

****From Our Members****

Keep In Prayer

Dot S Herb S Izzy R Carol J

Helen P Janet S

Cancer Services of Erie County

"To know God is to be changed by God; true knowledge of God leads to worship."

John Calvin

Summer Worship Ends: Sunday, August 27.

September 3 our worship time moves back to 10:00am.

September 3 we will have our last Sunday in the Peace Garden, including the celebration of communion.

End of Summer Picnic: Sunday, September 10
Join us as we celebrate the end of summer with a cookout and potluck. Council members will be grilling hamburgers and providing drink and we invite everyone to bring a side or dessert to share. Come and share in fellowship as we give thanks for a beautiful summer!

Thursday Evening Worship, Thursdays, 6:30pm
If you can't make it on Sunday, don't go a week without worship! Come and join us in the undercroft on Thursday evenings.

Worship Sponsors, for the week of:

September 3: Randy and Penny Sparks, in memory of Jason Sparks

September 10: Rick & Cindy Horn, in celebration of their anniversary

September 17: OPEN

September 24: Dan Mack, for a safe harvest

Thank you to all our sponsors!

Suggested donation of \$5 goes toward our Local Mission fund.

Head Usher for September: Terry Meyers

Carriage House Worship

On the third Sunday of each month, Pastor Wayne and Donna will be leading worship at the Carriage House in Norwalk at 1:30pm.

Little Free Library

Check out all the Little Free Libraries in our area.

Go to the World Map at

[https://littlefreelibrary.org/ourmap/Financial Report](https://littlefreelibrary.org/ourmap/FinancialReport)

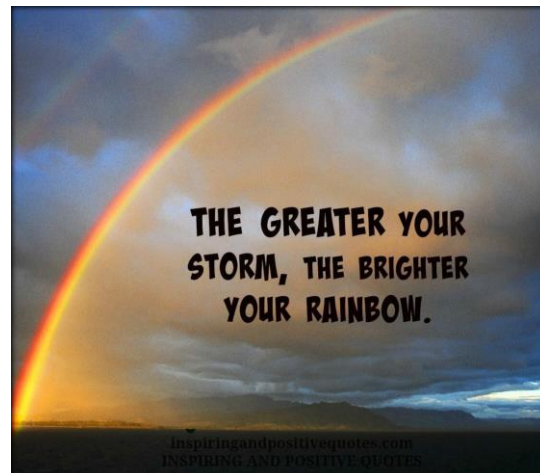
Community Vacation Bible School

Held at Trinity Lutheran Church, Bible School went very well. The high attendance was 59. Thanks to Val, Judy, Becky, Dan M., Sherry, Penny, Marcia, Joan, Betty, Kim, Bette, Eloise and Joyce who donated snacks or assisted in other ways.

The congregation extends deep sympathy to the family of **Etta Cornwell** who died June 5, 2017.

Our deepest condolences to the family of **Rob Miller**, whose death came on August 9, 2017.

Otto Anthony Tinker, son of **Kail & Seth Tinker**, was baptized August 6, 2017 by Rev. Chasney at the Hunt's Corners United Church of Christ during the 100th Heymann Reunion Church Service.



Financial Report

July 2017

Income

Building	\$3796
Christian Ed.	\$0
Current	\$5585
Local Mission	\$6
Non Food Bank	\$315

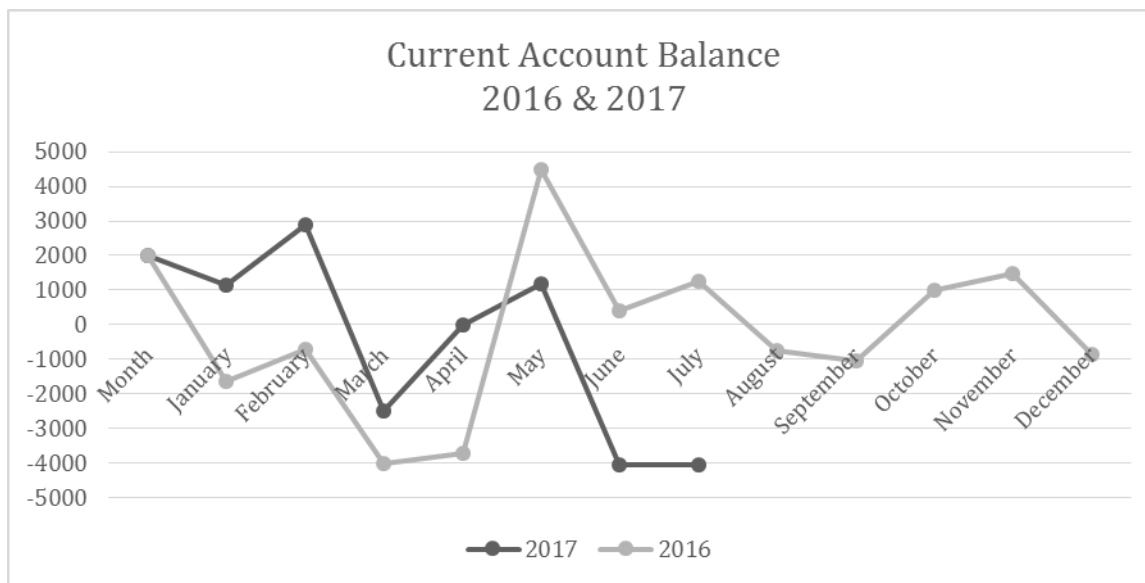
Expenses

Building	\$838
Christian Ed.	\$0
Current	\$5553
Local Mission	\$130
Non Food Bank	\$522

Account Balances

American Legion	\$2174
Building	\$5342
Christian Ed.	\$810
Current	\$-4027
Local Mission	\$920
Memorials	\$1933
Non Food Bank	\$13519
Youth Fell.	\$3989

American Funds \$41,334



The chart above tracks our Current Account Balance at the end of each month for 2016 and so far in 2017. You can see how the lines do run fairly parallel to each other. This reflects typical giving patters within the congregation.

For the last half of 2016 we held fairly close to even, the 0 line on the graph. In July 2017 we are about \$5000 behind where we were in July of 2016. In other words, we have a long way to go to get back to even to finish the year.

It is important that we continue to support the ministry of the church. Your gifts ensure that we are able to share the gospel of love and build the kingdom of God here in our community. As always, thank you for all your gifts.



Monroeville Congregational Community United Church of Christ

Council Minutes of August 9th 2017

Present: Wayne, Terry, Debbi, Scott, Shane

Wayne opened with prayer; all repeated the mission statement

June Council Minutes were reviewed by Council members. One correction was noted in the June Council Minutes. In other business it was noted that \$200 of the Pat Schied Memorial Gift was used to renovate the education wing. I had misspelled Mr. Schied's last name. Minutes were then approved by council.

Pastor's Report: (June & July)

Worship- 13 (7 Sunday, 4 Thursday, 2 Carriage House)

Church Meetings- 4

Fellowship events: 1

Met with Peggy Miller at Cancer Services

Wall Project

Hospital calls & Member Visits

Appointed to CACEHR Board of Directors

Sent a Thank You to the Village for cleaning up the pine tree

August 6th- Led worship at thev100th Heyman Family Reunion at Hunts Corners

Average July worship attendance- 39

Treasurers Report: Terry informed us that we are currently \$4,000.00 in the hole.

We used \$200.00 of the American Legion donation to cover the remaining cost of the education wing renovation.

July and August parsonage rent was placed in the current account which will continue for the rest of 2017.

Shane motioned to accept the Treasurers Report as read. Debbi seconded the motion.

Building: A couple of windows sills in the parsonage are beginning to rot and need to be wrapped at the cost of approximately \$200 apiece. Scott motioned to go ahead with having the windows wrapped. Debbi seconded the motion. Penny has a wish list of chores that need done around the church such as painting. If anyone is interested in taking on a project from the list speak to Penny or Wayne.

Mission Committee: World Communion Sunday is October 1st.

On October 15th the church will host a Cancer Health Fair after worship.

Non Food Bank: Next Non Food Bank is scheduled for August 16th.

Wayne suggested that we begin to use the Charity Tracker System at the Non Food Bank. People participating in the Non Food Bank voluntarily allow their name to be entered into the system to track what other assistance they may be receiving from other nonprofit organization. This will help the nonprofit organizations track what the community is needing assistance with. This will cost the Non Food Bank \$300.00 a year to participate. Debbi motioned to go ahead and join the Charity Tracker System. Terry seconded the motion.

Welcoming Committee: Committee is continuing to meet.

Other Business:

We will begin an E-Statement Account with the bank to avoid the \$2.00 cost of having a paper statement mailed to us.

Wayne and Terry will have the password to the account.

Shane motioned to accept the beginning an E-Statement Account. Terry seconded the motion.

Upcoming Events: Communion scheduled for September 4th with a 10 a.m. start time. Outside depending on the weather

Planning confirmation for 2017 and 2018.

End of summer picnic is scheduled for September 10th after worship.

Next Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday September 12th.

****Mission and Ministries****

2017 Mission Focus – Cancer Services of Erie County

Be Aware:

Radon is a radioactive gas that occurs naturally in nearly all soil. It enters homes and other buildings through small cracks and holes in the foundation, where it becomes trapped and accumulates in the air. When people breathe in radon, it damages the lungs, which can lead to lung cancer. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, radon is the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers and the second leading cause of lung cancer among smokers in the United States. If you have never had your home tested, affordable home test kits are available at local hardware stores. It's a good place to start.

Cancer Health Fair: Sunday, October 15, 11:00-noon

Working jointly with Cancer Services and FTMC we will be hosting an information fair after worship on October 15. Our focus will be on just a few common cancers and what we can do to stay healthy. This event is open to the public so invite your friends to worship or ask them to come between 11-12:00 to learn more. There will be refreshments, too.

Non Food Bank

In August we served 193 households. Thanks to a donation from Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northeast Ohio, we gave away 102 brand new children's books. We still have another 100 to give away next month.

Next Date: September 20, 9:00-noon and 2:00-5:00pm

Thanks to our recent donors including;
First Presbyterian Church, Norwalk
PERI Chapter 87, Huron County

Thanks to everyone who drops off items and helps in any way with this ministry.

Noisy Offering:

First Sunday of the month. Every penny goes toward mission.

September: TBA

October: Neighbors in Need

November: TBA

December: UCC Christmas Fund

Welcome and Open & Affirming

This summer, a small committee has been meeting to develop a process and plan educational opportunities that will lead our congregation to adopt a "Welcome Statement" which includes, but is not limited to, an intentional welcome to the LGBTQ community. We hope everyone will take part in this process so we all understand what this means and how we can be supportive. If you have any questions, concerns or words of encouragement, please share with Pastor Wayne or a committee member: Jenny Mercer, Sharon Ruggles, Jay Sellars, and Sherry Williams

From the Pastor

From opportunities here at church to giving time at the Senior Center or helping at the school library, there are many ways we can give of our time as an outward expression of our faith. God has called us to be generous in many ways – with our time and talents as well as with our treasure. Giving of ourselves is one way we become the people God made us to be.

Did you know it's good for us, too? There has been a lot of research on the effects of volunteering and giving of our time. Some of the positive effects include increased lifespan and quality of life, better social connections and even improved brain function. They have also found decreases in blood pressure, loneliness, depression, and stress among those who volunteer regularly.

The more you volunteer, the happier you will be, too. One study showed the odds of being happy rose 7% among those who volunteer monthly, 12% among those of volunteer every 2-4 weeks and 16% among those who volunteer weekly. So if you're feeling blue, give some time once a week to help at Cancer Services of Erie County (or some other good cause).

Volunteering also had a positive impact on youth. One study assigned a group of high schoolers to volunteer once a week at an after-school program for children. After 10 week the volunteers had a lower average body mass index (BMI) and lower cholesterol levels than non-volunteers.

Generosity is good not just for whoever receives it, but also for those who give. Paul seemed to know this when he wrote to the church at Corinth, "You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us..." (2 Cor. 9:11).

Being generous is good for those in need and it's good for those who give. And, it turns out, it's good for God, too. It sounds like everyone wins!

*Note: The studies noted above were all cited in the June 2017 issue of *Thrivent Magazine*, published by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Appleton, WI.

Fisher-Titus Medical Center Health Ministry Program

Healthy Habits-Newsletter/ Bulletin Insert
September 2017- Heart at Peace

Got a million and one things to get done this week? Look beneath the craziness for the person underneath. Sometimes the activities hide a grieving heart, an unacknowledged fear, buried anger, or all of the above. If you are so busy that you don't have time for your feelings, it's time to take a closer look at those feelings and figure out why you are running from them. Talk to a trusted person or find some quiet time. Don't fall into the trap of believing that everything and everyone else is more important than your well-being. A heart at peace is not afraid of a body at rest.

“Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; my flesh also will rest in hope. Psalm 16:9.

The Up & Down Summer

The summer of 2017 was historic in Up & Down Ways.

First, the temporary wall in the 1966 Educational Wing was taken down June 24 to make additional space for group gatherings.

Next, on July 18 a new stainless cross, designed by Janotta & Herner, was mounted up on the bell tower replacing the 1950 cross that fell to the ground more than a decade ago, leaving only an upright support post. Once again, the love of Jesus Christ is proclaimed to the community.

Also, the screening behind the louvers in the bell tower was replaced and drainage was improved to deep water out of the tower.

Lastly, on July 28, the pine tree on the northwest corner of the church lawn fell onto Chapel Street during a heavy rainstorm. It was Nature's call. The tree had graced the front of the church for more than a century, standing tall, straight and serene, even in its mature years.

Joyce Schaefer, Historian