

Communicator

January 2019



Our hope is not in the New Year...but in the
One who makes all things new.

Report from the December Session Meeting

The regular meeting of Session was held on December 20, 2018 with Rev. Larry Lalama moderating. Ruling Elders in attendance were Nancy McEwen, Char Bickel, Chris Evans, Debbie Feichter, Dale Smith, Leslie Picot, Ann Butler, Fred Butler, Byron Lash, Dana Vargo, Kenn Kanipe, Scott Vignos, Carrie Paisley, and Roger Sibert. Also in attendance was Deacon Representative Cheryl Lash. Elder Ann Butler offered devotions followed by review of the church family prayer list and opening prayer by Rev. Lalama.

General Business

- * Approved minutes for the November 15, 2018 regular meeting of Session.
- * Approved reelection of David Rankl as church treasurer for 2019.
- * Approved the Report of the Financial Review Committee for fiscal 2017.
- * Approved Sunday, January 27, 2019 for annual congregational/corporation meeting.

Report of the Pastor

Pastor Lalama submitted a written report recapping his activity since the November Session meeting. He reported 5 hospital visitations, 5 nursing home visitations, 2 home visitations and 1 funeral home visitation. He interviewed/counseled 68 Door Ministry clients, officiated 1 funeral service, conducted 1 pre-marital counseling session, attended 4 church committee meetings and 1 presbytery meeting, and led 5 Sunday worship services. Several other activities were noted.

Reports of Ministries and Deacons

- ◆ Approved the Report of the Treasurer which showed an Operating Fund Balance of \$ -5,595.48 as of November 30, 2018.
- ◆ Tabled the 2019 Operating Budget as presented; to be taken back to ministries for adjustments.
- ◆ Approved motion to transfer remaining funds in Massillon Impact account to Door Ministry Fund.
- ◆ Approved motion to transfer \$1000 from Outreach Fund to Door Ministry.
- ◆ **General discussions regarding children's Christmas program, women's ministry, disposal of Bradford paintings, performance of custodian, Share-A-Gift and other Christmas outreach results, Christmas Joy Offering, end of life of high speed copier and activities of Deacons.**

Report of the Clerk

- ◆ Holy Communion served on December 2, 2018 to 146 communicants.
- ◆ Death of Ansel Shoaf (12/20/18)

Respectfully Submitted by Roger Sibert, Clerk of Session





Financial Snapshot

Financial Snapshot	<i>as of November 30, 2018</i>	<i>as of November 30, 2017</i>
YTD Receipts.....	\$ 290,085.93.....	\$ 297,864.98
YTD Disbursements.....	\$ 298,878.14.....	\$ 310,192.90
YTD Deficit.....	\$ 8,792.21.....	\$ 12,327.92
Operating Fund Balance.....	\$ - 5,595.48.....	\$ - 2,687.95
Vision 21.1.....	\$- 130,876.37	

Please note that despite a 2.3% decrease in total receipts compared to this time last year, there has been a 3.7% decrease in total expenditures over the same eleven month period. As a result, we are better positioned to end fiscal year 2017 with a balanced budget than we were twelve months ago. **Thank you to those whose generosity is helping “close the gap.” Thanks also to those who are supporting Vision 21.1.** We have reduced that debt by \$10K since the last report. While we forecast a challenging financial picture for 2019, we remain optimistic that the ways and means to fund our **ministries over the next year will be provided through the hands and hearts of God’s people.** Thank you for all you do!

Per Capita for 2019

As you prepare for your 2019 giving, please bear in mind that this year’s Per Capita assessment is \$30.56 for each communicant member. The Per Capita funds administrative costs at the levels of Presbytery (\$18.36), Synod (\$3.25), and General Assembly (\$8.95). There is a special envelope provided in your box of offering envelopes to be used for this purpose. Otherwise, please draft your check to Central Presbyterian with notation “Per Capita.” Your payment of your Per Capita is MOST HELPFUL to our finances as the church is required to submit Per Capita for all members of the congregation. Thank you in advance for your help.

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PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT

Every church is apportioned a share of the expenses of the presbytery, the synod, and the General Assembly for ecclesiastical purposes. The apportionment is based on church membership. The amount varies with the needs of the presbytery, synod, and General Assembly, and is a regular expense payable by this church at the spring meeting of presbytery. The amount to be paid this year per communicant member is

Name _____



Congregational Meeting

Session at its December meeting set the date of Sunday, January 27, 2019 for our first congregational/corporation meeting of the year. The purpose of this meeting will be threefold: review of the closing financial report for fiscal 2018, presentation of the operating budget for fiscal 2019, and action on the pastor's terms of call for 2019. The meeting will immediately follow worship that day. Thank you in advance for your attendance.

Stewardship of Attendance

December 2.....	166
December 9.....	173
December 16.....	174
December 23.....	187
December 24 (Christmas Eve).....	266
Average.....	241

Hospitalized in December

Jane Sypolt
Linda Contrael
Bud Shaffer



Our Liturgists for 2018

The role of liturgist is so vital to our weekly worship celebrations. Our liturgists are charged with three important roles in our order of worship: *calling the people to worship, confession, and pardon; delivery of the first Scripture reading; calling the people to offering.* Any and every member of the church is welcomed to serve in this leadership capacity. We extend our deep gratitude to the following who have served as liturgists over the course of 2018:

Roger Sibert, Rich Wilder, Bev Denholm, Tom Madaffer, Patrick Baker, Dale Smith, Carrie Paisley, John Beltz, Rosie Sikorsky, Barbara Cornell, Mike Cosgrove, Chris Evans, Stew Fryer, Camille Leslie, Sue Kelewae, Charla Paulus, Carl Wise, Vale Lalama, Ellen Baker, Char Bickel, Rachael Fleischaker, Susan Eitelman, Ann Butler. If you would be interested in being a part of the liturgist rotation, please contact the church office to volunteer.





Birthdays in January



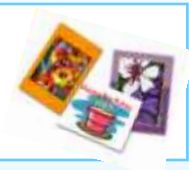
Please Pray For:

Barbara Adams----- Home
 Cheryl Anderson----- -Home
 Marie Buckey -----Summit Acres
 Joyce Dowd-----Inn at Belden Village
 Sally Frieg-----Amherst Meadows
 Karen King----- Laurels
 Barbara Mertes---- Inn at Belden Village
 Jackie Pfeiffer-----The Regency
 Annitta Schrickel-----Tuttle Crossing
 Happy Snively-----The Danbury
 Velda Snyder-----Home
 Jean Rice-----The Regency

Meredith Rankl ----- 2
 Jeffrey Fogle -----3
 Happy Snively ----- 4
 Beverly Denholm -----5
 Robert Phillips-----5
 Louis Lalama -----5
 Keith Paulus ----- 6
 Vanessa Lash -----7
 Gloria Armitage ----- 8
 Jeff Busby ----- 9
 Marilyn Fogle----- 10
 Phil Kennen ----- 13
 Jean Rice ----- 13
 Mary Sloan ----- 14
 Grace Erichsen ----- 16
 Rich Long ----- 16
 Madeia Mendenhall----- 16
 Melissa Price----- 17
 Samantha Smith----- 18
 JoAnn Mungo----- 18
 Dot Homman ----- 21
 Grace Kanipe----- 21
 Larry Lalama-----26
 Jane Quinn -----29
 Carl Wise -----29
 Lorna Patt ----- 31
 Bob Thatcher ----- 31

Card Ministry

Brenda Wise



Liturgists in January



January 6—Roger Sibert
 January 13—Darlene Johanning
 January 20—Susan Eitelman
 January 27—Rich Wilder

Greeters in January

January 6—Rich Wilder/Carol Hauenstein
 January 13—Jean Rice/Julie Roseman
 January 20—Linda Pfeiffer/Dave Pfeiffer
 January 27— Karen Norris/Nancy Aguon



Anniversaries in January

Gunther & Judith Lill -----5
 Bill & Marcia Indorf----- 29

Cash Crew in January

Don McDonald
 December 30—January 20



Outreach Highlights



Christmas Update:

Thanks to the entire congregation for the donations of warm winter wear including hats, gloves, mittens and scarves for the Salvation Army. We collected 111 items and there are more on the tree in Bickel Hall.

Share a Gift:

Thank you to the entire congregation for another great year for our Share a Gift program. We were able to provide 6 families with gifts for everyone and a food certificate from Giant Eagle for their purchase of a Christmas meal and several days of meals.

Thanks to the Church Family for providing outreach to community families in need.

Need A Lunch Update for December:

Thanks to the Bickel Family for a great meal of ham and turkey, mash potatoes, stuffing, green beans and noodles. Dessert was a wonderful pumpkin cake. The regular crew were on hand to set up, serve and clean up from the meal. Meal was enjoyed by all and many thanks were offered to the crew for their meal. Clothing closet was open with many new items and Carolyn, Bonnie, and Gail helped those looking for specific items of clothing. Christmas music was offered by **Roger and Stephanie through the meal to brighten everyone's spirits.** At the door, we gave away small personal gift bags that included hygiene items and snacks for adults and children. A good time was had by all.



The Second Helping Lunch was held on Saturday Dec 22 with the NW Lions club preparing and serving the meal.

*Thank
You*

Dear Larry and Musicians,

On behalf of the entire Community Candlelight Walk Committee, thank you for again participating in this event. Your hospitality was warm, your music sounded lovely, and your renovated sanctuary is beautiful (*I've been looking forward to seeing it!*)

We know it takes a large effort, but we hope you felt rewarded with the large crowd this year.

Merry Christmas!

With Sincere Appreciation, Margy Vogt



I have to say how wonderful I thought our youth were in this year's Christmas play! I am so proud of them! They all worked very hard to give a great performance to our congregation. It was a pleasure spending time with each of these children during rehearsals. I want to say thank you to them and their parents for being a part of this ministry. I also want to say a special thank you to **Rachael Fleischaker, Jim and Pauline Lawrence, Rich Wilder** and **Leigh Conti**. They all gave their time and talents to help this production come together. I greatly appreciate all of you. As rushed as the holiday season can become, it is truly a blessing to know we can always find the true meaning of Christmas in God's love.

Many blessings, Nancy Aguon

Advent Wreath Lighters

Much thanks to those who lit the candles on our Advent Wreath each Sunday during this blessed season, bringing the lights of hope, peace, love, joy, and Christ, the Light of the world: Cory, Nancy, Craig and Olivia Aguon; Sean, Amy, Cael and Bryn Ball; Doug, Maria, Kayla, Kent and Zoe Beery; Brad, Susanne, Julian and Quincy Davis; Dan Valot and Susan Eitelman.

We keep in our prayers Amber, Mike, Morgan and **Natalie Barlow on the passing of Mike's father, Richard Barlow** who was released from the trials of mortal life into the freedom and joy of eternal life on December 2 after a courageous battle with ALS.

We send our sympathies to Bob and Tammy Pribanic on the passing of **Tammy's father Ansel Shoaf, who was called home to the Lord** after a period of declining health. Ansel was 84 years of age. Services were conducted for Ansel on December 28th with Pastor Larry officiating and Leigh Conti and Samantha Smith providing ministries of music. Committal was at North View Cemetery.

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble". (Psalm 46:1)



CPC NIGHT OUT!!

Friday, January 25th
Canton Charge vs. Wisconsin Herd
Tipoff 7:00pm/Doors 6:00pm



Please join us at the Charge game on Friday, January 25th with your Friends and Family of Central Presbyterian Church of Massillon. Specially discounted tickets through the Church are just \$12 a person! Enjoy \$1.00 hot dogs at the game and a post-game concert by Massillon music artist, *Stalley*.

PLEASE FILL OUT THE BELOW ORDER FORM WITH YOUR NAME, HOW MANY TICKETS YOU WOULD LIKE AND YOUR PAYMENT AMOUNT AND RETURN TO THE CHURCH OFFICE.

DEADLINE TO ORDER TICKETS WILL BE TUESDAY, JANUARY 15TH

NAME _____

PHONE# _____

# OF TICKETS (\$12.00 EA.)	TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED
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If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Aguon

Vineyard V-18 The Redemption of Scrooge

There were so many “take aways” from our Advent Vineyard this year, however, there was one truth that stood out above the others and it is that God’s grace and redemption are for all mankind, past, present and future regardless of race, color, creed, economic status or class. Tiny Tim said it best, “God bless Us, Every One!” (Stave Five). Vineyard participants were Susan Eitelman, Lead, Stew Fryer, Nancy McEwen, Dianne Hammer, Liz and Roger Sibert, Rich Wilder, Debbie Feichter, Linda Rankl, Doris Oberlin, JoAnn Donnenwirth, Dan Valot, Pauline Lawrence, Carol Hauenstein, Marcia Short, Tina Drobney, Fred and Ann Butler, Rosey Sikorsky.



CENTRAL CRAFT CLUB

Craft Club will not be meeting during the month of January 2019. We will reconvene on February 11th for a fun evening making a pretty heart-shaped wreath for your front door. Mark your calendar and plan to invite a friend. Details will come later.



Hope Rebekah Circle Ladies will not be meeting in
January and February



JANUARY 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Aspire classes starting January 7						5
Mon—Wed 9-12 am 5:30p m —8:30						
6 10:30 Worship Communion	7 Quilters 1 pm Men's Study 7 pm	8 Men's prayer Grp	9 Choir 7:30 pm	10 No Hope Rebekah Deacons 7:00 pm	11 Pastor's day off	12 10:45 am Need A Lunch
13 10:30 Worship	14 Quilters 1pm Men's Study 7pm	15 Men's Prayer Group Outreach/Trustees 6:30pm	16 Choir 7:30pm	17 Session 6:30 pm	18 Pastor's day off	19
20 10:30 Worship	21 Quilters 1pm Men's Study 7pm	22 Men's Prayer Grp Faith & Nurture 6:30 Compassionate Friends 7pm	23 Choir 7:30pm	24	25 Pastor's day off Canton Charge Game 7pm	26
27 10:30 Worship Congregational meeting	28 Quilters 1pm Men's Study 7pm	29 Men's prayer Grp	30 Choir 7:30pm	31		

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	Curtis White, Custodian

Mission Statement of Central Presbyterian Church
Approved by Session February 15, 2006

We believe the mission of Central Presbyterian Church is to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ by demonstrating God's love to all people through:

- Striving to strengthen and develop our personal relationship with God through Christ
- Loving and caring for our church family
- Sustaining an ever-improving Christian Education program
- Working for the health and welfare of our community, extending our programs and facilities to the community
- Reaching out globally by sharing our resources