

2016 ANNUAL REPORT
ST. MARTIN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
HIGH RIDGE, MISSOURI

Please read these reports prior to our annual meeting on Sunday, January 15, 2017. On that day bring your copy to the meeting. In case of inclement weather and worship is canceled, the annual meeting will be postponed to the following Sunday at the same time.

VISION STATEMENT: St. Martin Church is to be a place where all people are loved, valued and cared for; a place where we share regularly in celebrating God's love for us and live out that love in responsible, inviting and welcoming ways.

MISSION STATEMENT: To be responsible and caring in reaching out to all people so that everyone may experience the unconditional love and grace of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AGENDA

Sunday, January 15, 2017

12:00 p.m.

I. OPENING PRAYER -

II. AMENDING THE AGENDA (Issues to Be Addressed That Were Not Previously Put On the Agenda)

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. MINUTES OF THE 2016 MEETINGS -

B. REPORTS OF CHURCH YEAR -

Pastor's report, Letter from the Council President, Care Pastors, Christian Education, LCM, Memorial Loan Closet, Pairs 'N Spares, Pastoral Relations, Personnel, Stewardship, Women's Fellowship, Worship and Evangelism Committee, Men's Fellowship and Physical Properties, Cemetery Board, Personnel Committee, Script Account, Parsonage Report, Christian Education, Youth Fellowship, Endowment

C. REPORT OF AUDIT – Ed Self

D. REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE & ELECTIONS –

ELDER: Three Year Term (*Select One*) Dale Rose

DEACONS: Three Year Term (*Select Two*) Don Ford
Karen Schaefer

Treasurer Two Year Term (Select One) Ginger Washington

CEMETERY BOARD: Three Year Term (*Select One*) John Cole

DELEGATES TO MISSOURI CONFERENCE: John Cole
One year term (Select Two) Sharon Cole

ALTERNATE DELEGATES TO MO CONFERENCE Allen Ross
One Year Term (*Select Two*) Diana Ross

ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE:
Three year term (*Select One*) Shirley Miller

Those remaining on the Council are:

ELDER – Fred Dishner, Donna Goede DEACONS – Bev Dautenhahn, Shirley Miller, Esther McNamee, John Cole
Sunday School Superintendents – Jane Small and Liz Downer

NOTE: Additional nominations can be made from the floor. The person being nominated must be present to accept the nomination and introduce him/herself to the congregation. Write in this person's name in the appropriate place on your ballot (to be handed out at the meeting).

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1.

2.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation and Adoption of Proposed 2017 Budget

VI. ADJOURNMENT

VII. CLOSING PRAYER (*Mailing Date of Annual Report – January 2, 2017*)

Meeting started at 12:05 pm 38 members attending

Gary Malone opened the meeting with prayer.

Attendees were asked to review the 2015 minutes. No amendments were made. Grace Self made a motion to accept the minutes. Joan Cavagna 2nd, all in favor.

Attendees were asked if there were any questions or comments on the reports of the church year. No remarks were made.

Ed Self reported the audit showed the church books to be in order.

Gary Malone asked for any additional nominations for election. None were added. Johnny Lewellen made a motion to accept the nominees as listed on the agenda. Billie York 2nd. All in favor.

Gary Malone reviewed the 2015 church and council goals.

Hoped for 10 new members...gained 3

Youth outreach included a successful sleep over

Paving project was delayed, however completed and funded

Bible study was implemented, the group studied 2 different books

Sports outreach was implemented with a basketball group

New member mentoring was started

A short visit to the home of anyone who visits us twice giving them a coffee mug

Pastor McLean and Fred Dishner began attending local Chamber of Commerce meetings

Scholarship of \$500 given to a Northwest student for community service

Hired a new music director, Dean Emmert

Council began discussing digital sign

Upgraded the church web site

Placing a monthly advertisement in the Current Newspaper

Consulted with Gayle Engel regarding the future for our church

Grace Self handled our office duties with back up from Liz Downer

Don Ford continues to improve and maintain our technology (including donating a display screen)

Made a plea for more volunteers for church leadership and committees

Considering youth outreach in the form of 'movie nights'

New business agenda had 2 additions: Altar Flowers and a 2016 Northwest Scholarship

New Business:

1. 2016 Budget - Ginger presented the 2016 Budget. The major increases were due to Pastor and his families' health insurance and a budget line for a cantor. After a few questions and discussion Dale Rose made a motion to accept the 2016 budget, Dee St Clair 2nd, all in favor.
2. Digital Sign - The church council has been discussing and investigating a sign. A sign of about 3 ft x 6 ft has been bid and is in the \$16K range. Some savings could be had by providing a base for it and purchasing from a wholesaler. Some fundraisers have already accumulated \$2000 for this project. Terri Finan could not attend today's meeting so she sent a letter Gary Malone read. She thinks this is an important need as well as our electronic presence (web site and facebook). During discussion the congregation also pointed out the need to refresh and possibly light our sign at the PP intersection. Joan Cavagna made a motion to proceed with the digital sign project. Karen Schaefer 2nd. All in favor.
3. 4th Sunday Contemporary - Discussion identified a number of views as we approach this worship change. Clarification was made that this is not every 4th Sunday but the 4th Sunday of each month. Specific religious days like Easter or Christmas would not be contemporary should they fall on the 4th Sunday of the month. There would be flexibility. We want to try this for each month of 2016. We probably would start in February so it would only be 11 times for this year. Dean Emmert is enthusiastic about this and has ideas as well as volunteers in his wife and daughter. He comes with a wealth of talent and exposure to varied types of services. Dee St Clair made a motion to adopt a 4th Sunday

contemporary service, Sandy Neralich 2nd. Voting was by paper ballot. There were 35 votes. 28 for, 6 opposed and 1 “do not care”. Motion passed,

4. Northwest Scholarship - Discussion questioned whether the purpose was to recruit our scholarship recipient and family to grow our church or to get our church name before the community for outreach. It was unfortunate that our 2015 scholarship recipient did not thank or acknowledge our church. Grace Self made a motion to NOT offer a scholarship this year. 2nd by Desiree Dickey, vote was 36 for and 2 opposed. Motion passed.
5. Altar Flowers - Picking up the flowers and arranging them each week was done by Virginia Horrell for many, many years. Due to her death this year we need to request volunteers and share this duty. Esther McNamee has stepped up but we need more help. Volunteers were encouraged to choose a month and handle the flower duties each Sunday in that month.

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 pm with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Miller

Recording Secretary

Church Council Minutes

January 17, 2016

Attendees: Gary Malone, Dale Rose, Shirley Miller, Esther McNamee, Ginger Washington, Fred Dishner, John Cole, Beverly Dautenhahn, Karen Schaefer, Jane Small, Pastor Adrian McLean, Donna Goede

Meeting started at 2:00 pm

Action Items:

The church council met briefly following the annual congregational meeting for the purpose of electing officers.

Council members elected for 2016 are Donna Goede (elder), Esther McNamee (deacon), and John Cole (deacon). The following officers were elected:

President Donna Goede...motion made by Dale Rose, 2nd by John Cole, all in favor

Vice President Dale Rose...motion made by Fred Dishner, 2nd by Jane Small, all in favor

Financial Secretary Esther McNamee...motion made by Fred Dishner, 2nd by John Cole, all in favor

Recording Secretary Shirley Miller... motion made by Donna Goede, 2nd by John Cole, all in favor

Council members are to bring any goal ideas for 2016 to the February council meeting.

Meeting adjourned 2:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Miller

Recording Secretary

Pastor's Annual Report for 2016

In respect to the year under review, we must again be thankful to God for blessing us on a day by day basis, we as a church family kept our focus and did God's bidding in accordance with resources we have been given. While we have done fairly well as a congregation in 2016, I must hasten to say that we cannot afford to rest easy on our laurels as the work of ministry continues into the New Year and beyond.

Infant Baptisms: Peyton Lee Phye, and Gatlin River Gander were baptized during the year.

Confirmation: Rebecca Downer, Veronica Downer, Jessica Huck, Christina Smith and Charlee St. Clair fulfilled all requirements to become Confirmands this year.

Weddings: Lexi Osterhage and Jake Vanover were married this year.

New Members: This year the Lord, in wisdom and power, brought into our church family the following people: Cheryl Patton, Dorothy Varner, Donald Gassmann and Carol Weber.

Warmest welcome and abundant blessings to the newest additions to St. Martin congregation!

Visitation: Those members and supporters of the St. Martin family who were hospitalized or resided in nursing homes received monthly visitation from myself and our care pastor's team; home bound members were also included in this process when the request was made to my office.

Funerals: No funerals for 2016

Continuing Education: I was happy to attend the following events that were hosted by the Missouri Mid-South Conference and the United Church of Christ:

- 1) The Center for Progressive Renewal training in Atlanta, Ga.
- 2) I have also an active participant in the UCC St Louis and the Jefferson County Association monthly Ministerial gatherings
- 3) I attended the spring and fall gatherings of the St Louis Association of the Missouri Mid-South Conference.

Bible Study: I would like to thank and commend those members who have participated in our various courses of study during the year; thanks for your support.

Preaching and Teaching: All preaching texts for the Year (C) were taken from the Revised Common Lectionary, except for the Non-Traditional fourth Sunday gatherings, where many different texts were the subject of my exegetical comments.

Final Summary: It is with a heavy heart that I am forced to say goodbye to my St. Martin United Church of Christ family. I have spent twelve plus years (March 2004-December 2016) of ministry within the High Ridge community and I have tried to serve all people with dignity, love and respect.

This sojourn has been a study in cross-cultural exchanges and extravagant race relations that was founded upon mutual respect and human love. But now, alas, I have to move on and all that I am asking is for your prayerful support. I need to discern what is it that the Lord is calling me to do in South Florida and also, we must pray that the transition will be seamless and smooth for the St. Martin United Church of Christ in the search for a new Teacher and Pastor.

Goodbye to all my members, friends and to the extended family, God be with you until we meet again!

Blessings and respect to all!

Pastor Adrian

Pastoral Relations Report 2016

The Pastoral Relations Committee met 4 times in 2016. Pastor's concerns and congregation concerns were discussed. We completed Pastor's evaluation and his efforts are much appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted,
Fred Dishner

Worship and Evangelism Committee Annual Report - 2016

The committee meets with the pastor on a monthly basis, together making most weekly decisions on content of services.

The special services during the year were discussed: Easter and Lent, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Thanksgiving Eve, Totenfest and Advent. During the year some discussion took place about the non-traditional service and the pros and cons of it.

Thanks to all the people who serve as readers, greeters, ushers, and choir members for their time and talent. Many thanks to all the people who serve on the Worship Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Dale Rose

Annual Report of Church Council 2016

Following the January 2016 Annual meeting the Council elected Donna Goede as the new President, Dale Rose as Vice President, Shirley Miller as Council Secretary and Esther McNamee as Financial Secretary.

At the first scheduled meeting of this council, held in February, goals for 2016 were created. The goals were:

A. Growth in Membership

1. Increase active membership by 8
2. Increase outreach and fellowship with local veterans.
3. Provide monthly Youth Fellowship activities

B. Outreach and Ministry to our Christian Family

1. Implement groups for call list for each Church Council member to check in/communicate with members on a more personal basis.
2. Share awareness of needs with all who could assist and support the members in need. Keep prayer request list accurate and up to date.

C. Stewardship and finances

1. Provide opportunities for enhancing financial receipts through giving and fund raising efforts to meet monthly expenditures.
2. Carry out financial campaign to raise funds for purchase and installation of electrical sign.

Throughout the year these goals helped to guide the council in their deliberations.

While some of the specifics were not met, efforts in all areas were attempted. Beyond these goals other activities of the council included updating the church's bylaws to better reflect the current workings of the church. A special congregational meeting was held in June at which time the new bylaws were presented, voted on by the congregation and accepted.

An all church picnic was held midsummer in the Fellowship Hall and was well attended. The annual Family Banquet was enjoyed by all in November. Memorial Day and Veteran's Day services featured time to honor those who have served and special invitations were extended to groups of Veterans in our area.

At the Annual meeting the membership approved holding a non-traditional, casual service on the fourth Sunday of each month. Music Director, Dean Emmert was instrumental in making this work and by the end of the year this service was showing an increase in attendance above the other Sundays.

Movie Nights, Parent's Day out and other activities for the youth of the church have been planned. More will be in the works for the winter months. The church council approved the plans to open a Preschool in our church after the first of the year. Donna Goede is working with the state and other agencies and advertising for students has begun.

We were saddened by the decision of Pastor McLean to resign in November and worked to make his last Sunday memorable....the broken furnaces certainly did that for us along with the very cold weather. Pastor's last days in our church were just before Christmas. The Church Council is working to call an interim Pastor and Pulpit Supply is arranged through January. Search and Call will begin in earnest soon with the goal of calling a new Pastor as quickly and efficiently as possible.

The Church council is composed of hard working dedicated members of the church who do their best to serve the needs of St. Martin.

In Christian Love,

Donna Goede, Church Council President

Men's Fellowship and Physical Properties 2016 Report

The men met for breakfast on December 3rd. We had a good turn out. It was Pastor McLean's last breakfast with the men. We thanked the Pastor for all of the guidance and help he gave the men for the past eight years. We discussed some of the projects that we are looking at for 2017 and beyond. The men got some food and gift certificates for the basket for a man from Feed My People. We also discussed the painting that needs to be done in our church. We also discussed the hole in the wall in front of church that needs to be fixed. I also want to thank our men for all of the help and support this past year.

Happy New Year
Fred

Stewardship Annual Report 2016

The Stewardship Committee worked hard to balance the out-going expenses with the in-coming monies. Although tithing did increase, we were still unable to meet our 2016 projected budget. However, through the concentrated efforts of those who sponsored special projects throughout the year, such as, the Chicken Dinner, BBQ, Bargain Hunter's sale, etc., we were able to meet our monthly obligations of salaries , insurance, church maintenance, utilities, etc. You, as a congregation did not forget God loveth a cheerful giver and gave generously to the following projects:

Festival of Sharing
Christmas Fund (retired clergy)
Every Child's Hope
Adopt-a-Family
Neighbors in Need

Strengthen the Church
Christmas in July
Emmaus Home
Neighborhood Houses
Eden Scholarship Fund

The Stewardship Committee also worked on the 2017 budget, pledges for Stewardship Sunday, Time and Talent distribution, and membership status. Six people asked to be removed from the membership roll and five others were removed because no address was listed, as stated in the Bylaws. We would like to thank the 31 people who returned their pledge cards to help us plan the projected budget for 2017. As stated in I Corinthians "I do this for the sake of the gospel that I might share in its blessings." Our hope in 2017 is that the budget will balance and the contributions to charitable organizations will increase. With your continued prayers for our church and God's help, we will succeed.

The Stewardship Committee consisting of Lisa Ahlvers, John Cole, Karen Schaefer, Ginger Washington, Pastor McLean, Esther McNamee, Nick Costrino and Dee St. Clair.

Respectfully submitted,
Dee St. Clair.

CEMETERY BOARD REPORT - 2016

RECEIPTS

Interest	191.13
Sale of lots	900.00
Burials	850.00
Donations	<u>10.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	1,951.13

EXPENDITURES

Grass Cutting	2,600.00
Grave Opening	475.00
Miscellaneous	<u>68.50</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,143.50

Respectfully submitted,
Don Self

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT – 2016

The Personnel Committee members are Ruth Hart, Dee St. Clair, Beverly Dautenhahn, Billie York, Grace Self, Pastor McLean.

We met with Ann Richardson, our custodian and Dean Emmert, our music director for their annual review in November. Ann and Dean are very dedicated to St. Martin and we thank you Ann and Dean.

Don Ford is always helping and working on our office equipment when needed. Thank you Don for all that you do.

Thank you to all who volunteer to cut grass, do outside work and help with maintenance around the church. It takes many volunteers to keep the church going.

The committee also secured volunteers for 2016 officers for elder, two deacons, treasurer, cemetery board, endowment fund, two delegates for the conference and two alternates for the conference.

Respectfully submitted,
Grace Self

Memorial Loan Closet Report 2016

The Loan Closet serves a real need in the area of the Northwest School District. There are items that are seldom used, while others such as wheelchairs, walkers, quad canes, bedside commodes, shower/bathtub benches are utilized frequently.

Medicare and other agencies associated with care giving often provide needs that are loan closet items. Residents who avail themselves of this service are indeed grateful.

In order to keep matters within reason concerning the length of time an item is on loan, an agreement has been made to limit the time to 6 months. While there are no fees charged for use of equipment, contributions are accepted.

Loan Closet Financial Statement

Balance on Hand 12-31-16	\$387.20	
Contributions		<u>14.00</u>
Balance on Hand 12-31-15	\$401.20	

Respectively submitted,
Bette Ford

Women's Fellowship – 2016

At St. Martin we have an active group of ladies involved in the Women's Fellowship. This group meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. except in the months of January and July.

ALL ladies of the church are very welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings. We have a wonderful group of ladies that enjoy a good time of fellowship and planning and executing various activities around the church. The meetings are always started with devotions and end with delicious refreshments. It's really a casual atmosphere in which to get to know one another and find a way to participate in some of the church activities.

This past year we went to St. Luke's in Imperial for the Lenten Brunch. We had a wonderful turn out from our church. The service was very inspirational and a nice meal was provided. It was a way of having fellowship with our sister churches. Our annual Easter egg hunt was held March 26. Lots of hands were very busy filling the eggs and hiding them. The children made quick work of finding those eggs and enjoying a party after the hunt.

In June we met at Holland's for a luncheon to close out our activities until August.

In August we all came back rested and rarin' to get busy on our Bargain Hunter's Sale. Much work went into this sale but it was all worth it in the end as we made \$1,603.85.

November came all too quickly and we were once again working on that Family Banquet. We went with a patriotic theme and what a wonderful time was had by all. Once again the talent was extraordinary! Food as always was delicious.

During this past year we were sorry to have one of our members leave us. Ruth Hart has been so dear to us but it was felt that it was time for her to move to Iowa to be closer to her daughter. She is sorely missed!

This group of ladies are always there to lend a helping hand with the chicken and barbecue dinners and funeral luncheons. As you can see we are a busy group and welcome all the women of the church to come and take part.

Linda Patterson, President

Sharon Cole, Vice President

Grace Self, Secretary

Ginger Washington, Treasurer

Care Pastors Annual Report - 2016

The Care Pastors visit St. Martin Homebound members with the Pastor on a regular basis. They receive communion during the visit and we pray with them. The members are: Virginia Ahlvers, Hazel Rose, Joan Roth, and Pastor also visits Karen Boemler. Birthday and holiday cards are sent to them. On Dec. 10 our visit included Christmas carolers and gifts. Thanks to Women's Fellowship for providing the gifts.

Care Pastors are: Marla Cooley, Bette Ford, Gary and Gerri Malone, Dorothy Scheer, Clardean Schmeider, Frankie Small, Ginger Washington, and Billie York. We thank them for giving of their time and wish for more people to join us in caring for our Homebound members.

Billie York
Coordinator

ANNUAL REPORT – PAIRS ‘N SPARES 2016

The Pairs ‘N Spares is a group of church members that meet occasionally to go on a fun outing or to do an activity that supports our church. We try to meet twice a year to pick up trash along High Ridge Blvd. This year we did the clean-up in June and September. We help our church by decorating our buildings for Advent and Christmas. Later these decorations will have to be taken down in January. Many of our group also help with cooking and serving our annual Chicken dinner and Barbecue.

Our special activities during 2016 include:

- 1) Nepal pictures (Feb. 21) Jane Small and Jill Wehmer talked and showed pictures of their trip to Nepal.
- 2) On September 11 we ate lunch at Cowan’s Restaurant in Washington, MO. Afterwards we took a tour of the Hermann Farm and Museum.
- 3) October 16 we enjoyed a hayride and hotdog roast at Don and Grace Self’s home
- 4) On November 20, a group was supposed to go to Millstadt Gardens in Illinois. Unfortunately, it was cancelled.

As you can see, many different activities are planned. If you have a place or activity that you think would be interesting for our group, please let me know about it.

Thanks,

Frankie Small

LCM Committee 2016 Report

- Changed altar paraments as needed
 - Prepared communion as needed
 - Placed cornucopia on altar for Thanksgiving
 - Hosted the church picnic at church
 - Organized Easter Egg hunt
 - Organized 5 baskets for the Adopt-A-Family project. A total of 29 boxes of food and paper goods were donated. Also \$600 of Shop ‘N Save gift cards were divided between the 5 baskets. Some Walmart gift cards were included in these baskets. A gift was included for each family member.
 - Prepared treat bags for the children that Santa gave out
 - Provided a combined lunch and Christmas party with Santa and Pastor McLean’s farewell
- The farewell lunch was provided by money from the Coffee Hour and donations from individual members.

LCM Committee

2016 Script Account Report

Script Cards on hand	\$ 1,050.00
Held for Church Seal	\$ 500.00
Held for Key Money	\$ 200.00
Held for Coffee Hour and Soda machine	579.00
Ad in Current News	396.00
Script Balance	<u>\$2,858.65</u>

2016 Parsonage Report

Parsonage Fund	
Rent Collected	10,200.00
Fiedler Electric	1,800.00
John Cole fans and gravel	364.44
Balance of Parsonage Fund	12/31/16 \$ 26,158.16

Pay Pal Account \$100.00

CD's from Shirley Werner's Estate—2016

\$ 4,079.93	.50%	19 mo. Issue 10/27/15	mature	5/27/17
\$ 4,130.41	.50%	19 mo. Issue 9/27/15	mature	4/27/17
\$60,000.00	1.50%	59 mo. Issue 8/27/12	mature	7/27/17

A \$4,000 CD plus interest will be cashed 4/17/17 and deposited in the Current fund. The other \$4,000 CD and the \$60,000 CD will be renewed at maturity at the rate in effect at that date.

St. Martin United Church of Christ Endowment Fund Annual Report 2016

The committee of Shirley Miller, Teri Finan, Grace Self, and Donna Goede met in May .

- The committee discussed the merits of CDs as an investment vehicle for a portion of Endowment Fund monies and agreed to research a variety of options for comparison to the current approach of laddered CDs.
- After much research and comparison, the committee concluded that US Bank currently offers favorable rates on CDs as well as offering the practical benefit of consolidation of the Church's banking and investment activities. The ability to "ladder" investment of a portion of the fund via CDs provides flexibility should a qualified/appropriate need for funds arise in the coming years. The portion up for discussion/reinvestment totaled \$46,570.48 at the time of the meeting.
- Shirley Miller confirmed that an existing US Bank CD comes up for renewal in 2020. Regarding the \$46,570.48, the committee agreed to invest \$25,000 in a 5yr US Bank CD (expiring in 2021) and \$15,000 in a 3yr US Bank CD (expiring in 2019). The balance (approximately \$6,500) will remain as is, in a US Bank account.

Respectfully submitted,
Grace Self

Christian Education Committee – 2016

2016 was a busy and eventful year for the Sunday School teachers and their students. First, a huge thank you to our dedicated teachers, Lexi Vanover, Shannon Bell, Meredith Ogden and Nancy Huck. We could not have done this without you.

The kids began the year with a Blanket Service project. The children and youth collected donated blankets and made fleece blankets for Feed My People families. In February, the youth took on a challenging Confirmation project. This project was to clean, organize and paint the Sunday School room. Thanks to the Women and Men's Fellowship group for providing the paint and paint supplies and to the youth for their hard work.

The kids continued to help Feed My People during the Easter season by making a dozen Easter Baskets so less fortunate children could also enjoy Easter Sunday.

In May youth had a pizza party and drive-in movie night.

The summer brought our Thailand Trek themed Vacation Bible School. VBS was a huge success due to the tremendous dedication and assistance from Pastor McLean and the women of the church who helped with snacks, games, and crafts. We had 17 children share in the fun and fellowship.

As summer came to an end, we marked the beginning of a new school year with Rally Day. The children rallied together to renew their energy for Sunday School and God's word. We played Bible games, win prizes, and everyone received a Rally Day t-shirt.

December marked the first time for a new community outreach event called "Drop-n-Shop." The teachers and youth opened the fellowship hall to children throughout our community to join us for a day of crafts, games, movies, and Christmas stories to allow their parents or guardians time to Christmas shop or relax. Look for a "Parent's Night Out" event coming in 2017.

The Sunday School class also sponsors a child from Every Child's Hope Evangelical Children's home. This year's child is named Ian. Throughout the year, the Sunday School kids and youth send Ian letters, a birthday present, and gifts for Easter and Christmas.

Finally, the Sunday School kids and youth worked hard to present this year's Christmas skit, Christmas By The Book, on Dec. 18th. Well done everyone!

Thanks to all the children and youth who participated in this year's activities and projects and thank you to all the parents and grandparents who encouraged and aided the kids to participate and help other children in our community.

Sincerely,

Jane Small and Liz Downer

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
St. Martin United Church of Christ
High Ridge, Missouri
Year 2016 Recapitulation

CURRENT		
Balance on hand		7,774.09
Receipts	118,901.43	
Expenditures	124,599.13	
Balance brought forward		2,076.39
BENEVOLENT		
Balance on hand		6.25
Receipts	4,127.36	
Expenditures	4,133.11	
Balance brought forward		.50
MEMORIAL		
Balance on hand		8,695.45
Receipts	-0-	
Expenditures	-0-	
Balance brought forward		8,695.45
BUILDING		
Balance on hand		13,602.77
Receipts	2,075.50	
Expenditures	4,772.00	
Balance brought forward		10,906.27
PARKING LOT		
Balance on Hand		38,391.22
Receipts	13,998.56	
Expenditures	52,389.78-	
Balance brought forward		-0-
SIGN		
Balance on hand		2,035.75
Receipts	1,651.50	
Expenditure	-0-	
Balance brought forward		3,687.25
Balance on hand		
Receipts		
Expenditures	-	
Balance on hand		
TOTAL ALL FUNDS 12/31/16		25,365.86

2017 BUDGET

2016 FINANCIAL REPORT & 2015 PROPOSED BUDGET

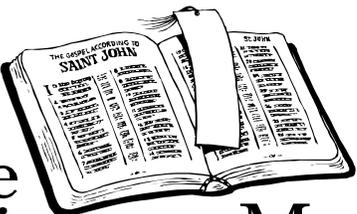
<u>RECEIPTS:</u>	2016 ACTUAL	2016 BUDGET	2017 BUDGET
CURRENT			
Envelopes & Contributions	\$107,412.80	\$137,485.00	\$139,171.00
Church School	392.15	500.00	500.00
Rents, Building Use, Reimb	50.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
Loose Cash	1,554.50	2,000.00	2,000.00
Miscellaneous	<u>9,491.98</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$118,901.43	\$149,985.00	151,671.00
BENEVOLENT FUND			
Envelopes & Contributions	\$1,223.11	\$500.00	500.00
O.G.H.S.	137.00	300.00	300.00
Strengthen the Church	183.00	100.00	100.00
The Christmas Fund	449.00	200.00	200.00
Lenten	606.00	500.00	500.00
Easter	253.00	500.00	500.00
Thanksgiving	105.00	200.00	200.00
Christmas	338.00	300.00	300.00
Every Child's Hope	72.25	500.00	500.00
Neighbors In Need/Fes.of Sharing	290.00	200.00	200.00
All Others	<u>471.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$4,127.36	\$4800.00	\$4800.00
MEMORIAL FUND			
Receipts	\$ 0.00		
BUILDING FUND			
Receipts	\$2,075.50	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
SIGN			
Receipts	1,651.50		

GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$126,755.79	\$164,785.00	\$166,471.00
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<u>EXPENSES:</u>	2016ACTUAL	2016BUDGET	2017BUDGET
CURRENT			
1) Local Church Ministries	0		
Youth, Church School	441.09	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Conference Program	0	160.00	160.00
Miscellaneous	<u>0</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
TOTAL	441.09	\$2,660.00	\$2,660.00

2017 BUDGET

	2016 Actual	2016 Budget	2017 Budget
2) Leadership and Service/Pastoral			
Salary	\$25,672.08	\$25,672.00	\$25,672.00
Housing	28,217.04	28,217.00	28,217.00
S.S. & Medicare	4,122.72	4,123.00	4,123.00
Auto Allowance	4,800.00	4,800.00	4,800.00
Annuity	5,658.36	7,545.00	7,545.00
Health Insurance	14,757.00	19,593.00	21,279.00
Life and Disability	0	700.00	700.00
Continuing Ed.	317.00	500.00	500.00
Pulpit Supply	<u>625.00</u>	<u>875.00</u>	<u>875.00</u>
TOTAL	\$84,169.20	\$92,025.00	\$93,711.00
3) Administration			
Organist & Tax	\$7,982.22	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Cantor	-0-	1,000.00	1,000.00
Secy. Salary & Tax	-0-	7,000.00	7,000.00
Office Supplies	53.07	1,000.00	1,000.00
Choral Music	53.98-	300.00	300.00
Postage	323.64	600.00	600.00
Evangelism	179.81	400.00	400.00
Envelopes	120.43	250.00	250.00
Miscellaneous	<u>779.77</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$9,492.92	\$20,550.00	\$20,550.00
¹⁷² 4) Property and Maintenance			
Fuel	\$ 1,977.75	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Electricity	3,439.48	3,500.00	3,500.00
Phone	1,280.14	1,200.00	1,200.00
Organ & Piano Maintenance	318.00	500.00	500.00
Church Equip. Maintenance	0.00-	1,000.00	1,000.00
Phys. Prop. Maintenance	2,866.04	4,300.00	4,300.00
Janitorial Supplies	357.04	500.00	500.00
Insurance	8,252.20	8,500.00	8,500.00
Custodian & Tax	10,653.35	10,750.00	10,750.00
Miscellaneous	<u>1,351.92</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$30,495.92	\$34,750.00	\$34,750.00
TOTAL CURRENT	\$ 124,599.13	\$149,985.00	\$151,671.00
BENEVOLENT FUND			
O.C.W.M.	1,009.11	500.00	500.00
O.G.H.S.	137.00	300.00	300.00
Strengthen the Church	183.00	100.00	100.00
The Christmas Fund	449.00	200.00	200.00
St. Louis Assoc.	793.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Every Child's Hope	364.34	500.00	500.00
Neighbors In Need/Fes.of Sharing	290.00	200.00	200.00
Unstipulated	<u>907.66</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$4,133.11	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00
MEMORIAL	0		
BUILDING FUND	4,772.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
SIGN FUND	0		
GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$133,504.24	\$164,785.00	\$166,471 .00



Bible Readings *for the* Month



1-1	Eccl 3:1-3 Ps 8	Rev 21:1-6 Matt 25:31-46
1-8	Isa 42:1-9 Ps 29	Acts 10:34-43 Matt 3:13-17
1-15	Isa 49:1-7 Ps 40:1-11	1 Cor 1:1-9 John 1:29-42
1-22	Isa 9:1-4 Ps 27:1, 4-9	I Cor 1:10-18 Matt 4:12-23
1-29	Micah 6:1-8 Ps 15	I Cor 1:18-31 Matt 5:1-12

1-1	Dale Rose	Fred Dishner
1-8	Marie Gates	
1-15	Jim Bauer	Clardean Schmieder
1-22	Shirley Ogden Richard Small	Nancy Huck
1-29	Don Self	

Scripture Readers

9:30 AM

1-1	Donna Goede
1-8	Don Self
1-15	Shirley Miller
1-22	Diana Ross
1-29	Grace Self

Fellowship Hour

8:30-9:20

1-01	Shirley & Donna
1-08	Don & Grace
1-15	Sandy
1-22	Ginger & Sandy
1-29	Lynn/Bev/Jane
2-05	Johnny & Bert
2-12	Craig & Glinda
2-19	Shirley & Donna
2-26	Don & Grace

**Bring- A- Meal for the month of
January suggests:**

Beef Stew, Complete biscuit mix (like
Bisquick), Peas, Fruit Cocktail,
Paper Towels



*Please Remember These
People in Prayer:*

Karen Boemler, Virginia Ahlvers, Mary Ann Potthoff,
Barbara Eckhardt, Judy Cope, Rita Watterson Shelia
Zagarri and Della Lang.

* If you know of someone who needs to be added or
removed from our prayer list, please contact the
church office.

January Anniversaries

None to Report



**Thanks to the people who fold the
Churchline in December. They are:
Clare, Harry, Marla, and Doris.**



- 3 Scott Sink**
- 3 Donna Goede**
- 4 David Washington**
- 8 Jane Small**
- 10 Forest Downer**
- 11 Pamela Bauer**
- 13 Mary Patrick**
- 13 Shirley Ogden**
- 13 John Cole**
- 14 Brittney Huck**
- 15 Craig Vaughn**
- 16 Karen Schaefer**
- 18 Hazel Rose**
- 19 Chrissie Burgess**
- 19 Teri Finan**
- 23 Janice Eddleman**
- 28 Linda Bonacker**
- 31 Joseph Ahlvers**

FLOWERS

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the Altar Flowers program. I think it was successful. It is now time to sign up for 2017. Please see Esther to pick a month. January, February, and March are assigned.

Friends and family at St. Martin UCC,

Following the resignation of Rev. Adrian McLean your church council began to make plans for what would come next. We have met with several members of the Missouri Mid South Conference including conference minister Rev. Ginny Brown Daniel and Associate Conference Minister Rev. Dale Parsons. We have been assigned a Search and Call Steward who will be assisting and guiding us in the process that will lead to the calling of our next Pastor.

It is not easy to think about ending a Spirit filled ministry and the celebration on December 18 was bittersweet. Pastor McLean had been with us for almost 13 years. Some in our congregation have nervously expressed "What is next?" or "How soon will we have our next Pastor?" That time line is not a given. We want to share with you the steps being taken:

- ❖ For the next several weeks our pulpit is being filled by Pulpit Supply Pastors from the Conference listing. In the event of an emergency or Pastoral need, please contact one of the Elders.
- ❖ The council is in the process of selecting an interim pastor to provide continuity in worship, pastoral care and program oversight. Rev. Dale Parsons will be advising and assisting us through this process. We have been assured that there are several candidates available for this position that have specialized skills needed for the transition period. This pastor will not be a candidate for the "settled" position.

- ❖ After the interim pastor is in place, we will initiate a search process for the new pastor in accordance with our by-laws. We will invite all to be a part of the self study that will identify our church's pastoral needs. And we will develop a profile for our potential candidates.
- ❖ Our Conference office staff will be a guide to our search. They will advertise our vacancy among UCC clergy all across the country. Our search committee will read these ministerial profiles, screen candidates, conduct interviews, check references and eventually select a candidate who will be recommended to our congregation.

This letter is intended to help all know the steps we are taking and to think about our future. We will keep all informed on a regular basis. For now, let us express our gratitude to God for Rev. McLean's ministry and wish them well on their next adventure. We pray God's presence in all they may endeavor and ask His guidance on our future.

In Christ's name,
Donna Goede,
Church Council President and the Council

PASTOR SUPPLY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY

January 1	Rev. Jacquelyne Tyler
January 8	Rev. Douglas Anders
January 15	Rev. John Allen
January 22	Rev. John Allen
January 29	Rev. John Allen

The word "PRESCHOOL" is written in large, colorful, block letters. Each letter is a different color and has a small cartoon child figure integrated into it. The children are in various poses, some holding hands, some jumping, and some standing.

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*Enrolling PRE Kindergarten T/Th
and Learning Fun Wednesdays!
NOW!*

Classes to begin by end of January!

*****Open House at Church**
Wednesday, January 11, 2017
6 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

ages 4-5 for T/Th
ages 3-5 for Wednesdays

Monthly fees or by the day on Wednesdays

January 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 Fell. Hour 9:30 Worship & Childen's Church Service	2 Mail Annual Report	3	4	5	6	7 9:00 AM Men's Fellowship 10:00 Take down decorations
8 8:30 Fell. Hour 9:30Worship & Children's Church Service	9	10 7:00 PM Council Mtg	11	12	13	14
15 8:30 Fell. Hour 9:30 Worship Service & Children's Church Cong. Mtg & Lunch	16 Churchline Articles Due	17 6-8:30pm Pre-School Open House	18	19	20	21
22 8:30 Fell. Hour 9:30 Worship & Childrens church	23	24 7:00 Worship Meeting	25 Fold Churchline 9AM	26	27	28
29 8:30 Fell. Hour 9:30 Worship & Children's Church Service	30	31				

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POSTMASTER: TIME-VALUED
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THANK YOU!

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

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