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## Agenda for Annual Congregational Meeting

Grace

Luncheon

Recognitions

Thanks to Outgoing Board Members

Thanks to Outgoing Officers

Business

Review of Minutes of Congregational Meetings in 2018

Adoption of 2019 Budget

Vote on the Creation Justice Covenant Statement

Other New Business

Adjournment

Benediction

### Minutes of Congregational Meetings

January 20, 2018

12:40 PM

Rev. Randy Orwig welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting. There were approximately 85 members and guests present. Moderator Caroline Holmes called the Annual Meeting to order. She recognized the outgoing board members and officers, thanking them for their dedication and loyalty to the church.

Caroline called attention to the *2017 Yearbook of Annual Reports*, which contains minutes of the two Congregational Meetings held in 2017 (on January 15<sup>th</sup> and December 10<sup>th</sup>). **A motion to approve the minutes of the Congregational Meetings was made** by Gary Weertz, **and seconded** by Bill Blanchard. With no discussion, **the motion passed** by voice vote.

Second item of business was adoption of the 2018 Budget. As a representative of the Budget & Finance Committee, Wayne Holmes addressed the proposed budget. He thanked everyone for their financial support, which makes planning easier. **A motion to approve the 2018 budget was made** by Committee **and seconded** by Margaret McTaggart. With none opposed, **the motion passed**.

## NEW BUSINESS

The Moderator called attention to the Constitutional Revision document (copies provided). She and Pastor Randy summarized the history of this project, which was initiated directly in our 5 year goals. A sub-committee of Church Council had met, agreed that areas merited some action, and created the version under consideration, which was subsequently approved by the Council. Pastor Randy noted that the revision in front of you is a usable document which reflects the way we currently function as a church. It has been reviewed by two attorneys. **A motion to accept the revisions to the Constitution of Elon Community Church, as submitted, was made by Ray Pollard and seconded by Derek Tang. With no questions, and none opposed, the motion passed.**

In other business, Caroline Holmes recognized Tom Powell as incoming Moderator, as well as the other officers. New Moderator-Elect is Carol Comfort. (Secretary and Treasurer are continuing.) She then handed the gavel over to Tom, who noted that the next issue was adjournment. Katherine Floyd suggested that we give a hardy thanks to Caroline Holmes for her work this past year. Tom called for applause to recognize the previous year's officers and board members. He then called on Pastor Randy to provide a benediction.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:57 PM.

*Submitted by Tanya Gold, Council Secretary*

December 23, 2018  
12:30 PM

The meeting was called to order by Rev. Randy Orwig. There were approximately 125 members and guests present. Rev. Orwig described the process of preparing the list of nominations of officers and members of Boards and Committees for the year 2019. Bill Blanchard, Treasurer, presented the slate of nominations in the absence of the Moderator and Moderator-Elect. A motion was made to accept the nominations as indicated by Gene Ferrell and seconded by Gary Weerts. By a voice vote, the nominations were accepted unanimously.

Our next Congregational Meeting will coincide with a potluck luncheon on January 27, 2019, for adoption of the 2019 budget.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:35 PM.

*Submitted by Tanya Gold, Council Secretary*

Membership Statistics  
**Elon Community Church, United Church of Christ**

Members listed as of December 31, 2017:	281
Associate members as of December 31, 2017:	18
Members received during 2018:	24
Associate members received during 2018:	2
Deactivated Members (by request) during 2018:	2
Members transferred to other churches in 2018:	4
Members deceased in 2018:	4
Confirmed membership as of December 31, 2018:	295
Associate Membership as of December 31, 2018:	20

**Church Office Hours in 2018**

9:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday

**Telephone:** (336) 584-0391; (336) 584-8147

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**The Church Staff**

Randy Orwig, Senior Pastor  
 Sharon Wheeler, Associate Pastor  
 Monica F. Nicholson, Office Manager  
 Lori Watson, Finance Director and CLC Ministries Coordinator  
 Joy Rust, Organist  
 Dr. Stephen Futrell, Choir Director  
 Eden Brown, Bell Choirs Director  
 Jennifer Clifton, Nursery Attendant  
 Priscilla Cotton, Nursery Attendant  
 Lee Campbell, Sound Technician  
 Delinda Anderson, Sexton

## Elon Community Church UCC - Nominating Committee Report 2019

**Moderator:** Carol Comfort      **Secretary:** Tanya Gold      **History Room:** Betsy Stevens  
**Moderator Elect:** Ted Henson      **Treasurer:** Bill Blanchard      **Memorials:** Monica Nicholson

### CLASS OF 2019

#### BOARD OF DEACONS

Sam Fowler  
Whitney Gregory  
Rosilyn Dudley

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Jack Lynch  
Hunt Johnson  
Jean Toms

#### BOARD OF EVANGELISM

Mimi Healy  
Gene Ferrell  
Sheri James

#### BOARD OF MISSIONS

Louise Barnett  
Jane Lane  
Loudelle King

#### BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Elizabeth Lewis  
Katie Tang  
Virginia Leeds

#### PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Martha Spann  
Jean Blevins  
Martha Wilson

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dolores Truitt  
Janet Mayse  
Harriet Von Oesen

#### ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

Ray Covington  
Dave Turnage

#### BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Millard Gold  
Chris Gregory

#### PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Rosanne McLelland  
Bill Brown

#### STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

John Henderson  
Tom Conally

#### BOY SCOUT COMMITTEE

George Troxler

#### FLOWER CHAIR

Cindy Hammond

### CLASS OF 2020

Russ Martin  
Connie Martin  
Gretchen Bruesehoff-Wiles

Hal Clifton  
Linda Brown  
Caroline Holmes

Howard Welborn  
Kirstie Doehler  
Colleen Gutierrez

Racheal Stimpson  
Vivian Bengel  
Annie McLane

Tabithe Fisher  
Kirby Moore  
Michelle Abelson

Ray Pollard  
Jacob Mauney  
Hugh Comfort

Jean Lawton  
Carol Oakley

Maggie Byerly  
Chris Gregory

Ray Pollard  
Maggie Byerly

Linda Fowler  
Faye Conally

Joanne Meral  
Jane Weerts  
Dot/Ralph Waller

Jim Brown

#### BEREAVEMENT CHAIR

Linda Brown

### CLASS OF 2021

Jim McCauley  
Betty Griffin  
Gary Weerts

Don Scott  
Ted Wheeler  
George Troxler

Tom Powell  
Hugh Comfort  
Matt Stimpson

Angela Borzio  
Bob Martin  
Mary Jane Ferrell

Judy Foxworth  
Patty Welborn  
Ellen Martin

Gayle Pollard  
Charlie Meral

#### NURTURE CHAIR

Dan Kuhn

### MUSIC COMMITTEE

Tom Conally (choir)  
Sandy Griffin (choir)  
Tanya Gold (bells)  
Mary Jane Ferrell  
Carol Lehman      Maggie Byerly  
Donna McCauley      Carole Troxler

### HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Linda Brown  
Rose Ann McLelland  
Gary Cooper  
Betty Reynolds  
Kay Elder  
Connie Martin      Betty Strong  
Sheri James      Scott Masteller  
Sue Brown  
Mimi Healy  
Betsy Stevens  
Janet Mayse

### UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

Dave Turnage      Hal Clifton  
Gene Lentz      Patti Welborn  
Joanne Lentz      Brian Gryniewski  
Dan Kuhn  
Donna McCauley  
Bob Martin

### JUSTICE AND WITNESS

Sue Brown      Jacob Mauney  
Gary Cooper      Ellie Ketcham  
Lola Ayers      Mac King  
Bob Ayers  
Jessica Johnson  
Bob Martin  
*Green Church rep/Missions rep*

*Also Includes: Pastor, Trustees Chair, Moderator, Past Moderator, and Treasurer.*

*Also Includes: Treasurer*

## REPORT OF SENIOR PASTOR

I think we are all pleased that 2018 was a successful year financially for the church! That helps all of our ministry work and aids the growth of the church. Thank you all for being such incredible stewards of your time, talent and treasures!

This year has been a hard working year as we accomplished many things. The greatest surprise and joy was the success of our SUNCATCHERS drive to expand the Solar Panels on our Community Life Center roof. From my perspective, I was nervous raising significant funds while we were in the middle of our Building debt program. We gave abundant time and had good support even before the program began. What was astounding was that we raised more than the needed money long before our deadline! My fear was then that people would not give as strongly to the building fund. Once again, this congregation showed its vitality and faithful witness by surpassing our yearly \$100,000 goal by raising \$113,000! This proved that if the projects that create the foundations of our ministry here are clearly communicated, we as a congregation will rise to the challenge!

Now to our goals that we put so much effort into this year: We began our new Justice and Witness Committee. It came along with not only a monthly committee meeting, but the addition of a monthly learning opportunity that covered issues of racism, the environment, immigration, reproductive rights, the political environment for religious people, and how faithful people need to reach beyond their comfort zone as we learned with the Priest who started Homeboy Industries. Our group met to create what this new committee would look like and out came the creation of PODS. While we are excited about what came out of this creation process, we lost steam at the end of the year and are looking to next year to revise and revision our work to make it manageable and fruitful. We actually accomplished a lot in 2018, but so far it has only been sustainable on a limited basis. This is why vision goals need time to take root and grow. We are hopeful that by 2021 our Justice and Witness committee will be vibrant and effective.

The other goal we put a lot of work into was our Worship goal for acoustics and worship service revisions. We put out a survey that gave us some good input, but unfortunately had some unintended consequences. We are endeavoring to improve both acoustics and clearer hearing success in our sanctuary with the Deacons coordinating the results from the survey we completed and the acoustical studies we are taking and have on record. In addition, we have had assessments of the organ for future maintenance and possible overhaul done over time that may mean significant funds needed. All of this found its peak in the unfortunate and surprise resignation of our beloved Organist/choir master, Dr. Mark Rumley in July. It changed the timing and trajectory of our future actions. We learned hard lessons from this experience. But, I am consoled in the fact that we were able to recover through the hard work of our Personnel Committee, Trustees, and a special constituted search team from our Choir that allowed us to choose Dr. Stephen Futrell from Elon University as our new Choir Director and Mrs. Joy Rust as organist. They are still in the acting phase and have been impressive in how they have brought us continuation of our excellent music program. I am looking forward to even better things in 2019 as Eden, Stephen, and Joy continue growing together. The goal that we are addressing has been slowed due to the change, but is still able to be completed by 2021. Special thanks to Sandy Griffin and Don Scott.

The goal around the university relationship was truly given a strong shot in the arm when the new University President, Dr. Connie Book, requested a blessing from our church during our worship service on October 14. It is no small thing for the ninth president of the university to remember our historic ties and celebrate them! It was a highpoint in the year of 2018. We hope to keep finding ways to relate to the school as well as be strong neighbors and hospitable friends to the students and faculty/staff of the institution that started our church in 1890.

Finally, we are making slow progress on the Christian practices goal as I knew this would be by far the most challenging of the goals. Spiritual practices are already present and we have tried to use them by reminding us how we are already doing them. We hope to move into some more intentional practices over the next few years, but rest assured that we aren't deficient, just learning how to incorporate and name them in our everyday lives.

The year unfolded with a strong staff. Sharon has continually proved herself a strong

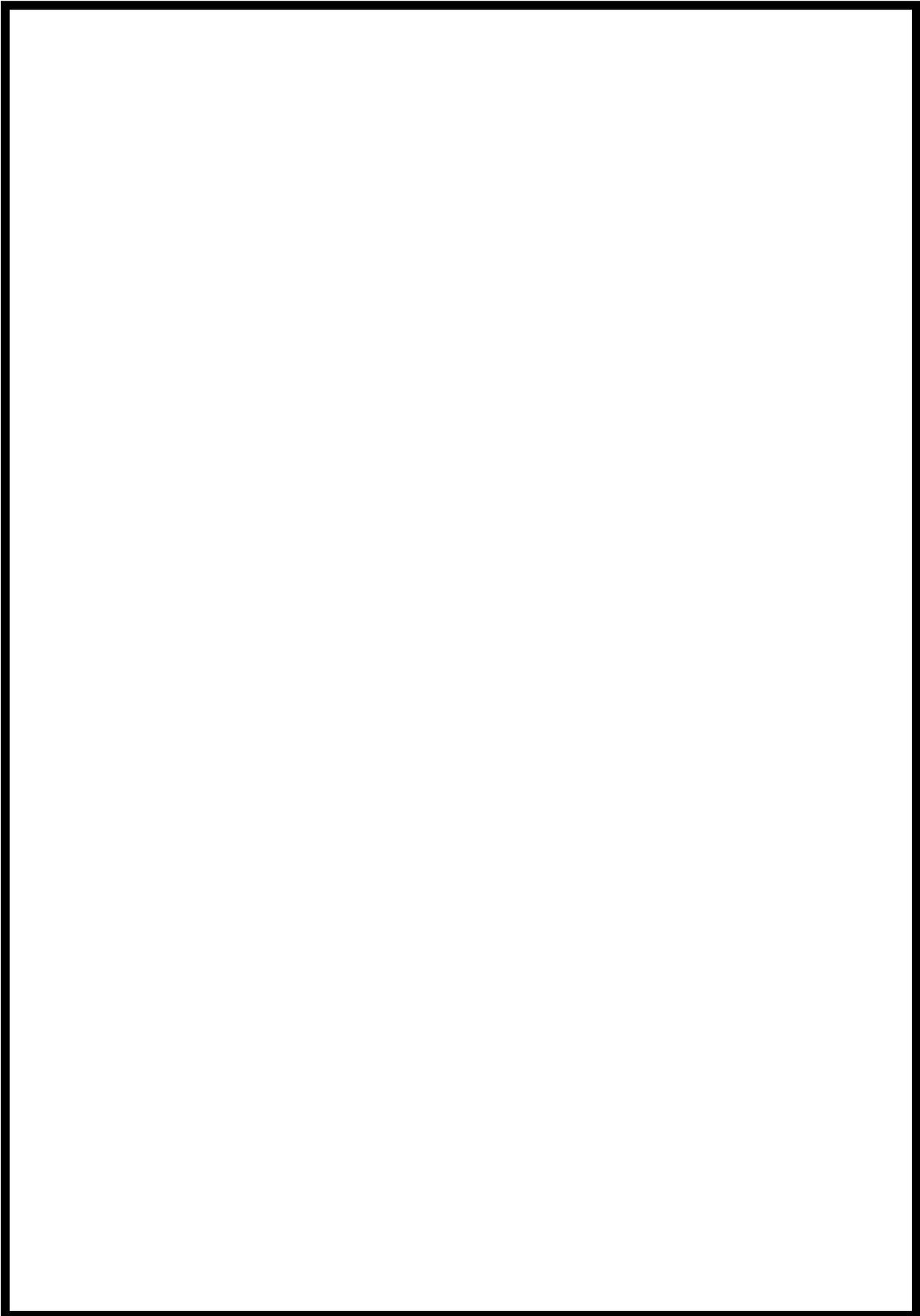
asset to our ministry and our office staff is second to none. It has been an honor to continue to minister in a community of faith that wants to always dig deeper, move forward, and develop faithful change. Even though we have said goodbye to many members we have grown so close to, we are saying hello to new folks who wish to continue the faithful legacy of those who have departed. Elon Community Church is still seeing strong days ahead! Thanks be to God!

*Submitted by Rev. Randy Orwig*

## REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

- Youth Ministry—Organized bi-monthly dinner Youth-COOL/EDGE meetings with assistance from Stephen Stiegel. From January—June we met on Wednesday evenings and from September—December we moved the meetings to Sunday evenings. Youth led worship in February. Highlights from this group were—Attended Winter Youth Retreat in January, Provided dinner and played bingo with Willow residents three times during the year, made clean buckets for NC Hurricane victims, and did a fundraiser to assist the Packard family with their losses during the Hurricane. Some youth served as dieners at the annual Moravian Love Feast. A new youth Sunday school class was started in September called Conversations with Pastor Sharon and Steve.
- Children's Ministry—Organized KICK (Kid's In Christ Kingdom) meetings. From January—May we met twice a month. Starting in September, group met each time there was chime/bell/choir practice. Highlights from this group were—Love In Action—card making for our homebound members and making bread for World Wide Communion Sunday. Other special activities with the KICK group included our annual Easter Egg Hunt, end of school year party at Putt Putt, Halloween Party and Trunk or Treat, Advent Workshop, and Christmas party with Pastor Sharon.
- Continuing Education—I attended the Progressive Youth Ministry Conference at Montreat Conference Center in Montreat, NC in March. Also in March, Randy and I had the opportunity to attend the Why Christian Conference at Duke Chapel. In April I participated in the Racial Equity Institute. In May I attended the Festival of Homiletics in Washington DC. One of my goals for the year was to work on my preaching skills and I was glad to be able to attend the conference in DC which offered workshops on preaching.
- University Relations—During the year I attended the meetings and assisted with events held by this group. In January we held two Winterfaith luncheons. In February we hosted the Chili and Bingo night. In May we held Pet a Puppy. In August we hosted the Football team for lunch at the church and later in the month we hosted the band for an after practice dinner. In September we hosted our annual Dog Day Mixer.
- Vacation Bible School—This year was a success thanks to the work of Virginia Leeds and Jennifer Clifton. We had 24 children, wonderful decoration, and great leadership. I assisted in organizing and leading some of the groups.
- Johns River Valley Camp—I served as one of the directors for camp for grades 4-6. We had four campers from our congregation.
- Attended annual meetings of the Southern Conference and the ENCA.
- Attended monthly meetings of the Burlington Area Ministers, the Elon Ministers, the Burlington Youth Ministers, and area UCC ministers.
- Attended Nurture Committee meetings during the year.
- Worked with Hugh Comfort on planning and developing the agenda and events with the Board of Christian Education.
- Preached here on designated Sundays. I preached a dialogue sermon with Rev. Dr. Patrice Fields at ECC on Women's Sunday in March and then did it again in August at St. Matthews AME Church for their Women's Conference. I also preached once at First Christian UCC for Mark Pickett.
- Assisted with funerals during the year and one wedding this year.
- Another great year at Elon Community Church UCC that was a year of growing, learning and loving in the spirit of Christ.

*Submitted by Rev. Sharon Wheeler*



## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2018

<u>Income Received</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Pledged Income	492,030.00	469,206.68
Unpledged Plate Income	3,000.00	2,667.87
Initial Envelope Offering	25.00	14.00
Sanctuary Fees	725.00	1,250.00
Facilities Usage Income	11,000.00	13,240.00
Sales Tax Refund	2,500.00	1,524.08
CLC Income	28,000.00	30,767.03
	\$534,255.00	\$518,668.66

<b>2018 Income</b>	518,668.66
<b>2018 Expenses</b>	<u>515,289.88</u>
	3,378.78

### Account Balances as of December 31, 2018

General Checking	\$195,933.00
New Building Fund Checking	\$67,369.00
New Building Mortgage Balance	\$498,227.00

*Submitted by Bill Blanchard, Treasurer  
and Lori Watson, Finance Director*

## MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

Memorials have been given and acknowledged during 2018 for the following:

Vera and Lohr Dixon	John Ketcham	Bill Price
Biff Brafford	Cindy Benson	

Honors have been received and acknowledged during 2018 for:

Margaret McTaggart	Katherine Floyd	Jean Toms
Bill Blanchard	Tom Powell	Fabian Lujan
Storm Cleanup Crew		

Memorials and Honors are gratefully received and acknowledged. Many gifts are designated for special projects, i.e. New Building Fund, Music Programs, etc. Otherwise, gifts are placed in the Building Fund and used as deemed appropriate.

*Submitted by Monica Nicholson  
Memorials Secretary*

## CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT FOR 2018

As Moderator of Elon Community Church, UCC for 2018, I want to thank everyone for allowing me the opportunity to serve. I want to add It has been a great experience for me and if given the opportunity I would reconsider because of what the church means to the community.

Let me say that as Moderator it has opened my eyes and it has helped me to see change is possible, if we allow God into our hearts. We as Christians need to value other cultures and do our best to live in harmony and help people to see the world as it can be and not as it is.

Inside are the reports from the various boards in the church. The church is doing well.

*Submitted by Tom Powell, Moderator*

## BOARD OF DEACONS 2018 REPORT

Deacons at Elon Community Church serve as the spiritual servants of the church and assist the senior/associate pastors with worship services and events. Serving on the Board of Deacons for 2018 were: Rosilyn Dudley, Sam Fowler, Whitney Gregory (Secretary), Connie Martin, Russ Martin (Vice Chairman), Ray Pollard (Worship Committee Liaison), Derek Tang, Gary Weerts (Chairman) and Gretchen Bruesehoff-Wiles.

During the year we executed our worship-related responsibilities (Communion setup and clean up, Communion distribution assistance, Scripture reading and coordination of the ushers). Connie Martin assumed duties as the Usher Coordinator, and we revised the Usher Responsibilities document. The Deacons served a meal at Music Camp in August and served a meal at the Allied Churches Shelter in September. We identified a Deacon on Call for each week who is available to support the Pastors in spiritual care of our members. The Deacon on Call also served as the Greeter at the downstairs entrance to the church. The Deacons supported Special Worship Services, with extensive participation in the Maundy Thursday service.

The Deacons took a lead role in assessing, analyzing and reporting the results of the worship survey conducted in 2017. Ray Pollard worked with key members of the Worship Committee, Music Committee, Trustees and Staff to identify specific goals for improvement of the worship experience that arose from the survey. Based on those findings, the Deacons presented a set of worship improvement goals and a recommendation to Church Council that completion of the goals should be pursued. The Deacons (Sam Fowler) are monitoring the progress of completion of the goals.

Other Deacon activities included clean-out and rearrangement of the Worship Closet (Connie Martin, Rosilyn Dudley and Whitney Gregory) and assessment and re-conditioning of the artificial altar flowers (Connie Martin).

*Submitted by Gary Weerts, Chair*

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2018 REPORT

- RETENTION POND INSPECTED AND APPROVED AS REQUIRED BY THE TOWN OF ELON.
- APPROVED THE LEASE OF A NEW COPIER WITH DEANS OFFICE SUPPLY THAT WILL SAVE THE CHURCH APPROXIATELY \$1,200.00 YEAR. MONICA WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR NEGOTIATING THIS CONTRACT. EXCELLENT JOB.

- CONTRACTED TO HAVE FLOOR LEADING INTO CLC AND UPSTAIRS FLOOR STRIPPED AND REWAXED BY REGGIE BRINLEY.
- CONTRACTED TO HAVE THE FRONT RAILING AND INSIDE WINDOW SEALS SCRAPPED AND REPAINTED BY RUTH'S PAINTING.
- REPLACED THE BOILER DOOR
- UTILITES BILL ARE CONSTANTLY INCREASING, UP OVER \$800 PER MONTH OVER 2017.
- MEET WITH ED WEST, PRESIDENT OF CII, WHO MONITORS OUR HVAC SYSTEM. RECOMMEND COVERS AND LOCKS ON ALL THERMASTATS IN BLD. THE CLC SEEMS TO BE THE MAIN PROBLEM.
- UNFORUTNATELY WE ARE LOOKING AT OUR OLD AC COMING TO THE END OF IT'S LIFE, THEY ARE NOW 60 YEARS OLD – WITHIN THE NEXT 5 YEARS WILL BE REPLACING SOME OF THE OLDER UNITS - \$25,000 -\$35,000 ESTIMATE.
- BILL BLANCHARD RECOMMENED CHANGING FROM ATT TO SPECTRUM BUSINESS ON INTERNET AND PHONE AS WE ARE CONSTANTLY HAVING ISSUE WITH ATT. APPROVED.
- APPROVED LEASING 10 SPACES IN OUR CHURCH LOT TO SAMET CONSTRUCTION APRIL THRU AUGUST FOR \$2,050.00.
- CONTRACTED WITH OAKLEY PAINTING TO PAINT THE CLC WALLS AND DOOR. LOOKS BRAND NEW.
- APPROVED A \$300.00 DEPOSIT FOR ALL RENTALS, INCLUDING CHURCH MEMBERS, TO MAKE UP FOR ANY DAMAGES TO THE WALLS OF THE CLC WITH THE USE OF TAPE, GLUE, ETC. ANYTHING PUT UP ON THE WALLS, THE DEPOSIT WILL BE FOREFITTED.
- VOTED TO INSTALL DIGITAL LOCKS ON OUTER DOORS LEADING INTO THE KITCHEN AND STORAGE ROOM.
- LOOKED INTO THE COST OF PUTTING A “LOOP” IN THE SACTUARY, SHOULD HAVE THIS IN JANUARY OF 2019.
- WE HAVE SOME MAJOR PROBLEMS WITH THE ROOF AND GUTTERS IN THE SANCTUARY. LEAKS ARE SPRINGING UP AND MOST ALL TURN JOINT. MET WITH SAMET CONSTRUCTION'S ROOFING DIVISION AND WENT OVER THE OUTSIDE AND INSIDE WHERE LEAKS ARE SHOWING. WE MAY BE FACING REBOXING AND REPLACING THE ROOF IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE. THIS WILL BE AN EXPENSIVE JOB – EXPENDING ALL OUR BUILDING RESERVES AND THEN SOME. WILL KNOW MORE IN 2019.
- NEW SOLAR PANELS PLACED ON ROOF – CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GREEN COMMITTEE TO A JOB WELL DONE. HOPEFULLY IN 2019 WE WILL BE RECEIVING FUNDS THAT WILL REDUCE OUR POWER BILL.
- TRUSTEES TOOK A WEEKEND RETREAT TO LAS VEGAS TO SEE HOW THE CHURCH CAN SAVE MORE MONEY. (JUST KIDDING – WANTED TO SEE HOW MANY PEOPLE READ THIS REPORT!)
- CONCLUDED ANOTHER \$20,000 MATCHING GIFT FUND IN DECEMBER 2018 FOR THE CLC NOTE. THE BALANCE NOW STANDS AT \$483,227.00. THANK YOU TO THE CONGREGATION FOR YOUR STRONG SUPPORT.
- APPROVE THE CONTRACT FROM TRIAD WILDLIFE EXPERTS TO TAKE CARE OF THE BIRDS THAT HAVE BORED THRU THE WOODWORK AND ENTERED INTO THE ROOF ABOVE THE CLOSET ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR, MAKING A FINE MESS OF THE PLACE.
- THE TRUSTEES WILL MEET IN JANAURY 2019, AT THE CHURCH, TO APPROVE THE 2019 BUDGET.

*Submitted by Don Scott, Chair*

## BOARD OF EVANGELISM 2018 REPORT

The small but mighty Evangelism Board has a continuing mission to help the church grow, with new members, and new programs to make visitors welcome and provide established members with meaningful experiences. We attended dinners for potential new members. The board decided that every event happening in the church is an evangelism event, so we tried to participate in activities sponsored by other boards and committees, including Trunk or Treat. Members of the board handed out candy bags which included information about children's activities at the church.

As the church grows, parking has become an issue. The church has made arrangements with the town and university to use parking at the Oaks and in the municipal lot for events that draw a lot of participants. The first big project of the year was to promote use of church hang tags for parking and to provide directional signs for these lots. In addition to the special event parking, the board also created a parking lot greeter program to welcome visitors and members alike. The board has discussions about exterior signage and art, with an eye to subtly advertise our open and affirming status, but cost considerations caused us to put this on the back burner for now.

Evangelism continues to sponsor and make arrangements for the Six for Supper program. The board provided Meet and Greet for Music Camp Sunday, which is the largest one of the year. The musically themed food was well received. We served the shelter meal in October. Evangelism board members assisted with the Secondhand Santa Sale, along with Missions and Women's Ministries. The sale was successful, and help the church sponsor six families this year.

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to these board members: Kevin Bengel, Ellen Martin, and Howard Wellborn. Thank you for serving in so many different ways. You will be greatly missed.

*Submitted by Sheri James, Chair*

## BOARD OF MISSIONS AND OUTREACH 2018 REPORT

Board Members: Gayle Pollard, chair, Racheal Stimpson, secretary, Louise Barnett, Jane Lane, Ralph Waller, Lynne Horne, Vivian Bengal, Annie McLane and Loudelle King.

The board met monthly to direct and coordinate the outreach programs of the church. We solicited contributions of time and money for projects, special offerings, and programs which support people in need in our community and beyond.

We coordinated the schedule for church groups to serve the evening meal at the Homeless Shelter the first Friday of each month. The church pays \$150.00 for the meal, which is prepared by the Allied Churches of Alamance County staff and volunteers. The Elon Women's softball team helped us by providing servers from October to December. We continue to pick up bread and desserts from Lowes Foods on weekends for the pantry. Gayle and Ray Pollard deliver the donations to the pantry. (More about ACAC at the end of this report.) We appreciate everyone's help as we strive to do our part to meet the needs of the hungry citizens in our county.

The church supports 8 local agencies with funds and volunteers. Several agencies have used our Community Life Center for programs. The church sponsors Cub and Boy Scout troops, and also provides financial support for Blowing Rock Conference Grounds, NC Council of Churches, and Lancaster Seminary.

ECC continues to be one of the top giving churches in the Southern Conference. Generous contributions were given to Our Church's Wider Mission, One Great Hour of

Sharing, Strengthen the Church, Neighbors in Need, and the Christmas Fund. In addition, donations were made to Allied Churches Souper Bowl and Honor Cards, CWS Crop Walk, Good Samaritan Fund, Classroom Closet, and Elon Student Athletic Association Food Drive. Thank you for your generosity.

The Board participated in a series of Social Justice & Witness events locally, including a service at First Baptist Church, Apple Street, plus a series of weekly meetings February through April at Beverly Hills, UCC Church, Burlington, learning ways to aid in dismantling racism in Alamance County. The Board encouraged participation in the Racial Equity Workshops held locally.

Small groups, called Pods, were formed around each of the following issues: Racism, Immigration, Environmental, LGBT, Poverty and Women's Rights. Our Church hosted a meeting with Dr. Toddy Peters, Elon Professor, who reviewed her most recent book dealing with women's reproductive rights. In September the Immigration Pod invited a young Latino to talk about 287g and the difficulties of being Hispanic and Latino in our area.

A mini-retreat with the Social Justice and Witness Committee was held at ECC on March 10, 2018.

A meal for 15 LeHigh University students, who were here for a Habitat for Humanity build, was provided by this Board in our Church.

Annie McLane, a Board member, introduced and the Board agreed to support a new ministry called "Born Again Jewelry" with all proceeds going to support a local charity. As of December 1, 2018 this project had raised over \$1800.

ECC is now being used by Meals on Wheels to cook and store food. A Stop Hunger event was held in our Church on February 24, 2018.

The Alamance County Christian Counseling Center closed and the \$460 previously allocated for that Center was used to buy school supplies for several local schools, including a middle school reading specialist program. Also \$200 was sent to Mustard Seed Community Health in Greensboro following a devastating tornado in the Spring.

In August and September, we collected 96 school kits which were shipped to the CWS warehouse in Maryland by Bill Blanchard. At this time, we discussed the feasibility and wisdom of changing the way we provide school supplies for third world countries; perhaps sending money through CWS. This idea will be pursued in more depth next year.

Our third year of the Backpack project went well. Nonperishable food was purchased and taken to Elon Elementary School each week for the social worker to put in the backpacks of 12-17 students who would have no food on the weekends. Church members donated money and their time to the program so these students come to school ready to learn on Monday mornings.

Several members of the Board assisted with the December Second Hand Santa sale with profit going to purchase gifts for Christmas Cheer families along with a \$100 Food Lion gift card. A special word of thanks to Linda Brown, Sheri James and many others who worked so diligently to make it a tremendous success.

In November the pantry at Allied Churches closed along with all day activities for their homeless residents. The shelter will be open 4:30 pm until 8:30 am. All food distribution for the community at large will be at the Salvation Army facility on Anthony Street in Burlington.

The Board recommended to the Budget and Finance Board that three new budget line items be added to the 2019 budget as follows: Common Life Church, John's River Camp, and Social Justice and Witness Committee.

Six Christmas Cheer families were adopted this year. Twenty-four children, along with their parents, were very excited and extremely grateful to the Church for their acts of love and generosity. This has been a busy year. Our sincere gratitude to all who served so faithfully and to all the congregants who served beside us!

*Submitted by Gayle Pollard, Chair*

## BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 2018 REPORT

Board Members: Hugh Comfort—Chair, Kirby Moore—Vice Chair, Katie Tang—Secretary, Michelle Abelson, Tabithe Fisher, Ted Henson, Virginia Leeds, Elizabeth Lewis, and Manda Stiegel.

The Board of Christian Education (BCE) is involved with all the congregational education activities of both youth/children and adults, as well as related service activities. Many of these are ongoing activities, occurring on a weekly basis, such as Sunday School for all age groups and Worship Ways and Nursery for children. This year we continued to have two adult Sunday School classes, as well as age group classes for children and youth. In addition, youth groups for younger and older youth met periodically throughout the year. Children/youth activities are described in more detail in the Report of the Minister of Spiritual Growth and Christian Education, Sharon Wheeler.

Two adult classes met regularly. The Seekers Class, led by Ray Pollard, has as its goal to explore books by contemporary authors that offer insights into what is often called Progressive Christianity. Their approach through the years has been to identify books by some of the best minds who are current scholars and writers and who are leaders in the evolving story of Christianity in terms of today's churches. It is not strictly a Bible study, although they do explore ways in which our biblical understandings help to shape our faith and guide our life. During 2018 the class has worked through Richard Rohr's book *Breathing Underwater: Spirituality and the Twelve Steps*, Barbara Brown Taylor's *An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith*, and currently is nearly finished with *Living the Questions: The Wisdom of Progressive Christianity*, by David Felten and Jeff Procter-Murray.

The Sr. Pastor's Bible Study, led by Randy Orwig, is a contextual Bible study. This past year they studied the Gospel of John. Second was an examination of the Torah, better known to us as the first five books of our Old Testament, learning about the law of the Hebrew People as based in story. Finally, and ongoing, is a study of the prophet Isaiah, in terms of its relevance to both the community in which he lived and the promise of Jesus in a Christian context. The goal is to illuminate and widen our view of scripture.

A number of our activities take place annually, while others are one-time or occasional events. We would like to acknowledge the assistance of the Elon Girls Softball Team in several of our events helping with children's activities. The annual events of the Board this year were:

- Intergenerational Family Game Night - January 28
- Serving meals to the homeless at the Allied Churches shelter - February 2
- Valentine Dinner (youth fundraiser) - February 11
- Youth Sunday - February 25
- Easter Egg Hunt - March 25
- Pentecost Picnic - May 20
- Vacation Bible School - June 17-20
- Meet and Greet (for VBS Sunday) - June 24
- Music Camp: Served meal on the 1st night - August 13
- Rally Sunday - August 26
- Trunk or Treat/Halloween Party - October 28\*
- Advent Workshop - November 18
- Children's Christmas program - December 16

\*This year, for the first time, this activity was a community partnership with the Elon Police Department and was a very successful outreach to the Elon Community, with almost 500 people involved.

The Active Aging group, for which the BCE has oversight, featured two activities. They

met for dinner and then enjoyed a presentation of "How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying" at the Paramount Theater in Burlington. They also visited the Greensboro Historical Museum and Field of Honor, followed by lunch at the Moose Cafe and a visit to the local Farmer's Market.

This year we held one Health and Wellness event, a family bike ride on the American Tobacco Trail Greenway in Durham. A continuing activity in the summer was a Tuesday-Thursday morning walking group for women.

We continue to seek to improve our efforts to address the Christian Education needs of this part of the Body of Christ and welcome suggestions from the congregation.

*Submitted by Hugh Comfort, Chair*

## UNIVERSITY RELATIONS 2018 REPORT

Each year, we see a bit of an improvement in the relationship we have with the university. We have settled on our basic yearly program of bringing support and being in relationship with students and student groups.

- WinterFaith in January (already established)
- Chili Bingo Night in February
- Pet a Puppy during close of Spring Semester
- Marching Band Jambalaya and trivia (August)
- Football Sunday August (already established)
- Dog Day Mixer in September (our biggest event)
- Moravian Love Feast in December (already established)
- Womens Softball helps us with homeless dinners, Trunk or Treat, and we feed them at Fake Break
- Philanthropic Fraternities and Sororities help with Special Fridays
- We host students in both choirs (already established)
- University groups use the CLC especially for fund-raising dinners we publicize

Of course students attend worship and church events like Farmers Market. The committee stays busy and keeps looking for ways to create events that bring church and students/faculty/staff together. We are thankful for their hard work and all the relationships that continue to be built!

*Submitted by Rev. Randy Orwig*

## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP 2018 REPORT

The Women's Fellowship met monthly this year with two circles composed of thirty-two members. Morning Circle meets at 10:30 am in the CLC Classroom and Evening Circle meets at 7:00 pm in the homes of members or the Church Library. The meetings are usually on the first Monday of the month. Anyone interested is invited to join either of the two circles. Our program emphasis for 2018-2019 is "God's Promise: I Am with You." The emphasis of this study is on God's actual articulation of God's promise throughout the Scriptures.

At the General Meeting on March 5, 2018, Richard Gary, Executive Director of Allied Churches of Alamance County, presented our program.

At the June 4, 2018 General Meeting the program was presented by Rev. Randy Orwig, who presented the last lesson in our program of study, "Cloud of Witnesses."

On September 10, 2018 at the General Meeting of the circles, Rev. Randy Orwig gave the program. He presented the first lesson in our new study for 2018-2019, "God's Promise:

I Am with You.”

We also participated in the celebrations of Church Women United Tea in February at Belmont Methodist Church, CWU May Friendship Day in Boland Center at Twin Lakes, several attended Church Women of the Southern Conference Summer Gathering in June, 2018.

The Women’s Fellowship adopted a budget of \$4,025.00. which supports Educational Projects, OCWM, Service Projects, Education, Good Samaritan Fund, Christmas Cheer, World Hunger, and Operating Expenses. 2018 Honor Certificates went to Ray and Gayle Pollard and Ellie Ketcham.

We prepared a meal for the homeless shelter, hosted a Meet and Greet, sent cards each month to homebound members, supported the work of Women’s Ministries and supported other projects of our church.

At our November Bake Sale we raised \$517.00 and from the Second Hand Santa and Craft Sale in December, we raised \$1,745.00 for Christmas Cheer. We made a net profit of \$1,881.54 from the pecan sale as of November 30, 2018.

Our officers are: Co-Presidents, Jean Toms and Kay Elder; Vice-President, Katherine Floyd; Secretary, Rose Ann McLelland, and Treasurer, Caroline Holmes. Margaret McTaggart is Chair of the Morning Circle and Bev Orwig is Chair of the Evening Circle.

*Submitted by Jean Toms and Kay Elder, Co-Presidents*

## WOMEN MINISTRIES 2018 REPORT

The women of the church had a busy year. The many programs promote the missions of our church:

- 1) Women’s Fellowship: The purpose of this group is to bring women together in fellowship, education and service. We support mission projects in our local community and throughout Our Church’s Wider Mission. Meetings are the first Monday of each month at 10:30 am in the CLC Classroom or at 7:00 pm in a member’s home or the church library. Kay Elder and Jean Toms are the co-presidents.
- 2) Soaring High Book Club meets the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in the church library. Inspirational and enlightening books were read and discussed. Tanya Gold is the group leader.
- 3) Deepening Your Faith Walk is a small support group that embarks on an inward journey attempting to integrate our daily experiences with out understanding of God. Gayle Pollard is the leader.
- 4) Gifts of the Heart collected school kits for Church World Services. Gayle Pollard and Board of Missions and Outreach members made the kits.
- 5) Prayer Shawl Ministry: The group is planning on becoming active again, making shawls for our homebound members.
- 6) Under the Parasol had a well attended tea this year.

*Submitted by Linda Brown, Coordinator*

## HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE 2018 REPORT

The Hospitality Committee had a busy year hosting many Meet and Greets after worship, the Congregational Potluck Dinner, Celebration Singers Lunch, Funeral Receptions, VBS and Music Camp Meals, Elon Football Team Lunch, Secondhand Santa Craft Fair, Christmas Cookie Day and more! Thank you to the Boards, Committees, and individuals who provided Meet and Greets.

*Submitted by Linda Brown, Chair*

## GREEN CHURCH COMMITTEE 2018 REPORT

Two very important projects occurred this year that involved our wider congregation. The first one was that the Lenten Study Series of six classes was based on Terry Gallagher's *Sustaining Creation: A Faith Journey for Small Groups*. Randy used video, lecture, and discussion to focus attention on the connection between our faith and caring for creation. He drew from these classes a list of earth care practices that he then published in the *Torch*.

The second project, which we began at Easter, was our fund-raising campaign for additional solar panels to go on the roof of the CLC. Many people gave their time, talents, and money to raise \$52,000. This enabled us to install 85 new solar panels in place of the original 20. We used auctions, online fund-raising, social media, memorials, birthday gift requests, children's offerings, testimonials, banners, letters, and so on to exceed our original goal in a short period of time. Once the panels were installed, we held a dedication service and joyful celebration. Our story was told in the *Times-News*, the Southern Conference newsletter, and the UCC *Pollinator* newsletter. We are offering our old solar panels to a nearby church that shares our desire to care for the earth.

In the summer, we hosted a vegetarian potluck dinner coupled with a Sierra Club information session about the proposed Mountain Valley Pipeline Southgate. Other churches and community people were invited, and some attended. Justice issues were evident here in the destruction of habitat and waterways, and in the taking of private property for corporate profits.

In the fall, we highlighted the development of clean energy projects across the country by showing the Sierra Club film *Reinventing Power*. We paired this with a vegetarian potluck dinner.

Green Church continued to sponsor and support the ECC Farmers' Market. The resignation of the new market manager was a setback, but the vendors continued to come and sell their produce. The search for a new manager continues.

This year we began preparing to apply to the UCC for the Creation Justice Church designation. The Lenten Study Series was a part of the preparation. We also composed a Creation Justice Covenant, which will be voted on by the congregation in January 2019. Following an affirmative vote, we will apply for the designation.

Some of our members attended earth care meetings, such as the UMC Creation Care Summit in St. Paul, Minnesota, and the NC Cleanpath local meeting. One of us led the "green minute" in Bible School.

We continue in our ongoing services of recycling electronics, batteries, and foam products. A volunteer from First Methodist Church of Elon is sharing with us the responsibility of transporting foam to DART in Randleman. We continue to take our food scraps and paper to Elon University for their composting services.

Our pastors weave the theme of creation care into our worship services, and our Sunday School teachers do so in their classes as well. A Green Church Suggestion about caring for the earth appears in each Sunday bulletin. We have periodic articles about creation care in the *Torch*.

*Submitted by David Andes, Chair*

## MUSIC COMMITTEE 2018 REPORT

Coming off the work being done for the goal of improving sound, acoustics, and worship; the Music Committee, now made up of two persons selected by the Chancel Choir and 2 members from the Youth/Bell Choirs along with 3-4 members at-large, is tasked to tackle the ongoing needs of the different music programs. They received the worship survey results along with music staff in hopes of seeing the best timing for coordinating a capital drive for music. The change of music staff put the committee into a tumble, but plans are set to meet every other month in 2019 to renew the time speculation for fund-raising and helping to create the team that accomplish this when the time is right.

The Committee is always honing its most important work areas as a booster of our wonderful music program that touches members of all ages. With the development of our new music team, we hope to be by their side to bring the support they need to make our music the most successful that it can be!

*Submitted by Rev. Randy Orwig*

## MUSIC DEPARTMENT 2018 REPORT

### **Chancel Choir (Directed by Dr. Stephen Futrell)**

- Stephen Futrell began as Music Director/Chancel Choir director in late August 2018.
- Maintained an average membership of 18 singers in 2018.
- Provided choral music for all Sundays except June & July when Chancel Choir is off.
- As to Spring & Summer of 2018, I (Stephen Futrell) was not yet employed, Therefore, I cannot speak to activities during those periods. I'm assuming special events such as Easter and special music during the Summer, when the chancel choir was off, went as expected.
- We currently employ 3 professional singers and 3 Elon students to sing and provide leadership in the chancel choir.
- The Chancel Choir and Bells provided music for the annual Love Feast on Dec. 2, 2018.
- The annual Lessons & Carols scheduled for Dec. 9, 2018 was postponed due to weather and will take place on Jan. 6, 2019.
- Since August, the focus musically has been to provide a variety of genre, selections to enhance the worship experience. Guest musicians have been employed to further provide a diversity of repertoire.
- We engaged/employed a number of guest pianist to lead musical elements of worship and to provide accompaniment for the Chancel Choir during Fall 2018.
- We welcomed a new Organist, Joy Rust, beginning in Oct. 2018.
- Sanctuary piano tuned in mid-October.
- Organ tuned with some minor maintenance occurred in November/December.
- Our goals for 2019 include:
  - Continuing to focus on singing a variety of repertoire.
  - Continue to include a choral response at the end of the service.
  - Bring in guest musicians (solo or groups) to lead in worship.
  - Increase membership in the Chancel Choir by at least 6 singers.
  - I feel it is important to support a policy of employing Elon students to sing in the Chancel Choir who are members of either of the two Elon choirs. Any potential Elon students should first be deferred to Dr. Stephen Futrell.

- o I feel that Music staff should perhaps meet to discuss scheduling, programming, etc. and then for the Music Director to then meet with the Pastor.
- o I feel that special music or outside musical groups should be deferred to the Music Director first.
- o Complete an evaluation/assessment of the condition of our pianos in terms of current condition, a detailed listing of repairs with estimated cost, and current value as well as value after repairs may be done.
- o Complete an evaluation/assessment of the condition of the organ in terms of current condition, a detailed listing of repairs with estimated cost, and current value as well as value after repairs may be done.
- o Work with other Music staff to produce an inventory of equipment owned by the church and it's current value.

### **Organist (Joy Rust)**

- Joy Rust started as organist/choir accompanist at ECC on November 11, 2018. She will also play for weddings, funerals and special services as needed.
- The organ was tuned in November 2018, continuing with the same company as previously employed (Spearman and Associates, Charlotte, NC). Mr. Morris Spearman has been requested to give a status report of the organ and its needs.
- A goal for 2019 is to involve soloists for the prelude and offertory, especially youth.

### **Handbell & Chimes Ensembles (Directed by Eden Brown)**

Five bell/chime groups rehearsed weekly in January—May and September—December. All children and youth music groups share in worship on at least 2 occasions per semester. Chancel Ringers share approximately once per month in addition to special holiday services, Moravian Love Feast, Lessons & Carols, and Christmas Eve. Total, unduplicated counts of musicians involved are listed below:

1. **Little Lights-** preparatory music class based on the curriculum of God's Children Sing from Musikgarten. No class was held in the Spring. Eight children served during Music Camp and six children served in the Fall, ages 2-4. Pre-K children participated in colored bells ringing activities, music and movement and singing activities. Performed in worship once per semester, plus Music Camp Sunday and the Children's Christmas Musical.
2. **Genesis Chimes** - 6 children in grades K – 2 during the spring semester; 4 children during the fall semester.
3. **JuBELLation** (formerly known as Beginning Bells) 14 children, grades 2-4 in the Spring; 8 children during the fall semester (group split into 2 for the Fall semester).
4. **InspiRING Bells** – Combined with JuBELLation in the Spring; 8 children, grades 3-5 in the Fall semester.
5. **Young Ringers-** 6 Middle/High School youth during the spring semester, 8 during the fall.
6. **Chancel Ringers** - 13 adults in both the spring and fall semesters. Various guest ringers as substitutes and during special holiday services, including our advanced high school ringers.

### **Vocal Ensembles**

**Children's Choir** – 20 children who are also members of either Genesis Chimes, JuBELLation or InspiRING Bells. The Children's choir shared in worship 3 times in the Spring and 3 times in the Fall. The Choir also prepared extensive music for the Children's Christmas Musical.

### **Permanent Volunteer Staff**

Mrs. Maggie Byerly, a professionally trained vocal musician, continues to volunteer to direct the Children's Choir. In addition to volunteering her time and talent for ECC Music Camp and weekly rehearsals, Mrs. Byerly has prepared the group for singing during multiple Sunday morning worship services.

### **Weekly Rehearsals**

The Sunday rehearsal schedule has continued a consistent routine, and includes all children and youth music groups on a rotation schedule from 3:00-6:00pm. Two sets of handbells have allowed for simultaneous rehearsals, and easier set-up for performances. Groups meet each Sunday, with the exception of holidays and one Sunday per month off for family time.

### **Music Camp 2018**

Music Camp for Grades K - 12 (72 children and youth attending; 40 adults assisting with instruction, supper and snacks) was held August 13-17th, 19th. Classes included instruction in singing, bell and chime ringing, liturgical movement, art, drama and music reading. After losing many families due to the week change in 2017, Music Camp week was changed back to when it was traditionally held. This resulted in attendance returning to almost 80 campers!

A new model of Junior Counselors was created in order to provide a leadership and skill-challenging program for our more advanced high school ringers. Four youth were chosen to assist in teaching classes for younger campers. The junior counselors also participated in ringing more advanced chamber music together, and providing some accompanying instruments for the vocal choir.

7 children and youth were added to the regular year-long music program based on their experiences during Music Camp 2018!

### **Annual Special Services**

Members of Chancel Ringers, Young Ringers, InspiRING Bells, EmBELLishments, Children's Choir, Genesis Chimes and Little Lights provided music for the following special services: Palm Sunday, Music Camp Sunday, Moravian Love Feast, Christmas Eve service, and Lessons & Carols, held on Epiphany Sunday due to inclement weather.

### **Chancel Ringers Hallows Eve Benefit Concert**

The Chancel Ringers prepared a concert of sacred and secular (Broadway, movie and TV titles) music for a free concert on Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. 9 large ensemble pieces, 3 ensemble pieces, and a bell solo were delivered to a packed house in the CLC! Donations of almost \$1,000 were collected to benefit instrument maintenance.

### **Children's Christmas Program**

26 children participated in the Children's Christmas Musical, and all music ensembles (24 children) provided the service music on December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Special thanks to Lindsay Hopkins who directed the play throughout the Fall semester. Also special thanks to Maggie Byerly who created all original doo-wop arrangements of the Christmas carols used in the musical.

Jeremy Wood provided accompaniment on drum set, and Elon University student, Sarah Leonard, assisted in set creation.

### **New Staffing Model**

Two Elon University music students continued as interns for the program. They receive a monthly stipend in exchange for assisting with Children's music activities, completing some clerical work, and participating in the Chancel Ringers handbell ensemble.

In the Fall, one of the interns resigned to place more focus on studies and extra-curricular activities related to her major. The remaining intern's stipend was increased to reflect additional responsibilities she took on.

**Completed Goals for 2018**

- Coached the student interns to take on more self-guided responsibilities, and become lead teachers of their respective Children's ensembles. This resulted in one intern flourishing and one deciding to resign.
- Acquired additional pads to provide padding for both ensemble rooms and the sanctuary permanently.
- Completed assessment, deep clean, and needed maintenance and minor repairs for both handbell sets, Summer 2018.
- Revived participation throughout the year for Middle School and High School students, 5 additional high school students joined the year-round program after Music Camp 2018.

**2019 Program Goals**

- Implement a fundraiser to offset the cost of Music Camp, allowing us to better serve the children of Alamance County, and continue to offer the program free of charge.
- Send both bell sets to the Mallmark corporate office for complete refurbishment by no later than May 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Complete search for a second college intern to begin duties during Music Camp 2019. This intern will preferably be a first or second-year student with expectation that they stay with us long-term through their college career.
- Explore the creation of a beginner adult bell group beginning September 2019.
- Host a joint Christmas handbell concert with the Queen City Ringers in Fall 2019.
- Build participation in Genesis chimes during the regular year-long program.



**Church Attendance Record 2018  
For the 10:30 Worship Service**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Week 1</b>	<b>Week 2</b>	<b>Week 3</b>	<b>Week 4</b>	<b>Week 5</b>	<b>Monthly Average</b>
<b>January</b>	140	137	149	133		140
<b>February</b>	134	176	139	173		156
<b>March</b>	124	158	141	145+		142
<b>April</b>	300++	140	147	140	128	171
<b>May</b>	148	200	160	112		155
<b>June</b>	134	113	122	113		121
<b>July</b>	112	126	107	118	158	124
<b>August</b>	124	219*	230	139		178
<b>September</b>	123	156	133	121	139**	134
<b>October</b>	161	134	143	176		154
<b>November</b>	165***	138	150	127		145
<b>December</b>	153	Cancelled	230	177	110	168
					<b>Total Average</b>	149

<b>Year</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>Highest Attendance</b>	238	287	314	304	270	300
<b>Lowest Attendance</b>	95	97	75	63	90	107
<b>Average Sunday Worship</b>	148	156	150	147	148	149

- \*     Elon University Football Sunday
- \*\*    Elon University Family Weekend
- \*\*\*   Elon University Homecoming Weekend
- +     Palm Sunday
- ++    Easter Sunday

Ash Wednesday: 53

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