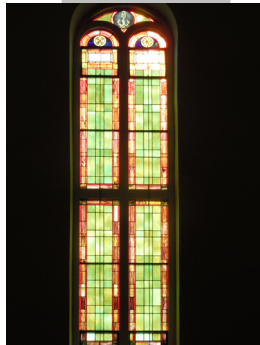


St. John-Hill United Church of Christ



2014 Annual Report

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PASTOR'S REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION

2014 was certainly a year that flew by faster than the speed of light it seems, at least to me any way. I cannot believe we are standing at the threshold of a new year and wondering where the last one went, or is that just me again? All kidding aside, we certainly have had an interesting year together. We have seen some new young folks become part of our ministry team of Hill Church, we have seen some of our older folks go before us to prepare a way for us to follow, and we have added a few folks to our family. It has certainly been an exciting year.

We made it through a major renovation without having to take out a loan or incurring debt. We celebrated many lives as we welcomed six young folks into adult membership through confirmation. We even worked through some changes in 2014. As we look over the past year, let us remember that we made it through and that God stood beside us the whole way, nudging and guiding as we went. Let us remember that as long as we do all things through Christ who strengthens us, nothing can stop us.

As we look toward 2015, let us keep an open mind to new ideas and concepts from all around us; open eyes to see opportunities to advance the kingdom of God here on earth; and most importantly open hearts to hear the ways that God is calling us to serve our community and beyond.

I believe I will end my report with the words of the Byrds and the writer of Ecclesiastes...(NIV: Ecclesiastes 3) There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens... I challenge us to begin thinking of what legacies do we want to plant this year that will lead to harvests for generations to come?

Peace and Blessings,

Pastor Christian Creyer

HILL CHURCH REGISTER

The following have been entered into the Hill Church Register during 2014. Please note that this does not include all statistics for Hill Church members, but only those entered in the church register. For instance, under "Weddings," this does not include all Hill Church members who were married in 2014 ... but only those in which St. John-Hill UCC was involved through the ministry of our pastor. Under and "Funerals," the list does not include all Hill Church members who have died in 2014, or all the people buried in the cemetery, or even all the funerals held in the Hill Church sanctuary...but only those in which St. John-Hill UCC was involved through the ministry of our pastor.

Baptisms and Dedications

<u>Name</u>	<u>Born</u>	<u>Date</u>
Erica Star Morgan	August 2013	Dedicated: February 16
Youth		Baptized: May 18
Youth		Baptized: May 25
Youth		Baptized: November 9

Weddings

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Ricky Dey to Christina Dolny	May 10
Warren Moyer to Crystal Daniel	June 7
David Grove to Susan Straub	June 21

Funerals

<u>Name</u>	<u>Deceased</u>	<u>Funeral</u>
Marian Buchak	January 20	January 25
Edna Weller	March 1	March 5
Elsie Nuss	March 6	March 12
Mildred Balthaser	March 31	April 5
Charles Heydt	June 18	June 23
Edith Moyer	November 20	November 25
Steven Feeney	December 17	December 22
Erma Himmelwright	December 26	December 31

New Members Admitted into Membership

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Admitted into Membership</u>	<u>Method of Membership</u>
Abigale Beidler	June 8	Confirmation
Morgan Diamond	June 8	Confirmation
Kendall Helbig	June 8	Confirmation
Devon Henry	June 8	Confirmation
Matthew Hinkle	June 8	Confirmation
Austin Kolb	June 8	Confirmation
Beverly Meidinger	December 28	Letter of Transfer
Shawn Meidinger	December 28	Letter of Transfer
Mark Feeney	December 28	Affirmation of Baptism

CONSISTORY'S REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION

The Consistory of St. John – Hill UCC first and foremost would like to praise God for His guidance and blessings during this past year at Hill Church. It has been a year of transition and adjustment as we have completed the first full year with Pastor Christian Creyer. It has been a joy to watch, work, and serve with Pastor Christian as he continues to develop his own “style” of leadership and service in his first church pastorate since graduating from seminary. We have experienced a slight decline in regular church attendance over the past few years but there exists a willing and faithful spirit among our members that bodes well for the year ahead. Many people have worked faithfully to enable Hill Church to accomplish the many projects that were completed in 2014, too many to list here: the Consistory would simply like to say “**Thank You**” to everyone who has contributed to our growth this year. 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 actions and activities of the Consistory for 2014.

The Consistory members during 2014 were: Rick Furches (President), Donnie Conrad (Vice President), Dottie Fronheiser (Assistant Treasurer), LeRoy Fetterman (Secretary), Jan Baver, Stephanie Benjamin, Mark Hile, Ray Kochey, Terry Shane, Clarence Weller, Matt Weller, and Susy Yerger. 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 Jan Baver and LeRoy Fetterman. We thank them for their leadership and service. The new Consistory members for 2015 are Kristen Nagy and Arlan Schaeffer. Stephanie Benjamin had intended to step down from her position this year but has agreed to stay on board until a replacement is found, so if anyone would like to serve, please let us know. We look forward to these new members serving St. John - Hill UCC, while serving our Lord.

We offer special thanks again this year to Grace Groff, Geneva Kolb, and Martha Snyder who weekly attend to the altar preparations, to our Trustees, Mark Hile, Bill Moyer, and Terry Shane who quietly tend to the care and control of the property of the congregation, and to Nikki Weller, our faithful Secretary, who keeps us all in line, in order, and on time.

Notable Activities And Events Of 2014

- The first full year with our new minister, Pastor Christian Creyer.
- Vacation Bible School Program – Another exciting week with over 50 children.
- Mission Trip to the Sexton’s House which was renovated by more than 50 volunteers.
- Steeple Repairs – Major repairs to our 130 year old steeple.
- Fire Alarm System Installed – Entire church covered and monitored.
- Coed Bible Studies: Revelation
- Luau Party at the Shakespeare’s.
- Our Eagle Scouts – Drew Fronheiser and Tyler Schollenberger both earned Eagle Scout honors and installed church directional signs and repaired all of the band shell benches respectively as part of their final requirements.
- 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 2015.

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CONSISTORY'S REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION (CONTINUED)

Focus for 2015

As a priority for 2015 the Consistory would like to turn our focus from restoring our buildings, as was a primary goal in 2014, to reviving our faithful members, encouraging involvement from those we do not see often enough at Hill Church, reaching out to our nearby community, and reinvigorating our mission outreach.

As in 2014 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 2015 we ask you to continue to pray for guidance in your giving and ask God to lead us all in our financial decisions.

Annual Giving & Expense Summary, with & without Trust Fund Income

This chart is for comparison only. For exact comparisons refer to the financial reports

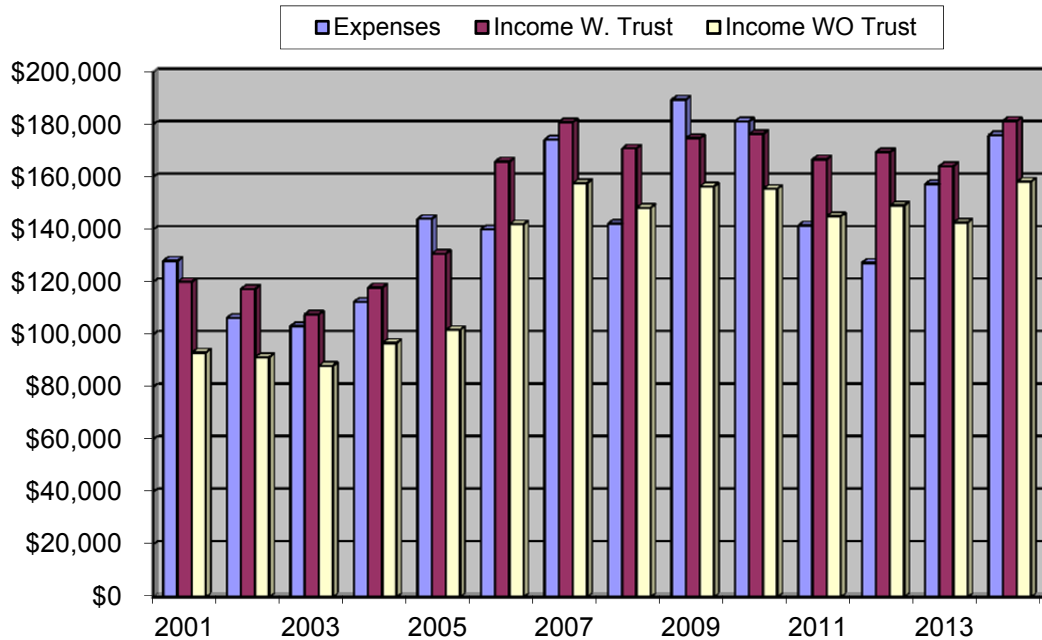
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Year	Annual Income	Annual Trust Fund Income	Annual Income w/out Trust Funds	Annual Expenses	Net Income/(Loss) w/out Trust Funds	Net Income/(Loss) w/ Trust Funds
2001	\$120,105	\$26,928	\$93,177	\$128,153	(\$34,976)	(\$8,048)
2002	\$117,398	\$25,983	\$91,415	\$106,378	(\$14,963)	\$11,020
2003	\$107,698	\$19,597	\$88,101	\$103,238	(\$15,137)	\$4,460
2004	\$117,978	\$21,181	\$96,797	\$112,468	(\$15,671)	\$5,510
2005	\$130,852	\$29,061	\$101,791	\$144,107	(\$42,316)	(\$13,255)
2006	\$165,949	\$23,879	\$142,070	\$140,139	\$1,931	\$25,810
2007	\$180,940	\$23,206	\$157,734	\$174,322	(\$16,588)	\$6,618
2008	\$170,974	\$22,641	\$148,333	\$142,300	\$6,033	\$28,674
2009	\$174,853	\$18,410	\$156,443	\$189,521	(\$33,078)	(\$14,668)
2010	\$176,458	\$20,887	\$155,571	\$181,278	(\$25,707)	(\$4,820)
2011	\$166,787	\$21,647	\$145,140	\$141,623	\$3,517	\$25,164
2012	\$169,459	\$20,234	\$149,225	\$127,379	\$21,846	\$42,080
2013	\$164,199	\$21,493	\$142,706	\$157,381	(\$14,675)	\$6,818
2014	\$181,410	\$23,094	\$158,316	\$176,021	(\$17,705)	\$5,389

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CONSISTORY'S REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION (CONTINUED)

- 2007 Includes New Electric Service Donations of \$16,145.
- 2009 Includes approximately \$20,000 for Roof repair (Insurance payment pass through).
- 2009 Includes approximately \$12,000 oil cost that would have been in 2008 if we pre-paid.
- 2011 Expenses would have been \$29,600 more if we paid a full time Pastor as budgeted for a full year.
- 2012 Expenses would have been \$52,900 more if we paid a full time Pastor as budgeted for a full year.
- 2014 Totals include all income and expenses related to the Sexton House renovation; donations = \$24,850 and expenses = \$13,062.



Before closing **three notable observations**. An incredible spirit of personal giving of time, talents, and financial support was demonstrated in 2014 in the Steeple Repair, the Sexton House Renovation, and the Fire Alarm System installation projects.

Regarding the Steeple Repairs, the total cost was approximately \$150,000. It was originally thought, and approved by the congregation, that we might need to take out a loan to cover some of those expenses. However, by using \$100,000 from our “Rainy Day Fund” (which is the excess Trust Fund income not used each year) and receiving the balance from Steeple Fund donations (approximately \$46,000) and available existing balances (approximately \$4,000), we were able to pay the entire bill without needing a loan. Additionally, our men donated over 250 hours in building the new corner spires and lattice work, with the only expense being approximately \$5,000 for the materials. If we had the contractor do this work it would have cost an additional \$20,000 and would not have been executed as well. Praise God for leading us in this effort to meet this need; now the steeple should be sound for decades to come, standing as a beacon for Christ on the Hill.

Regarding the Sexton House Renovation, the total expenses for this project were \$13,062, however the total cost was much higher. More than 50 volunteers worked for months, donating time and materials to renovate the Sexton House: it is hard to estimate what the total cost would have been had this work been entirely contracted out but it is safe to say it would have been north of \$50,000. Once again with God’s leadership and provision, this house is occupied by our sexton and should be suitable for occupancy for many years to come.

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CONSISTORY'S REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION (CONTINUED)

Regarding the Fire Alarm System Installation, this was primarily one man's vision and mission. Joel Weller spent over 300 hours coordinating the design, purchase, and installation of a state of the art fire alarm system which monitors the church and Sunday School buildings for smoke, fire, carbon monoxide, and low temperature (preventing freezing pipes). The system automatically alerts several people in the event an alarm is triggered due to any of these hazards thereby reducing our annual insurance costs and hopefully preventing any catastrophic events from occurring at Hill Church. A system which typically would have cost more than \$50,000 was furnished and installed at a cost to the church of \$8,010. Again, thank you Joel, and thanks be to God for providing such dedicated and talented people to our congregation.

As we look to 2015, let's redirect 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 2015. Please keep the Consistory and our entire church family in your prayers throughout 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
In Christ,
Your Consistory

2014 FUND ACTIVITY REPORT

Account #	Account Name	YTD Activity
300.000 General Operating Fund Balance		
	Beginning Fund Balance	1.00
<i>Income</i>		
400.000	Current	170,984.06
406.000	Plate	4,370.49
430.000	Bulletins	765.00
440.000	Cemetery Rent	302.00
445.000	Maintenance	34,749.75
445.002	General Fund CD's Interest Inc	1,708.90
445.003	Saving Account Interest Income	111.02
	Operating Income	149,991.22
454.001	Altar Flowers	1,415.00
454.002	Easter Flowers	100.00
454.004	Poinsettia	190.00
454.006	Initial Offering	313.00
454.007	Summer Concert Income	1,285.25
	Pass-through Income	3,303.25
480.000	Sunday School Reimbursement	80.82
481.000	Park Committee Reimbursement	40.24
	Committee Reimbursements	121.06
443.000	Sexton House Rental Income	4,900.00
	Total Income	<u>\$158,315.53</u>
<i>Expenses</i>		
500.000	Pastor Salary	43,644.96
501.000	FICA reimbursement	4,339.92
502.000	Pension	6,628.45
504.000	Health/Dental Insurance	2,040.00
	Pastor Salary Package	56,653.33
506.000	Mileage Reimbursement	1,989.12
507.002	Professional Expenses	445.45
	Pastor Expenses	2,434.57
509.001	Parsonage Heat	4,672.90
509.002	Parsonage Maintenance/Up Keep	808.02
509.003	Parsonage Electric	1,311.67
509.004	Parsonage Taxes	4,551.89
	Parsonage Expenses	11,344.48

2014 FUND ACTIVITY REPORT

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>YTD Activity</u>
513.000	Organist Salary	11,325.12
518.000	Supply Organist	75.00
	Organist Expenses	11,400.12
520.000	Secretary Salary	12,081.12
	Secretary Expenses	12,081.12
524.000	Sexton Salary	7,072.08
526.000	Sexton Electric	592.19
530.000	Sexton Supplies	115.20
	Sexton Expenses	7,779.47
534.500	Treasurer Salary	1,909.92
	Treasurer Expenses	1,909.92
535.000	FICA Expense(CHurch portion)	2,477.46
535.500	Employee Christmas gifts	995.92
536.000	Advertising Expense	580.53
538.000	Substitute Pastor	500.00
539.000	Church Telephone	612.30
540.000	Church Heat	13,159.96
540.010	Church Office Heat	4,021.42
542.000	Church Maintenance	13,025.04
544.000	Church Electric	2,257.06
546.000	Church / Office Supplies	1,731.14
548.000	Church Taxes	6,572.68
548.001	PA Payroll Penalty/Interest	859.31
549.000	Dues & Subscriptions	591.30
551.000	Sanitation Service	276.00
553.000	Exterminator Service	685.00
554.000	Postage	992.36
558.000	Service Contracts	1,568.05
560.000	UCC Insurance	18,022.00
562.000	License/Permits/Inspections	318.00
563.000	Contribution Envelopes	571.66
	Church Expenses	69,817.19
583.000	Flowers: Altar, Holiday,etc	1,374.11
585.001	Summer Concert Performances	1,226.00
	Pass-Through Expenses	2,600.17
	Total Expenses	<u>\$176,020.37</u>
	Ending Fund Balance	(\$17,703.84)

2014 FUND ACTIVITY REPORT

Account #	Account Name	YTD Activity
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310.000	Benevolence Fund Balance	
	Beginning Fund Balance	3,755.02
	<i>Income</i>	
450.000	Benevolence	4,151.00
	Benevolence	4,151.00
450.001	One Great Hour of Sharing	235.00
450.007	Neighbors in need	150.00
	Total Income	<u>\$4,536.00</u>
	<i>Expenses</i>	
581.000	PA SE Conf/ OCWM	4,773.00
	Benelvolence	4,773.00
	Total Expenses	<u>\$4,773.00</u>
	Ending Fund Balance	\$3,518.02
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312.000	Communion/Benevolence Fund Balance	
	Beginning Fund Balance	5,736.08
	<i>Income</i>	
450.005	Communion/Benevolence	1,219.00
	Benevolence	1,219.00
	Total Income	<u>\$1,219.00</u>
	Ending Fund Balance	\$6,955.08
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315.000	Trust Funds	
	Beginning Fund Balance	139,453.64
	<i>Income</i>	
476.001	Barto Trust Fund	3,801.42
476.002	Rohrbach Trust Fund	19,293.00
	Trust Fund Income	23,094.42
	Total Income	<u>\$23,094.42</u>
	<i>Expenses</i>	
570.000	Transfer to Steeple Fund from Trust Fund	100,000.00
	Total Expenses	<u>\$100,000.00</u>
	Ending Fund Balance	\$62,548.06

2014 FUND ACTIVITY REPORT

Account #	Account Name	YTD Activity
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320.000	Memorial Fund Balance	
	Beginning Fund Balance	12,148.11
	<i>Income</i>	
447.000	Memorial Fund Donations	1,867.28
447.001	Memorial Fund Interest Income	4.84
	Benevolence	1,872.12
	Total Income	<u>\$1,872.12</u>
	<i>Expenses</i>	
585.008	Directional Signage	1,817.28
	Total Expenses	<u>\$1,817.28</u>
	Ending Fund Balance	\$12,202.95
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330.000	Steeple Fund	
	Beginning Fund Balance	14,065.86
	<i>Income</i>	
445.004	Steeple Fund Interest	1,487.41
445.005	Steeple Fund Donations	48,618.00
	Benevolence	50,105.41
445.007	Transfer from Trust Fund Income Funds to Steeple	100,000.00
	Total Income	<u>\$150,105.41</u>
	<i>Expenses</i>	
597.000	Steeple/Cross Repairs	140,800.91
	Miscellaneous Expenses	140,800.91
	Total Expenses	<u>\$140,800.91</u>
	Ending Fund Balance	\$23,370.36
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384.000	Carillon Fund	
	Beginning Fund Balance	5,666.82
	<i>Income</i>	
452.000	Carillon Donations	500.00
452.001	Carillon CD Interest Income	13.19
	Total Income	<u>\$513.19</u>
	Ending Fund Balance	\$6,180.01

2014 FUND ACTIVITY REPORT

Account #	Account Name	YTD Activity
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385.000	Fire Alarm Fund	
	Beginning Fund Balance	6,285.00
	<i>Income</i>	
448.000	Fire Alarm Fund Donations	1,730.00
	Benevolence	1,730.00
	Total Income	<u>\$1,730.00</u>
	<i>Expenses</i>	
592.000	Fire Alarm Expenses	8,010.25
	Miscellaneous Expenses	8,010.25
	Total Expenses	<u>\$8,010.25</u>
	Ending Fund Balance	\$4.75
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386.000	Church Air Conditioner Fund	
	Beginning Fund Balance	11,110.00
	<i>Income</i>	
449.000	Church A/C Fund Donations	2,080.00
	Benevolence	2,080.00
	Total Income	<u>\$2,080.00</u>
	Ending Fund Balance	\$13,190.00
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387.000	Mission Outreach Fund	
	Beginning Fund Balance	10,214.46
	<i>Income</i>	
454.008	Mission Outreach Team	21,205.00
	Pass-through Income	21,205.00
	Total Income	<u>\$21,205.00</u>
	<i>Expenses</i>	
585.005	Missions Outreach Team Expense	19,537.33
	Pass-Through Expenses	19,537.33
	Total Expenses	<u>\$19,537.33</u>
	Ending Fund Balance	\$11,882.13

2014 AUDITED ACCOUNT BALANCE SHEET

Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2014

Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance
<i>Assets</i>		
100.000	Checking Account	42,937.28
100.001	Money Market Savings Account	5,337.03
100.002	Steeple CD	14,901.94
100.003	Memorial Fund Saving Account	12,096.34
100.004	Savings-Ready Access CD-NPB	44,378.97
100.008	Ready Access CD-Carillon Fund	4,222.29
	Total Assets	\$123,873.85
<i>Liabilities</i>		
200.010	Federal/FICA Withholding	1,270.76
200.020	State Withholding	240.03
200.030	Local Withholding	215.54
	Total Liabilities	\$1,726.33
<i>Fund Balance</i>		
300.000	General Operating Fund Balance	(17,703.84)
310.000	Benevolence Fund Balance	3,518.02
312.000	Communion/Benevolence Fund Balance	6,955.08
315.000	Trust Funds	62,548.06
320.000	Memorial Fund Balance	12,202.95
330.000	Steeple Fund	23,370.36
384.000	Carillon Fund	6,180.01
385.000	Fire Alarm Fund	4.75
386.000	Church Air Conditioner Fund	13,190.00
387.000	Mission Outreach Fund	11,882.13
	Total Fund Balance	\$122,147.52
	Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$123,873.85</u>

2015 BUDGET PROJECTION FOR THE GENERAL FUND

Oct-Dec 2013 Jan-Sept 2014 Total Oct 2013 thru Sept 2014 Budget 2014 Proposed 2015 Budget % of total

Income

Current	32,840.39	71,310.58	104150.97	120,000	120,000
Plate	2,108.00	2,712.99	4820.99	12,000	12,000
Transfer from Trust Fund	0.00			19,619	14,053
Bulletins	185.00	525.00	710	780	780
Cemetery Rent	0.00	0.00	0	1	1
Cemetery Insurance	0.00	0.00	0	150	150
General Fund CD Interest	0.00	1,708.90	1708.9	250	100
Money Market Interest	52.68	110.47	163.15	200	50
Sexton House Rental Income	0.00	4,200.00	4200	0	8,400
Maintenance	9,610.00	30,616.75	40226.75	13,000	13,000

Operating Income	44,796.07	111,184.69	155,980.76	166,000	168,534	98.02%
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Flowers - (Alter,holiday,etc)	479.50	1,075.00	1554.5	1,740	1,500
Initial Offering	85.00	313.00	398	400	400
Missions Outreach Team	0.00	0.00	0	0	0
Spiritual Life Team	0.00	0.00	0	0	0
Summer Concert Income	0.00	1,285.25	1285.25	500	500

Pass-through Income	564.50	2,673.25	3,237.75	2,640	2,400	1.40%
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Sunday School Reim	1,000.00	40.58	1040.58	1,000	1,000
Park Committee Reim	0.00	40.24	40.24	0	0
Women's Guild Reim	0.00	0.00	0	0	0
Youth Group Reim	0.00	0.00	0	0	0

Committee Reimbursements	1,000.00	80.82	1,080.82	1,000	1,000	0.58%
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Total Income	46,360.57	113,938.76	160,299.33	169,640	171,934
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2015 BUDGET PROJECTION FOR THE GENERAL FUND (CONTINUED)

Oct-Dec 2013 Jan-Sept 2014 Total Oct 2013 thru Sept 2014 Budget 2014 Proposed 2015 Budget % of total

Expenses

Pastor Salary	10,750.02	32,733.72	43483.74	43,645	43,645
Parsonage Offset	0.00	0.00	0	0	0
FICA Reimbursement	1,069.02	3,254.94	4323.96	4,276	4,276
Pension / Life / Disability	7,433.62	6,628.45	14062.07	7,826	8,800
Health/Dental Insurance	510.00	1,530.00	2040	2,040	2,600

Pastor Salary Package	19,762.66	44,147.11	63,909.77	57,787	59,321	35.04%
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Parsonage Expenses	23.26	782.95	806.21	1,500	1,000
Parsonage Heat	0.00	4,672.90	4672.9	3,500	4,000
Parsonage electric	641.50	815.38	1456.88	1,200	1,200
Parsonage Taxes	0.00	4,551.89	4551.89	4,400	4,550
Parsonage Telephone	0.00	0.00	0	0	0

Parsonage Expenses	664.76	10,823.12	11,487.88	10,600	10,750	6.35%
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Organist Salary	2,789.52	8,493.84	11283.36	11,325	11,325
Organist Supplies	383.64	0.00	383.64	550	550
Supply Organist	0.00	0.00	0	225	225

Organist Expenses	3,173.16	8,493.84	11,667.00	12,100	12,100	7.15%
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Secretary Salary	2,975.52	9,060.84	12036.36	12,081	12,081
Substitute Secretary	0.00	0.00	0	0	0

Secretary Expenses	2,975.52	9,060.84	12,036.36	12,081	12,081	7.14%
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Sexton Salary	1,741.74	5,304.06	7045.8	7,072	7,072
Sexton Electric	110.50	430.02	540.52	500	550
Sexton Supplies	25.98	115.20	141.18	100	150
Sexton Help	0.00	0.00	0	0	0
Snow Removal	0.00	0.00	0	500	500

Sexton Expenses	1,878.22	5,849.28	7,727.50	8,172	8,272	4.89%
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Treasurer Salary	470.52	1,432.44	1902.96	1,910	1,910
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Treasurer Expenses	470.52	1,432.44	1,902.96	1,910	1,910	1.13%
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2015 BUDGET PROJECTION FOR THE GENERAL FUND (CONTINUED)

Expenses (continued)	Oct-Dec 2013	Jan-Sept 2014	Total Oct 2013 thru Sept 2014	Proposed 2015 Budget 2014	Budget	% of total
Advertising Expenses	235.47	534.21	769.68	1,000	1,000	
Mileage Reim-Pastor	282.84	1,536.06	1818.9	4,000	2,500	
Professional Exp-Pastor	0.00	300.45	300.45	700	500	
Substitute Pastor	125.00	375.00	500	375	500	
Church Telephone	163.30	478.52	641.82	600	600	
Church Heat	99.35	12,651.22	12750.57	9,500	10,100	
Church Maintenance	699.71	12,720.75	13420.46	6,500	6,500	
Office / Sexton House Heat	0.00	4,021.42	4021.42	2,200	3,500	
Church Electric	554.51	1,535.96	2090.47	2,100	2,100	
Church / Office Supplies	501.63	1,244.06	1745.69	2,500	2,000	
Pastor Relocation/Moving Exp	0.00	0.00		0	0	
Church Taxes	0.00	6,572.68	6572.68	6,400	6,600	
Payroll Tax Penalties	0.00	859.31	859.31	0	0	
Dues & Subscriptions	98.55	492.75	591.3	600	600	
Sanitation Service	23.00	207.00	230	300	300	
Exterminator Service	100.00	585.00	685	600	600	
Postage	200.00	792.36	992.36	1,000	1,000	
Group/Edu Study Expenses	0.00	0.00	0	500	250	
Service Contracts	370.78	594.00	964.78	1,500	1,000	
Donations	0.00	0.00	0	125	100	
UCC Insurance	4,352.00	14,046.00	18398	17,000	18,500	
License/Permits/Inspections	0.00	240.00	240	1,000	1,000	
Contribution Envelopes	0.00	571.66	571.66	600	600	
Staff Christmas Gifts	995.92	0.00	995.92	1,000	1,000	
Church Expenses	8,802.06	60,358.41	69,160.47	60,100	60,850	35.95%
Flowers:Altar, holiday, etc	308.75	1,184.17	1492.92	1,740	1,500	
Summer Concert Performances	0.00	926.00	926	500	500	
Pass-Through Expenses	308.75	2,110.17	2,418.92	2,240	2,000	1.18%
Youth Group Support	0.00	0.00	0	1,000	1,000	
PRC / Spiritual Life Team	0.00	0.00	0	500	500	
Missions Outreach Team	0.00	0.00	0	500	500	
Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000	2,000	1.18%
Total Expenses	38,035.65	142,275.21	180,310.86	166,990	169,284	
Difference	8,324.92	(28,336.45)	(20,011.53)	2,650	2,650	

End of 2013, transferred \$14,675.07 to General Fund from Trust Fund Income Fund

BARTO TRUST

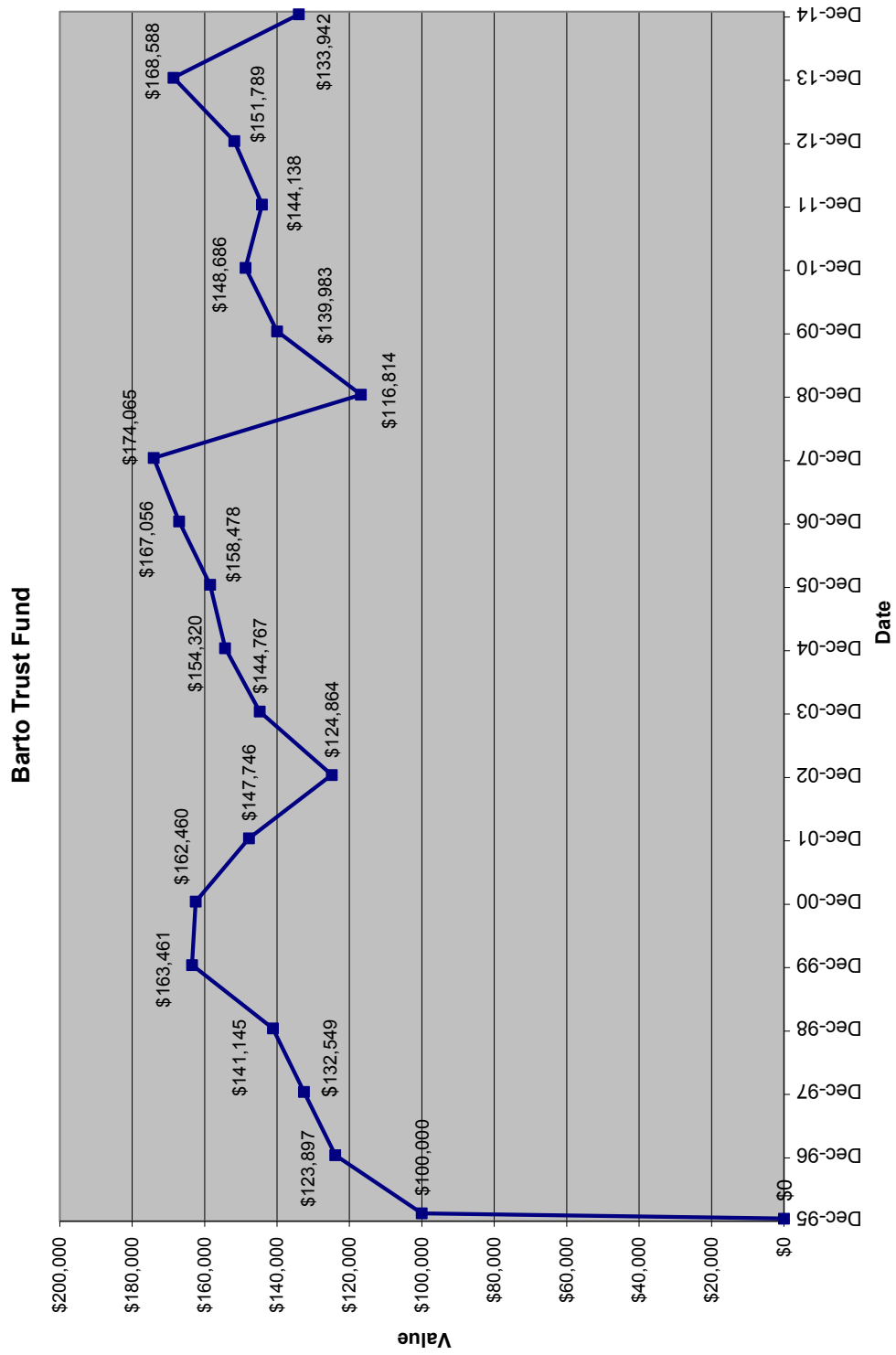
The Barto Trust was established by Minerva Barto as part of her last will and testament. In her will she bequeathed various amounts to different people and organizations, and then designated that the residue of her estate be used to establish a perpetual trust to benefit two churches: St. John Hill Church, and New Goshenhoppen Church. The National Bank of Boyertown 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.

Date	Balance
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

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 will be changing 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.

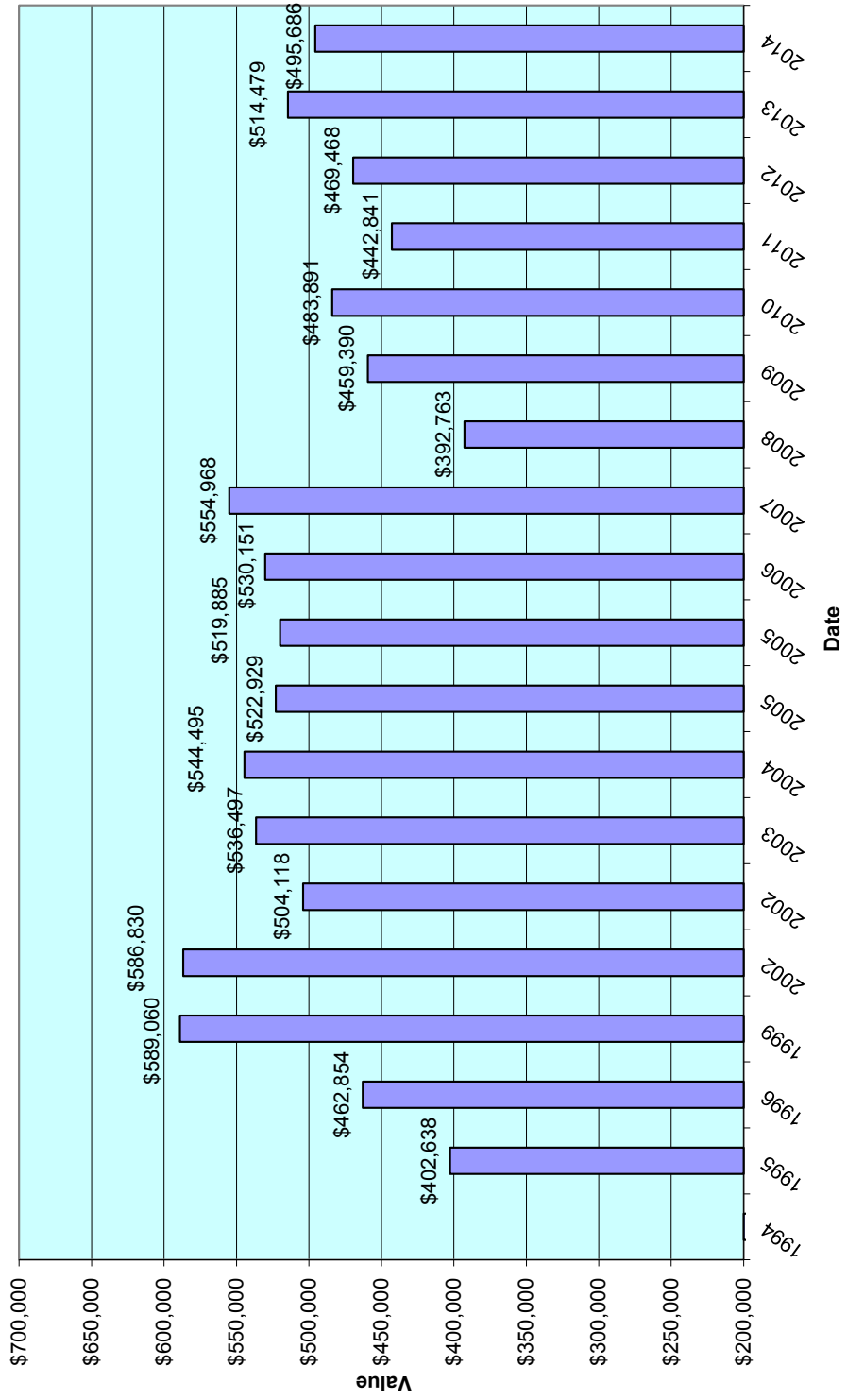
Wilmington Trust Bank, as trustee, has determined that this arrangement constitutes what is known as a "private foundation" and, as such, the trustee is required by the IRS to distribute to the beneficiaries no less than 5% of the trust's net worth each year. This is where the issue arises about being 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.

Date	Balance
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

ROHRBACH TRUST

Rohrbach Trust Fund



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 \$190, which was donated to the Boyertown Multi-Service.

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 a "Weird Animal" adventure at VBS. The many children and adults at Vacation Bible School in June learned that Jesus' love is one of a kind. The crafts & missions station allowed kids to make some crafts to take home and remember the theme. We also had a special guest, Kevin Zimmer, bring in lots of animals for everyone to see, touch and learn about.

On August 2nd 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. 8 children were given ride tickets. Our annual 1 o'clock meeting at the bumper cars allowed everyone to test out their driving skills.

The Rally Day program was held in September with Debi Wahl sharing her lovely voice. She also had our young (and young at heart) involved as back up musicians. We also honored those Sunday School students/teachers who had perfect attendance.

October began with many volunteers preparing for the annual Sausage Supper. We served 264 meals including take-outs. The proceeds from the supper help fund various mission projects, VBS, camp fees and more.

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

- Operation Christmas Child: Shoeboxes were filled by the congregation and sent to less fortunate children in other countries.
- Mid-Term Care Packages: College students received goodies and best wishes during their finals week.
- The Angel Tree: 3 children were sponsored at Christmas time. They received lots of gifts and toys thanks to the generous support of everyone.

As the Christmas season approached, the Sunday School children presented their annual program on December 22nd as actors for the Christmas Cantata during the morning worship service. 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 then 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 & steeple fund of St. John-Hill U.C.C. We look forward to continuing our mission of spreading His Word through 2015. 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	\$1,189.22
CHECKS/DEPOSIT SLIPS	\$10.25
SAUSAGE SUPPER	\$1,388.25
RINGGOLD BAND PICNIC	\$3,475.61
CHRISTMAS	\$480.44
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	\$463.96
EGG HUNT	\$98.91
KNOEBELS GROVE	\$400.00
MAINTAINENCE & REPAIRS	\$271.50
ST. JOHN UCC GEN. MAINTENANCE	\$1,000.00
STEEPLE FUND	\$2,000.00
POSTAGE/MAILINGS	\$129.82
APPLE SAUCE	\$52.88
OTHER DONATIONS	\$100.00
SOUPER BOWL	\$190.00
GUEST SPEAKERS	\$325.00
COLLEGE BOXES	\$175.00
PIANO TUNING	\$272.00
MOTHERS DAY FLOWERS	\$75.00
BIRTHDAY CARDS	\$29.59
SAMS MEMBERSHIP	\$45.00
BOYERTOWN SALVATION ARMY - BACK PACK PROGRAM	\$350.00
PARK COMMITTEE (SAMS CLUB)	\$235.63
SUMMER CONCERT	\$360.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$13,118.06

HILL UNITED SUNDAY SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME:

REGULAR OFFERINGS	\$7,393.24
MISSION OFFERINGS	\$324.00
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	\$778.99
RINGGOLD BAND PICNIC	\$4,325.00
SAUSAGE SUPPER	\$2,910.97
RALLY DAY	\$76.00
KNOEBELS GROVE	\$250.00
SOUPER BOWL	\$190.00
CHOW CHOW	\$172.00
SUMMER CONCERT	\$360.00
E-BAY BOOK SALES	\$115.48
PARK COMMITTEE (SAMS CLUB)	\$235.63

TOTAL INCOME **\$17,131.31**

BALANCE IN TREASURY AS OF JANUARY 1, 2014 **\$2,522.51**

BALANCE IN TREASURY AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2014 **\$6,535.76**

MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT

BEGINNING BALANCE JANUARY 1, 2014 **\$11,832.85**

INTEREST \$11.82

ENDING BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2014 **\$11,844.67**

(note: \$2,000.00 from the Wentzel Estate is in this Balance. This money 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 392 people at the ham supper and 644 people at the turkey supper. We made a total profit of \$6741 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 2014 work projects included:

- Sexton's House Renovation – This project began in January 2014 and continued through March. The home was “gutted.” Upgrades included a new kitchen, bathroom, powder room, 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. Generous prayers as well as monetary and labor donations allowed the project to exceed expectations.
- General Park Grounds
 - Continued “Pick Up Sticks”
 - Tree Removal
 - General Maintenance and Repair

2015 projects include window replacement in the sexton's house, stone pointing in the barn, tree removal, school house porch revitalization and, as always, “picking up sticks.” Workdays are scheduled the second Saturday of each month year around. Now more than ever, it is very important 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.

We wish to thank the Women's Guild for their continued support by providing lunch at our workdays (always the highlight of the day!) and for the snacks for our coffee breaks.

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, David Motz, 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, 2014 \$5,525.00

Income

Ham Supper	\$5,540.51
Turkey Supper	\$7,242.00
Total Income	\$12,782.51

Expenses

Donations - Steeple Repair	\$5,000.00
Electric for Park	\$500.33
Gas for Park	\$455.83
Exterminator Service for Park	\$360.00
Maintenance Repairs & Improvements	\$401.03
Ham Supper	\$3,411.19
Turkey Supper	\$2,630.77
Total Expenses	\$12,759.15

Balance In Checking As Of December 31, 2014 \$5,548.36

Savings Account

Balance In Savings As Of January 1, 2014 \$8,853.25

Interest \$7.08

Balance In Savings As Of December 31, 2014 \$8,860.33

WOMEN'S GUILD REPORT

We started our year by enjoying a group outing and attending a Longaberger Basket & purse bingo event. Winning is nice, but what a greater blessing than having fun together.

We continue to support \$50.00 quarterly to St. John Hill for members with financial needs.

We donated \$200.00 toward Easter baskets for the residents of Wernersville State Hospital. We also supplied Lent refreshments in March. AND BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND: we reordered our cookbooks. We have an ongoing sale of cookbooks and RADA Cutlery.

Bingo was held at Frederick Mennonite Home in Obelisk in May. The residents enjoyed the games, prizes and refreshments we provided. We also hosted morning brunch refreshments for the Ministerial Committee meeting that was held here at Hill Church. We also volunteered as morning "Greeters" for the month of May. Donated \$500.00 to the Steeple Fund.

We sold Redner's Sandwich Coupons in June which raised approximately another \$700.00 towards the steeple fund.

Served as morning "Greeters" again in July.

We held our 3rd "fun" auction in August. All auctioned items were donated by members and wrapped or gift bagged. Because the items were wrapped or bagged – bidders had no idea what they were bidding on. We had a wonderful turnout and had such a good time! We raised and donated an amazing additional \$1720.00 for the Steeple. We think Donny Conrad won first prize at the Oley Fair with the Sweet Potato he bought at the auction.

October activities: For the second time this year, we hosted Bingo at the Frederick Mennonite Home. It's always a fun time with lots of prizes and refreshments! We made applesauce and chow-chow for the church suppers all on the same day. Whew-that took some organizing! Thank you to anyone that donated garden veggies for this project. If anyone has extra crops this coming year, please keep us in mind for chow-chow. Items needed would be green beans, wax beans, lima beans, red or yellow peppers, cucumbers and cabbage. Call Nancy Weller with any donations. We skipped our regular meeting in October and decided to enjoy our time together over a meal at Dryville Hotel – yum and fun!

In November we found Wernersville was on our Christmas list again this year. We delivered \$300.00 worth of much appreciated gift items.

In December the Guild held a baby food/baby items collection drive. We also purchased \$200.00 in baby formula. The baby items were delivered to the Boyertown Area Multi-Service at the conclusion of our drive. Thank you to all who donated baby items, we collected a heaping pack and play of much needed food and formula. We also remembered 11 shut-in's during our Christmas Season by making and delivering gift bags. And what better way to end the year but with a wonderful Christmas dinner at The Bridge Inn. Where would we be without food and fellowship!

We have been blessed to be able to provide lunches during some of the work weekends for the park committee and volunteers. Another blessing we had been honored with this past year was cooking and serving food at our friend's 2 day auction at Miller Equipment. We also sponsor the Confirmation bibles and keepsake baby bibles to children being baptized and a keepsake book for the parents.

Those of us that are able, enjoy going to lunch occasionally to different restaurants in the area.

Our regular meetings are held on the first Tuesday night of the month at 7:00 p.m. Our meetings are held in the kitchen at church except for May and October. That is when we have our bingo parties at the Frederick Mennonite Home and our December meeting when we treat ourselves to a meal in a designated restaurant. Our meetings consist of a short regular business meeting and a short program. All Church women are members of the Women's Guild so please feel invited to attend the meetings and please join us at lunch if you can. Call Marie Schollenberger 610-367-8747 to find the location of this month's lunch time and location.

We wish to thank everyone for all your support during the past years! We thank God for His guidance.

Blessings,
Hill Church Women's Guild

WOMEN'S GUILD FINANCIAL REPORT

EXPENSES:

Donations	\$4,241.24
Miller Equipment Auction	\$264.30
Hoagie Tickets	\$900.00
Cutlery	\$590.10
Bibles/Cookbooks	\$1,133.88
Gifts	\$250.00
Outstanding Check	\$(25.00)

TOTAL EXPENSES \$7,354.52

INCOME:

Cookbooks	\$510.00
Offering	\$507.38
Funerals	\$380.00
Hoagies	\$2,117.00
Cutlery	\$908.00
Auction - Penny	\$1,208.00
Miller Equipment Auction	\$2,285.57
Pie Stand	\$693.50

TOTAL INCOME \$8,609.45

BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2014 \$3,722.81

BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2014 \$4,977.74

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 serve the corporation and surrounding communities".

The board meets four times a year, the third Tuesday of January, April, July, and November at 7:30 P.M. alternating the location between the two churches.

Each spring board members and volunteers straighten and reset tombstones that have shifted over the winter. They also locate/set cornerstones. 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 2014 included Elmer Miller (president), Charles Conrad (vice-president), Tyler Shane (secretary), David Renninger (treasurer), Keith Weller, and Alan Wood.

The current price of a single cemetery grave space is \$300, which includes the cost of perpetual care. There is an additional \$50 charge for premium roadside spaces. 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

Receipts

Foundations	3,178.56
Tent & Equipment.....	500.00
Perpetual Care	1,450.00
Sale of Lots	3,150.00
Notary Fees & Deeds	350.00
Entry Fee	2,300.00
Interest on Investments	553.38
Miscellaneous Income	1,166.82
Total Receipts:	\$12,648.76

Expenses

Cemetery Care.....	7,672.88
Foundations	4,577.12
Fuel Charges.....	969.42
National Penn Bank of Boyertown Safe Deposit Box Rental	30.00
Berks County Cemetery Assoc. Dues.....	10.00
Property & Liability Insurance	300.00
Lease on Shed.....	2.00
Total Expenses:	\$13,561.42

note: A deposit of \$957.93 was made, but did not clear the bank before December 31, 2014. With this deposit Hill Church Union Cemetery will show a profit of \$45.27 for 2014.

UNION CEMETERY FINANCIAL REPORT

Invested Funds

Invesco U.S. Gov't Funds.....	183,209.68
Franklin Funds	66,708.04
Bally Savings Bank Account.....	56,261.08
Bally Savings Bank CD	17,000.00
National Penn Bank CD	7,000.00
Delaware Trust Fund	813.79
National Penn Bank Checking Account.....	
220.69	

Total Assets: \$274,731.51

In Perpetual Care: \$158,385.59

2014 Officers:

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

Auditors:

Nancy Weller
Kathie Gilbert
Linda Furches

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.

We've had a very busy year here at Hill Church. One of our main focuses this year was the renovation of our steeple. Back in 1886 the church was completely renovated and the steeple and bell were added. Over the next 128 years the steeple was painted several times along with minor repairs to maintain its integrity.

Then in October 2013, there was a water leak discovered in the Narthex at the electrical panel originating from the steeple base. DESCCO Design & Construction, Inc. was hired to bring in a lift to inspect the steeple and temporarily repair the leaks. The inspection of the steeple revealed major needed repairs.

The Trustees solicited bids for the repairs over the next several months. On April 6, 2014, at a congregational meeting, it was voted to go with DESCCO Design & Construction, Inc. for a base price of \$143,648 and add alternate pricing of \$31,740 for possible discovered defects during the performance of the work. In addition to these expenses the four corner spires, louvers & frames were to be replaced with new AZEK pvc items made by volunteers from our church for an approximate cost of materials of \$5000. The construction started mid-June and was completed early September. With our newly renovated steeple, we pray that the sounding of our bell will continue to bring people to God for many generations to come.

We are very grateful for the overwhelming financial response we received for both the renovation of the sexton's house and steeple project. This tremendous response allowed us to complete both projects without any financing from outside sources.

In 2015 we would like to turn our focus to our spiritual needs. We have a rich history here at Hill Church dating back to the early 1700's and have much to offer to our community. We would like to challenge everyone to invite a guest to church. 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

“Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?””
-Matthew 14:31

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Pastoral Relations Committee was formed by the Consistory in early 2005, right after Pastor Inlow arrived, as a way to improve and facilitate communication between the Congregation and Pastor, and to be a place where concerns and issues can be aired and resolved.

Within a short time, the Committee's role began to expand as it developed fellowship activities (from Coffee Hour to Game Nights, Summer Concerts in the grove, and many other activities) and congregational life concerns (such as Friends Helping Friends). In developing these activities, the role of the PRC has never been to actually plan and carry out the events, but to serve as a catalyst to help these things get going.

This Committee meets the first Tuesday of each month usually at 7:00 p.m. to share "Praises and Concerns" along with brain storming of ideas to continually find ways for our congregation to gather together for fellowship with love in their hearts along with the presence of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Below is a summary of a few items covered in 2014:

January – PRC is looking forward to serve St. John Hill UCC in the following categories: evangelism, youth activities, summer concerts, bible studies, coffee hours, mission needs, fellowship dates, praise songs, men's and women's groups.

February – PRC was canceled due to the weather.

March – Our new Fellowship Committee is formed – Stephanie Creyer and Clara Shakespeare, with their first event being held on March 14th – Open Mic Night; discussed the My Hope America program; review Coffee Hours for the next four months and future Bible Studies; Pastor Christian gave us the Lent worship schedule. We ended this meeting praying for our elderly St. John members.

April – We welcomed Clarence Weller as our new PRC member; after discussing Old Business we finalized our Confirmation Sunday plans; talked about the next four Coffee Hours, the Egg Hunt, the Ham Supper, and showing The Passion on Sat., April 19th at 4 p.m. A Bible Study on Revelation will be held in May at the Parsonage Pavilion. After a brief discussion, we voted to remove the Pew Registers and ask our Greeters to have guests sign our Guest Register in the Narthex. Our Sexton's House will be blessed in May.

May – After reviewing our usual topics, with attendance down, PRC discussed the idea of offering either a One Room or Two Room Summer Sunday School Program; after a lengthy discussion re: combining our Sunday School Classes for the Summer, we created a list of Pros and Cons. Susy attended the June 2nd Sunday School meeting to present the list and PRC's concerns.

June – Confirmation Sunday will be held on June 8th with PRC serving light refreshments following the service; the Fellowship Committee is planning a Luau on July 12th; Rally Day, Sept. 14th, was discussed. Pastor Christian is planning a coed Bible Study starting in July with Kristen Nagy leading a Women's Bible Study in August; and a Men's Bible Study may start in the Fall. We view samples of Welcome Pamphlets used by area churches, and adopted some additions to our bulletins.

July & August – No PRC meetings held these months.

September – Pastor Christian is planning meetings to discuss the visions we all have for St. John Hill UCC and suggested we create a PRC Mission Statement. Popcorn packets will be purchased to present to

guests who attend our services as a THANK YOU for "popping" in.

October – Susy mentioned having a trailer in the Boyertown/Oley Halloween Parades; Pastor Christian announced a special service will be held on Nov. 23rd, including our congregation donating the 12 items most needed by Boyertown Area Multi-Service to serve our community. We discussed the Spiritual Health

of our congregation and St. John's Vision Planning.

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PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT (CONTINUED)

November – PRC discussed sponsoring a one-day Leadership Retreat in February 2015; adding a few more members to our committee; looked into helping with the Weekend Backpack Program; plus edited our PRC Mission Statement draft and voted to accept it as: PRC Is the liaison between the Pastor and the Congregation living as Christ-like examples and promoting spiritual growth at St. John Hill UCC.

December – Due to nasty weather, this meeting was canceled; however, we continued to keep St. John Hill UCC members in our thoughts and prayers until we meet again.

May God bless each and every one in 2015!

PRC Committee: Pastor Christian Creyer, Connie Hile, Clarence Weller and Susy Yerger.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT REPORT

Anthems for the year were provided by the Senior Choir and occasionally by the Praise Choir. The choir and guests participated with the choir of St. Joseph Hill Lutheran Church to present the Lenten Cantata "Touched by Christ" on Wednesday evening, April 6, at their church. It was a very inspiring Lenten experience.

As in past years, volunteers provided musical selections as anthems for our summer worship services. Several of the services were held outdoors. Special guests, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Zambanini and their daughter provided an anthem at one of these services. Thank you to all who volunteered.

The Senior Choir was to participate with the choir of St. Joseph Hill Lutheran Church in a joint Thanksgiving Eve Service at their church. However, due to inclement weather, the service was cancelled.

On Sunday December 21 at the 9:30 A.M. worship service, the Senior Choir and guests presented the Cantata "Once Upon a Night". This service included students of the Sunday school. Afterwards Santa and Mrs. Claus presented gifts to the children. A luncheon followed.

Three Christmas Eve Services were held in 2014, (3, 7, & 10 P.M.). At the 3 P.M. service the prelude consisted of piano, recorder, and organ selections. Also vocal solos by Bob Fleming [O Jesus So Gentle, Jesus So Sweet & On Christmas Night]. An Anthem "My Heart, Your Bethlehem" was sung by Kristen Bender. The Carols for the service were accompanied by Eileen Fisher [piano], Bob Fleming [keyboard], and me [organ]. At the 7 P.M. service the prelude consisted of piano, organ, flute and drum selections. Grant Kochev performed a drum solo. Guest Barbara Lehmann, flutist, accompanied some of these selections as well as the Carols. A flute quartet also was part of the prelude. Participants in the quartet were Abby Shane, Katrina Prutzman, Barbara Lehmann and Eileen Fisher. Rick Furches, accompanying himself on guitar, sang the anthem "Mary Did You Know" He also accompanied Alexus Kolb who sang "O Holy Night".

At the 10 P.M. service, the prelude consisted of piano, flute and organ selections plus a vocal selection "On Christmas Night" by Bob Fleming. The Carols were accompanied by Eileen Fisher [piano], Bob Fleming [keyboard], and me [organ]. Bob Fleming sang an anthem "O Jesus So Gentle, O Jesus So Sweet". George Benjamin sang "O Holy Night" accompanied by Rick Furches playing his guitar.

I'm thankful for all the volunteers who provide their time and talents to the music ministry of our church. I pray for continued support of this ministry.

Let us continue to SING PRAISES TO OUR GOD!

God Bless
Sincerely,
Elmer Miller
Organist/Choir Director

YOUTH GROUP FINANCIAL REPORT

EXPENSES:

COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL/SPONSORSHIP	\$456.00
CREATION - FOOD - TICKETS - SUPPLIES	\$2,521.26
DEPOSIT ORDER	\$10.25
WILCOX FARMS - CORN MAZE	\$18.00

<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>	\$3,005.51
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INCOME:

CREATION	\$2,550.00
CAN RECYCLING	\$1,024.52

<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	\$3,574.52
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BALANCE IN TREASURY AS OF JANUARY 1, 2014	\$1,123.95
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BALANCE IN TREASURY AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2014	\$2,092.19
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MISSIONS REPORT

2014 was a year the Mission Team reached inward. Our normal “week long” adventure was replaced by a 3-month commitment of “man hours” to the sexton’s house. Not only evident by the finished product but the “blood, sweat and tears” that bonded all participants to each other and brought us closer to God. Only through prayer and listening to nudges along the way was the end results realized.

Stephanie Creyer stepped up in 2014 and lead a trip to the Opportunity House in Reading. There we served a meal and provided hope to those less fortunate. We look forward to continuing this avenue of Mission Work.

What will 2015 hold? We are currently looking for opportunities and prayerfully listening for guidance.

Thank you for your continued support through grocery card purchases, monetary donations, and most importantly prayer.

2013/2014 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Month	2013 Date	Number Attended	2014 Date	Number Attended
January	6	87	5	55
	13	106	12	112
	20	75	19	80
	27	79	26	51
Average Attendance		87		75
February	3	63	2	110
	10	83	9	100
	17	67	16	61
	24	164	23	128
Average Attendance		94		100
March	3	117	2	117
	10	141	9	141
	17	114	16	114
	24	119	23	119
	(M.T.) 28	49	30	49
	(7 am) 31	51		
	(9:30 am) 31	128		
Average Attendance		124		108
April	7	80	6	77
	14	84	13	128
	21	104	(M.T.) 17	40
	28	86	(7 am) 20	59
			(9:30 am) 20	141
Average Attendance		89		102
May	5	112	4	86
	12	117	11	128
	19	103	18	103
	26	76	25	71
Average Attendance		102		97
June	3	89	1	98
	10	90	8	126
	17	68	15	79
	24	97	22	135
			29	70
Average Attendance		86		102

Month	2013 Date	Number Attended	2014 Date	Number Attended
July	7	70	6	86
	14	115	13	95
	21	72	20	71
	28	84	27	73
Average Attendance		85		81
August	4	93	3	80
	11	44	10	46
	18	138	17	88
	25	82	24	78
			31	65
Average Attendance		89		71
September	1	70	7	79
	8	102	14	88
	15	107	21	89
	22	93	28	57
	29	82		
Average Attendance		91		78
October	6	94	5	69
	13	84	12	80
	20	73	19	58
	27	90	26	84
Average Attendance		85		73
November	3	99	2	91
	11	92	9	94
	17	Dave Stahl	16	87
	24	100	23	96
	(T.E.) 27	51	(T.E.) 27	Canc.
Average Attendance		97		93
December	1	92	7	90
	8	99	14	74
	15	33	21	161
	22	158	(3 pm) 24	39
	(7 pm) 24	172	(7 pm) 24	139
	(10 pm) 24	98	(10 pm) 24	90
	29	180	28	86
Average Attendance		112		103

*2009 average attendance per service was 104
 *2010 average attendance per service was 103
 *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

LEADERSHIP PERSONS 2015

Consistory

Matthew Weller	President
Donnie Conrad	Vice President
Kristen Nagy	Secretary
Wendy Shane	Treasurer/Not Mbr
Dottie Fronheiser	Asst. Treasurer
Arlan Schaeffer	
Stephanie Benjamin	
Mark Hile	
Ray Kochey	
Terry Shane	
Clarence Weller	
Rick Furches	
Susy Yerger	

Trustees

Mark Hile
Bill Moyer
Terry Shane

Sunday School Leadership

Elmer Miller	Superintendent
Nancy Weller	Treasurer
Wendy Shane	Assistant Treasurer
Nikki Weller	Secretary
Tracey Kolb	Curriculum

Cemetery Directors

St. John Hill UCC members:

Elmer Miller	President
Tyler Shane	Secretary
Keith Weller	

St. Joseph's Lutheran members:

David Renninger	Treasurer
Alan Wood	Vice President
Keith Sharp	

LEADERSHIP PERSONS 2015 (CONTINUED)

Park Committee

Mark Hile	President
Joel Weller	Treasurer
Terry Shane	Secretary

Pastoral Relations Committee

Susy Yerger
Connie Hile
Christian Creyer
Clarence Weller

Women's Guild

Marie Schollenberger	President
Mary Jane Kemp	Vice President
Nancy Weller	Secretary
Clara Shakespeare	Treasurer

Missions Committee

Mark & Connie Hile

Youth Group

Christian Creyer	Adult Leader
Dale Fronheiser	Adult Leader
Stephanie Benjamin	Treasurer
Nancy Weller	Asst. Treasurer

Boy & Cub Scouts Troop 518

Bobby Shakespeare	Asst. Scoutmaster
Keith Blankenbiller	Committee Chair
Bill Richmond	Scout Master
Kevin Schollenberger	Asst. Scoutmaster
Bonnie Helmick	Troop Leader
Dawn Childress	Treasurer/Troop Ldr
David Motz	Charter Member

Additional Contact Information

Christian Creyer	Pastor
Elmer Miller	Church Organist
Nikki Weller	Church Secretary
Wendy Shane	Treasurer
Eric Miller	Sexton
Abby Shane	Web Master

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES - FEBRUARY 9, 2014

The 2013 Congregational Meeting of St. John Hill Church was held on February 9, 2014 during the morning Worship Service.

Susy Yerger, 2013 Consistory President, opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. by discussing the Table of Contents in the report that was made available to all in attendance. Due to the absence of our Consistory Secretary, no minutes were taken; however, a copy of the Annual Report was presented and briefly reviewed.

Pastor Christian, who happily became our Pastor in May of 2013, gave the Pastor's Report and the Hill Church Register for the past year (refer to pages 1 and 2).

Susy Yerger and Joel Weller, 2013 Consistory Vice President, gave the Consistory Report (refer to pages 3, 4 and 5).

The following Financial Reports were presented and reviewed:

Fund Activity Report (refer to pages 6 through 10)

Balance Sheet (refer to page 11)

Budget Projection (refer to pages 12, 13 and 14)

Finance Committee Report (refer to page 15)

Barto Trust Fund (refer to pages 16 and 17)

Rohrbach Trust Fund (refer to pages 18 and 19)

Other reports made available in the Annual Report and time given for questions and review were:

Christian Education Committee/Sunday School Report (refer to pages 20, 21 and 22)

Soldiers Memorial Park Committee Report (refer to pages 23 and 24)

Women's Guild Report (refer to page 25, 26 and 27)

Hill Church Union Cemetery, Inc. Report (refer pages 28, 29 and 30)

Board of Trustees Report (refer to page 31)

Pastoral Relations Committee Report (refer to pages 32 and 33)

Music Department Report (refer to page 34)

Youth Group (refer to pages 35 and 36)

Mission Committee Report (refer to page 37)

2012/2013 Worship Attendance (refer to page 38)

2014 Leadership Persons (refer to pages 39 and 40)

Recent History (refer to pages 41 and 42)

Memorial Prayer (refer to page 43)

Pastors of the Reformed Congregation (refer to page 44)

Respectfully submitted,

Susy Yerger
2013 Consistory President

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 fesitval - a christian camping, musical, worship retreat.

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

The congregation voted to hire Uhrigs Proffesional 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 alluminum 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. Pauls UCC, Birdsboro to the Southern Folklife Center in Pipestown, West Virginia.

Schoolhouse painted by the Scout Troop.

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

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

Spouting installed in the church - \$4,679.00

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.

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 -