COMMUNITY OF CHRIST ELGIN ILLINOIS CONGREGATION (Chicago Mission Center, U.S.A.)

Historian's Annual Report, 2016

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The **Elgin Community of Christ** is a friendly congregation of people from all walks of life. A spirit led atmosphere is prominent among those who worship together.

Goals of the congregation are to...

- Increase Spiritual Development by providing opportunities that will improve our spiritual awareness, guide our spiritual journey, and cultivate the disciplines of spiritual life.
- Participate in activities that will provide resources and support the community both locally and internationally.
- Provide opportunities for diverse groups and individuals to expand their understanding of church functions and goals.
- Provide communication, personal contact and pastoral care to all members and friends of the church community.
- Create more loving and solid homes by becoming an extended family, develop community among the youth of the church, affirm the worth of the elderly in our community, and provide an atmosphere of fellowship in the adult community.

Schedule prior to September 2016

Worship Service Time

Traditional Worship Service Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

September thru May

Contemporary Worship Service Sunday at 11:15 a.m.

September thru May

Blended Worship Service Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

June, July and August

Classes

Children's Classes Sunday at 10:15 a.m.

September thru May

Adult Classes Sunday at 10:15 a.m.

September thru May

Schedule Effective September 2016

Fellowship and Breakfast Sunday at 9:30 am

Classes

Children's Classes Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

September thru May

Adult Classes Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

September thru May

Worship Service Time

Worship Service Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

September thru May

Contemporary Worship Service 3rd Wed of the month at 7:00 pm

September thru May

Worship Service Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

June, July and August

Junior Church (ages 6-11) Sundays during morning worship

(excluding the first Sunday of the

month)

1675 E. Chicago Street, Elgin, Illinois 60120 847.741.1366

ELGIN LEADERSHIP

PASTOR Mark McClellan

Associate Pastors of Worship: Contemporary Service:

Worship Leader Lisa Jauch Audio/Visual Leaders Sheryl Sawyers

Traditional Service:

Worship Leader Jayne Ackley

Audio/Visual Leaders Robyn Meyer/Sheryl Sawyers

Associate Pastor of Fellowship: Glenn Kreuscher

Greeter Team Ralph Wineman Women's Fellowship Jean Hedrich Adult Fellowship Glenn Kreuscher

Associate Pastor of Discipleship: Bill Howard

Associate Pastor of Service: Linda Meyer

Church Directory

Community Care

Community Service Outreach

Crisis Center Support

Military

Jean Hedrich

Linda Meyer

Linda Meyer

Linda Meyer

Robyn Meyer

Outreach International Jim and Barbara Wertz

Pastoral Care Jean Hedrich

Associate Pastor of Outreach: Kate Kent

Young Peacemaker's Club John and Kate Kent

Associate Pastor of Youth: Nancy McClellan

Associate Pastor of Support: John Kent

CFO (appointed position)

John Kent

Auditors Sheryl Sawyers and Lisa Jauch

Lisa Jauch
Secretary
Lisa Jauch
Missionary Coordinator
Cloyd Dowell
Communications CMC
Web Design
Bill Howard

Residence General Manda McClaller

Building Committee Mark McClellan,

Pastor

John Kent, CFO Bill Hedrich Jean Hedrich Bill Howard

Sustain (appointments made by World church or Mission Center)

Historian Sheryl Sawyers Recorder Jean Hedrich

ELGIN COMMUNITY OF CHRIST

2016 STATISTICS

Beginning Membership – information unavailable

Ending Membership – information unavailable

Withdrawals- none

Transfers Out-none

New Attendees- Daisy Perez and family

Baptisms – none

Confirmations-none

Weddings- none

Ordinations-Lisa Jauch to the office of Priest and Katherine Ackley to the office of Deacon

Deaths- none

Births- none

Blessings-none

WORSHIP MINISTRY

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

- The Traditional worship service begins at 9:00 a.m. with traditional hymns by a pianist or recordings, inspiring sermons from the pulpit, ministry of music, prayers and scripture lessons.
- Church school classes begin at 10:15 a.m. for ages Nursery through Adult. Classes help the members grow in their relationship with Christ and one another through study and fellowship.
- The Contemporary worship service begins at 11:15 a.m. with AV praise music followed by dramas, videos, prayer, teaching, preaching and fellowship using less formal approaches in worship.
- Effective in September, the worship schedule was revised to the schedule on page 2, with a Contemporary worship service once a month on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

• Music plays an important part of worship in the Elgin congregation. We have truly talented musicians who use their talents to provide praise and worship music to help bring us closer to God. A pianist may support the worship by playing while we gather in the sanctuary and for meditation. When available, they also accompany the hymns as we joyfully praise the Lord in song. We often have instrumental music as well as volunteer soloists, both young and young at heart. The Contemporary worship service uses more recorded music from CD's or DVD's to praise, worship, or show commitment to God. Our audio/visual teams add to our services with recorded songs and video presentations.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

- Our Sunday school program begins in September and runs through May. Sunday school classes for the new year began on September 11, 2016.
- Sunday school classes this year were organized as:
 - Nursery-Preschool Class is available on a weekly basis as needed but has no children on the class roll.
 - o Primary-Junior Class (Kindergarten thru 5th grade) Teacher Linda Meyer
 - Junior High Class (6th thru 8th grade) Teachers Sheryl Sawyers and Mark McClellan
 - o Senior High Class (9th thru 12th grade) Teacher Nancy McClellan
 - Adult Class Teacher Bill Howard
- The Primary/Junior and Junior High Class is using Seasons of the Spirit with themes and lessons which line up with the focus of the Sunday worship services.
- The Senior High Class used Rob Bell's Nooma series of videos for class discussion.

JUNIOR CHURCH

• At the end of September, we began holding Junior Church for ages 6-11 during the morning worship, excluding Communion Sunday.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

- The Contemporary worship ministries focus on prayer and intimacy with God and others in our church family.
- We allow ourselves to go where the spirit leads us; whether it be a personal need for prayer or perhaps sharing a testimony.
- We are using the Community of Christ lectionary-based worship resources and themes to guide our worship services, but presiders are encouraged to choose whatever elements they feel will be most beneficial in meeting the spiritual needs of the congregation.
- People of all ages are involved in leading praise, praying, reading scripture, drama, ministry of music, planning and presiding over worship and even preaching!

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

- The Traditional worship service has again done an excellent job bringing in guest speakers to provide a diversity of ideas in worship and fellowship with the congregation. Priesthood, members, and friends have freely accepted and served, providing exceptional spirit filled services.
- The Traditional worship service uses the Bible, Book of Mormon, and Doctrine & Covenants, as authorized by The Community of Christ Church, along with testimonies of how Jesus Christ, our Savior, has influenced our lives.
- The Traditional worship service encourages each of us to reach out to the community where we live, work, and play to share our testimonies and our love for each other. With a willingness to serve our Heavenly Father, each member and friend(s) attending has felt the Holy Spirit encouraging them to study and witness with everyone they come in contact.

LEADERSHIP MEETINGS

- In mid-2016, Leading Congregations in Mission transitioned into quarterly Congregation Leadership Meetings. We kept the same meeting format. In general the sharing that occurred during the brief worship created a positive spirit in which to discuss what we were doing as the Community of Christ and what we wanted to do. The meetings included worship, reports from Associate pastors, ongoing ministries, concerns, upcoming events (Kid's Kamp, Sunday school classes, Easter and Christmas planning) worship schedules, Young Peacemaker's Club, etc.
- In September 2016, we moved the Contemporary Worship from Sunday morning to monthly on Wednesday nights. Many worried this would end a worship tradition which was meaningful to all who participated. These worships ministered to some seeking a deeper relationship with Christ and others not available on Sunday morning.
- In October 2016, we added Coffee Night at a local Panera restaurant on Wednesdays in which we weren't having a Contemporary Worship. Although we enjoyed getting together, during the Thanksgiving/Christmas Holiday Season, we decided to stop the Coffee Night.
- The leadership group remained steady and supportive of one another and the ministry of Christ. Pastoral Care was added as a separate associate pastor as the team recognized that Jean Hedrich, asked to be Associate Pastor of Pastoral Care was performing this ministry and needed to participate more fully with the leadership team.

BUSINESS MEETINGS

- A special branch business meeting was held on January 31 to consider and sustain three priesthood calls:
 - Janet Bollow to the office of Deacon

- Lisa Jauch to the office of Priest
- John Kent to the office of Elder
- Our fall business meeting was held on Oct. 9th to approve congregational leadership for 2017 and review and approve the budget.

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

- The purpose of this group is to discover and magnify the divine purpose of each woman through study, fellowship and service. We study scriptures from the Bible but also, we share with our Christian sisters praise reports, prayer requests and the many concerns of our lives. We pray together, laugh together, and sometimes cry together. We share the love of Jesus Christ. Membership is made up of all the women in the Elgin congregation. The Women's Leader is Jean Hedrich. Linda Meyer is Secretary and the Treasurer is Barbara Wertz. The Women's Fellowship meets in a member's home on the second Thursday of each month from April through December at 7:15 p.m. The meetings consist of prayer, study, church business, refreshments and fellowship. The women share by taking turns teaching the lesson for each month.
- Our study this year was the book, "Why Keep Praying When You Don't See Results" by Robert Morris.
- A collection is taken at each monthly meeting so we are able to fund activities and to buy needed items. Our Treasurer, Barbara Wertz, reported in November, 2016 that we had \$1,946.77 in our account.
- Our Women's Fellowship purchased Easter lilies which were used to decorate the church for the Easter season. We were also in charge of the special Easter breakfast. Many members and visitors enjoyed a delicious meal.
- Sylvia Elrod collected RADA Cutlery orders for our fundraiser in which our profit was \$150.00.
- Per the suggestion of our Women's Fellowship leader, Jean Hedrich, we decided to clean out and organize the church kitchen and clean out the refrigerators. On May 17, several women gathered in the kitchen at 10:00 a.m., went out to lunch and returned in the afternoon to finish the job by 2:00 p.m.
- The annual summer meal out was held at Biaggios Restaurant in Algonquin on June 9th.
- At our November meeting, we decided to purchase Christmas gifts for Daisy Perez and her family of six children. In the past, we have shared in a grab-bag gift exchange for each other. We set a limit of \$25.00 for each child and a \$25.00 gift card for Daisy. Linda Meyer took care of having each person draw a name for one of the family members from the Perez family.
- A special Christmas meeting was held in Jean Hedrich's home in December. The women enjoyed a delicious meal where everyone brought a dish to pass followed by a Christmas worship and sharing our gifts with Daisy Perez.

COFFEE HOUSE GROUP

• At the end of September, we began meeting for fellowship and coffee on Wednesday evenings at the Panera in Hoffman Estates.

SPECIAL FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

- The Elgin Saints have a rich tradition of fellowship activities. One of the ways to honor this tradition is by enjoying a meal or dessert following worship services or other celebrations. While many individuals in our congregation help with these activities, Jean Hedrich was instrumental in organizing many of the meals.
 - Each Sunday, treats are served in the adult Sunday school class. Sylvia Elrod is responsible for scheduling individuals to bring a treat to share.
 - 1/10 Pancake breakfast during Contemporary worship
 - 2/21 Soup Sunday during Contemporary worship
 - Feb many members went to see Katherine Ackley in Streamwood High School's performance of "The Wizard of Oz"
 - 3/25 Good Friday service led by Sheryl Sawyers
 - 3/27 Easter Sunday was full of worship experiences with the 9:00 a.m. "Son-Rise" service, followed by a delicious Easter breakfast and Easter egg hunt for our youth. The combined worship service was moving and inspirational with Seventy Gary Elrod as guest speaker.
 - 4/10 Contemporary worship participants cut out shoe patterns for Sole Hope.
 - 7/10 Jim and Barbara Wertz renewed their vows in recognition of their 60th wedding anniversary. Cloyd Dowell officiated and many members and Wertz family members were in attendance for the ceremony and reception following.
 - 8/14 The congregation shared in the ordination of Katherine Ackley to the office of Deacon during the morning worship. We also offered special prayers for our college students embarking on a new school year. A potluck meal was held after the service.
 - 9/21 the congregation celebrated the ordination of Lisa Jauch to the office of Priest during the Contemporary Worship service.
 - 11/16 Taco soup dinner prior to the Contemporary worship service.
 - 12/18 Members of all ages, including some of our YPC youth, shared their talents at a Christmas Talent Show. Kevin and Michelle Henrickson emceed the event and Kevin led the congregation in Christmas caroling. Afterwards, Christmas cookies and snacks were served in the Fellowship Hall. A great evening of worship, fun and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

WELCOMING MINISTRY

Elgin congregation is blessed when first-time visitors come to worship with us.
 Jean Hedrich sends notes to our visitors to thank them and to let them know that

their presence was truly appreciated and encourages them to worship with us again.

GREETER TEAM

• The Elgin congregation has developed a ministry of welcome for all who enter into our house of worship. Warm genuine Christian hospitality is offered by Greeters to all who join us for fellowship, whether a new visitor or a long-time member. The Greeter stationed at the church door welcomes visitors and regular attendees with a smile, answers questions and offers kind words. Ralph Wineman is instrumental in the success of this ministry.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP

- The adult fellowship is a vibrant and active ministry. This well planned and attended ministry consisted of social activities that teach about God and glorify His name through fellowship with friends and others. Glenn Kreuscher has taken the responsibility of organizing these activities.
 - 2/14- Elgin Symphony presented "The Music of Rodgers and Hammerstein at the Hemmens Auditorium. The group went to a local restaurant after the performance.
 - 4/17-a group went to see "West Side Story" at the Paramount Theater in Aurora to show support for Tiffany Krause who danced in the production.
 - 10/28 Halloween Costume Party for all ages including "Trunk or Treat" for the kids.

OUTREACH MINISTRY

YOUNG PEACEMAKER'S CLUB

• Young Peacemaker's Club started 2016 with a meeting in January at the church. Meeting once or twice a month there has been an increase of children and even their parents attending the activities. The activities and themes were interesting and varied this year.



- January 23 Random Acts of Kindness
- o Feb 13 Expressing the rhythm of our hearts-Drum circle
- Feb 27 Get in touch with your emotions
- March 12 Inner healing: Self communication & Discovery

- April 9 Outreach Service Projects: Helping others
- o April 23 Sharing Peace & Kindness from within
- May 7 Growing together in peace, trust, and harmony
- o July 30 Mid-summer family party and campfire.
- Sept 17 Nutrition
- Oct 15 Affirming our thoughts
- Nov 12 Acknowledging our fears, expressing our true colors
- Dec 10 Celebrating the holidays together
- YPC participated again this year at Streamwood Summer Festival on July 29-31st.
 We had a table promoting Community of Christ's youth program/Sunday school and our YPC classes.
- We are members of the Streamwood and Elgin Chamber of Commerce now. We attend events for networking and send out eblasts (promotion flyers for YPC) to members of the chamber and have received new inquiries from these emails.

ELGIN LOVE DAY

 This year our branch again joined together with other local churches to support Love Elgin Day in September and April. This is an outreach to bless families and individuals who need physical resources and spiritual encouragement. Hundreds

of churches, schools, businesses and individuals partnered with donations of food, clothing, and money as well as time to the community. Community families were invited and over 2000 came to receive food, clothing, personal prayer, professional services, medical and dental attention, legal counsel, biblical materials and the Gospel message. It was an all-out-effort, an all-hands-on-deck



affair to give help and hope to those who most need it. This spring and fall, our Young Peacemaker's Club had a table. We have picked up many new YPC members from this event and feel it is a worthwhile activity in which to participate.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

• On Sunday, November 13th, members of the congregation visited Heritage Woods nursing home to share gifts of music and caring with the residents in a sing-along activity.

SERVICE MINISTRY

LOVE BOXES

• Thanks to all who contributed to our Love Boxes. Twelve boxes were sent out filled to the brim to our college students in time for Valentine's Day. Linda Meyer organized this much appreciated ministry.

MILITARY OUTREACH

 In May, Robyn and Linda Meyer collected items to send care packages for our military men and women. A total of \$250 worth of items were donated to an organization called "Support our Troops" in Naperville.

PASTORAL CARE

• When our members are ill and hospitalized, they are visited by our priesthood and a get-well card and flowers are brought to them to brighten their day and to remind them that our healing prayers are being offered. Limited home visiting is part of this ministry also.

LEADERSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

 Jean Hedrich is responsible for updating the Elgin Congregation Directory which is made available to all members and friends who attend our congregation on a regular basis.

HELPING OUR COMMUNITY

- During March Linda Meyer organized and collected various toys and candy suitable for Easter baskets. Our Sunday school classes helped fill the baskets on Palm Sunday. The baskets were delivered to the Elgin Crisis Center after church on Palm Sunday.
- Our congregation gave generously to a food drive to help a struggling family in our congregation in July and continued into September.
- Especially during the Christmas season our congregation helps to provide spiritual and financial support for needy church families through their generous giving. This year we were able to help four families with a monetary Christmas gift (totaling \$770).

OUTREACH INTERNATIONAL

• Our congregation contributes to Outreach International to support sustainable goods for children and their families living in poverty. Loose change is collected for this special "Hut Offering" on the first Sunday of every month. Barbara and Jim Wertz organize this collection. Donations from two pancake breakfasts were also included this year. In total, our donation to the primary Schools in Haiti, through Outreach International, was \$817.63.

CAMP QUARRYLEDGE SUPPORT

• A special collection to support Camp Quarryledge is taken each month that has a 5th Sunday in it. Our CFO reported that \$2,984.75 was collected throughout the year.

YOUTH MINISTRY

JUNIOR CHURCH

• We began having Jr. Church in September for youth ages 6-11 on all but the 1st Sunday of the month during the morning worship.

DISCOVERING NEW FRIENDS, FELLOWSHIP AND FAITH

- Our youth are the future leaders of not only our church but of the world. Our
 mission is to equip children and youth for the journey. Associate Pastor of Youth
 Nancy McClellan and the youth team planned activities in their pursuit to serve
 God and others in our local community, and to reach out to connect with God's
 love. Various activities were held in the Elgin congregation and with the Chicago
 Mission Center for our youth and their friends:
 - 2/14 Love Boxes to our college students
 - o 2/27-2/28 Jr Hi/Sr Hi Retreat at Camp Quarryledge
 - o 4/23 Youth Talent Show and Lock-in for 6th graders and up
 - 4/24 Pancake breakfast
 - 8/6 Family Fun day for Primary/Juniors on Aug 6th
 - 8/7 Water Park Visit
 - o 8/21- Laser Tag at LazerMaxx in Elgin
 - o 10/8- MC Youth Retreat
 - o 12/18- "Bring Your Gifts to the King" Christmas Talent Program
 - o 12/29 Jr Hi/Sr Hi Yuletide Retreat at Camp Quarryledge

MINISTRY OF SUPPORT

OFFICERS

- The CFO for Elgin congregation is an appointed position within the Chicago Mission Center. Once appointed, the CFO then receives a sustaining vote by the congregation. John Kent serves in this position for our congregation. His responsibilities include contribution processing, oblation requests, creating financial reports, and reporting to auditors. Additional duties may include managing the branch finances/checkbook/paying bills, creating budgets, negotiating and signing contracts, hiring people, building committee, and fund raising projects. He works closely with both the pastor and the Mission Center CFO to achieve the financial goals of the congregation.
- Lisa Jauch and Sheryl Sawyers are the Elgin congregation Auditors. The general purpose of the audit is to validate the correctness of the Chief Financial Officer. They validate the contributions reported on the tax forms to the deposit made to the bank. In addition, they look at all large dollar expenses to check

for back-up indicating the proper amount was paid for product or for work performed for the church. They also check several smaller payables to confirm they were recorded against the proper line item in the budget. Once they have been satisfied the profit and loss statement and the bank statements are correct, then they issue a brief report to World Church indicating the work they performed and our statement that the Elgin Congregation's books are in order.

- Serving as both Librarian and Secretary was Lisa Jauch. The position of Secretary requires Lisa to take accurate minutes at each congregational business meeting. These minutes are read and approved at the following meeting. As Librarian, she takes the time to periodically organize the books if they are misfiled. She also purchases new books that would be beneficial to the congregation.
- Bill Howard has designed our Elgin congregation web page and updates it as needed. It is found at www.bymyspirit.us/elgin.
- Jean Hedrich serves as the Recorder and is responsible for the accurate reporting of congregational statistics such as births, ordinations, withdrawals, blessings, deaths, and transfers in and out.
- The Historian is Janet Bollow who tells the story of persons, events and developments in the life of the congregation and submits the congregational history to the World Church.

CHICAGO MISSION CENTER

The Chicago Mission Center

- Nine Community of Christ congregations in the greater Chicago area make up the Chicago Mission Center. Their mission is to proclaim Jesus Christ and promote communities of Joy, Hope, Love, and Peace. Blake Smith currently serves as our Mission Center President and Financial Officer. His two Counselors are Madison Parker and John Kent. The mission center provides youth ministry and opportunities for fellowship, spiritual growth, and ministerial training for all the congregations as well as Camp Quarryledge. Numerous opportunities for fellowship with Christ and our brothers and sisters were provided through various activities.
- The Elgin Congregation hosted Temple School Priesthood classes:
 - Introduction to Scriptures Feb
 - Ministry of the Deacon, Ministry of the Priest, Ministry of the Elder April and May

o 2016 ELGIN CONGREGATION BUDGET

CATEGORY	2013 audited	2014 audited	2015 audit	2016 pass	2017 proposed	
NCOME						
- From Congregation	50,780	54,666	62902			
Rada Fundraiser	9					
- From Oblation		1050				
YPC Reimbursement	3,834	4132	5000			
Dedicated Donations	29,000	14,728				
From Gift Card Sales	665	567	535			
Other income-refund						
Outside Rental Events	200	350				
Income Total	84,319	75,493				
Contributions to Other Funds	0.,0.0	. 0, .00				
Camp Quarryledge	316	260	2051			
Chicago Mission Ctr Outreach Endowment	560	440	40			
World Church	10,789	14,015	19601			
	10,709	14,013	19001			
TOTALS:						
NCOME TO ELGIN BUDGET:	\$83,821	90,208	90129			
MISSION CENTER SUPPORT	\$3,600	4,000	4000	6000	6000	
SUPPORT / ADMINISTRATIVE						
ADMINISTRATIVE		0	0	100	100	
LEADERSHIP:						
COMMUNICATION						
** Hearld in Every Home Program	\$743	683	665	720	700	
New Hymnals	\$1,772	0				
LIBRARY	0	0	102	200	200	
TOTALS:	6,115	4,683	4665	7020	7000	
MINISTRIES						
WORSHIP	1839	3989	1035	2000	2000	
FELLOWSHIP	512	448	490	1000	1000	
DISCIPLESHIP	E00	0	230	700	700	
DISCIPLESHIP	590	U	230	700	700	
OUTREACH	0	94	130	1000	1000	
SERVICE	446	50	0	700	700	
VALUE II	1007	2010	0.110	0.500	2222	
YOUTH	1367	3018	2410	2500	3000	
MISSIONARY TEAM				1000		
YOUNG PEACEMAKERS CLUB	3,834	4,095	4797	5000	5000	
TOTALS:	9,773	11,694	13,757	14900	13,400	
FACILITY/MAINTENANCE						
CLEANING		0	1778		2000	
SNOW PLOWING	893	2,522	1630		2000	
SUPPLIES	668	943	582		500	
WASTE MANAGEMENT	1500	1,599	1824		2000	
EQMT/REPAIRS	3679	4,546	4014		6000	
NSURANCE	9415	9,560	9397		9600	
JTILITIES	8471	9,741	9457	16000	16000	
parking lot	29000	3,200		3200	3200	
TOTALS:	53,626	32,111	28682	40400	41300	
	55,525	<u>52,111</u>	20002	10400	. 1000	
RESERVES/SPEC MINISTRY						
TRANSFER TO AIP FUND	0	0	1000	4000	5000	
TOTALS:						