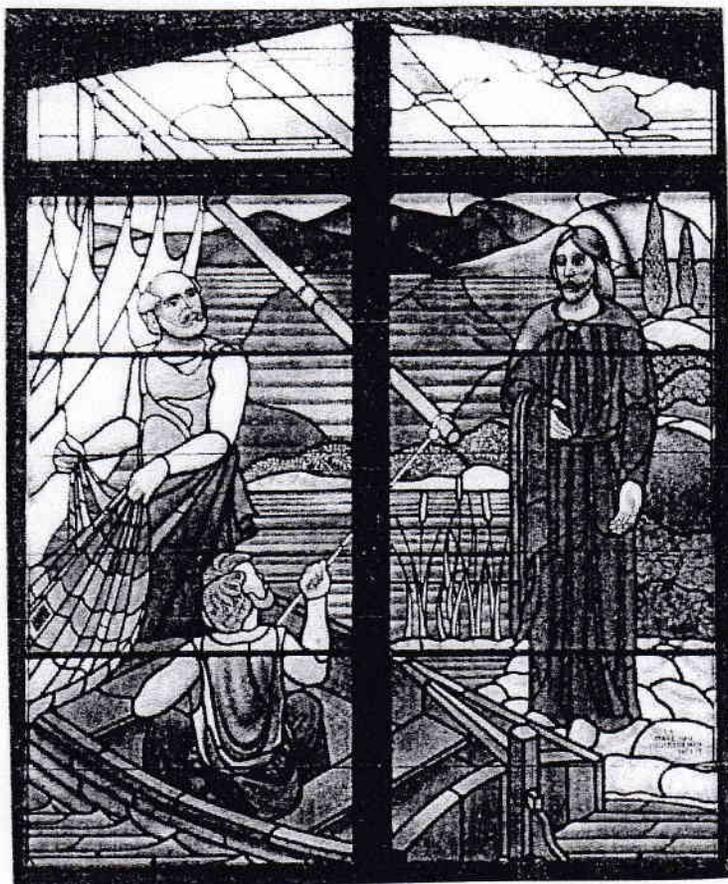


ANNUAL REPORT

2018



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FAITH FREEDOM FELLOWSHIP

Pastor's Annual Report 2018

By The Rev. Dr. Shawn P. Stapleton

I must admit that I am astounded by how blessed we have been as a congregation this past year. Our fellowship has grown steadily, and our love for one another has grown deeper and more profound. God has truly shined His light on our fellowship, and that light is beginning to draw others, who want to see what all the fuss is about.

I am deeply grateful to Jerry Zwaga and his incredible leadership. Jerry's generous spirit and open heart exemplifies what this fellowship is all about. Now, Art Davis has taken the helm as Chair of the Board of Deacons, and he has also shown what love and faith look like in the leadership roles of our church. Nancy Homadue has been an amazing treasurer and kept our finances in order, despite her trepidation at the start of her appointment. Sue Johnston, Kay Ringley, Peg Browne – all have been incredible leaders and disciples, and make the life and worship of this fellowship heavenly. As I part-time pastor, I can't tell you how invaluable these people have been to me.

This year we are officially starting a lay ministry visitation program, featuring Don Beck and Jerry Zwaga. These men will be available for your needs, and if I am needed for a pastoral call, they will alert me to that need. They will see members in the hospital (at least those who desire a visit), in the nursing homes and rehabilitation centers in the region, and in your homes as needed. I am so grateful to both of these men of God, who feel the call to serve in such a personal way!

Let me conclude by saying what an honor it is to be your pastor. I look forward to continuing this journey together! God bless you all!

DEACONS' ANNUAL REPORT

2017

This year has been a joyous year for our beloved church. In this report I will cover accomplishments and changes for 2017.

The Board of Deacons is your representative body as well as servants of the church. They are responsible for the church's day to day operation which includes, among other things, hiring personnel and the overseeing of the church finances.

In January of this year Rev. Stapleton was formally installed as our pastor, spiritual leader, and member of the congregation. Jayne Donelan continued her work as our church ambassador. Her role has become invaluable as another resource for the members. In December, Carlene Sproul and Dave Unsworth were voted on to the Board of Deacons by the congregation. Finally, the Board hired a lawn service to ease some of the work load for the men of the church. For the most part Art Davis, Charlie Homadue, and Howard Messenger had taken on this responsibility in the past.

Financially, we have come a long way since 2016. The transition from a fulltime pastor to a part-time position has helped tremendously. Thanks to today's technology, Shawn is readily available. Even though he has a full time job in Tampa he carries out his ministerial duties seamlessly.

There have been some changes incorporated this year. We have formalized the membership process with an effort to help new members better understand our mission. Our mission is governed by our belief in our Congregational Covenant. Shawn has helped us all to better understand this underpinning of our denomination. Bible study has continued through the efforts of Wick Taylor and Pastor Shawn.

Our Outreach missions continue to sponsor The Path and CUB. We have also given support to the Family of Hope Pregnancy Center in Dunnellon. We should always look for other opportunities to enhance our missions.

This report covers only a portion of the work done by your Deacons. They are a remarkable group of dedicated Christians.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Zwaga

TRUSTEES REPORT - 2017

During the past year, the maintenance of the church and fellowship hall have been completed with the following additional services provided:

- Obtained a contract to maintain the lawn and grounds
- Repair of roof leaks
- Replaced outside lights and changed all sanctuary lights to LED lights
- Trees damaged from storms have been cut down and removed
- Outside walls of the church and doors have been repainted as needed
- All the door locks in the church and fellowship hall have been changed to be self locking
- The shed has been moved to be closer to the Chapel in the Pines
- Two items currently being reviewed are a new oven for the kitchen and coating the driveway surface

Bill Browne, Chairman

Trustee Committee

CHOIR REPORT - 2017

The choir has had four new anthems added this year with a variety of different styles of music which the choir has enjoyed singing and the congregation listening to as well.

There have been beautiful solos, duets, piano and organ solos during the year with special music for the Christmas season. Two new singers joined the choir for the Christmas program which was a delight to all of us.

We maintain our enthusiastic approach and love of music always.

Peg Browne

Choir Director

3rd Saturday Suppers

Throughout 2017 we held 7 suppers. They succeeded due to the efforts of the following individuals and groups: Ray Ricca, Women's Fellowship, Hospitality, Deacons, Trustees and an ad hoc committee for our last dinner. We collected \$2,907.

In 2018 we are reducing the number of suppers. Our first one will be a murder mystery on April 21. Ray Ricca has volunteered to lead the food effort with Chicken Parmesan, pasta and salad. Thanks, Ray.

I need volunteers, either individuals or groups to step up to the "plate" and agree to host a dinner. Thank you all for working on our 3rd Saturday suppers.

I can be reached at 352-229-0377.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Zwaga

HOSPITALITY

The hospitality committee is responsible for organizing coffee fellowship held on the last Sunday of each month. It is also our job to ensure the kitchen has sufficient supplies. In 2017 the committee included Carolyn Zwaga, chairperson; Carol Baadte, Donna Carpenter and Ruthie Halstead. Nancy Banta took charge of beautifying Fellowship Hall with her table decorations.

Throughout the year we continued our "themed" pot luck luncheons. We plan to continue themed luncheons in 2018, as they still seem to be enjoyed by everyone.

Monetary donations come in two ways: from your generous donations into the donation can on fellowship Sunday and \$20.00 each month from the 3rd Saturday suppers. In 2017 we received donations of \$462.00. With this money we purchased kitchens supplies, ham, etc. Our total expenses for 2017 were \$603.54. Thank you so much for your continued support.

We would be remiss if we did not thank ***all of you*** for your donation of time in assisting the Hospitality Committee. From the people who clean up the tables to those who wash dishes, sincerely, we thank you. It makes our job easier.

We look forward to another successful year.

Respectfully submitted,

Your Hospitality Committee

Carol Baadte

Donna Carpenter

Ruthie Halstead

Carolyn Zwaga

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Another year has passed and we have been busy helping those in need and our church.

We have had several fund raisers. We baked pies for Thanksgiving. It was a great success. We are doing a no-bake sale the month of February. Our speakers have all been informative and enlightening. We gave gift cards to the children of the Covenant House and enjoyed their Christmas Luncheon to thank the community for their support. We collected large amounts of blankets and other bed-clothes for Missions of Citrus - a homeless shelter for veterans and other homeless people. They were so grateful to get these items.

I am grateful for all the ladies that I've so much to help those in need. Thank you all so much. It has been a wonderful two years to have worked with you all. It makes my heart so full of love to know I can always count on all of you. It is God's work we do in this Fellowship and we do it to the best of our ability.

Thank you and we will keep doing for this church and our community. God Bless you all!

Carol Baadte, President

LIBRARY

Thank you everyone for your donations this year to our Library. We have had 65 books donated. Our readers have a good variety to chose from: new/old, fiction/non-fiction, biographies, resource books for Bible study. We try to recycle books as needed. Hope everyone takes time out to relax and read a book.

Your Librarians,

Delores Richards and Gretchen Gaumann

CHURCH AMBASSADOR

Be it known that the entire church family has "backed me to the hilt." They have furnished me with note paper and cards. The deacons bought me a roll of stamps and I do not/am not asking for more. My "gifts" have been: three boxes of stationary and envelopes - \$70 and an unknown quantity of stamps since I use some for personal mail. On average, I mail 18-24 letters/notes each week. I love my "job." I can truly see where it is a niche in the work of the faithful that is much appreciated. All the phone calls are treated by me as confidential. However, I have received no complaints for anything for the entire year. So the deacons, trustees, the pastor, choir, organist an all of us are doing well. Thanks for the job. God Bless you all!

Jayne Donelan, Church Ambassador