



**St. John-Hill  
United Church of Christ**

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**2016**  
***Annual Report***

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## PASTOR'S REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION

Dear friends and coworkers in the realm and work of Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord:

My first report to you is one of grateful thanksgiving!

Our move to our new home and work has been such a rich and meaningful blessing.

Not only was there a wonderful group of people who moved our furniture and belongings to the parsonage in Oley, they did this two days in a row on a Saturday and Sunday. Our move would have been so costly if not for those kind and generous people. We are so thankful for all the work they have done.

Likewise, we moved into an excellent home that was prepared for us with much attention to detail. The house was not only clean and move-in ready, we were in so impressed to find a provision of food, cleaning resources, and other welcoming gifts.

We are so pleased and blessed in the parsonage and all the acts of kindness that you have provided!

Our ministry officially began on Sunday, December 1st, as we celebrated the Second Sunday of Advent. Just when we thought it would be challenging to find more things to be thankful for, our time in worship and the reception of welcome that followed were superb. What a wonderful expression of welcome and hospitality we have found. There are not words sufficient to express our appreciation!

Much time has been spent settling into our new home that we continue to find as a generous blessing. Beyond those daily needs our shared ministry has been so noteworthy.

Joining the Cantata choir, caroling to our home bound folk, meeting with our church's secretary/administrative assistant, treasurer, custodian, the worship committee and now the consistory, being part of the Women's Christmas gathering, all the communications we have shared and each new day just serve to underscore how great and wondrous God's love is, and how that love is so present and alive in the people of St. John-Hill Church.

It is a time of transition for all and your gentleness and kind ways have been so helpful. While we work and share together the adjustments that will only make my ministry more effective (such things as the sound system and my microphone, changes in the worship order, and getting to know both you all and the area) I am confident that our time will be blessed beyond measure by our God who is faithful and so relevantly present here in our church and ministry.

All blessings of peace and good will, at Christmas and the year to come.

*Pastor Mary Lake-Dillensnyder*

## HILL CHURCH REGISTER

The following have been entered into the Hill Church Register during 2016. Please note that this does not include all statistics for St. John-Hill UCC members, but only those entered in the church register. For instance, under Weddings, this does not include all St. John-Hill UCC members who were married in 2016, but only those in which St. John-Hill UCC was involved through the ministry of our Pastor. Under the heading of Funerals, there are several funerals conducted by our pastor for non-members and those who may not be buried in the Hill Church Union Cemetery and may have been performed outside of the sanctuary, but rather we participated in those services through the ministry of our Pastor.

### Baptisms and Dedications

<u>Name</u>	<u>Born</u>	<u>Date</u>
Wesley Edward Moyer	December 24, 2014	Baptized: February 28
Ryan Samuel Shakespeare	February 28, 2003	Baptized: March 27
Cecilia Michael Bender	February 17, 2016	Baptized: June 19
Macy Elizabeth Weller	May 16, 2016	Baptized: October 16

### Weddings

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Douglas R. Greene to Joanne L. Coleman	July 16, 2016

### Funerals

<u>Name</u>	<u>Deceased</u>	<u>Funeral</u>
Charles L. Gehris	February 14	February 17
Mary Jane Patterson	March 25	April 5
Richard Fleming	December 24, 2015	March 17
Ronald Freeman Romig	June 19	June 23
Mary Ellen Rush	July 13	July 16
Robert A. Dotterer	September 1	September 6
Fern E. Eidle	September 20	September 24

## CONSISTORY'S REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION

The Consistory of St. John – Hill UCC first and foremost would like to thank God for His guidance and blessings during this past year at Hill Church. 2016 has been a year filled with both blessings and challenges. One of the most notable was the resignation of Pastor Christian. While this was certainly an unexpected challenge, Hill Church continued to function and did not miss a beat through two months of supply pastors. In December Pastor Mary began her ministry here with us, and this has proven to be quite a blessing. In a short time, we have gotten to know Mary and begin a new chapter in our church life.

Many people have worked faithfully to enable Hill Church to accomplish the many projects that were completed in 2016. The Consistory would like to say “Thank You” to everyone who has contributed to our church this year, both openly and quietly behind the scenes with altar preparations, communion setup, folding bulletins, newsletters, worship leaders, Christmas decorating, Sunday School teachers, care and maintenance of church property... the list goes on. Without your hard work, prayers, and trust in the Lord, none of this would have been possible. As the central administrative, spiritual life, and governing body of your church the Consistory has endeavored to serve you responsibly, efficiently, and faithfully, and although we know that we cannot please everyone all of the time, it is our hope and prayer that we will follow God's leading in all of our actions. We rely heavily on the work of the various committees in the church and wish to thank them for their support in carrying out the ministry of God's work here. Following is a brief recap of the activities for 2016.

The Consistory members during 2016 were: Matt Weller (President), Arlan Schaeffer (Vice President), Dottie Fronheiser (Assistant Treasurer), Kristen Nagy (Secretary), Harold Albitz, Anita Brady, Rick Furches, Bonnie Helmick, Mark Hile, Ray Kochey, Terry Shane, and Clarence Weller. Pastor Christian Creyer and Wendy Shane, who is an employee serving as St. John - Hill UCC's Treasurer, also attended the monthly Consistory meetings providing much information, guidance, and support.

Leaving the Consistory this year are Harold Albitz, Kristen Nagy, and Clarence Weller. We thank them for their leadership and service. The nominees for Consistory members for 2017 are Bob Fleming and David Mutter. We look forward to these new members serving St. John - Hill UCC, while serving our Lord.

### Notable Activities And Events Of 2016

- Overwhelming support for various non-profit organizations, including Boyertown Area Multi Service, Salvation Army of Boyertown, Opportunity House of Reading, Boyertown Lions Club.
- Welcoming the Anhalt family into our church family as Sexton of Hill Church.
- Vacation Bible School Program – Another exciting week with a great turnout.
- Mission Trips – Mission Trip Birdsboro with St. Paul's UCC.
- Several Small Groups and Bible studies.
- Youth events: Wilcox Farms Corn Maze, Aluminum can collection
- Several concerts held in our band shell
- Continued Improvements and maintenance to our historic buildings.
- The Boy Scouts continue to stay active assisting with our suppers and other activities.
- Many more listed under the various committees' reports.

This has been a busy year, filled with many new activities which have been a source of growth and blessings to many. Please join us for more of these in 2017.

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## CONSISTORY'S REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION (CONTINUED)

Focus for 2017

As a priority for 2017 the Consistory would like to remain focused on spiritual growth and fellowship among our church family. We also want to reach out to those we do not see often at Hill Church, as well as our nearby community, and reinvigorate our mission outreach.

As in 2016 we will continue to focus on the following areas this year:

- Continue to strive to improve the financial condition and stewardship of Hill Church, which will most likely occur by default as we accomplish the following tasks.
- Pursue new avenues of mission outreach in our local community and elsewhere.
- Pursue new activities to promote the spiritual growth and fellowship of our members.
- Pursue an effective visitation program to reach out to our fellow members whom we have not seen in a while, encourage our active members in their individual spiritual journeys, and reach out to others in our community in need of a helping hand or a new church home.

The Consistory plans, along with the general monthly review, to continue to thoroughly review our expenses vs. income on a quarterly basis this year. As we move through 2017 we ask you to continue to pray for guidance in your giving and ask God to lead us all in our financial decisions.

As we look to 2017, let us all direct our efforts to reviving our membership and community to a renewed spirit of love and service for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

We are pleased to serve on your Consistory and we are very excited to see what God has in store for Hill Church in 2017. Please keep the Consistory and our entire church family in your prayers throughout 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,  
In Christ,  
Your Consistory

**2016 FUND ACTIVITY REPORT**

Account #	Account Name	YTD Activity
<b>300.000 General Operating Fund Balance</b>		
	<b>Beginning Fund Balance</b>	<b>1.00</b>
<b>Income</b>		
400.000	Current	105,263.35
406.000	Plate	5,175.79
430.000	Bulletins	410.00
440.000	Cemetery Rent	151.00
445.000	Maintenance	14,202.00
445.003	Saving Account Interest Income	43.14
	<b>Operating Income</b>	<b>125,245.28</b>
454.001	Altar Flowers	895.00
454.002	Easter Flowers	373.50
454.003	Memorial Day Geraniums	161.00
454.004	Poinsettia	145.00
454.006	Initial Offering	328.00
	<b>Pass-through Income</b>	<b>1,902.50</b>
480.000	Sunday School Reimbursement	70.19
481.000	Park Committee Reimbursement	20.19
	<b>Committee Reimbursements</b>	<b>90.38</b>
443.000	Sexton House Rental Income	5,483.95
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>\$132,722.11</u></b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
500.000	Pastor Salary	32,772.38
501.000	FICA reimbursement	3,258.99
502.000	Pension	3,249.70
504.000	Health/Dental Insurance	1,700.00
	<b>Pastor Salary Package</b>	<b>40,981.07</b>
506.000	Mileage Reimbursement	1,316.24
507.002	Professional Expenses	250.00
	<b>Pastor Expenses</b>	<b>1,566.24</b>
509.000	Parsonage Expenses	48.00
509.001	Parsonage Heat	356.93
509.003	Parsonage Electric	1,641.44
509.004	Parsonage Taxes	4,671.60
	<b>Parsonage Expenses</b>	<b>6,717.97</b>
513.000	Organist Salary	11,325.12
516.000	Organist Supplies	671.77
518.000	Supply Organist	75.00
	<b>Organist Expenses</b>	<b>12,071.89</b>

**2016 FUND ACTIVITY REPORT**

Account #	Account Name	YTD Activity
520.000	Secretary Salary	11,577.74
	<b>Secretary Expenses</b>	<b>11,577.74</b>
524.000	Sexton Salary	5,111.35
526.000	Sexton Electric	744.78
530.000	Sexton Supplies	74.85
	<b>Sexton Expenses</b>	<b>5,930.98</b>
534.500	Treasurer Salary	1,909.92
	<b>Treasurer Expenses</b>	<b>1,909.92</b>
535.000	FICA Expense(CHurch portion)	1,976.95
535.500	Employee Christmas gifts	1,000.00
536.000	Advertising Expense	634.42
538.000	Substitute Pastor	1,500.00
539.000	Church Telephone	706.04
540.000	Church Heat	4,474.51
540.010	Church Office Heat	1,135.88
542.000	Church Maintenance	748.25
543.000	Sexton House Maintenance	200.00
544.000	Church Electric	2,268.14
546.000	Church / Office Supplies	2,049.82
548.000	Church Taxes	6,755.46
549.000	Dues & Subscriptions	677.90
551.000	Sanitation Service	345.00
553.000	Exterminator Service	901.18
554.000	Postage	896.00
557.000	Group Study Expenses	80.02
558.000	Service Contracts	2,663.05
559.000	Meeting Expenses	240.00
560.000	UCC Insurance	14,732.50
562.000	License/Permits/Inspections	1,060.70
563.000	Contribution Envelopes	568.14
	<b>Church Expenses</b>	<b>45,613.96</b>
583.000	Flowers: Altar, Holiday,etc	1,828.35
584.000	Donations	172.00
	<b>Pass-Through Expenses</b>	<b>2,000.35</b>
557.025	Natural Church Development Expense	750.00
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$129,120.12</u></b>
	<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$3,602.99</b>



**2016 FUND ACTIVITY REPORT**

Account #	Account Name	YTD Activity
 <b>310.000 Benevolence Fund Balance</b>		
		<b>Beginning Fund Balance</b>
		<b>3,535.02</b>
<b>Income</b>		
450.000	Benevolence	4,079.00
		<b>Benevolence</b>
		<b>4,079.00</b>
450.001	One Great House of Sharing	232.00
		<b>Total Income</b>
		<b><u>\$4,311.00</u></b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
581.000	PA SE Conf/ OCWM	4,335.00
		<b>Benevolence</b>
		<b>4,335.00</b>
		<b>Total Expenses</b>
		<b><u>\$4,335.00</u></b>
		<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>
		<b>\$3,511.02</b>
 <b>312.000 Communion/Benevolence Fund Balance</b>		
		<b>Beginning Fund Balance</b>
		<b>7,719.08</b>
<b>Income</b>		
450.005	Communion/Benevolence	1,427.00
		<b>Benevolence</b>
		<b>1,427.00</b>
		<b>Total Income</b>
		<b><u>\$1,427.00</u></b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
583.500	Communion Offering Disbursement	1,200.00
		<b>Pass-Through Expenses</b>
		<b>1,200.00</b>
		<b>Total Expenses</b>
		<b><u>\$1,200.00</u></b>
		<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>
		<b>\$7,946.08</b>
 <b>315.000 Trust Funds</b>		
		<b>Beginning Fund Balance</b>
		<b>36,434.70</b>
<b>Income</b>		
476.001	Barto Trust Fund	4,013.38
476.002	Rohrbach Trust Fund	17,298.24
		<b>Trust Fund Income</b>
		<b>21,311.62</b>
		<b>Total Income</b>
		<b><u>\$21,311.62</u></b>
		<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>
		<b>\$57,746.32</b>

**2016 FUND ACTIVITY REPORT**

Account #      Account Name      YTD Activity

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**320.000 Memorial Fund Balance**

		<b>Beginning Fund Balance</b>	<b>13,538.05</b>
<b>Income</b>			
447.000	Memorial Fund Donations		650.00
447.001	Memorial Fund Interest Income		5.12
		<b>Benevolence</b>	<b>655.12</b>
		<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>\$655.12</u></b>
		<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$14,193.17</b>

**330.000 Steeple Fund**

		<b>Beginning Fund Balance</b>	<b>21,081.36</b>
<b>Income</b>			
445.005	Steeple Fund Donations		200.00
		<b>Benevolence</b>	<b>200.00</b>
		<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>\$200.00</u></b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
597.000	Steeple/Cross Repairs		7,824.00
		<b>Miscellaneous Expenses</b>	<b>7,824.00</b>
		<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$7,824.00</u></b>
		<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$13,457.36</b>

**384.000 Carillon Fund**

		<b>Beginning Fund Balance</b>	<b>6,680.01</b>
<b>Income</b>			
452.001	Carillon CD Interest Income		10.58
		<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>\$10.58</u></b>
		<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$6,690.59</b>

**2016 FUND ACTIVITY REPORT**

Account #      Account Name      YTD Activity

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**386.000 Church Air Conditioner Fund**

		<b>Beginning Fund Balance</b>	<b>15,920.00</b>
<b>Income</b>			
449.000	Church A/C Fund Donations		1,980.00
		<b>Benevolence</b>	<b>1,980.00</b>
		<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>\$1,980.00</u></b>
		<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$17,900.00</b>

**387.000 Mission Outreach Fund**

		<b>Beginning Fund Balance</b>	<b>17,505.42</b>
<b>Income</b>			
454.008	Mission Outreach Team		20,041.00
		<b>Pass-through Income</b>	<b>20,041.00</b>
		<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>\$20,041.00</u></b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
585.005	Missions Outreach Team Expense		15,386.00
		<b>Pass-Through Expenses</b>	<b>15,386.00</b>
		<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$15,386.00</u></b>
		<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$22,160.42</b>

**388.000 Fellowship Team Fund Balance**

		<b>Beginning Fund Balance</b>	<b>172.00</b>
<b>Income</b>			
450.500	Fellowship Team Income		140.00
		<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>\$140.00</u></b>
		<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$312.00</b>

**2016 AUDITED ACCOUNT BALANCE SHEET**

*Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2016*

Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance
<b><i>Assets</i></b>		
100.000	Checking Account	40,469.17
100.001	Money Market Savings Account	30,384.42
100.002	Steeple CD	14,901.94
100.003	Memorial Fund Saving Account	14,076.75
100.004	Savings-Ready Access CD-NPB	44,439.88
100.008	Ready Access CD-Carillon Fund	4,232.87
	<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$148,505.03</b>
<b><i>Liabilities</i></b>		
200.001	Accounts Payable/Vendors	386.81
200.010	Federal/FICA Withholding	285.38
200.020	State Withholding	134.43
200.030	Local Withholding	87.46
240.000	D & L Disposal Services Inc.	91.00
	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$985.08</b>
<b><i>Fund Balance</i></b>		
300.000	General Operating Fund Balance	3,602.99
310.000	Benevolence Fund Balance	3,511.02
312.000	Communion/Benevolence Fund Balance	7,946.08
315.000	Trust Funds	57,746.32
320.000	Memorial Fund Balance	14,193.17
330.000	Steeple Fund	13,457.36
384.000	Carillon Fund	6,690.59
386.000	Church Air Conditioner Fund	17,900.00
387.000	Mission Outreach Fund	22,160.42
388.000	Fellowship Team Fund Balance	312.00
	<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$147,519.95</b>
	<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$148,505.03</b>

**2017 BUDGET PROJECTION FOR THE GENERAL FUND**

Total Oct 2015  
thru Sept 2016      Budget 2016      Proposed 2017  
Budget      Budget      % of total

*Income*

Current	101356.33	120,000	110,000	
Plate	5465.51	12,000	5,500	
<b><i>Transfer from Trust Fund</i></b>		<b>21,283</b>	<b>26,393</b>	
Bulletins	425	850	780	
Cemetery Rent	0	1	1	
Cemetery Insurance	0	150	150	
General Fund CD Interest	60.91	100	100	
Money Market Interest	32.76	50	50	
Sexton House Rental Income	5483.95	8,400	8,400	
Maintenance	14529	5,000	8,000	
<b>Operating Income</b>	<b>127,353.46</b>	<b>167,834</b>	<b>159,374</b>	<b>98.58%</b>
Flowers - (Alter,holiday,etc)	1786.5	1,500	1,500	
Initial Offering	323	300	300	
Luminary Donations	1442.29	0	0	
Summer Concert Income	0	500	500	
<b>Pass-through Income</b>	<b>3,551.79</b>	<b>2,300</b>	<b>2,300</b>	<b>1.42%</b>
Sunday School Reim	35.33	200	0	
Park Committee Reim	0	0	0	
Women's Guild Reim	0	0	0	
<b>Committee Reimbursements</b>	<b>35.33</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>130,940.58</b>	<b>170,334</b>	<b>161,674</b>	

**2017 BUDGET PROJECTION FOR THE GENERAL FUND (CONTINUED)**

	Total Oct 2015 thru Sept 2016	Budget 2016	Proposed 2017 Budget	% of total
<i>Expenses</i>				
Pastor Salary	41826.42	43,645	43,645	
Parsonage Offset	0	0	0	
FICA Reimbursement	4159.09	4,276	4,276	
Pension / Life / Disability	5286.53	8,800	6,800	
Health/Dental Insurance	2300	2,600	2,600	
<b>Pastor Salary Package</b>	<b>53,572.04</b>	<b>59,321</b>	<b>57,321</b>	<b>35.45%</b>
Parsonage Expenses	146.22	700	700	
Parsonage Heat	118.35	3,500	2,000	
Parsonage Maintenance/UpKeep	197.6			
Parsonage electric	1826.61	1,500	1,500	
Parsonage Taxes	4671.6	4,600	4,700	
<b>Total Parsonage Expenses</b>	<b>6,960.38</b>	<b>10,300</b>	<b>8,900</b>	<b>5.50%</b>
Organist Salary	11325.12	11,325	11,325	
Organist Supplies	906.12	550	550	
Supply Organist	75	225	225	
<b>Organist Expenses</b>	<b>12,306.24</b>	<b>12,100</b>	<b>12,100</b>	<b>7.48%</b>
Secretary Salary	11577.74	12,081	12,081	
Substitute Secretary	0	0	0	
<b>Secretary Expenses</b>	<b>11,577.74</b>	<b>12,081</b>	<b>12,081</b>	<b>7.47%</b>
Sexton Expense	5247.37	7,072	7,072	
Sexton Electric	701.36	650	840	
Sexton Supplies	98.53	150	150	
Snow Removal	0	500	500	
<b>Sexton Expenses</b>	<b>6,047.26</b>	<b>8,372</b>	<b>8,562</b>	<b>5.30%</b>
Treasurer Salary	1909.92	1,910	1,910	
<b>Treasurer Expenses</b>	<b>1,909.92</b>	<b>1,910</b>	<b>1,910</b>	<b>1.18%</b>
FICA Expense(CHurch Portion)	2112.19	2,650	2,000	
Advertising Expenses	634.42	750	750	
Mileage Reim-Pastor	1642.15	2,500	2,500	
Professional Exp-Pastor	250	500	500	
Substitute Pastor	500	500	500	

**2017 BUDGET PROJECTION FOR THE GENERAL FUND (CONTINUED)**

	Total Oct 2015 thru Sept 2016	Budget 2016	Proposed 2017 Budget	% of total
Expenses (continued)				
Church Telephone	792.66	600	600	
Church Heat	4394.81	8,750	5,000	
Church Maintenance	9523.03	3,500	3,500	
Sexton House Maintenance		1,500	1,500	
Office / Sexton House Heat	1135.88	3,500	2,000	
Church Electric	2381.26	2,300	2,300	
Church / Office Supplies	2467.36	1,500	1,800	
Church Taxes	6755.46	6,700	6,800	
Dues & Subscriptions	678.5	700	700	
Sanitation Service	345	300	300	
Exterminator Service	897.18	850	900	
Postage	998.96	1,000	1,000	
Group/Edu Study Expenses	204.11	250	250	
Service Contracts	2670.75	1,000	2,000	
Donations	296	300	300	
UCC Insurance	14680	18,500	18,500	
License/Permits/Inspections	1024.7	1,000	1,000	
Contribution Envelopes	568.14	600	600	
Meeting Expenses/Conf & Training	270	500	500	
Natural Church Development Exp	1225	1,000	0	
Staff Christmas Gifts	1929.7	1,000	1,000	
<b>Church Expenses</b>	<b>58,377.26</b>	<b>62,250.00</b>	<b>56,800.00</b>	<b>35.13%</b>
Flowers: Altar, holiday, etc	2012.1	1,500	1,500	
Summer Concert Performances	0	500	500	
<b>Pass-Through Expenses</b>	<b>2,012.10</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>1.24%</b>
Youth Group Support	0	500	500	
Fellowship Team	0	500	500	
PRC / Spiritual Life Team	1492.29	500	500	
Missions Outreach Team	0	500	500	
<b>Miscellaneous Expenses</b>	<b>1,492.29</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>1.24%</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>154,255.23</b>	<b>170,334</b>	<b>161,674</b>	
<b>Difference</b>	<b>(23,314.65)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

End of 2015, transferred \$30,974.98 to General Fund from Trust Fund Income Fund

## **BARTO TRUST**

The Barto Trust was established by Minerva Barto as part of her last will and testament. In her will she bequeathed various amounts to different people and organizations, and then designated that the residue of her estate be used to establish a perpetual trust to benefit two churches: St. John Hill Church, and New Goshenhoppen Church. Initially called The National Bank of Boyertown, then became known as National Penn Bank and as of 2016 became known as BB&T Bank was named as trustee, and directed to distribute the income to the two churches, in equal amounts.

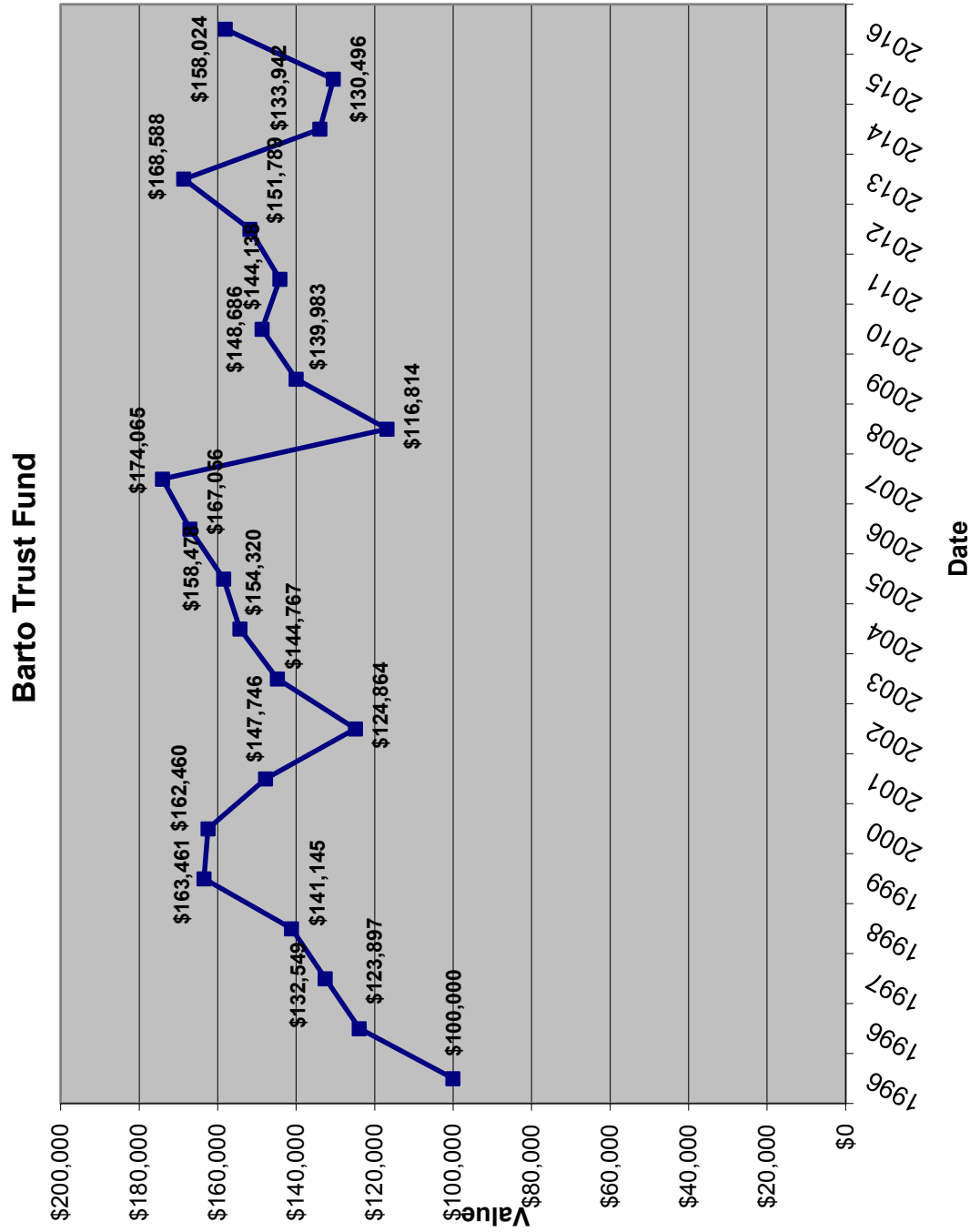
The trust seems to have been formally established on or about January 30, 1996, with a principal amount of \$100,000.

We have a copy of her will, outlining the provisions of the trust.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Balance</b>
12/31/1995	\$0
1/30/1996	\$100,000
12/31/1996	\$123,897
12/31/1997	\$132,549
12/31/1998	\$141,145
12/31/1999	\$163,461
12/31/2000	\$162,460
12/31/2001	\$147,746
12/31/2002	\$124,864
12/31/2003	\$144,767
12/31/2004	\$154,320
12/31/2005	\$158,478
12/31/2006	\$167,056
12/31/2007	\$174,065
12/31/2008	\$116,814
12/31/2009	\$139,983
12/31/2010	\$148,686
12/31/2011	\$144,138
12/31/2012	\$151,789
12/31/2013	\$168,588
12/31/2014	\$133,942
12/31/2015	\$130,496
12/31/2016	\$158,024



BARTO TRUST



## ROHRBACH TRUST

The Rohrbach Trust was established by Charlotte Rohrbach in the late 1980's. She created a charitable remainder annuity trust by contributing a sum of money to the trust account. She received an annuity from the account during her life, and when she died in 1994, the remainder of the funds in the account became a trust to benefit the charities she designated. Those charities are St. John – Hill Church and Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Leesport.

The trust for the churches was formalized in late 1994, and the initial distribution appears to have been made to the churches in late 1994 or, more likely, early 1995. The initial value of the trust was slightly more than \$400,000.

In the trust document, the trustee (initially Dauphin Bank and Trust Company, then changed to M & T Bank, and as of 2014 changed their name to Wilmington Trust) is to manage the funds and distribute the entire income from the trust to the beneficiaries on a quarterly basis.

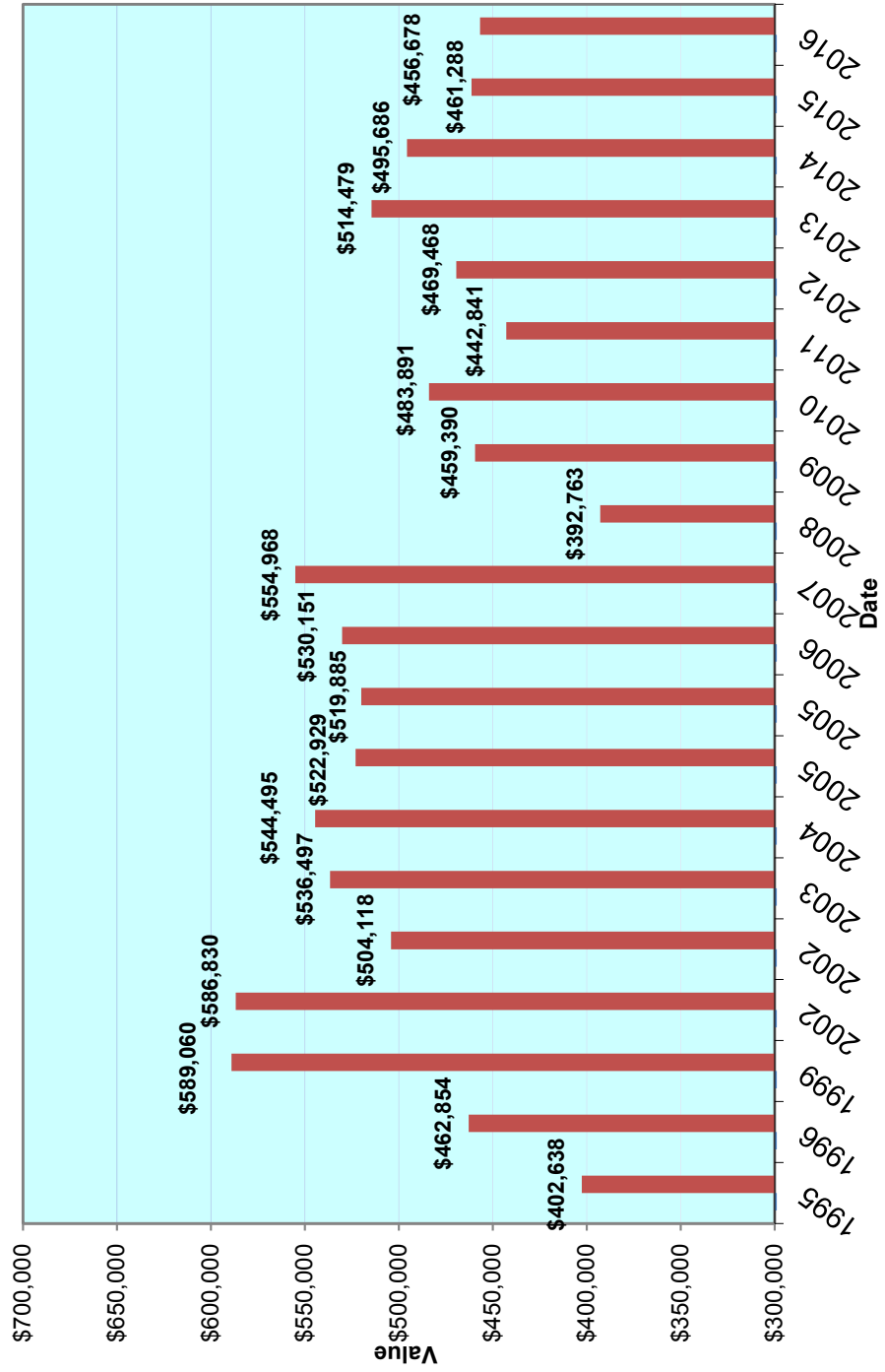
Wilmington Trust Bank, as trustee, has determined that this arrangement constitutes what is known as a "private foundation" and, as such, the trustee is required by the IRS to distribute to the beneficiaries no less than 5% of the trust's net worth each year. This is where the issue arises about being paid from the principal amount of the trust. If the income in any year does not exceed 5%, plus the management costs and fees (which have been about 2%), then part of the mandatory 5% distribution is going to be taken from the principal amount.

In other words, any year in which trust income is not at least 7%, the principal amount is going to be reduced.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Balance</b>
12/31/1994	\$0
8/31/1995	\$402,638
2/28/1996	\$462,854
3/1/1999	\$589,060
1/1/2002	\$586,830
9/1/2002	\$504,118
12/31/2003	\$536,497
2/29/2004	\$544,495
3/1/2005	\$522,929
8/31/2005	\$519,885
8/31/2006	\$530,151
12/31/2007	\$554,968
12/31/2008	\$392,763
12/31/2009	\$459,390
12/31/2010	\$483,891
12/31/2011	\$442,841
12/31/2012	\$469,468
12/31/2013	\$514,479
12/31/2014	\$495,686
12/31/2015	\$461,288
12/31/2016	\$456,678

ROHRBACH TRUST

Rohrbach Trust Fund



## CHURCH HEALTH TEAM REPORT

St. John-Hill Church is continuing a process of review that began in the fall of 2015 called Natural Church Development (NCD). It is a way for us to measure and evaluate the overall health of our church as well as to develop a course of action to enhance our ministry at Hill Church.

All members of the original Church Health Team (CHT) committee continue to serve. They are Rick Furches, Leader; Jane Prutzman, Researcher; Mayetta Shane, Intercessor; Joel Weller, Strategic Planner; and Eileen Fisher, Communicator. As you may recall, one of the first tasks of this 12-18 month process was to have 30 church members take a brief survey which looked at eight quality characteristics of growing churches; namely 1) empowering leadership, 2) gift-based ministry, 3) passionate spirituality, 4) effective structures, 5) inspiring worship service, 6) holistic small groups, 7) need-oriented evangelism, and 8) loving relationships. The reason for the survey was to identify the weakest area of our church so that work could be done to improve that area to make the church stronger. The survey identified “inspiring worship service” as our weakest attribute.

After holding initial focus group meetings in the fall of 2015, an action plan workshop was held in February of 2016 to address music, spirituality/attitude, and style/structure of worship and how to make our worship more inspiring.

Mayetta Shane, NCD Team Intercessor, was charged with leading the Prayer Team, which earnestly prays for our continued growth as an inspired community of faith. The team continues to pray for a successful completion of the Natural Church Development project, hoping that we will become a stronger church in many ways; that this will have been a worthwhile endeavor. If you have questions about the Prayer Team or are interested in volunteering, please contact Mayetta.

Another outcome of the February workshop was to develop a Worship Team which began meeting in April. This team is responsible for setting up the structure, style, music, etc. of each worship service so that the scripture, message, and music all tie together.

The members of the Worship Team are Elmer Miller (music), Mayetta Shane (senior member input), Sonya Moyer (creative input), Katrina Prutzman (young people input), and Joel Weller (technical equipment input and young people). The Team worked very hard to ascertain the likes and dislikes of the elements of the worship service by having worshippers complete low/high evaluation forms and considering additional comments regarding the worship services and continues an ongoing evaluation. If you are interested in participating with the Worship Team, contact any of the Church Health Team members.

Additional ideas put into practice included incorporating different styles of worship in the church service, adding new music to the church service, initiating a communication plan with parents of Sunday School students, expanding the Vacation Bible School (VBS) scope, and creating small groups. Our Sunday School children have created Bible story drawings that have been used as the worship service bulletin covers. As part of the plan to not only think about Vacation Bible School (VBS) in the summertime, save-the-date postcards were sent to the children who attended Vacation Bible School to invite them to a VBS “winter reunion” with Clark.

In November, the Church Health Team entered into an area that was not directly an offshoot of the survey taken through the Natural Church Development process, but certainly pertained to a healthy church. The Church Health Team offered its services to the Consistory to help facilitate discussion within Hill Church regarding topics of concern to the church family. In order to address some of the challenges we are facing at Hill Church and to promote healing, the Church Health Team and the Consistory encouraged all to join together in respectful discussion as Christians in an informal setting.

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Please continue to pray that we remain strong and united in our faith and trust in God to help us through difficult times so that we can still come together as a community of believers in Christ to worship, serve, and love. We ask that your prayers are ongoing that God might open and lead our hearts and minds in a healthy direction so that we can accomplish our goal of becoming a stronger church, to remain an active, vibrant house of worship where we continue to serve the Lord, our Savior, even better than we have in the past.

In Christ,

Your Church Health Team,

Eileen Fisher, Rick Furches, Mayetta Shane, Jane Prutzman, Joel Weller

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The committee meets the first Monday of each month to discuss new and old events and happenings. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings and share your thoughts and ideas. Our annual Souper Bowl Sunday fundraiser held in February filled the kitchen with crocks of soup. We collected \$200, which was donated to the Boyertown Salvation Army while also enjoying 16 different types of soup.

Our children's Easter Program was on Palm Sunday during the morning worship service. Thanks again Mayetta for the chocolate lollipops. The children were treated to an Easter Egg Hunt with crafts and snacks the Saturday before Easter. We honored our mothers on Mother's Day by giving each of them a carnation.

Summer started with adventure in a cave at Cave Quest VBS. The many children and adults at Vacation Bible School in July learned that we can see God's light in our lives. The crafts station allowed kids to make some crafts to take home and remember the theme. We collected money to help the mission team repair local houses on their mission trip.

On August 6th the annual Ringgold Band Picnic was held. Thanks to everyone who came out and enjoyed the evening and also to those whose hard work made the picnic a success. The next day we held our annual outdoor Sunday School service in the bandshell.

Our family day at Knoebels Grove started with a short worship service led by Eileen. 4 children were given ride tickets. Our annual 1 o'clock meeting at the bumper cars allowed everyone to test out their driving skills.

In September, 4 students received their first bibles as they enter Mayetta's class. October began with many volunteers preparing for the annual Sausage Supper.

Numerous service projects have been taken on by the Sunday School. They include:

- Joyful Noise Offering: We started collecting a "noisy" offering during the worship service once a month. We collected over \$620. The children then went shopping to buy backpacks and angel tree gifts for other local children. It is so much fun watching kids run around the store picking out items and throwing them in the carts.
- Operation Christmas Child: Shoeboxes were filled by the congregation and sent to less fortunate children in other countries.
- Mid-Term Care Packages: 10 College students received goodies and best wishes during their finals week.
- The Angel Tree: Two local single parent families were helped this year. The kids received lots of gifts and toys and the parent received a few gift cards to help keep their bellies full too thanks to the generous support of everyone.

As the Christmas season approached, the Sunday School children presented a song and reading during the Sunday of the cantata. The day was highlighted by a visit from Santa with gifts for all children in attendance followed by a luncheon for all to enjoy. We traveled to our home-bound families to share the Christmas spirit through carols.

This past year the Sunday School donated money to Global Ministries, sponsored local needs for children, and donated to the general fund of St. John-Hill U.C.C. We look forward to continuing our mission of spreading His Word through 2017. Join us every Sunday morning at 8:30 AM. No matter how young or how old, there is a class for you!

## HILL UNITED SUNDAY SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT

### EXPENSES:

LESSON MATERIALS	\$1,257.55
CHECKS/DEPOSIT SLIPS	\$74.82
SAUSAGE SUPPER	\$1,012.23
SUMMER CONCERTS	\$6,503.41
CHRISTMAS	\$368.00
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	\$166.33
EGG HUNT	\$95.74
GLOBAL MINISTRIES (ELDERLY SPONSORSHIP)	\$300.00
MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS	\$72.00
ST. JOHN UCC GEN. MAINTENANCE	\$2,000.00
TRANSFER TO SAVINGS ACCOUNT	\$4,000.00
POSTAGE/MAILINGS	\$119.19
OTHER DONATIONS	\$260.00
JOYFUL NOISE (BACKPACKS & ANGEL TREE GIFTS)	\$551.35
COLLEGE STUDENT SUPPORT	\$366.00
PIANO TUNING	\$289.00
MOTHERS DAY FLOWERS	\$26.72
ANGEL TREE GIFTS	\$109.48
PRINTING OF BULLETINS MADE BY STUDENTS	\$681.00
BOYERTOWN SALVATION ARMY (SOUPER BOWL)	\$200.00
BIBLES	\$26.98
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$18,479.80</b>

HILL UNITED SUNDAY SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT

**INCOME:**

REGULAR OFFERINGS	\$4,235.87
MISSION OFFERINGS	\$206.00
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	\$718.12
SUMMER CONCERTS	\$6,709.43
SAUSAGE SUPPER	\$2,884.00
DONATION	\$50.00
KNOEBELS GROVE	\$90.00
SOUPER BOWL	\$192.00
CHOW CHOW	\$24.00
JOYFUL NOISE OFFERINGS	\$627.13

**TOTAL INCOME** **\$15,736.55**

**BALANCE IN TREASURY AS OF JANUARY 1, 2016** **\$10,028.83**

**BALANCE IN TREASURY AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016** **\$7,285.58**

**MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT**

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE JANUARY 1, 2016</b>	<b>\$11,851.53</b>
INTEREST	\$11.69
DEPOSIT	\$4,000.00
<b>ENDING BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2016</b>	<b>\$15,863.22</b>

(note: \$2,000.00 from the Wentzel Estate is in this Balance. This money is  
was willed to us and will be used as a memorial gift.)



## SOLDIERS MEMORIAL PARK COMMITTEE REPORT

The Park Committee consists of volunteers who accept responsibility for the care and maintenance of all of the church property excluding the church building. To maintain the properties, our primary source of income is the profit obtained from the annual ham & turkey suppers. This year we served 415 people at the ham supper and 760 people at the turkey supper. We made a total profit of \$8568 from the two suppers combined. The Park committee wishes to thank all the members, friends and organizations of our church for their volunteered assistance and food donations for these suppers. Also a big thank you goes out to anyone who has provided baked goods. Without the help of everyone we could not sponsor the suppers.

For 2016 work projects included:

- o Continued "Pick Up Sticks"
- o Tree removal and planting
- o Dining Hall roof replacement
- o Exterior lighting upgrades
- o General maintenance and repair

2017 projects include stone pointing in the barn, tree removal and planting, school house porch revitalization and, as always, "picking up sticks". Workdays are scheduled the second Saturday of each month year around. All are welcomed and encouraged, now more than ever, to support our work days with your time and talent. When we work together we can accomplish anything that we set out to do. We invite everyone to come and join in the camaraderie and fun.

The committee wishes to show our gratitude by being thoughtful stewards of the church property. Our financial statement will show that the use of the money doesn't stop here but is used wherever needed.

Our current members are Terry Shane, secretary; Joel Weller, treasurer; Clarence Weller, Bob Shakespeare, Jan Fisher, Richard Kemp, Dennis Weller, Dale Fronheiser and Mark Hile.

We again thank all of you for helping us have a successful year.

Submitted by,  
Mark Hile  
Park Committee President

## SOLDIERS MEMORIAL PARK FINANCIAL REPORT

### Checking Account

*Balance In Checking As Of January 1, 2016* \$11,370.36

#### **Income**

Donation (for School House Repairs)	\$886.00
Ham Supper	\$5,479.00
Turkey Supper	\$9,390.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$15,755.00</b>

#### **Expenses**

Electric for Park	\$537.34
Gas for Park	\$0.00
Exterminator Service for Park	\$372.00
Maintenance Repairs & Improvements	\$7,074.25
Ham Supper	\$2,876.04
Turkey Supper	\$3,524.27
Transfer to Savings	\$5,300.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$19,683.90</b>

*Balance In Checking As Of December 31, 2016* \$7,441.46

### Savings Account

<i>Balance In Savings As Of January 1, 2016</i>	\$8,867.39
Transfer from Checking	\$5,300.00
Interest	<u>\$7.90</u>
<i>Balance In Savings As Of December 31, 2016</i>	<i>\$14,175.29</i>

## WOMEN'S GUILD REPORT

Our year began on a winning note with many members of the Guild enjoying an afternoon of bingo supporting the Boyertown Lions Club. Thankfully the weather was clear and dry so traveling to and from the event was not an issue.

Missions of the Guild throughout the year included:

- Quarterly support of \$50.00 to St. John (Hill) for members with financial needs.
- Supplied Lent refreshments in February.
- Provided a donation to Life Outreach, making a contribution to provide forty pairs of shoes.
- Donated \$200.00 toward Easter baskets for the residents of Wernersville State Hospital.
- Provided the morning refreshments for the Spring Association Meeting held at Hill Church on April 23rd.
- Volunteered as Sunday morning "Greeters" for the month of May.
- Annually support a child in Guatemala through Compassion International.
- Shared the cost of the movie license fee with the Consistory. The featured films this season were "Up," "Inside Out," and a Veggie Tale, "The Pirates That Don't Do Anything."
- Raised \$836 for repairs of the one-room schoolhouse/roof at our 5th annual auction in August.
- Made a contribution to the Eagle Scout project improving the memorial garden/flag pole area on the cemetery.
- Made both applesauce and chow chow on one fall Saturday morning for a year's worth of church suppers. We continue to be grateful for the volunteers who helped to make it and the donated apples and garden veggies for these projects. As always, if anyone has extra crops, please keep us in mind for chow chow. Items needed would be green, wax and lima beans, red or yellow peppers, cucumbers, and cabbage. Call Nancy Weller with any donations.
- Received a wish list for the consumers of Wernersville State Hospital, a mission we support annually and delivered over \$200.00 worth of much appreciated clothing and toiletry items.
- Collected our annual thank offering boxes and passed on the blessings to Church World Services.
- Donated turkeys valued at \$200 to Boyertown Multi-service.
- Remembered nine shut-in's during the Christmas Season by making gift bags for delivery during caroling.

Other ongoing projects of the Guild include: selling our cookbook and RADA Cutlery, providing morning coffee/baked goods and lunches during work weekends for the park committee and volunteers as needed, assisting church families with funeral luncheons when requested, sponsoring Confirmation bibles and keepsake baby bibles to children being baptized and a keepsake book for the parents.

Finally, we rang out 2016 with our Guild Christmas Dinner at Giannotti's on a very rainy night—at least it wasn't snow!

Our regular meetings are held on the first Tuesday night of the month at 7:00 p.m. Our meetings are usually held in the kitchen at church, with the exception of our occasional excursions or cancellations due to bad weather. (A trip that is becoming a tradition for us is in October--taking covered dishes and our meeting on the road to eat and meet with our member Marie Brumbach at Phoebe Berks in Wernersville. Marie and Paul were delighted to host us!)

Our meetings consist of a short regular business meeting followed by a program. All women are welcome to join us any time. Contact President Megyn Stauffer if you have any questions about Women's Guild activities.

We wish to thank everyone for all your support during the past and look forward to your continued support! We thank God for His guidance.

Blessings,  
Hill Church Women's Guild

## WOMEN'S GUILD FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Balance 1/1/2016

\$4,873.34

### **Income**

Offering	\$376.00
Cook Books	\$105.00
Cake/Pie Sales	\$943.00
Cutlery	\$183.25
Auction	\$836.00
Thank Offering	\$162.00
Funeral meals	\$420.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$3,025.25</b>

### **Expenses**

Wernersville, Easter & Christmas	\$400.00
Life Outreach	\$144.00
Phoebe Ministries	\$100.00
St. John Hill Church - Needy	\$200.00
Change - bake sales	\$240.00
Compassion Int.	\$491.00
Copyright License	\$230.00
Park Comm./ Schoolhouse	\$836.00
Church World Svcs.	\$162.00
Cutlery	\$151.20
Gifts	\$200.00
Conference refreshments	\$79.98
BSA Troop - Eagle scout project	\$100.00
Turkeys for multi service (8 cases)	\$200.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,534.18</b>

Ending Balance 12/31/16

\$4,364.41

## UNION CEMETERY BOARD REPORT

The Hill Church Union Cemetery, Inc. Board of Directors consists of six volunteers, each serving a staggered three year term. Three members are appointed by the Council of St. Joseph Hill Lutheran Church and three are appointed by the Consistory of St. John Hill UCC. The respective congregations then vote to approve the appointees.

The Duty of the board is, "To maintain, supervise and be responsible for the operation of the cemetery and to ensure that it will service the corporation and surrounding communities."

Each spring, board members and volunteers straighten and reset tombstones that have shifted over the winter's freeze-thaw cycle. We also locate/set cornerstones of individual lots. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with these projects in the past and we look forward to your help again this spring. The members for 2016 included Elmer Miller (president), Alan Wood (vice-president), Tyler Shane (secretary), David Renninger (treasurer), Keith Weller and Keith Sharpe.

Lot price is \$300 each (includes perpetual care). Grave opening & closing is \$750 (\$300 for cremation), burial cost is subject to additional fees for tent, foundations, weekend hours, etc. **PLEASE NOTE** that the cemetery bylaws state that cemetery lots shall have NO permanent plantings or installations. Any plants placed on lots shall remain in pots or containers so that they can be removed for grass trimming. Also, please remember to remove plants within a timely period, and dispose of them properly for environmental purposes.

Submitted by,  
Tyler Shane  
Secretary

## UNION CEMETERY FINANCIAL REPORT

### Ordinary Income/Expenses

#### Income

Foundations	\$4,098.12
Tent & Equipment	\$675.00
Perpetual Care	\$300.00
Sale of Lots	\$900.00
Notary Fees & Deeds	\$50.00
Entry Fee	\$3,325.00
Interest on Investments	\$41.43
Miscellaneous Income	\$127.27
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Total Income	\$9,516.82

#### Expenses

Cemetery Care	\$8,218.62
Foundations	\$4,314.00
Fuel Charges	\$500.00
Safe Deposit Box Rental	\$30.00
Berks County Cemetery Assoc Dues	\$10.00
American Cemetery Magazine	\$49.00
Property & Liability Insurance	\$150.00
Flowers for Graves	\$24.88
Lease on Shed	\$1.00
Misc Expense	\$626.00
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Total Expenses	\$13,923.50

Net Ordinary Income      -\$4,406.68

### Other Income/Expenses

#### Other Income

##### Investment Income

Gain/Loss Morgan Financial Investment	\$20,567.43
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Total Investment Income	\$20,567.43

Total Other Income      \$20,567.43

#### Other Expenses

##### Investment Management Fee

Morgan Financial Management Fee	\$2,991.86
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Total Investment Management Fee	\$2,991.86

Total Other Expenses      \$2,991.86

Net Other Income      \$17,575.57

Net Income      \$13,168.89

## UNION CEMETERY FINANCIAL REPORT

### Assets

#### Current Assets

##### Checking/Savings

Bally Savings Bank Account	\$13,040.47
National Penn Bank Checking Account	\$69.54
Total Checking/Savings	<u>\$13,110.01</u>

Total Current Assets      \$13,110.01

#### Other Assets

##### Invested Funds

Morgan Financial Investments	\$322,075.65
Total Invested Funds	<u>\$322,075.65</u>

Perpetual Car Reserve      \$(173,777.69)

Total Other Assets      \$148,297.96

Total Assets      \$161,407.97

### Liabilities & Equity

#### Equity

Opening Balance Equity	\$311,474.28
Unrealized Gain/Loss on Investment	\$(738.67)
Perm. Restricted Net Assets in Perpetual Care Reserve	\$(173,777.69)
Retained Earnings	\$11,281.16
Net Income	<u>\$13,168.89</u>

Total Equity      \$161,407.97

Total Liabilities & Equity      \$161,407.97

#### 2016 Officers:

**Elmer H. Miller - President**  
**Alan Wood - Vice President**  
**Tyler C. Shane - Secretary**  
**David Renninger - Treasurer**  
**Keith Sharpe - Member**  
**Keith Weller - Member**

#### Auditors:

Nancy Weller  
Anita Brady  
Kathie Gilbert

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

The Board of Trustees consists of three members elected by the congregation. Their main responsibility is the care and control of the property of the congregation as a sacred trust, whether real or personal, in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation and of the Constitution and By-Laws of the United Church of Christ.

Our major project this year was constructing a new front sidewalk to accommodate better access to the church for everyone. Work was completed by Snyder Construction, LLC, Fleetwood, for a cost of \$7,824.00. Repairs to the stone pointing at the parsonage & school house porch foundation are scheduled for this year. Work to be done by John Lindsay. Bids are being reviewed for the replacement of the porch roof of the one room school house which should start sometime this spring.

### Mission Statement

We the trustees of St. John Hill UCC Church are wholeheartedly dedicated to creating and maintaining a safe and spiritual place of worship for all who wish to come to praise the glory of God. To achieve this relationship, we will:

- Maintain a safe and spiritual place to worship
- Promote an atmosphere uniquely designed for continual improvements
- Respect and support all members and nonmembers alike
- Continue to support all the various committee efforts
- Assist our pastor to promote the word of our Lord

Now and in the future, we realize that our members are equally vital to the success of our church's mission. We look forward to serving St. John Hill UCC Church.

We have a rich history here at Hill Church with our first Reformed baptisms and ministry dating back to 1735. Our forefathers had many great visions when they built this church in which to worship. It is our responsibility to know our past so we can reach to the future and carry on the many dreams and traditions they started so many years ago. This is our time to step forward and spread God's love to all of our neighbors and friends.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Hile, Bill Moyer, & Terry Shane  
Trustees of St. John-Hill United Church of Christ

*"For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you."  
Jeremiah 29:11-12*



## MUSIC DEPARTMENT REPORT

Anthems for the year were provided by the Senior Choir and occasionally the Praise Choir.

The Cantata Choir and members from Salem U.C.C. Choir performed a Lenten Cantata, "The Living Last Words" written by Ruth Elaine Schram on Maundy Thursday, March 24th. Keri Wagner was the pianist.

As in the past, volunteers provided music selections as anthems for our Summer Worship Services. Several services were held outdoors. Thanks to all who volunteered.

On December 11th at 3:00 P.M. five members of our choir participated in a Community Cantata at Salem U.C.C., Covered Bridge Road in Oley. The Cantata was "One Silent Night", written by Pepper Choplin. Our church was one of nine different churches represented from the area.

On Sunday December 18th, our Choir and guests presented the same Cantata, "One Silent Night" during our morning worship service. The children of our Sunday School also presented a brief program and song. Afterwards Santa presented gifts to the children and a luncheon followed.

Christmas Eve Services were held at 3, 7, and 10 P.M. At the 3 o'clock service the prelude consisted of piano and organ duets. Bryn Wagner sang a solo "Jesus Came". Kristen Bender sang "O Holy Night" as an anthem. The carols for this service were accompanied by Eileen Fisher and me.

At the 7 PM Service the prelude consisted of a piano selection by Katrina Prutzman, a solo by Rick Furches, and piano and organ duets. George Benjamin sang "What Child Is This" and "O Holy Night". Bob Fleming sang "In the Bleak Mid- Winter". The carols for this service were accompanied on keyboard [Bob Fleming], piano [Eileen Fisher], and organ [Elmer Miller].

At the 10 P.M. Service the prelude consisted of a keyboard selection by Bob Fleming, a solo by Rick Furches and piano and organ duets. The cantata choir sang "Behold This Child". George Benjamin sang "O Holy Night" accompanied on guitar by Rick Furches. The carols for this service were again accompanied by keyboard, piano and organ.

Thank you to all the volunteers who gave of their time and talents to the music ministry of our church. Let us sing our praises to our God Almighty.

God Bless,  
Elmer Miller  
Organist/Choir Director

## YOUTH GROUP FINANCIAL REPORT

### EXPENSES:

COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL/SPONSORSHIP	\$456.00
PORTA POTTY RENTAL -2016	\$301.58

<b><u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u></b>	<b>\$757.58</b>
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### INCOME:

CREATION 2016	\$1,960.00
CAN RECYCLING	\$212.80

<b><u>TOTAL INCOME</u></b>	<b>\$2,172.80</b>
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<b>BALANCE IN TREASURY AS OF JANUARY 1, 2016</b>	<b>\$2,241.57</b>
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<b>BALANCE IN TREASURY AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016</b>	<b>\$3,656.79</b>
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## MISSIONS REPORT

2016 saw a variety of members reaching out into our community to demonstrate faith through deeds.

In July, members of Hill Church joined with St. Paul's Birdsboro, St. Paul's Amity and Alice Focht UMC to reach out the Christian hand of kindness to those less fortunate in the Birdsboro / Douglassville area. Tasks ranged from cleaning out rain gutters, painting, general yard work, small carpentry, electrical, plumbing and masonry projects. Our days began with a group breakfast at 7 AM, morning worship, workday at various in the Birdsboro area, evening meal together and evening group building and vespers. Through hands, God's love was demonstrated to the community.

Several times throughout 2016 members provided meals at Opportunity House in Reading. These meals provide nourishment, but more importantly encouragement.

We continue to sell grocery cards to support outreach. For every dollar you spend you receive the same amount in grocery cards. Giant, Redner's and Weis in turn gives us 5%. Thanks for your past and continued support.

Look for opportunity to volunteer this year. Step up and be rewarded with the spirit of service.

## 2015/2016 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Month	2015 Date	Number Attended	2016 Date	Number Attended
<b>January</b>	4	79	3	83
	11	81	10	68
	18	58	17	77
	26	76	24	canc.
			31	59
Average Attendance		74		72

<b>February</b>	1	91	7	90
	8	94	14	58
	15	canc.	21	78
	22	29	28	102
Average Attendance		71		83

<b>March</b>	1	86	6	84
	8	85	13	95
	15	86	20	96
	22	81	(M.T.) 24	93
	29	109	(7 am) 27	51
		(9:30 am)	124	
Average Attendance		89		100

<b>April</b>	(M.T.) 2	44	3	57
	(7 am) 5	55	10	67
	(9:30 am) 5	136	17	60
	12	70	24	73
	19	87		
	26	97		
Average Attendance		98		63

<b>May</b>	3	89	1	65
	10	110	8	85
	17	88	15	83
	24	62	22	78
	31	76	29	58
Average Attendance		85		74

<b>June</b>	7	94	5	68
	14	85	12	77
	21	89	19	87
	28	49	26	62
Average Attendance		79		74

Month	2015 Date	Number Attended	2016 Date	Number Attended
<b>July</b>	5	58	3	78
	12	90	10	70
	19	73	17	74
			24	58
	26	54	31	70
Average Attendance		69		70

<b>August</b>	2	60	7	70
	9	71	14	48
	16	70	21	52
	23	73	28	69
	30	71		
Average Attendance		69		60

<b>September</b>	6	71	4	71
	13	70	11	70
	20	78	18	78
	27	69	25	69
Average Attendance		72		72

<b>October</b>	4	70	2	70
	11	61	9	49
	18	86	16	68
	25	80	23	84
			30	59
Average Attendance		74		66

<b>November</b>	1	88	6	76
	8	80	13	81
	15	78	20	47
	22	85	(T.E.) 25	St. Joe's
	(T.E.) 25	58	27	76
29	81			
Average Attendance		82		70

<b>December</b>	6	83	4	80
	13	88	11	68
	20	182	18	128
	(3 pm) 24	44	(3 pm) 24	60
	(7 pm) 24	133	(7 pm) 24	130
	(10 pm) 24	90	(10 pm) 24	66
	27	68	25	28
	Average Attendance		105	

\*2011 average attendance per service was 108  
 \*2012 average attendance per service was 103  
 \*2013 average attendance per service was 95

\*2014 average attendance per service was 90  
 \*2015 average attendance per service was 80  
 \*2016 average attendance per service was 73

## LEADERSHIP PERSONS 2017

### Consistory

Matthew Weller	President
Arlan Schaeffer	Vice President
Anita Brady	Secretary
Wendy Shane	Treasurer/Not Member
Dottie Fronheiser	Assistant Treasurer
Bob Fleming	
Rick Furches	
Bonnie Helmick	
Mark Hile	
Ray Kochey	
David Mutter	
Terry Shane	

### Trustees

Mark Hile  
Bill Moyer  
Terry Shane

### Sunday School Leadership

Elmer Miller	Superintendent
Nancy Weller	Treasurer
Wendy Shane	Assistant Treasurer
Nikki Weller	Secretary

### Cemetery Directors

#### St. John Hill UCC Members:

Elmer Miller	President
Tyler Shane	Secretary
Keith Weller	

#### St. Joseph's Lutheran Members:

Alan Wood	Vice President
David Renninger	Treasurer
Keith Sharpe	

### Finance Committee

Dottie Fronheiser  
Wendy Shane  
Matthew Weller

## LEADERSHIP PERSONS 2017 (CONTINUED)

### Park Committee

Mark Hile	President
Joel Weller	Treasurer
Terry Shane	Secretary

### Women's Guild

Megyn Stauffer	President
Kristen Nagy	Vice President
Eileen Fisher	Secretary
Nancy Weller	Treasurer

### Missions Committee

Mark & Connie Hile  
Jan Fisher  
David Motz

### Youth Group

Dale Fronheiser	Adult Leader
Nancy Weller	Treasurer

### Boy & Cub Scouts Troop 518

Bill Richmond	Scout Master
Bobby Shakespeare	Asst. Scoutmaster
Shawn Conrad	Asst. Scoutmaster
Bonnie Helmick	Com. Chairman/Char- ter Rep.
Dawn Childress	Treasurer/Secretary
David Motz	Charter Member

### Additional Contact Information

Mary Lake-Dillensnyder	Interim Pastor
Elmer Miller	Church Organist
Nikki Weller	Church Secretary
Wendy Shane	Treasurer
Charles Anhalt	Sexton
Nikki Weller	Web Master

Church contact information

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES - FEBRUARY 21, 2016

Meeting Open by Matt Weller with a Welcome and a Thank You to all the committees.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Christian - The church had a lot of activity. Few Bible Studies. New members, Confirmations, and Passing of members.

3 Baptisms, 2 Weddings, and 4 Funerals

We are actively working on Revitalization of the Church.

Consistory Report – Matt Weller - Thanks you for everyone who has helped throughout the year.

- 2016 will remain focused on Spiritual Growth
- VBS was a great success again this year.
- Mission trip Habitat for Humanity and the Mission Trip in Birdsboro with St. Paul's UCC.
- Several small groups and Bible Studies.
- Overwhelming support for various non-profit organization, including Boyertown Area Multi-Service, Salvation Army of Boyertown, Opportunity House of Reading, and the Boyertown Lions Club
- Youth Events: Colebrookdale Train Ride, Wilcox Farms corn maze
- Summer Concerts: Ringgold Band, Epiphany, Desire
- Luau Party at the Shakespeare's
- Luminary Display to Honor Veterans
- Continued Improvements and Maintenance to our Historic Buildings
- Beginning Natural Church Development
- Boy Scouts – we currently have 6 members
- Eagle Scouts – Cody Childress, Drew Fronheiser, Ron Helmick, Michael Ambrose will be working on his project this year

Church Health Team - Rick Furches

The members of the Church Health Team are Eileen Fisher, Jane Prutzman, Mayetta Shane, and Joel Weller. Rick reviewed the history of the team and advised of the survey that was taken. The concentration is on Inspiring Worship service and the focus on what to Achieve, Maintain and Avoid during worship. The latest workshop had 20 people attend. Thank you for all who attended.

Sunday School – Elmer Miller – reviewed the Sunday School report

Park Committee – Mark Hile – They meet every 2nd Saturday of the Month at 8 AM

- Wanted to remind everyone that they have properties other than the church to maintain.
- The 2 fundraisers are the Ham and Turkey Suppers
- Upcoming Projects
- Tree Issues
- School House Porch and Roof
- The Sexton House need painted

Women's Guild – Eileen Fisher – We meet the 1st Tuesday of each month. All women are invited. We are here to Serve, Help and Love. The Next meeting is on March 1st at 7 AM and the April meeting will be a field trip to Wernersville.

Cemetery Board – Elmer Miller – There are 3 UCC Members and 3 Lutheran Members. Plots are still \$300. Do not have be a member to be buried there. The Christmas Flowers need to be removed off the plots before March 13th.

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES - FEBRUARY 21, 2016

Board of Trustee's Report - Terry Shane – Encourage all to come out and join a group.

Pastoral Relations Committee – On Hiatus

Music – Elmer Miller – We joined with Salem for the Christmas Cantata and asked them to join us for Lent.

Youth Group – Pastor Christian – They are in our prayers and there is no report. Looking for a leader to make them feel important. Faith grows beyond Junior Years

Missions – Mark Hile

- 3 Opportunity House Meals
- Habitat for Humanity in April
- Mission work with St. Paul's again this year Starting July 20th – Wednesday to Saturday for one day or all 4 days and includes meals, \$15 includes shirts
- Looking for projects within our own church family

3 nominations for Consistory – Anita Brady, Bonnie Helmick, Harold Albitz

Thank you for all being here

No Questions

Motion made to adjourn by Nancy Weller, 2nd by Connie Hile. Approved by the Congregation

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Kristen Nagy



## RECENT HISTORY OF ST. JOHN-HILL U.C.C.

*The full church history from 1740 is available in the narthex.*

**1999** - April 4, all estimates and information collected and forwarded to our insurance company on the replacement of our copper cross. Our cross was extremely damaged after being blown to the ground during a storm in 1998. The insurance company approved the replacement and installation.

**2001** - July 22, congregation voted to hire Patrick Sabrinski Painting to paint the exterior of our church and Sunday school - \$17,067.81.

**2002** - The following renovations to our second floor Sunday school room were donated by the Sunday school: two new partitions, new floor, drop ceiling, paint, lighting and other electrical updates along with wheelchair access to the kitchen. Central air installed for 1st and 2nd floor Sunday school rooms. Total cost \$37,335.00. Along with many personal gifts, a \$10,000.00 donation from the park committee was given to the Sunday school towards the cost of this project.

**2004** - Barn roof repaired. Cost, approximately \$9,000.00.

**2005** - Our own member, Joseph Motz – son of David and Mary Motz, ordained into ministry.

**2007** - 1st Hill Church mission trip in January and 2nd mission trip in December. Destination – Gulf Coast, Biloxi, Mississippi to help rebuild after the mass destruction of hurricane Katrina.

Voted to hire Patrick Sabrinski Painting to paint the steeple - \$16,150.00

**2008** - Youth trip to creation festival - a Christian camping, musical, worship retreat.

**2009** - Water pump was replaced by Jim Landis Inc. - \$1,138.96.

The congregation voted to hire Uhrigs Professional Painting of Reading to paint the exterior of our church. - \$18,728.00

Collected and forwarded information to our insurance company on the replacement of our copper cross. Our cross was bent in half during a wind storm during the spring of 2009. The new cross was installed on December 7th by High Climbers Co., Chester Springs, PA. The cross is 20 oz. Copper clad with an aluminum interior support. \$9,640.00 – Most of the cost was covered by insurance.

Received a donated generator. Wiring by Keen Electric - \$1,296.98.

Youth retreat to Creation Festival again.

Joint mission trip with St. Paul's UCC, Birdsboro to the Southern Folklife Center in Pipestown, West Virginia.

Schoolhouse painted by the Scout Troop.

**2010** - Spouting & snow guards installed on barn - \$3230.00

Spouting installed in the church - \$4,679.00

## RECENT HISTORY OF ST. JOHN-HILL U.C.C. (CONTINUED)

Completion of generator installation.

Patching, sealing, re-coating and line painting of parking lot - \$4,490.00

Dining hall painted as an eagle scout project led by Alex Schollenberger.

Speakers installed in the narthex.

Joint mission trip with St. Paul's UCC, Birdsboro to Oreland, Maine.

**2011** - Mission trip to Cosby, Tenn.

Chlorinator added to our water system - \$4,681.21

**2012** - New sound system installed in sanctuary - \$8068.94

**2013** - Flag pole lights installed - sponsored by the Miller Family in memory of Harold Miller who served as sexton and care taker of the cemetery for 70 years.

New emergency lighting installed on the second floor of the Sunday School area. Time and installation materials donated by a dedicated member of our church.

**2014** - Sexton house renovation began in January 2014 and continued through March. Upgrades included a new kitchen, bathroom, powder room, all new electrical wiring, insulation, interior repair and painting. Numerous businesses, church members and friends of Hill Church offered materials and over 50 people joined in working together. Volunteers left their handprints on the wall leading to the sexton house attic.

Fire alarm system installed in the church and Sunday School buildings. System equipment was purchased at cost (\$8,010.00) with funds set aside for this project. Time and installation materials were donated by a dedicated member of our church.

After a compromising water leak was discovered leading to the steeple. The inspection revealed major repairs needed. The congregation voted to have Descoco Design and Construction to proceed with the needed repairs. Base price \$143,648. In addition, volunteers from our church family replaced the four corner spires, louvers & frames with new azek pvc for approximately \$5,000.00 in materials. Again, with the support of our church family, we could accomplish all without outside financing sources.

**2015** - Thanks to a generous donation in 2014 – replacement windows in the sexton house was completed.

Luminary event held in the church cemetery honoring our veterans. 2000 Luminaries set up with both St. John Hill congregation and St. Joseph's Hill working together profits raised were donated to War warriors.

**2016** - New shingle roof put on dining hall.

## MEMORIAL PRAYER

### *Pennsylvania German Dialect*

“Unser fodder un unser gott; meer wolla heit on ol dee leit denka os doh ga-leabt henn, owwer henn uns fer-luss im dode-es shloof. Meer sin donkbore, un shtuls, fer olles os see ga-duh henn fer uns -- fer so feel gewwa, fon sich selwert, fer unser karrich om geh holta. Feel fon uns sin fon ehrra blude’s friend-shofft, owwer ol fon uns henn yeasus sei geisht, grawt wee see k’hot henn, da-noh sinn meer ol gleieder fon da himmel-icha familia. Luss uns gewwa, tzu da noach-kummenta, grawt wee see uns, so feel gudes, ga-lusst henn. Im nawma fon christus dar sei leava gewwa hut fer der dode, un uns’ra sinda, weck nemma. Amen”

“Our father and our god, it is with gratitude and admiration that we remember those who have gone before us, who gave so much of themselves to establish and maintain our church. Many of us share the bond of blood with these ancestors, but we all share the same unity of christ’s spirit which makes us all members of one heavenly family. May our tribute to their generosity be our mutual commitment to give as we have received. In the name of christ who gave his life to free us from death, we pray. Amen”

**PASTORS OF THE REFORMED CONGREGATION**

REV. J. C. DILL .....	DATES UNKNOWN
REV. JOHN WILLIAM INGOLD .....	DATES UNKNOWN
REV. F. DALLICKER.....	1790 - 1796
REV. J. H. FABER.....	1796 - 1799
REV. FREDERICK HERMAN .....	1800 - 1840
REV. LEWIS HERMAN.....	1840 - 1859
REV. ROBERT VAN COURT .....	1859 - 1864
REV. P. P. A. HOFFMAN .....	1864 - 1890
REV. M. H. BRENSINGER.....	1890 - 1891
REV. H. A. I. BENNER .....	1891 - 1892
REV. M. H. MISHLER .....	1893 - 1909
REV. C. F. BARTHOLOMEW .....	1909 - 1927
REV. W. E. HORSTMEIRER .....	1927 - 1929
REV. W L. MECKSTROTH .....	1929 - 1933
REV. DONALD M. C. ENGLERT .....	1933 - 1943
REV. JOHN L. HERBSTER .....	1943 - 1957
REV. GEORGE K. LUDWIG.....	1958 - 1961
REV. G. HARRY NICE.....	1962 - 1967
REV. JAMES W ROGERS.....	1967 - 2003
REV. JAMES DUNN (INTERIM) .....	2003 - 2004
REV. JUDITH MEIER (INTERIM) .....	2004
REV. HARTFORD INLOW .....	2004 - 2011
REV. DANIEL MOSER (INTERIM).....	2011 - 2013
REV. BARBARA PENCE (INTERIM).....	2013
REV. CHRISTIAN CREYER .....	2013 - 2016