

**Emmanuel Reformed Church  
of the United Church of Christ  
3618 Hills Church Road  
Export, PA 15632  
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**2018**



# HILLTOPPER

February, 2018



FEBRUARY 14, 2018

Ash Wednesday Service

At Hill's At 7PM.

Pastor:  
Rev. Joseph Hedden

Retired Licensed  
Minister:  
William C. Dulaney

Music Director:  
Linda L. Dulaney

Secretaries:  
Janise Steele  
Julie Keibler

Christian Ed. Coord.:  
Heather Clark

Custodian:  
Ed Korchok

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HILLS CHURCH

## Consistory Elders and Deacons

### Elders:

Randy Steele  
Amanda Steele  
Bill Dulaney  
Linda Dulaney  
Carolyn Graham  
Cathy Hanks  
Mike Silaggi

### Deacons:

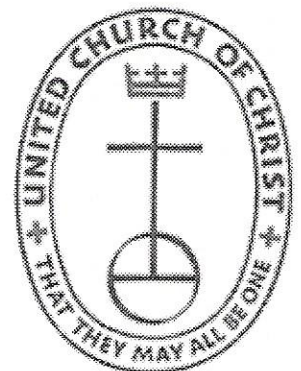
Alex Graham  
Cheryl Ignatius  
Donna Wohler  
Wayne Moore  
Linda Moore  
Logan Clark

### Snyder Fund:

Alex Graham  
Jerry Moore  
Sandy Sinan

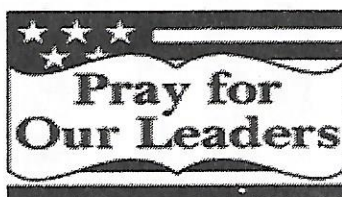
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Randy Steele

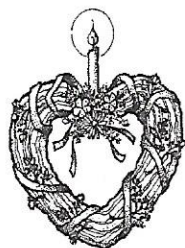




**Continue to pray for all the military families and those who have loved ones in the Armed Services serving in difficult situations and deployments.**



Daneen Matthews  
 Elsie Hockenberry  
 Vicki Hill  
 Trudy Hill  
 Bobby Eberts  
 Debbie Jones  
 Catherine Cline  
 Nora Cline  
 Cheryl Ignatius  
 Edith Letham  
 Jim Kirkwood  
 Leonard Holt  
 Donna Cline  
 Brandon Humberger  
 Bonnie Humberger  
 Bonnie Yanko  
 Cindy Allingham  
 William Hoffman  
 Peggy McNaughton  
 Gary Curl  
 Sandy Smail  
 Donna Carroll  
 Christine Chesky  
 Darrin Nichter  
 Barbara Marker



With Sympathy

Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Patricia Duncan who passed away on November 22, 2017.

Our Christian sympathy is also extended to the Catherine McCall family. Catherine passed away on December 23, 2017. Catherine is the mother of Lannetta McCall and Grandmother of Christy Lightner and Danyal McCall. Great-grandmother of Ethan Lightner.

Our Christian sympathy is extended to the Dan Swank family. Dan passed away on January 2, 2018. Dan is the husband of Doe Swank and father of Kim Morrison.



Boy Scout Sunday is February 4, 2018

#### MEMORIAL FLOWERS

To order Memorial Flowers, please call Linda Dulaney or Heidi Compton at 724-325-3785. The prices are Altar—\$25.00 Chancel—\$50.00

#### Hospital Update

##### **In the Hospital:**

Donna Cline @ William Penn Apartments  
 Dorothy Daw @ Kane Regional  
 Edith Letham @ Redstone  
 Catherine Cline @ Brookdale Memory Care

##### **Home From The Hospital:**



##### **OUR NEWSLETTER PRAYER LIST:**

Please call or email the church office  
 If you see a name missing and needs added to our prayer list.

Dear friends and members of Emmanuel Church,

The United Church of Christ has initiated the 3 Great Loves project for the next two years. My hope is that we at Emmanuel can study, discuss and live out the **3 Great Loves**. The Loves come out of Jesus' teaching and they are: **Love of Neighbor, Love of Children, and Love of Creation.**



The United Church of Christ has done a nationwide project before. In 2012, we participated in Mission One, which was the attempt to alleviate hunger; both here in the United States and abroad. We raised money and had extra food drives that year and we hoped that our witness would inspire others to work with and for the hungry.

From now until 2019, United Church of Christ congregations are seeking ways to be faithful to the 3 Great Loves and I hope you will share your ideas with me or with the church office.

- **Love of Neighbor:** *Jesus said, "The first commandment is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; 30 you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' 31 The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Mark 12: 29-31*
- **Love of Children:** *And they were bringing even their babies to Him so that He would touch them, but when the disciples saw it, they began rebuking them. But Jesus called for them, saying, "Permit the children to come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. "Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it at all." Luke 18:15-17*



- **Love of Creation:** *Jesus said, "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted." Matthew 10:29-30 & Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. Colossians 1:15 &16.*

I look forward to joining you on this exciting and loving adventure!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Joseph

## Consistory November 8, 2017

### Opening Devotion

Congregational Caring- Continued prayers for Tressa Clark and Cheryl Chizmar. Linda Dulaney is in the hospital awaiting surgery. Catherine McCall is in the hospital awaiting surgery.

Approval of Agenda- approved

Reading and adoption of the minutes: minutes from September (with the correction of benevolence to memorial in both cases in the financial report) and October minutes approved, motion Alex Graham, second Donna Woehler.

### REPORTS

Pastor- Mission Grants were both accepted. November 20<sup>th</sup> at 11am there will be an acceptance ceremony for these grants. City in Kingdom event at Bella Luna in Monroeville is Thursday Night. Spooky Stroll went well and will discuss changes and improvements for next year. Church at Zions Greenville is planning a trip to the Philippines in 2019, they would like to get 6 ministers to go.

Association- The conference will now require Pastors to acquire continuing education. There will be 3 courses for conference ministers to obtain required education. Pastor Joseph is working with Dávid Ackerman on this. Ryan and TJ Lucas are working on an idea for a congregational coffee shop.

Treasurer- written report

Snyder- written report

Building- written report, suggestion made to close the Standard Bank account due to lack of interest gained, and move to Dollar Bank. This transaction was completed this past week, there is no longer a Building account at Standard.

Financial- written report has some adjustments that need to be made and incomplete. First Commonwealth now has an electronic giving option. We will look into this and see how it compares to VANCO.

Cemetery- verbal report, will look into having a surveyor map out more cemetery spots. Some correction will need to be made to the files of some of the graves in one section of the cemetery.

Trustees – Wheelchair lift repair has been completed at \$395.00. Sidewalk cracks need to be filled. These will be cleaned out and filled in with cement. Entry into the dining hall needs new shingles. There are shingles stored in the outside shed that will be used to complete the fix, Rob Bank will fix shingles.

Worship Committee- Intinction for Christmas Eve morning service. Regular communion will be Christmas Eve night. All Saturdays in December there will be a spiritual service at 5pm. These services will be promoted. Thanksgiving cards will be distributed in the bulletin that were donated by Barbara Marker. Decorate for Christmas December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Program Committee- none

Christian Education- written report, Polar PJ Party December 8<sup>th</sup> 6-10pm. Hot Chocolate and Pizza will be served.

Deacons- no report

Elders- Cathy will be in charge of evening communion.

Women's Guild- none

Old Business

Auditors : Treasurer – checking on the status of this audit.

Building Fund Investments – Paperwork was sent to the investment organization but are now working on sending articles of incorporation.

Consistory – Mike Silaggi and Roy Murdick agree to come on if needed.

New Business

Living Waters Golf Charity – Near \$6,000 was raised to give to the camp for camp scholarships.

President's Report – Next Consistory Meeting Wednesday, December 13, 2017 @7pm. Congregational meeting for electing officers will be December 10<sup>th</sup> 2017.

Lord's Prayer

In attendance: Pastor Joseph, Randy Steele, Amanda (Steele) Bank, Carolyn Graham, Alex Graham, Donna Woehler, Bill Dulaney, Cheryl Ignatius, Cathy Hanks.





**The Chancel Choir will  
Meet on Mondays  
at 7PM.  
Hope to see you there!**



**Emmanuel Reformed Church  
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**Monday—Friday  
10:00a.m.— 3:00p.m.  
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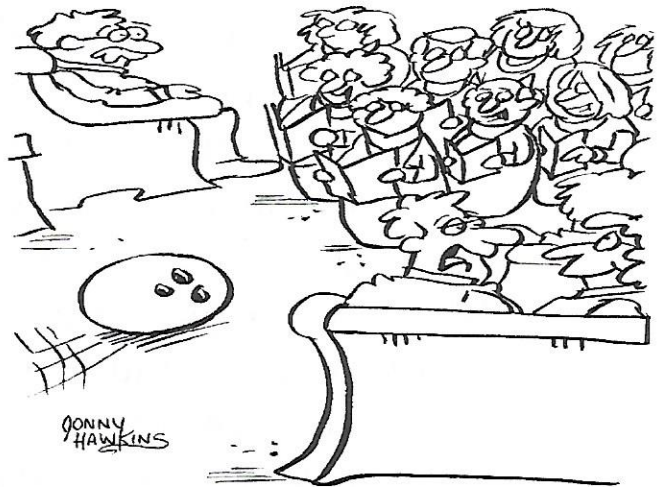
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## **EMMANUEL REFORMED CHURCH NEWSLETTER**

**Deadline for the  
March  
Newsletter Articles:  
February 21, 2018**

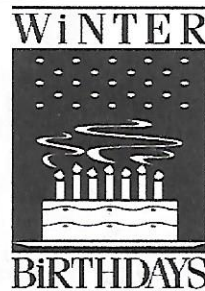
**SAVE POSTAGE AND PICK-UP  
YOUR NEWSLETTER  
BEFORE CHURCH WORSHIP**



**"I love bowling night at church."**



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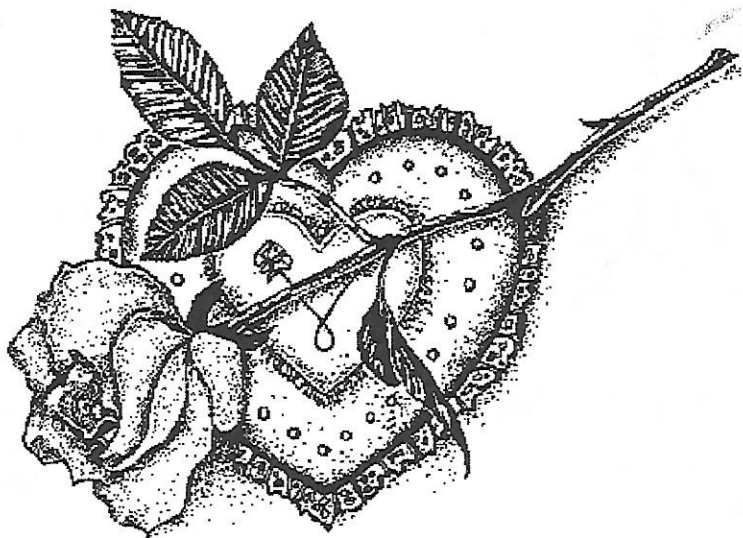


**COVERED DISH  
LUNCHEON  
First Sunday of every month  
February 4, 2018**

The luncheon will recognize those having birthdays and anniversaries during that month.  
Please plan to attend and join fellow members in celebration and fellowship.

Please bring a covered dish to share.





## SWEETHEART PASTA COOK-OFF DINNER

Get your cook on! Following church service on Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, we will hold our annual Sweetheart Pasta Cook-Off Dinner.

If you wish to be entered into the Pasta Cookoff, and be eligible for prizes, please bring a pasta dish to share. Salad, bread and butter would be a fine addition to our Feast. What would a Sweetheart Dinner be without some sweet treats as well?! If you would like to bring sides or desserts please feel free to do so. The pasta Cookoff Sign Up is posted on the Office door.





**February 14, 2018**

**January 28, 2018**

Adjourned Congregational Meeting

There will be a Congregational Meeting following worship on Sunday, January 28th.

Please plan to attend and bring your February Newsletter with you for reference to the Annual Reports and other Documents.



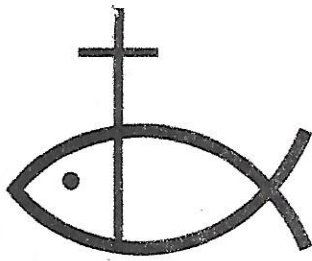
*Ash Wednesday,  
February 14, 2018*

**Souper Bowl Sunday**



**February 4, 2018**





If you know of someone in need of prayers, please contact Linda Dulaney to initiate the Prayer Chain (724-325-3785).



**THE PRAYER CHAIN** is in need of some volunteers. If anyone is interested in being part of this chain please contact Linda Dulaney or call the church office (724)327-3050. Your name can be added at anytime.



The Choir is collecting used greeting cards for St. Jude. A box is located near the organ in the sanctuary.

Linda Dulaney is collecting Box Tops for Education and Campbell's labels. A box is located near the organ in the sanctuary.

Volunteers are needed:  
Meals on Wheels  
Murrysville Christian Concern  
Salvation Army  
Check: [www.Murrysvillegov.org](http://www.Murrysvillegov.org)

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**EMMANUEL REFORMED CHURCH of the U.C.C.**  
**VOLUNTEERS ARE THE BEST!!!**  
**WITH GRATITUDE AND THANKS!!**

***THANKS TO THOSE WHO QUIETLY  
REACH OUT TO MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION  
WHO ARE SICK OR IN NEED OF SUPPORT.***

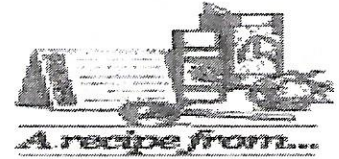
**THANKS**  
— from the —  
**HEART**

Pastor Joseph, With appreciation and much gratitude. Logan Clark has just delivered the most warm and beautiful butterfly blanket to me from your church. Thank you so much for thinking and praying for me. Please thank all involved for me. Karen Perl

Thank you to every one who donated presents for the Angel Tree and food for the Food Bank. Appreciated very much!

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Christmas Party and to our Special Santa!

# *The Recipe Corner*



**Lols Grudowski**

## ***Squash and Kale One Pot Pasta***

***12 oz. whole wheat rotini  
3 cloves garlic, minced  
16 oz. peeled and cubed butternut squash  
4 oz. Kale, chopped  
1 1/2 tbsp. dried thyme  
1/4 cup olive oil, divided  
Salt and Pepper  
1 cup grated parmesan cheese***

***Cook pasta in a large pot of salted water, according to package directions. Drain, reserving 2 cups of pasta water.***

***Put pasta water back in pot and add garlic, squash, Kale, thyme and 2 tbsp. olive oil. Season with salt and pepper. Bring to a boil then reduce to a simmer, Stirring frequently until squash is tender, about 10 minutes.***

***Add pasta to vegetables and raise heat to medium. Drizzle with 2 tbsp. olive oil, stir to combine and cook another 5 minutes. Serve topped with cheese. Serves 6.***



2017 Vital Statistics	
Emmanuel Reformed Church of the United Church of Christ	
Members 01/01/2017	157
2017 Deaths	(9)
2017 Removal	(1)
2017 New Member(s)	<u>(0)</u>
Members 12/31/2017	147

#### DEATHS:

04-05-17	*Milton G. Thompson	Rev. Joseph W. Hedden
04-28-17	James Moose	Rev. Joseph W. Hedden
05-12-17	Virginia Forgie	Rev. Joseph W. Hedden
05-17-17	James R. Pees	Rev. Joseph W. Hedden
07-16-17	Ellen Jack	Rev. Joseph W. Hedden
08-01-17	*Ethel G. Hill	Rev. Joseph W. Hedden
08-06-17	Henry Oslosky	Rev. Joseph W. Hedden
09-05-17	Madge Remic	Rev. Joseph W. Hedden
10-28-17	Barbara Karp	Rev. Joseph W. Hedden
11-22-17	Patricia Duncan	Rev. Joseph W. Hedden
12-23-17	Catherine McCall	Rev. Joseph W. Hedden

#### REMOVAL:

#### LETTERS OF TRANSFER IN:

#### LETTERS OF TRANSFER OUT:

06-14-17 Michele Askey-Matvey

#### REAFFIRMATION:

#### CONFIRMANDS:

#### BAPTISMS:

07-23-17 Holden Albert Pepper Rev. Joseph W. Hedden

#### WEDDINGS:

04-21-17 \*Quincy Leon McKinley/Jeneva Marie McKenzie  
Rev. Joseph W. Hedden  
09-24-17 Robert E. Bank/Amanda M. Steele  
Rev. Joseph W. Hedden

\*Non-Member

*Unaudited*

December 2017			December 2016		
	Month Totals	YTD Totals		Month Totals	YTD Totals
<b>General Fund</b>			<b>General Fund</b>		
Current	\$ 11,775.00	\$ 76,008.33	Current	\$ 9,486.50	\$ 69,732.74
Loose	\$ 978.10	\$ 3,989.33	Loose	\$ 374.59	\$ 3,505.39
Advent	\$ 383.85	\$ 503.85	Advent	\$ 770.00	\$ 776.00
Lent		\$ 778.63	Lent		\$ 855.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 13,136.95</b>	<b>\$ 81,280.14</b>	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 10,631.09</b>	<b>\$ 74,869.13</b>
<b>Benevolences:</b>			<b>Benevolences:</b>		
General	\$ 78.00	\$ 2,907.50	General	\$ 318.50	\$ 1,737.00
Christmas Fund	\$ 159.00	\$ 159.00	Christmas Fund	\$ 78.00	\$ 88.00
One Great Hour of Sharing		\$ 50.00	One Great Hour of Sharing		\$ 46.00
Neighbors In Need		\$ 37.00	Neighbors in Need		\$ 50.00
Strengthen the Church		\$ 20.00	Strengthen the Church		\$ 20.00
Hurricanes		\$ 705.00	Hurricanes		
		\$ -			\$ -
<b>TOTAL Benevolence</b>	<b>\$ 237.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,878.50</b>	<b>TOTAL Benevolence</b>	<b>\$ 396.50</b>	<b>\$ 1,941.00</b>
<b>Other Income</b>			<b>Other Income:</b>		
Pittsburgh Foundation		\$ 3,677.70	Pittsburgh Foundation		\$ 4,038.00
Reimbursements	\$ 112.34	\$ 1,324.34	Reimbursements	\$ 37.13	\$ 615.49
Other	\$ 48.00	\$ 1,015.65	Other	\$ 98.00	\$ 2,653.50
		\$ -			\$ -
<b>TOTAL Other</b>	<b>\$ 160.34</b>	<b>\$ 6,017.69</b>	<b>TOTAL Other Income</b>	<b>\$ 135.13</b>	<b>\$ 7,306.99</b>
<b>ALL TOTALS Above</b>	<b>\$ 13,534.29</b>	<b>\$ 91,176.33</b>	<b>ALL TOTALS Above</b>	<b>\$ 11,162.72</b>	<b>\$ 84,117.12</b>
<b>Snyder Fund Monies</b>		<b>\$ 57,600.00</b>	<b>Snyder Fund Monies</b>		<b>\$ 55,600.00</b>
<b>Building Fund:</b>			<b>Building Fund</b>		
General		\$ -	General		\$ 35.00
<b>TOTAL Building Fund</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>TOTAL Building Fund</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 35.00</b>
<b>TOTAL ALL electronic giving</b>	<b>\$ 13,534.29</b>	<b>\$ 148,776.33</b>	<b>TOTAL ALL electronic giving</b>	<b>\$ 11,162.72</b>	<b>\$ 139,752.12</b>
<b>Other - Assoc Dues</b>	<b>\$ 8.00</b>			<b>\$ 855.00</b>	



JANUARY 1, 2017 - DECEMBER 31, 2017  
(Unaudited)

BUILDING FUND

	BEGINNING TOTALS	DEPOSITS	EXPENSES	TOTALS
CHECKING	\$ 13255.10	\$ 3792.67	\$ 39330.20	\$ 11851.67
SAVINGS	\$ 26858.27		\$ 15000.00	\$ 11858.27
INTEREST		\$ 25.14		\$ 25.14
TOTAL SAVINGS	\$ 40113.37	\$ 3795.91	\$ 54330.20	\$ 23735.08
MONEY MARKET	\$ 15196.83	\$ 3.53	\$ 15200.36	—
INTEREST		\$ 10.30	\$ 10.30	—
TOTAL	\$ 15196.83	\$ 13.83	\$ 13.83	—
TOTAL MONEY	\$ 55310.20	\$ 3796.57	\$ 69540.86	\$ 23735.08
GENERAL FUND	\$ 3369.07	\$ 3433.08	\$ 1158.00	\$ 5644.15
PASTOR SUSTENANCE	\$ 427.65		\$ 400.00	\$ 27.65
DESIGNATED MEMORIAL	\$ 1330.30		\$ 1330.30	—
UNDESIGNATED MEMORIAL	\$ 50183.18	\$ 5652.30	\$ 37722.20	\$ 18063.28
TOTALS	\$ 55310.20	\$ 9085.38	\$ 40660.50	\$ 23735.08

"2017" Youth

## Youth Account 2017--unaudited

Funds held at First Commonwealth

<b>Opening Balance--4/13/2017</b>			<b>693.36</b>
5/23 Ck. 723. Heather Clark Supplies	-47.51		645.85
5/21. Pirate tix deposit & April/May Noisy Coll.		449.5	1095.35
5/21. Ck. 724. Camp Scholarship. Living Waters	-135		960.35
5/21. Annual Meeting. Conference	-270		690.35
5/21. Ck. 726. Heather Clark. Messy Chruch food	-36.55		653.8
6/2. Easter Breakfast Deposit		188	841.8
6/5. Henrie Check. SHEEP Fund		125	966.8
6/12. Ck 727. Penn Franklin News Church pg	-15		951.8
6/15. PWConference. SHEEP Fund	-125		826.8
6/16. Ck. 729. Jennifer Hedden. VBS supplies	-32.51		794.29
6/20. Ck 730. Camp Scholarship Living Waters	-135		659.29
Ck. 731 VOID			
6/22. Ck. 732. Fox's Pizza. VBS	-53.36		605.93
6/26. June Noisy Collection.		36	641.93
6/26. June Noisy Collection.		5	646.93
Adjustment: 25 credit from 2015		25	671.93
7/16. July Noisy Collection		72	743.93
7/17. Ck 733. Hedden Camp Supplies	-25.5		718.43
8/16. Ck 734. Cash. Prayer Blankets.	-40		678.43
8/30. Noisy collection		43.5	721.93
8/30. Donation. Harvey Relief		15	736.93
9/5. Ck. 735. D. Carrol Blanket supplies	-57.33		679.6
9/6. Ck. 736. PWConf. Harvey Relief	-15		664.6
10/5. Ck. 737. Bella Luna. Reservation Deposit	-100		564.6
10/3. Hayride Reservation (1)		13	577.6
10/15. Ck 738. Gearhard Farms Hayride	-260		317.6
10/16. Hayride Deposit.		108	425.6
10/25. Noisy Collection. Sept & Oct.		54	479.6
10/25. Ck. 739. Hurricane Relief. PWConf	-27		452.6
10/25. Ck. 740. SHEEP Fund. PWConf	-27		425.6
10/30. Ck. 741. VOID			
10/30. Ck. 742. Bus driver tip. Spooky Stroll	-40		385.6
10/31. Deposit. Hayride (52) + Bus (36)		90	475.6
11/1. Bus driver tip		2	477.6
12/21. Nov. & Dec. Noisy Coll.		140.5	618.1
12/22. Ck. 743. Food bank	-87		531.1
12/22. Ck. 744. Unicef Kasai	-53.5		477.6
<b>Ending Balance:</b>			<b>477.6</b>



## Hills Church

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**From:** "Heather Clark" <maelyn54@aol.com>  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 02, 2018 8:03 PM  
**To:** <hillschurch@windstream.net>  
**Subject:** Year End Report

### January

The children talked about the hard times Mary and Joseph faced on their journey to Bethlehem. We tried to imagine the conditions they found themselves in during the birth of Jesus. Next we learned about the temptation of Jesus. After his own baptism Jesus went into the wilderness for 40 days, where Satan tried to tempt him to show he was the son of God. Jesus stayed strong and was able to stick to his will. Next the children learned about Jesus's first preaching from a scroll at the synagogue. He was there to spread the word of his father, God. We held a messy church on the," ringing of the bells. " The attendance for this was great, especially by the adults! Lots of laughs too!

### February

We collected pantry items and raised \$42.00 for the Westmoreland County Food Bank at the tailgating party.

The children learned about Jesus choosing his first Disciples. Jesus told them that from then on they would be fisher's of men. Then the children listened to the parable Jesus told about a banquet this man prepared for the high society members of his town. The high society members were representing the Pharisees and their excuses of why Jesus is not the Messiah! Next the children learned about Moses listening to God and going up to wait for him on the mountain.

### March

God's love for us, it is without end, his plan for us starts and ends with him, just because you can't see his love or plan for us, doesn't mean it doesn't exist. Then the children learned that just like themselves Jesus had a best friend. His best friend was Peter. Sometimes our friends can lead us into temptation. It doesn't make them bad people just that they made a bad choice. Next we discussed the third commandment, do not use the Lord's name in vain. It is just like being mean to God. Cherish God's name because it is holy and worth holding His name to a higher standard. Then we discussed that no matter where we go or what we do God and Jesus will always be there. All we have to do is look to them for our strength and guidance. We had a messy church with the theme, "paints of many colors." We had a nice size turn out with 9 children and lots of adults.

### April

The children heard the story of Palm Sunday. We discussed that we can ask God for forgiveness at times of sin, in order to clean us on the inside. Next the children celebrated Easter by hearing a butterfly story about Jesus's resurrection. Then the children heard the story about a man named Zacchaeus who was up in a tree. Our messy church this month was on "Noah's Ark." Everyone loved the boat display on the stage with all the stuffed animals. Our attendance again was mainly adults with lots of conversations.

### May

The children listened to the three messianic messages in Daniel, Isaiah, and Zechariah foretelling of Jesus' coming. They were shocked to learn that they all spoke about one person, Jesus! Then the children discussed the dynamics of a family. We talked about why our families are so important to us. Then the children listened to the story of Jesus being crucified. We also had our annual trip to a Pirates game with perfect seats for the fireworks after.

## June

We had our annual Vacation Bible School. Our Lego theme was very well received. We had 16 children sign up with 4 extra visitors during the last two nights. Walmart gave us a 25.00 gift card, which was used to purchase Lego's to make crafts with. Lego donated boats and the legs of our Lego people. Pastor and Jennifer supplied all of the snacks. The church provided the pizza for the family party. Logan and I donated the rest of the Lego people from Lego, the ores for the boats, and our Lego banner. Amanda donated the use of her Lego's from work for the children to build with and also her teaching time! Next we celebrated our homecoming the children talked about the different building blocks that make up the church. Without all of the pieces we wouldn't be here. We discussed our history and what it was like when we were first formed 197 years ago. We also discussed what we think it would be like in the future.

## July

God gives us instructions, which sometimes makes us uncomfortable. However we should obey these instructions no matter what because God knows who needs our help. Then the children listened to a message from Paul. We should have the same mind and heart as Jesus. God is with us, enabling us to do good will towards others. Next we witnessed a baptism and talked about what it means and why we do it. Then the children listened to the covenant given to Noah from God after the flood. They learned this covenant was a Royal Grant from God not requiring anything from the people or animals on Earth for God to keep this covenant.

## August

The children discussed John 1; In the beginning, the Word was with God and the Word was God. Then the children listened to a lesson from Isaiah 40, relating to God's love and how it's unwavering, and always there for you. Next we talked about how Jesus is our window to God. Jesus allows us to see God inside him, and allows us to see the Light of God shining. We ended the month with our annual Blessing of the Backpacks.

## September

The children helped with the dedication of the Education Department in our outdoor service. Next the children listened to a reading from John 3 about Jesus baptizing people in the Jordan River next to John.

## October

Caution tape is used to keep us out of dangerous places. Jesus helps to guide us from danger and give us our own internal caution tape. Then they listened to 3 different scriptures from the Bible about Jesus healing the sick, as well as when he brought Lazarus back from the dead. We learned that Jesus wants what is best for us. The children listened to more stories about Jesus and his miracles. The children learned that you don't have to see his miracles to believe in Jesus. Not many people saw Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead, but when word of this miracle spread, many started to believe that Jesus was



indeed the messiah sent to save us. Next we discussed how Jesus healed the lame man on the sabbath at the pool in Bethesda. In the middle of the month we went on our annual Gearhard hayride/bonfire. At the end of the month we celebrated with our annual Trick or Treat/ Messy Church. This years theme was Ezekiel 37 and the dry bones. We had a great turn out, a lot of participation, as well as wonderful weather!

## November

We talked about the miracle where Jesus fed the 5000 with five loafs of bread and two fishes. More important, we focused on the little boy who gave up his food for everyone. No matter how small you are, how unimportant you feel, or how little of a difference you think you make; your actions are more influential than you could ever imagine. The children learned about a cornucopia, or horn of plenty as it was known in the times of the first settlers in our great nation. Not just during this time of year, but everyday we should give thanks to God and Jesus for all that we have and all the gifts we receive. The children listened to a story about sheeps and goats. Sheep helped one another. They led others to the water and pastures for food. However the Goats were not as nice and wouldn't help one another.

## December

They listened to the message the Angel Gabriel brought to the virgin Mary in chapter 1 of Luke. We discussed what the advent wreath represents and what the candles represent. We held our first Polar Pj Party! The night seemed to be a hit with the children who attended. The parents loved the set up and how cozy it seemed with the Christmas lights. We were able to receive a pizza donation from Momma P's in Delmont. Amanda and Rob donated party ware, pizza delivery, as well as their time and help at the event. Hot chocolate, marshmallows, candy canes, crafts and decorations were donated by my family. We asked for donations instead of setting a price and raised \$10.00. Next year we will be making some changes by setting a small price per child, an age requirement, as well as changing the time frame. For Christmas Eve In the morning the children had the chance to take turns reading the story "The Legend of the Candy Cane" to the congregation. During the reading our younger children passed out candy canes with a poem attached. For our annual evening service the children, members, and visitors placed ornaments/symbols on our Jesse Tree. The children also performed two songs.

Heather

EMMANUEL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION  
END OF YEAR REPORT FOR 2017

UNAUDITED

Balance brought forward  
\$22,149.72

Money From Investments:

Franklin Mutual U (Jan.1 thru Nov. 30)	\$ 410.66
Franklin Mutual H	\$ 662.17
Franklin Mutual I	\$1,037.74
Hines Global REIT	\$ 579.92
Select Income REIT	\$ 605.88
RMR Group	<u>\$ 7.00</u>
Total	\$3,303.37

Receipts – Other:

C.H. Snyder Fund	\$18.67
Mary Rohm Pearson Trust	\$1,200.00
Burials	\$2,800.00
Sale of Graves	<u>\$1,085.00</u>
Total	\$5,103.67

Receipts From Investments	\$3,303.37
Receipts From Other Sources	<u>\$5,103.67</u>
Total Receipts	\$8,407.04

Expenditures:

Charles Kirkland Excavations	\$2,600.00
Roy L. Murdick, Sr. Mowing	\$4,800.00
Fletchers Sales and Service	\$ 356.39
Lou's Gas and Car Wash	<u>\$ 307.45</u>
	\$8,063.84

Receipts	\$8,407.04
Expenses	\$8,063.84
Net Gain	\$ 343.20
Ending Balance	\$22,492.92



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- 2. Gerald Cline
- 3. Calley Elias
- 4. Emily Glendinning
- 5. Josh Smith  
Joel Smith
- 6. Maddox Morrison
- 7. Gregory Moore  
Renee Tamarelli
- 11. Deanna Purcell
- 12. Sue Baughman
- 17. Roy Clark
- 18. Caroline Glendinning
- 20. Trudy Hill
- 22. Jeff Hill
- 28. Paul Cardoni  
Parker Kemble

## GREETERS:

FEB. 4 TBA  
FEB. 11  
FEB. 18  
FEB. 25

## LAY READERS

FEB. 4 TBA  
FEB. 11  
FEB. 18  
FEB. 25

## DEACONS:

FEB. 4 Alex Graham, Linda Moore, Wayne Moore  
and Logan Clark  
FEB. 11 Linda Moore, Wayne Moore, Logan Clark  
and Donna Woehler  
FEB. 18 Wayne Moore, Logan Clark, Donna Woehler  
and Cheryl Ignatius  
FEB. 25 Logan Clark, Donna Woehler,  
Cheryl Ignatius and Alex Graham

## COMMUNION SCHEDULE

February 4, 2018  
Elders are needed to help set up,  
clean up and serve.



## NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS (3 YEAR TERM)

Deacons: Logan Clark  
Wayne Moore  
Linda Moore

Elder: Mike Silaggi

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