00
\$1,309.56

Balance, Jan. 1, 2018

\$2,366.87

St. Paul United Church of Christ 2017 Special Gifts

Submitted by Esther Berlyoung

Bank Accounts:

Balance as of December 31, 2017

Income from Music C.D.	\$828.08
Income—Camp Endowment	\$5,564.91
Income from Permanent Endowment Trust of Albert & Hilda Gretzinger Special Music Fund	\$5,394.67

Original Investments

Music C.D.	\$4,640.00
Scholarship/Camp Combined Permanent Trust	10,000.00
Permanent Endowment Trust of Albert & Hilda Gretzinger Special Music Fund	25,000.00

Morgan Stanley statement here

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2017 SALVATION ARMY—CHRISTMAS 2017

Amish Door	116.63
Andersons	155.55
Beach City Lions	394.75
Bell Store--Brewster	187.13
Belloni's	9576.56
Brewster Moose	1079.72
Brewster Subway	114.22
Carlos	100.00
Fohl Church	1432.90
Knights of Columbus	200.00
Kremeland	17.81
Lucas Store Beach City	87.16
Marathon Navarre	185.02
Navarre Drive	61.29
Navarre Kiwanis	816.45
Private Donations	945.11
Scriptshop	351.32
Shearer Food	68.01
St. James	399.63
St. Paul--Salvation Army Sunday	3400.50
Tattered & Worn	17.35
Terry's Barber Shop	22.00
VFW Navarre	500.00
TOTAL	20,229.11

Youth Group Report 2017

Submitted by Diana Youngman

The St. Paul UCC Youth Group had a balance of \$764.30 as of December 31, 2016.
The Strawberry Festival proceeds for the Youth Group in 2017 were \$827.10.
The balance in the Youth Group account on December 31, 2017 is \$1,591.40.

2017 Habitat for Humanity

Submitted by: Esther Berlyoung and Evelyn Jones

A Soup and Salad Lunch was held in the Parish Hall in April 2017 to benefit Habitat for Humanity of Greater Canton, OH. Our pledge of \$1,000.00 was met and submitted to the Canton chapter. Many thanks to all who help with this annual fund-raiser!

St Paul United Church of Christ Statistics for 2017

Baptisms (2)	Date	<u>Births (1)</u>	Date
Stacy Frantz	10/1/17	Aria Rose Thompson	10/14/17
Jace Angelo Amato	12/9/17	Jace Angelo Amato	9/22/17

<u>Marriages (3)</u>	Date	<u>Necrology (9)</u>	Date
Stefanie Judd—Spencer Indorf	9/16/17	Barney Hoover	1/5/17
Jessica Pulley—Sean Youngman	10/14/17	Jack Evans	1/18/17
Randi Hickman—Roger Carpenter Jr	10/28/17	John Indorf	2/25/17
		James Richmond	3/3/2017
		Jody Hansbarger	3/12/17
		Janet Baker	3/20/17
		Thomas Winkhart	5/24/17
		P. Wayne Kilgore	12/9/17
		Harry Myers	12/18/17

<u>New Members (1)</u>	Date
Beth Winkhart	9/24/17

<u>Confirmations (0)</u>

St. Paul United Church of Christ
2018 Officers and Committee Members

Church Council	
Sue Dostal-Vice President	2018
Julie Feucht	2018
Wilbur Haas	2018*
Diana Youngman	2018*
Esther Berlyoung	2019*
Jim Gaal	2019
Jim Savage, President	2019*
Ed Whitmore	2019*
Bill Whitmore	2020*
Randy Yoder	2020*
●Mike Kuhn	2020
●Charlie Snyder	2020

Nominating Committee	Finance Officers
Jim Savage	Matt Feucht, Treasurer
Ed Whitmore	Suzanne Turner, Financial Secretary
Bob Baker	
Julie Stantz	
Rev. Brent Gundlah, Ad Hoc	

Music Committee		Board of Christian Education	
Barb Bailey	2018*	Bev Feucht	2018*
Laurie Salopek	2019	Brenda Savage	2018*
Margaret Weber	2019	Sarah Peterson	2019
● Flo Hoover	2020	Sara Amato	2019
Lynne Indorf, Ad Hoc		Dawn Benson	2020
Natasha Musaelyan, Ad Hoc		●Linda Pierce	2020

Memorial Committee		Pastor/Parish Relations	
Monica Bair	2018	Diane Alter	2018*
Georgia Morris	2018*	Donna Murray	2018*
Joan Snyder	2018	Barb Specht	2019*
Doris Whitmore	2018*	Susan Whitmore	2019
Sandy Hanson	2019*	●Michal Forney	2020
Evelyn Jones	2019		

2018 Phone Directory

Staff

Pastor Brent Gundlah	617-840-8358
Church Office, Margaret Weber	330-879-5836
Music Director, Lynne Indorf	330-359-5114
Custodian, Bruce Burdge	330-879-5500
Financial Secretary, Suzanne Turner	330-879-5602
Treasurer, Matt Feucht	330-879-9796

Church Council

President, Jim Savage	330-488-4215
Secretary, Diana Youngman	330-879-2762

Fellowship Group Leaders

Dozen & One Chairman	Marjean Watson	330-832-9508
Altar Flower Chairman	Patsy Benson	330-879-5656

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