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Trinity Christian
United Church of Christ

Annual Congregation Meeting

Sunday February 9, 2020

We ask all members to make an effort to attend.
We must achieve a quorum in order to conduct Business

Order of Business

Opening Prayer

Review of the November 2019
Congregational Meeting Minutes

Audit Report of the 2019 Treasurer’s Records
By the Finance Committee

2019 Annual Report Questions or Comments

New Business

Closing Prayer
Trinity Christian United Church of Christ  
Congregational Meeting Minutes  
November 17, 2019  

Meeting was called to order at 11:38 with 38 Church Members in Attendance. Pastor opened with a prayer.

Review of February 2019 Congregational Meeting Minutes.

Pastor shared thoughts of 2020 Budget. She discussed her personal choice for how to support the Church. Reminded everyone that we are completely self-funded in the U.C.C., so everything we do comes from us.

Gary led discussion of the Budget.
• Review of 2019 Funds and where we stand so far this year in comparison to 2018.
• Pastor shared the importance of all we do in the Church.
• 2020 Budget will have an increase of $3,416.00 (2%).

Motion was made & seconded with 37 yes, 0 No, and 1 Abstention.

Ned gave an update on Website being back up so please check the website and Facebook pages.

Gary shared that the Pastor Relations committee will be meeting shortly to discuss the Pastor. If anyone would has any comments or questions, please see a member of the committee.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:10 followed by the Lord’s Prayer.
Trinity Christian UCC – Skippack
2020 Annual Budget

“Making a Difference in Our Lives and Our Community for Jesus!”

Your church leadership is excited to present this budget from a Missional perspective to show how our resources are being used to support our mission of making a difference in our lives and our community for Jesus. We celebrate what has been a wonderful and impactful first full year of Pastor Amelie’s ministry and commit ourselves to continuing to feed and support the needs of our church family and make a difference in our community for Jesus in the new one. We are all in this together!

Our 2020 Plan of Ministry

A. Providing meaningful, life-changing Worship each week throughout the year
   - Weekly Worship Services
   - Advent Special Services
   - Thanksgiving Service – to provide an opportunity for our community to reflect on our many blessings at this special, but hectic time of year
   - Lenten Special Services
   - Music Program – music during worship, Chancel Choir, Mission Music, and Cantatas
   - Funerals and Weddings for our own members and members of our community

Worship Budget Total - $74,000 (41% of Total TCUCC Budget)

Note: This total is comprised of the Worship Expenses, and a percentage of the Building Expenses; Choir and Music Expenses; Pastor Expenses; Church Management Expenses; and Other Administrative Expenses.

B. Nurturing Persons in their Faith Journeys
   - Weekly Adult Sunday School
   - Weekly Children’s Sunday School
   - Weekly Lunch Bunch Bible Study
   - Vacation Bible School – we resumed this in 2019 and served 19 children, and we are planning to grow the attendance in 2020
   - Youth Group – we are starting a Youth Group in 2019
   - Provide pastoral care to members who are homebound and hospitalized

Nurturing Persons Total Budget - $46,000 (26% of Total TCUCC Budget)

Note: This total is comprised of a percentage of the Building Expenses; Choir and Music Expenses; Pastor Expenses; Church Management Expenses; and Other Administrative Expenses.
C. Witness to our faith in Service Beyond Ourselves

- Support the work of the PSEC Conference, the National UCC, and Missionaries throughout the world through Our Church’s Wider Mission
- Support the Daily Bread Community Food Pantry (including our new Crop Walk Team)
- Support Every Good Gift
- Continue our expanded Outreach Efforts including our participation in the Skippack Village Merchant’s Association; helping organize and host the children’s Halloween Parade; First Friday’s; Little Free Library; Skippack Days; Turkey Supper; July 4th Parade water station; sponsoring Girl Scout troops and Skippack Striders; and providing space for Aerobics and the Election Polling Place.

Service Beyond Ourselves Total Budget - $59,000 (33% of Total TCUCC Budget)

Note: This total is comprised of the Benevolence Giving (7% of Loose & Envelope giving), and a percentage of the Building Expenses; Choir and Music Expenses; Pastor Expenses; Church Management Expenses; Other Administrative Expenses.

Total needed to fulfill our mission of “Making a Difference in Our Lives and Our Community for Jesus”: $178,000.

Note: This total Budget represents an increase of 2% versus the 2019 Budget.

A detailed line-item budget is available in the church office for anyone who wishes to review it.
Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light. Matthew 11: 28-30

Every day, I thank our Gracious God that I am the pastor of Trinity Christian United Church of Christ. When my friends and family members ask me how things are going, I express my delight that God has called me to minister along-side you in our congregation.

The “work” of a clergy person is varied...none of my weeks are carbon copies of another. But, it always seems like I have more things on my to-do list than I have hours in a week. I thank the people of our congregation for being supportive of me both as a pastor and a mother. I work to juggle things so that I simultaneously care for our congregation and care for my daughter.

Over the course of 2019, our congregation has settled into more of a “routine” in our worship life. Ralien Besch, our minister of music, and I have learned a little more about our congregation’s preferences in worship. Ralien implemented a process for making the last Sunday of the month our “Hymn Sing” Sunday. On that Sunday, our hymns are recommended by the congregation and then picked “bingo style.” Ralien keeps track of all of the requests and we sing them on the other Sundays of the month.

Each week, I lead two Bible Studies. I lead the 9 am Adult Sunday School class which focuses on how our Christian faith interfaces with current events in our communities and world. On Tuesday, I lead Bible study at our Lunch Bunch gathering. We focus on the scriptures we will hear on the coming Sunday morning, and also enjoy a potluck lunch and fellowship together.

I participate in our congregation’s decision making and planning. I attend our monthly Consistory meetings and property meetings. I also attend our gatherings of our Worship Committee, Christian Education Board, Finance Committee, Human Services Committee, Outreach Committee, Social Committee, Stewardship Committee, and Cemetery Board.

I spend time praying for members of our congregation and the friends and loved ones you raise in prayer. On the second Tuesday of the month, I join our Prayer Team at 7 pm as we pray for those people and situations as well. If you would like to deepen your prayer life, please join us.

I attempt to visit our members who have overnight stays at local hospitals. Please let me know if you are in the hospital. Hospitals used to tell local pastors when their members were hospitalized; most hospitals no longer do this because of privacy laws under the HIPPA regulations. I only know if you are there if you tell me or have one of your friends or relatives tell me.
I also work to visit our homebound members. If you know someone who needs a visit, please speak to me about it.

I work to minister to members of all ages at our church. We had a very successful Vacation Bible School in 2019 after taking a hiatus in 2018. Our Sunday school program has expanded – this school year, we have averaged five more kids in attendance than last year. I have been dreaming about activities for our youth as we get a youth group off the ground. In 2019, we had a lock-in and our young people have lots of ideas about activities they would like us to do in 2020. In 2019, Ralien and Susan started the Mission Music children’s choir and have included our children as musical worship leaders.

Although we have a small staff, I regularly keep in touch with Deb Clewell (our Administrator), and Ralien Burch (our Music Minister). I also interface with our cleaning service, Rosa & Tim’s Pro Cleaning Service. I am in the church office between 9:20 am and 3 pm Tuesday through Friday unless I am making visits on your behalf or participating in the work of the wider church.

Over the past year, I have worked with many of our members to expand our evangelism efforts. In December of 2018, Trinity joined the Skippack Merchant’s Association. In the summer of 2019, Trinity had a booth at each of Skippack’s First Friday Outings. We also co-hosted the Skippack Halloween Parade with Laurel and Hardy. We distributed water at the Skippack July 4th parade, invited our neighbors to a Thanksgiving Eve service, and invited local Veterans to a Veteran’s Day service. In November, we invited our neighbors to come into the Sanctuary Building for “Free Coffee, Cookies, and Prayers” during Election Day. Under the leadership of Ethan Conely, we distributed two sets of flyers to our neighbors inviting them to join us for Trinity events and activities. In December, we sang Christmas carols in the Fort Bevon neighborhood and along Skippack’s Main Street. In June, we welcomed four new members to join our congregation.

In addition to my work with our congregation, part of my vow as a clergy person is to participate in the life of the wider church. I attend meetings of the Skippack Area Ministerium and Ursinus Association Ministerium. Trinity participates in our annual ecumenical Lenten services and in 2019 I preached at Bethel Hill United Methodist Church at one of the services. In December, I joined a pastoral prayer group called Netzer. In our UCC Conference, I serve on the planning committee of our annual Clergy Convocation gathering.

I am so pleased God has called me to serve alongside the members of Trinity Christian United Church of Christ.

*Pastor Amelie M. Sell*

*And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. Romans 8:28*
2019 Presidents Report

When I look back on 2019 and the life of Trinity Christian UCC, I see that we grew in spirituality, in attendance and members.

This is a great sign that we will be around for years to come.

I would like to thank all the committees that have done so much in Trinity’s life in 2019.

There are so many things that we accomplished in 2019 as well as making Trinity so noticeable in the town of Skippack with the numerous things that we have done like the “First Friday” event tables and the Halloween Parade that started at Trinity.

I feel that Pastor Amelie needs most of the credit for our growth in 2019.

In her first full year at Trinity she has had some of the most interesting sermons that inspire the congregation in their daily lives. Her Children’s sermons are fun, thoughtful and meaningful for not only the kids but for the whole congregation. She has connected so well with the kids that I’ve even heard that some kids play “church” at home! What an influence Pastor, the Sunday School Teachers and Nursery volunteers must have on our children!

I have witnessed personally some of the ideas Pastor has brought with her; the help and support our committees have given her has been outstanding.

We have tried many things to help us grow. Some have worked and some didn’t make much change, but we still need to try different things to spread the “word of God” throughout our community.

I personally need to thank Pastor for everything she does on a daily basis.

She goes to visit our shut-ins; almost every time someone is hospitalized she has always been there. Even for Good events!

Pastor leads Lunch Bunch on Tuesday’s, and Adult Sunday school. She is very active in our local ministerial group, attends Ursinus Association meetings, Conference meetings as well as the local business meetings.

With all that Pastor Amelie does, it’s amazing she still finds time for herself and Lucia.

We are so Blessed that God has sent her to Trinity to deliver His message and help and support everyone at Trinity.

The “children of Trinity are our future” has been such an important statement that a special thanks needs to go out to everyone that has influence on them. From “Mission music”, VBS,
Easter Egg Hunt to the Christmas pageant as well as the Children’s message. To see so many kids attending and involved is fantastic.

This has been too long even for me!

I feel privileged to be a part of Consistory, again. I need to thank everyone on Consistory who helps keep us going; Nan Burch (Vice President), Janet Crossgrove (Secretary), Harry Crossgrove (Financial Secretary), Susan Vogl (Treasurer), Nancy Gallagher and Pastor Amelie.

Nancy Gallagher, who even though isn’t a Consistory officer, does so much work around Trinity and the community. We need a special thanks of appreciation to go out to her.

So to wrap things up, my prayers are going out to continued growth, great times of fellowship and continued outreach and involvement in Skippack events!

Respectfully Submitted,
Bill Vogl
Consistory President
Trinity Christian Statistical Report 2019

Baptisms: None

Confirmations: None

Weddings: 1

8/3/2019 Joseph Perfetto and Laurin Ralston

New Members: 6

6/30/2019 Amey Besch
6/30/2019 Ralien Besch
6/30/2019 Dean Clark
6/30/2019 Denise Clark
6/30/2019 Collette Sharma
6/30/2019 Megan Wiglusz

Transfers Out: None

Member Deaths/ Funerals in the Church: 4 Members
1 Non-Member

12/21/2018 Mary Piccone (NM) – Funeral Service held 8/3/2019
2/25/2019 Jean Black
5/10/2019 John Crews, Jr.
5/26/2019 Betty Ashley
8/29/2019 Walter Buck

Summary of Membership for 2019

EOY 2018: Reported to PSEC 108
Gains by confirmation, reaffirmation and transfers 6

Total after gains 114
Losses by death or transfer 4

Total number of Members as of December 31, 2019 110

Average Sunday attendance for 2019 53
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### Treasurer’s Report 2019

**Trinity Christian United Church of Christ**

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Total Income 204,751.04
Total Expenses 177,496.89
Difference 27,254.15

Note: In addition to income and expenses recorded in the Treasurer’s Report, members of the Congregation funded expenses in the amount of $6489.09 in support of our Church’s activities and our community outreach.
Treasurer's Fund Activity Report 2019
Trinity Christian United Church of Christ

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As of December 31, 2019
Grace Rader Fund

The Grace Rader Fund was created to help members of Trinity Christian U.C.C. who are experiencing financial need. The fund is overseen by the current Elders on Consistory: Nan Burch and Janet Crossgrove. Once money is withdrawn from this fund, it is replenished through the loose money that is collected on Communion Sundays.

If an outstanding need should arise, please feel free to contact Nan or Janet, who will then meet and discuss how to provide assistance, if possible.

There is currently a balance of $2,187.99 in this fund.

Respectfully submitted,
Elders Janet Crossgrove and Nan Burch
Results for 2019.

1) The Cemetery Committee maintained the grounds four (4) times during the year, to include the restoring of three (3) sunken grave sites.

2) Five (5) burials were performed during the year.

3) Flags were placed on all Veteran graves for Memorial Day; also Trinity conducted a Veterans Memorial Service in the cemetery. A tour was given of the veterans buried within Trinity's grounds. Trinity UCC has 93 veterans buried in the cemetery going back to the Civil War.

4) A section of the cemetery is reserved for people lacking resources to pay for a burial site. The funeral home must assume the cost of embalming or cremation.

5) In December of 2019 the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America placed memorial wreaths on the graves of veterans in the cemetery.

6) The price of lots remained the same for 2019; for members the cost is $500 and non-members $700.
Goals set for the 2020 year.

1) Restoration of headstones. Many headstones are over 100 years old and in need of foundation work. A preliminary cost and priority of repairs is being conducted. This is expected to be a multi-year project.

2) Maintain the requirements of the Pennsylvania Cemetery Laws (this is a goal as bona fide churches are exempt).

Robert Davis
Committee Secretary
January 23, 2020
**TRINITY UCC CEMETERY FUNDS—2019**

**Univest Checking Account #3911-62655-8**
- Starting Balance 1/1/19: $2,920.26
- Income:
  - Transfer from Del. FMA: $4,800.00
  - Dividends (Del.): 1,249.46
  - Sale of Lots: 2,800.00
  - Perpetual Care Donation: 100.00
- Total Income: $8,949.46
- Expenses:
  - Lawn Care: $6,960.00
  - Deed books: 91.72
- Total Expenses: $7,051.72
- Ending Balance 12/31/19: $4,818.00

**Anna R. Pool Trust Fund Citizen’s CD # 6149-106330** (Matures 3/6/22—interest rate 0.03%)
- Value 12/31/19: $2,642.77 (increase in value of $0.86) (Note: $2,091.32 held in perpetuity)

**Citizen’s Account #621912-104-3 (Charles Pool Fund)**
- Starting Balance 1/1/19: $10,149.06
- Interest: 2.03
- Balance 12/31/19: $10,151.09

(Reminder: $4,414.14 transferred from Charles Pool CD in 2017)

**Delaware Strategic Allocated Fund # 502-3249245**
(Formerly called the Delaware Foundation Modified Allocation Fund A Account)
- Status 1/1/19: 3674.360 shares at $10.21
- Transferred to Univest Checking: $4,800.00
- Status 12/31/19: 3514.777 shares at $10.91

**Delaware Limited Term Diversified Income Fund #515-139980**
(Formerly called the Delaware Treasury Limited Government Reserve Fund)
- All Dividends deposited to Univest Checking Account
- Status 1/1/19: 5341.653 shares at $8.14
- Status 12/31/19: 5341.653 shares at $8.27

**Overall**
- Starting Balance 1/1/10: $96,707.51
- Ending Balance 12/31/18: $100,133.55

Respectfully submitted,

Ned W. Schillow
Treasurer, Cemetery Committee
Christian Education

**Sunday School**
We continue to have Sunday School during the Church Service after the Children’s Message in the Education Building. At present, we are using the curriculum “Seasons of the Spirit”, which coincides with the Bible message the Pastor is presenting during Church. On Rally Day, one of our Children was presented with a Bible. We have had up to 19 children on a Sunday.

The offering collected each week goes towards sponsoring a child through Children Fun International. Our sponsored child is still Aleks Joshua Rivera Peres from Honduras.

On Easter Sunday, the children were given the opportunity to make an Easter Craft. There was also an Easter Egg hunt prior to Church. A special thank you for all the donations of candy and trinkets.

On June 28th & 29th, we had a well-attended Vacation Bible School with the theme “Love Your Neighbor” with children from the community joining us. This ended with the annual Picnic on June 30th with the service based on Vacation Bible School and our Children. Our goal is to get bigger each year.

Several of our children helped serve the annual Turkey Dinner on November 2nd and had a great time doing it.

After taking a year off, we participated in the annual Shoe Box drive for “Operation Christmas Child”. With your donations and a neighbor’s participation, we were able to fill 52 boxes, the highest number yet since we started with this program. Thank you for your donations.

Our year ended with the Children performing a skit titled “Ewe Said It” as the sermon in Church. They did a wonderful job as usual.

**Adult Sunday School**
The Adult Sunday School meets every Sunday morning from 9:00 to 9:45 from September through May in the Education Building. Their curriculum is based on “The Wired Word”, a weekly look at recent events in the news accompanied by appropriate passages of scripture and questions to get one thinking.

All adults of the Church are encouraged to join the class for its weekly discussions.
**Church Nursery**
The Church Nursery is run by Janet Crossgrove. Children under the age of 6, that are not attending Sunday School, are welcome to go to the Nursery in the Narthex during the service.

NOTE: We adhere to the Pennsylvania’s Child Protecting Services Law. All our helpers have the clearances.

**Youth Group**
We are in the process of starting a Youth Group. On December 6th, we had a “Lock-in” in the Church for an overnight of discussion & fun. Anyone 12, in 6th grade and up, are invited to join us.

**Lunch Bunch**
The Lunch Bunch gets together every Tuesday from 12:00 noon until 2:00 pm. They are also basing their study on the “Seasons of the Spirit”. All are invited to bring their lunch and join us for Bible Study.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Crossgrove
Finance Committee
2019 – Activities & Highlights

Committee Members:
Harry Crossgrove (Financial Secretary), Mary Ann Ricci, Pastor Amelie Sell, Bill Vogl, Susan Vogl (Treasurer), Gary Gallagher (Chairperson)

Key 2019 Financial Highlights

Operating Fund
• Our giving was strong in December and finished 2019 with an Operating Income increase of 10% versus 2018, and fully covered our Operating Expenses for the second consecutive year.
• Since Pastor Amelie joined us on August 1, 2018 through the end of 2019 our Operating Fund balance is positive, meaning that our Operating Income is higher than our Operating Expenses for that period.
  o This is a big accomplishment since transitioning from a part-time interim Pastor to a full-time new Pastor increases costs significantly at a time when attendance and giving are down!

Trust Fund
• We moved our Trust Fund from Uninvest to Janney Montgomery Scott to reduce the fees we pay and gain access to an investment approach that has historically provided better downside protection than our Uninvest account.
• The funds were allocated to the new strategy in February, and the balance closed 2019 at $238,743, an increase of $19,900 (~9%) for the year.

2019 Activities of the Finance Committee
• Performed the audit of the 2018 financial records and books of the church – no anomalies were found.
• We worked with Pastor Amelie and Consistory to present the 2020 Budget from a Missional perspective to show how our resources are being used to support our mission of “Making a difference in our lives and our community for Jesus”.
  • The Missional Budget approach allocates the expenses to our church’s three mission focuses:
    ▪ Worship – providing meaningful, life-changing worship each week throughout the year
    ▪ Nurture – helping all people grow in their relationship with the Lord
    ▪ Service Beyond Ourselves – bringing comfort and the hope of God’s message to those in need in our greater community
  o The overall 2020 Budget represented a 2% increase versus the 2018 Budget, while shifting our spending from our fixed costs and overhead to programs that touch the lives of our Church members and families in our community.
• We completed the transfer and allocation of our Trust Fund account at Janney Montgomery Scott.
• Worked with the Treasurer to make sure financial transactions were recorded in the proper income & expense accounts, and in the proper fund accounts.
• Monitored the monthly income and expenses, and analyzed variances from the budgeted amounts.
Primary Duties & Responsibilities of the Finance Committee are to:

- Protect the assets of the church and ensure the integrity of the financial records and books of the church.
- Lead the Annual Budget preparation process & present the proposed Annual Budget to the Congregation.
- Monitor the monthly income & expenses, and provide analysis & feedback to help Consistory and the Congregation understand the impact of financial transactions of the church.
- Help the Pastor, Consistory and the Congregation allocate the church’s resources to grow our ministry and support our designated charities.

Respectfully submitted by Gary Gallagher
Human Services Committee

In 2019 we supported the Daily Bread Community Food Pantry in the following ways:

$2,909.43 in financial support from our offering plate

129.75 hours volunteered stocking shelves, cleaning fresh produce, checking bags at the Food Pantry

1,774 items of food, personal care and cleaning supplies donated

185.3 pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables brought in for Harvest Home Sunday

233 pairs of socks donated to honor Jesus for Maundy Thursday

163 items of school supplies for the children that rely on the Food Pantry

Over 100 handmade knitted hats donated by Bernice Nuss

80 Christmas gift bags decorated by the Sunday School children and filled with treats, games, and essentials for the seniors that rely on the Food Pantry

80 Christmas tins filled with over a dozen homemade cookies for the seniors that rely on the Food Pantry

Over 35 Christmas gifts from the Angel Tree for the children that rely on the Food Pantry

Hosted the co-directors, Loretta & Joel Stever, to speak to the congregation about their organization

Submitted Redners grocery receipts

Collected used toner cartridges

41 hours volunteered to help with the 2019 Basket Bash. Use of the Education Building for working on baskets and storage of the baskets until the event

Volunteered to man the Food Pantry table at Skippack’s First Fridays

Volunteered to man the Food Pantry table at the PV Food Truck Festival & GSK employee picnic
Promoted the Food Pantry fundraisers (Pancake Breakfast, Pulled Pork Dinner, Boscov's Shopping Day Pass and Smile.Amazon) in the church bulletin and on our Facebook page.

CROP WALK
In 2019 CROP Walk celebrated 50 years of walking to end hunger. For the first time in many years, our congregation hosted a team for the CROP Walk. On Sunday, October 13th, our team of seven, and a few extra supporters walked in Collegeville with other local congregations. Our efforts raised $1,250 to help end hunger.

MAKE CHANGE WITH CHANGE
In 2019 we were able to help a woman with children struggling with some financial problems, a couple travelling from out of state and in need of assistance, and a person in need of a ride. In total we were able to provide $250 in gifts cards or money for an Uber ride from the donations to the Make Change With Change jar.

The Human Services Committee would like to THANK everyone for being such a GENEROUS congregation all year long! We have helped put food on the table and smiles on the faces of many of our neighbors that are experiencing difficult times. I have faith that we will continue to be as generous in 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Gallagher
TRINITY
United Church of Christ

OUTREACH ANNUAL REPORT
DATE: JAN 18, 2020

Objectives of the Outreach Committee:

1) Encourage new people to join Trinity UCC.
2) Encourage non-attendees to become more active.
3) Increase the visibility of Trinity UCC in the community.
4) Endorse Church programs, build a firm foundation and grow spiritually.

Outreach Programs conducted during the year 2019

a. Trinity is now a member of the Skippack Merchant’s Association. This is to develop a rapport and communication with the businesses located in and around Skippack.

b. Staffed a table in Skippack ("First Fridays" from April to October) with the goal to have a space for Trinity to provide children with crafts and games and pass out promotional material.

c. Conducted the annual Trinity outing to Reading Fighting’ Phil’s. Over 38 people attended. A good time was had by all.

d. Skippack Halloween Parade Sat 19 October. The parade began at Trinity with 250 children, parents and grandparents, and traveled down the sidewalk to Floral & Hardy. Beverages and Halloween snacks were provided.

e. Conducted a Veterans Memorial Service in our Cemetery for the first time. A tour was given of the veterans buried there since the Civil War. A group of 29 attended, some from the Blue Comet Motorcycle Club.

f. Skippack’s 4th of July parade – kids and adults from the congregation handed out water bottles to people attending the parade.
g. Community Turkey Dinner saw an increase in sales at the annual turkey dinner. Could be from flyers handed out to homes in two neighborhoods near the church.

h. Election Day – Pastor Amelie and friends offered coffee, cookies and prayers in the church during Election Day. A good amount of people stopped in, and some meaningful connections were made.

i. Canvassed the local neighborhoods – several members of the Outreach Committee canvassed the local neighborhoods promoting the Thanksgiving Eve service and the Christmas Caroling dates.

j. Thanksgiving Eve service – several members of the Outreach Committee canvassed the local neighborhoods passing out flyers regarding the service. Some people from the neighborhoods did attend the service.

k. Blue Christmas service – This service was advertised to the local community, including the local bereavement center. There were 17 people in attendance, including one from the community.

l. Christmas Caroling (2019)
   i. Expanded caroling in Skippack to include nearby neighborhoods and ask for singers outside of the church to join the carol group.

Bob Davis
Outreach Committee
PASTORAL RELATIONS
ANNUAL REPORT – 2019

Pastor Amelie has completed her first year here, and at each of our meetings with her, she feels that things are going well and, as a committee, we could not be happier with the way things are going. She joined our family in August of 2018 and hasn’t stopped “doing”. Someone once said that “when Pastor Amelie decides the church should try something, she says “I’m going to be here on this date, who is going to join me?” People show up.

If you look around the church, you will see more people sitting in the pews. She had a membership class the first year she was here and we had 6 new people join our church family. That is exciting! Could it be her friendly presence in the community? The church officially joined the Skippack Merchant’s Association in 2019. We supported the community by having a table at the First Fridays over the summer, passing out water before the Fourth of July parade, co-hosted the Halloween Parade, offered coffee, cookies and prayer on Election Day, had a service for Veterans in the cemetery which had veterans and people from the community attend, a Thanksgiving Eve Community Service where several members of our community attended, and Christmas Caroled two different Fridays in the Fort Bevon neighborhood and on Main Street. That is a lot in the first year for her to accomplish.

Pastor Amelie continues to work tirelessly; whether it is visiting the sick and shut-ins, leading the Lunch Bunch, attending the Ursinus and Skippack Ministeriums, helping with the social dinners, hoagie sales and singing in the Christmas Cantata; as well as planning and preaching at the Sunday Worship Services.

We officially installed her in March to seal our commitment to her and look forward to working with her for many years to come.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laura Parker
Property Committee 2019 Annual Report

In 2019 the Property Committee has done some things or has had some things done that you may or may not have noticed. We as a committee discuss the needs that all the buildings might have and try to figure out a way to get those things done.

We changed the trash collection company from Mascara waste to Whitetail Disposal. We found that Whitetail was less expensive and the service was basically the same. A win win for us.

We had the bushes at the edge of the cemetery removed and installed bump stops in place of the bushes. This gives us all a better view of our cemetery and less maintenance.

We had an asphalt berm installed along the northern edge of the asphalt and bedding to direct rain water around the foundation of the church. We discovered that rain water was entering the church’s basement during heavy rains. We also patched some of the joints in the basement as needed. We cleaned out some of the trash from the basement too.

While the company was installing the berm, they also patched the sinking blacktop in our parking lot near the Education doors near the offices.

We had the lights in our Church’s steeple replaced from fluorescent to LED. Not only does it save on our electric cost but also illuminates the steeple much better.

There were some maintenance things we did in the Educational Building too. We power washed the northern wall of the building to remove the mold and dirt. We also cleaned out the gutters as needed and yes, they needed cleaning.

The 2 thermostats in the Ed Building were replaced to an updated version.

In the Parsonage we had a floor fan replaced as it was not working properly and was making some abnormal noise.

A tree in the front yard of the parsonage was removed.

We look forward in 2020 to do more maintenance and upgrades to our buildings as needed.
We really need to thank, not only the committee members, but all those who took their time and efforts in helping us accomplish all these things that were needed to keep our properties in good condition.

We are always looking for new members to join our committee. We meet every 1st Thursday of the month to discuss and plan the next steps in improving our buildings. So, if you feel like becoming part of our committee, please try to come out to our meetings.

Our committee members are:
Rick Bogdan, Gary Gallagher, Richard Nichol, Pastor Amelie and Bill Vogl

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Vogl
Stewardship Committee

Below are the church wide fundraising activities that involved the Stewardship Committee in 2019.

Vera Bradley Bingo

On March 8, 2019, 152 people attended our 9th Annual Bingo. Our bingo has been upgraded to "Designer Bag Bingo". Not only did we have Vera Bradley bags, we also included Coach, Kate Spade, Lily Pulitzer and TUMI bags for our prizes. Since all the items were donated by church members, the total profit from the event was $6,116, which went toward the general operating fund. In addition to raising money for the church, we collected canned goods for the Daily Bread Community Food Pantry. Come check out the fun while helping the church financially at our 10th Annual Designer Bag Bingo on Friday, March 6th. Contact Nancy Gallagher at (610) 584-1468 for tickets.

Dinner/Theater

Our Dinner Theater fundraiser was held on Tuesday, March 26th. Once again a delicious buffet dinner was held at the Hotel Fiesole in Skippack, and then 58 diners headed to Skippack Playcrafters to view the dress rehearsal of Hallelujah Girls. It was an enjoyable and fun evening for all, and it helped the church raise $1,714 for the general operating fund.

Dave Markel Car/Motorcycle Garage Tour

On Sunday, May 5th 44 people attended a tour of Dave Markel's 3 newest garages in Creamery, and one garage by Brothers Kershner Brewing Co. After the tour a delicious buffet dinner provided by the Skippack Italian Market was held at Brothers Kershner. A member covered the cost of the dinner and the fee for the tour director, so the entire $2,200 for ticket sales went towards the general operating fund. Our next car tour will be Sunday, May 3rd. Tickets will sell out quickly, so let Gary Gallagher know if you are interested in attending.

Skippack Days

On Saturday, October 5th the church grounds were bustling with activity. There was parking, homemade food inside and outside, baked goods, flea market tables and a white elephant sale. On Sunday, we were able to park cars during and after the service and
serve food after the service. The two day event helped raise $2,940 for the general operating fund.

**Turkey Dinner**

On Saturday, November 2nd under the supervision of Elaine Becker the church held its annual community-wide Turkey Dinner. In addition to the delicious turkey, some of the church's old-time favorites of potato filling and pickled cabbage were served. We sold 215 tickets for eat in or take out dinners. This event wouldn't have been possible if it wasn't for all the members and friends of the church to help set up, prepare and serve the food, and then clean up!!! We would also like to especially thank the women that came out to help make the pickled cabbage, the Social Committee, and the children from Sunday School that came and helped serve this delicious dinner. This dinner helped the church raise $2,252 for the general operating fund.

The Stewardship Committee would like to THANK all those that supported the various fundraising events and programs at our church.

**Benevolent Support**

Each year the Stewardship Committee reviews the charities that the church supports, and makes recommendations of any changes to Consistory. There were no changes to our charities this year.

Seven percent of the weekly envelope and loose giving (except the first week of the month, when the loose giving is put into the Grace Rader Fund) is divided equally between our four charities. These totals may include any individual donations that are directly donated to the charities through the church offering. The four charities for 2019 received the following:

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**TOTAL**                                  | **$8,622.56**|

* An additional $220 was donated to this charity.
During the worship service on September 29th, Loretta & Joel Stever, co-directors of the Daily Bread Community Food Pantry, gave us a brief update about the clients that are using the food pantry and how our financial support helps them. A Fellowship Hour followed afterwards to provide an opportunity for members to asked them questions. We look forward to hearing from them in 2020.

During the worship service on October 27th, Jill Page, the Missionary/Director from Every Good Gift, gave us a brief update about the organization, the women and their needs, and how our financial support helps the organization. During the Fellowship Hour after the service, Jill answered any questions that people had. We look forward to hearing from her again in 2020.

Respectively submitted,

Nancy Gallagher
Worship Committee  
2019 Annual Report

What a glorious year 2019 brought to Trinity Christian UCC. Both Pastor Amelie and Ralien completed their first full year with us. Together, they brought an energy of excitement with them into the new year that continued to increase and inspire us all. The members of Trinity Christian gathered for worship each Sunday to hear the word of God and praise him through songs, scripture and prayers.

Worship services were held each Sunday at 10:15 AM during the school year and at 9:30 AM during the summer months. Communion is served on the first Sunday of each month.

Special Worship Services

January - A service to honor Martin Luther King Jr was scheduled for January 20th at Bethel Hill Methodist Church. Unfortunately the service was cancelled due to inclement weather.

March – April - March 10th we celebrated Girl Scout Sunday. Many members of our congregation took part in the Wednesday night Lenten services at churches within the Skippack area. Trinity hosted the service on April 3rd. Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Sunrise Easter service at the Cross, and the 10:15 AM Easter Service, were all well planned and filled with spiritual peace.

May - The Mother’s Day service was once again led by the children of the Sunday School. This has become a special event that they look forward to each year. The children help to plan parts of the service, select special readings and prepare a skit for the message. Geranium flowers were given to all women attending the service. On May 19th we were finally able to schedule the Installation service for Pastor Amelie. It was wonderful to see so many Pastors attend the service to support Pastor Amelie. There were so many Pastors that they filled 4 pews.

June - Leo, from the deep deep deep south, and his friends joined us for the children’s sermon on June 9th. Thank you, Amey Besch, for your bringing this amazing puppet ministry to our children of all ages. Cookies were given to all the men attending the Father’s Day service. The next Sunday we had the pleasure of hearing our Mission Music children sing for the first time during the service. On the last Sunday of the month we welcomed 6 new members during our VBS celebration worship service.

July - Hymn Sing Sunday has returned and will be held one Sunday each month. The congregation was given the opportunity to write down their favorite songs at the beginning of the service. Ralien would randomly pull songs out of a basket to sing during the service.

September - Rally Day on the 15th to kick off a great year of Sunday School.

October - We celebrated World Communion Sunday with different types of fresh breads.

December - The Advent and Christmas season is always hectic for all but is a wonderful time to remember and celebrate the birth of Jesus. Thank you to the individuals that stepped out of their comfort zone for the reading and lighting of the Advent Wreath each Sunday. December 8th was filled with the magnificent sounds of the Cantata performed by members of the choir including additional members and friends. The Children of the Sunday School presented “EWE Said It” for the sermon on the 15th. The Blue Christmas service was a blessing to all that attended. Both Services on Christmas Eve were filled with Christmas carols and the story of Jesus’ birth. Christmas gifts were given to all children at the end of both services.
**Mission Music** – Mission Music was created by Ralien to bring music to the Children of Trinity Christian. Mission Music meets on Sundays, after the worship service, one or two times a month for about 20 minutes. The children learn new songs, learn how to sing together as a group, and hear how music and songs are a reflection of the stories and scriptures in the Bible; most of all, to have fun and get to know each other. Periodically, Mission Music will sing for the congregation during the worship service.

**Guest Leaders** – Thank you for all our guest leaders during the year who stepped in to lead the worship service and deliver the message while the Pastor was on vacation; Harry Crossgrove, Lew Motter, Ned Schillow and Amey Besch.

**Substitute Accompanist** – We were very blessed to have Rick Daam play on the Sundays Ralien was on vacation. Sheila Allebach stepped up to play for a memorial service in August.

**Flowers** - To donate the cost of the altar flowers for a particular Sunday, complete a flower envelope from the bulletin board in the Narthex, enclose $23.00 and place the envelope in the offering plate. The donator can take the flowers home following the selected service.

The special flowers for Easter (Lilies and Tulips) and Christmas (Poinsettias) helped to make the Church even more beautiful. Members that purchased special flowers took them home following the service.

**Ushers** - We have an Usher sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Ushers greet members, friends and visitors as they come into the sanctuary. They hand out bulletins and take the offering. Thank you to the individuals that filled this need each Sunday.

**Communion** - The worship committee sets-up and cleans-up communion each month. Thank you to anyone who has helped the committee with carrying trays and/or picking up the empty cups.

The committee also receives help when Greening (decorating) and De-Greening the church for the Christmas season. We have been doing this after the service which continues to work very well. Everyone’s help is greatly appreciated. “Many hands make light work.”

Any comments or feedback regarding the worship services can be brought to my attention or to any member of the committee. Everyone’s thoughts and opinions are very valuable to us as we prepare for the upcoming services. We are always open for new members to join our committee. If you are interested, please let me know. Keep an eye out for the next meeting announcement in the bulletin or on the website calendar.

Committee Members: Janet Crossgrove, Suzanne Leva, Laura Parker, Amey Besch, Susan Vogl, Ralien Besch and Pastor Amelie Sell.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Vogl
Worship Committee Chair
Trinity’s Prayer Team

Did you know Trinity has a group of people that pray for you? We will pray for any and all requests mentioned in Church, placed on the prayer wall, or the prayer box in the Education Building. We are constantly sending emails to one another for other needs we might hear about.

A little bit about our once a month get-together. We meet the second Tuesday of every month from 7:00pm to 8pm (sometimes a little longer) to discuss all the needs that arose since our last get-together, updating as much as possible. The last 15 minutes or so, we will pray again for all those requests. This past month, we prayed for:

- 32 people with sickness
- 36 facing surgery or a procedure
- 22 were in the hospital
- 9 broken bones
- 1 had a stroke
- 1 with burns
- 1 suffering from insomnia
- 28 deaths
- 39 people with cancer
- 37 with misc. health issues
- 8 with heart issues
- 2 in a rehab facility
- 3 attempts with suicide

There were other requests also:

- Hurricanes
- Shootings
- Fallen bird nest with baby birds inside
- Heavy Rains
- Fox killing a pet chicken

We also prayed for the joys that were mentioned: birthdays, anniversaries, getting better, the choir and their soloists, etc.

We are always looking for people to join us. If you cannot make our get-togethers, we will gladly add you to our email chain and you can pray for the requests on your own.

“Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.”

James 5:14-15 | NIV