



Sewickley Presbyterian Church
LIVE • GROW • SERVE

2017 ANNUAL REPORT



We aspire to be a CHURCH
where the GOSPEL of Jesus Christ is
FAITHFULLY PROCLAIMED and FAITHFULLY LIVED
in grateful response to God's love.



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Fun Facts from 2017



From our Pastor



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Enclosed you will find the Annual Report for the year 2017. It was yet another great year at Sewickley Presbyterian Church. We continue to have a wonderful staff, something we can easily take for granted. It was a special joy to celebrate Craig Dobbins' 30th anniversary as our Director of Music Ministries. One of the other highlights of the year was welcoming Jeremy Fisher as our new worship leader for the 9 AM service. He has done a marvelous job working with Arise, Shine, bringing energy, a deep faith, and extraordinary talent to our congregation. The jazz Sunday that Jeremy led with three other jazz musicians in November was a special treat. We are also grateful for the ministry of Tricia Mack who served capably as our Interim Music Associate.

As a congregation, we are enormously blessed to be able to bring in special guests to our church. It was a great privilege for me to host my former teacher, the Rev. Dr. M. Craig Barnes, President of Princeton Seminary, as our Campbell Preacher in April. In October, we also got to enjoy an entire month of Stoner Speakers: Dr. Shane Berg from Princeton Seminary, Dr. Scott Hagley from Pittsburgh Seminary, and Rev. Dr. Hunter Farrell from World Mission Initiative. It was also a joy to welcome back the Rev. Dr. Victor Makari, our mission partner in Palestine, as our Woods Missionary in Residence in July. We are so grateful for the generous gifts given to our church that make those possible.

Our congregation continued to engage enthusiastically in the mission of Jesus Christ, both locally and internationally. We took trips back to the North Side of Pittsburgh (Middle School), Buckhannon, WV (High School youth and adults) as well as the Dominican Republic, serving the poor in the name of Jesus. We continued to make an enormous impact locally in many places, but especially at the Center for Hope, not only in terms of financial support but also in the time and talents of our members. Day on the Lawn was again a titanic success, raising another record amount for mission in one day.

As your pastor, I want to thank each one of you whose faithfulness and generosity helped us have another wonderful year at SPC as we continue to live into our vision of being a church where the Gospel of Jesus Christ is faithfully proclaimed and faithfully lived in grateful response to God's love. I am so grateful to serve such a wonderful and generous congregation where the Holy Spirit is alive and well. Thank you for allowing me to be your pastor.

In Christ,

Rev. Kevin Long



Living as a church family



Activities and Events

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

- Lenten Soup Suppers
- Simple Gifts Music Ensemble
- Yoga Classes
- Youth Sunday
- Pasta Family Dinner
- Mardi Gras Pancake Celebration
- Youth Bowling
- Super Bowl Party
- Founders' Day
- Choir Lite
- William Oliver Campbell Weekend
- Good Friday Worship Service
- Egg Dyeing Party
- Palm Sunday Egg Hunt
- Easter Brunch
- Mexican Family Dinner
- Officers' Retreat
- Adult Progressive Dinner
- Club 345
- Middle School Lock-In
- Blanket Sunday
- Word Sung
- Middle School Pool Party
- Memorial Day Parade
- Confirmation Luncheon
- All-Church Picnic
- Self-Defense Class
- Youth Progressive Dinner
- Summer Lawn Receptions
- Backpacks in July
- Vacation Bible School
- SPC Clean-Up Day
- Montreat Music Conference
- Surf City (Middle School Trip)
- Family Fall Festival
- Chapel Organ Dedication & Concert
- Youth Tailgate & Bubble Soccer Party
- Youth Laser Tag
- Trick or Treat at the Faith House
- Jazz Concert with Jeremy Fisher
- Reformation Anniversary Choir Trip to Scotland
- All-Youth Bonfire
- Thanks4Giving
- Women's Retreat
- Laurelville Retreats (Middle & High School)
- Christmas Pageant
- Youth Christmas Party
- Christmas Caroling
- Advent Lessons & Carols Service
- Light in the Darkness Service

MISSION TRIPS

- Dominican Republic | 38 teens/adults attended
- Buckhannon, WV | 27 teens/adults attended
- Pittsburgh Project | 9 teens attended

FACILITY USE BY OTHERS

- Alcoholics Anonymous | Al-Anon | Nar-Anon
- Overeaters Anonymous | Baccalaureate
- Book Club | Boys Scouts of America
- Leadership Renewal Project-Pastors Group
- LoveFeast by Wake Forest University
- Narcotics Anonymous
- Samaritan Counseling Center
- Sewickley Music Club
- Village Garden Club

Growing as Disciples



SPC KIDS

Preschool - 3rd Grade

- *Dwell* curriculum from Faith Alive

4th & 5th Grade

- *Deep Blue Kids* curriculum

Teachers

- Kari Miller, Carrie Bednarski, Rebecca Long, Matt Doebler, Mike Szuba, Jeff Getty, Bill Sutherland



YOUTH

Middle School

- The Bible Project: Genesis
- The Parables

High School

- *For the Life of the World* series
- The Bible Project: John

Confirmation

- Core tenants of the Christian faith, truth of scripture, the Church, the Trinity, discipleship

Teachers

- Jenna Stevenson, Andrew Birnie, Bridgett Bates, Matt Braksick, Tom Szuba, Kori Iverson, Dave Weicht, Tim & Devon Murdoch, Kim Safran



ADULTS



Rev. Dr. Ed Glover



Rev. Dr. Barnes & Rev. Long



Dr. Duffy Roberts



Knitting for Mission

Sunday School

C.S. Lewis Series

Dr. Bill Witt & Suzanne Free

Protestant Reformation

Rev. Derek Davenport focusing on Luther & Karlstadt

Paul, the Apostle

The Call: The Life & Message of the Apostle Paul video

Frank Stoner Mission Series

Faith Outside the Church with Dr. Shane Berg

The Missionary God with Dr. Scott Hagley

Partnership Rather than Project with Rev. Dr. Hunter Farrell

Israel/Palestine Trip Review

By church members

Work (formerly Team Tassy)

Relationship & support with individuals in Haiti

Social Justice

Confession of Belhar by members of the Pittsburgh Presbytery

Special Events

Parental Guidance Series

Rev. Brian Wallace & Dr. Duffy Roberts

Lenten Soup Suppers

Arts Revenge with Rev. Derek Davenport

Mission Fair

Guest Preachers

Rev. Dr. Angela Hancock, *PTS

Dr. Duffy Robbins, Eastern University

Rev. Dr. Craig Barnes, **PTS

Rev. Dr. Ed Glover, Urban Impact

Rev. Dr. Victor Makari, Missionary

Rev. Brian Wallace, PP

Dr. Shane Berg, **PTS

Rev. Derek Davenport, *PTS

*PTS: Pittsburgh Seminary, PP: Pittsburgh Presbytery, ** PTS: Princeton Seminary

Groups

Koinonia

Bible Basics

Knitting for Mission

Men's Breakfast

Journeymen

ReGroup Prayer meetings

Men's Huddle

Men's Prayer Group

C.S. Lewis Mere Christianity Group

Serving in God's Mission

we supported

63 Organizations & Individuals

and gave

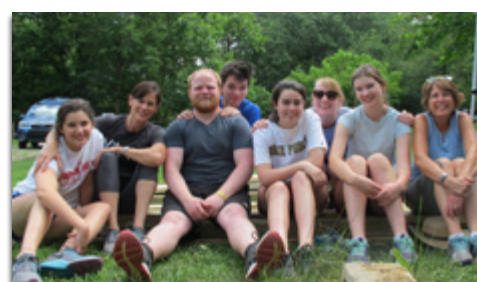
\$230,432

to support their efforts:

Action in Education: Honduras
Amigos
Bethlehem Haven
Blanket Sunday
Blessings in a Backpack
The Blessing Board
Brother's Brother Foundation
Camp Crestfield
Camp/Mission Scholarships
Campbell Scholarships
Center for Hope
Christmas Food Baskets
Christmas Offering
Citikidz
Crossroads Men's Shelter
Czech Republic
Dar Al-Kalima School, Bethlehem
Dawsons (Missionaries)
Deep Springs International
Del Rey Ministries
Disaster Assistance: U.S. Wildfires
Faith in Action (YMCA)
Genesis House
Global Links
Greater PGH Community Food Bank
Holt International: Peace House
Hunger Offering
Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, & Maria
Ligonier Camp & Conference Center
Live Like Lou
Locking Arms Mens Ministry
Lydia's Place
Martha Sommers (Missionary)
Meals on Wheels
Medical Benevolence Foundation
Meeting God in Missions
Northside Common Ministries
One Great Hour of Sharing
Peacemaking
PGH International Partnership: Malawi
PGH Presbytery Shared Support
PTS Student Aid
Samaritan Counseling Center
Sojourner House
Tent of Nations
The Ladle
QV Youth Worker
Union Aid Society
Upshur Cooperative Parish House
Urban Impact
Victor Makari (Missionary)
Women's Center & Shelter of PGH
World Mission Initiative
Work (formerly Team Tassy)



Work (formerly Team Tassy), Haiti



Buckhannon, West Virginia



PGH International Partnership:
Malawi



Pittsburgh Project



Dominican Republic



Czech Republic



Victor & Sara Makari
Bethlehem

Financial Stats

OPERATING BUDGET

\$1,756,611

TOTAL INCOME

INCOME

Budgeted Income.....	\$ 1,151,946
Non-Pledged Income.....	\$ 146,876
Miscellaneous Income.....	\$ 457,789

\$1,755,414

TOTAL EXPENSES

EXPENSES

Administrative.....	\$ 116,389
Facilities.....	\$ 269,913
Ministries.....	\$ 178,756
Mission.....	\$ 205,471
Personnel.....	\$ 970,480
Capital Expenses.....	\$ 14,405

MAJOR EMERGENCY REPAIR FUND (MERF)

End of Year Balance..... \$ 191,607

FAITH HOUSE LINE OF CREDIT

End of Year Balance..... \$ 307,905

UNRESTRICTED ENDOWMENT RESERVES

2017 End of Year Balance.....	\$ 4,744,334
4.5% Endowment Draw.....	\$ 201,717
2016 End of Year Balance.....	\$ 4,257,545
4.5% Endowment Draw.....	\$ 206,311

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES

2016

260 pledges
\$ 1,063,347
 average pledge: \$4,090

2017

261 pledges
\$ 1,138,168
 average pledge: \$4,361

Digital Communications

WEBSITE ANALYTICS

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

USERS
 New & returning visitors

SESSIONS
 Total times site was visited for one complete visit

PAGE VIEWS
 # of individual pages viewed per visit. Multiple visits to same page during one session included.

AVG SESSION DURATION
 How long a user spends on a single visit to website

DESKTOP MOBILE TABLET
 Device(s) used for website sessions

Users.....	8,318
Sessions.....	18,009
Page Views.....	60,379
Avg Session Duration.....	00:01:33 sec
Desktop Sessions.....	9,845
Mobile Sessions.....	6,086
Tablet Sessions.....	2,078

TOP 3 VISITED DAYS

Friday, September 8.....	957 visits
Saturday, September 9.....	490 visits
Thursday, September 7.....	416 visits

TOP 10 VISITED PAGES

Rank	Page Name	
1	Home Page.....	14,071
2	Sign Up Here.....	6,611
3	Sunday Morning Worship...	4,914
4	FriendShip Preschool.....	4,076
5	Staff.....	3,457
6	Events.....	2,711
7	Sermons.....	2,205
8	What to Expect.....	2,178
9	Day on the Lawn.....	1,381
10	Youth.....	1,215

WORSHIP SERVICE ACCESS

Live Streaming Listeners.....	1,739
Recorded Sermons/Services.....	5,416

TECHNOLOGY HIGHLIGHT

A video camera was purchased to be used for recording our Adult Education Sunday School classes. The recordings are located online under our Media/Christian Education tab.

SOCIAL MEDIA



Instagram post from November 2, 2017



INSTAGRAM

sewickleypresby

YOUTH MINISTRY INSTAGRAM

spc_youth_ministries



FACEBOOK

Sewickley Presbyterian Church

YOUTH MINISTRY FACEBOOK

spc youth ministries



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Church Staff

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Kevin J. Long, Pastor
Rev. Sarah Bird, Associate Pastor
Rev. Stewart Lawrence, Parish Associate (v)

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Sharon Barber, Assistant to the Pastor
Laura Mikush, Business Administrator
Beth Rom, Volunteer Coordinator (v)
Stephanie Smith, Administrative Assistant

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Brian Mack, Director of Children's Ministries
Rici Brockinson, Childcare Supervisor
Morna Murray, Childcare
Jamie Petro, Childcare
Chelsea Safran, Childcare
Joanna Sarsfield, Childcare
Colleen Sipes, Childcare

COMMUNICATION

Dave Breit, Media Engineer
Jennifer Johnson, Director of Communications

CUSTODIANS

Charles Barnhart
Will Betts
Joey Tomales

FRIENDSHIP PRESCHOOL

Terry Doughty, Teacher
Susan Fox, Teacher
Nancy Frishkorn, Teacher
Jenny Hay, Director of FriendShip Preschool
Gail Hiney, Teacher
Pat Lear, Teacher
Sharon Liberty, Teacher
Marsha Licht, Teacher
Morna Murray, Teacher
Heather Taylor-Martin, Teacher

MUSIC MINISTRY

Carrie Beynon, Children's Choir Director (v)
Ray Blackwell, Bass Soloist
Cosmo Clemens, Tenor Soloist
Carolyn Dietrich, Children's Choir Accompanist (v)
R. Craig Dobbins, Director of Music Ministries
Colin Farley, Tenor Soloist
Jeremy Fisher, 9 AM Worship Leader
Xiu-Ru Liu, Alto Soloist
Tricia Mack, Interim Worship Leader
Anna Singer, Soprano Soloist

YOUTH MINISTRY

Mike Creamer, Director of Youth Ministries
Elizabeth Szuba, Youth Program Coordinator

EMPLOYMENT ANNIVERSARIES

Sharon Barber | 15 Years in March 2017
Raymond Blackwell | 15 Years in March 2017
R. Craig Dobbins | 30 Years in August 2017
Anna Singer | 15 Years in September 2017

NEW HIRE

Jeremy Fisher | Hired in May 2017

(v) denotes volunteer

Church Leadership

SESSION

OFFICERS

Matthew Doeblar, President
Art Bomberger, Vice-President
Jeff Getty, Treasurer
Becky Senior, Secretary/Clerk of Session

MEMBERS

Charlene Beck
Art Bomberger
Matt Braksick
Sandy Cooper
Matthew Doeblar
Lisa Edelman
Jeff Getty
Toby Graham
Mark Grubb
Don Kipke

Rob Leighton
Rick Miller
Nancy Morrissey
Joan Murdoch
Malcolm Nimick
Marc Piccolino
Sally Shipley
Tris Anne Thorne
Susie Wardrop
Rich Weber
Ray White

DEACONS

MEMBERS

Gary Becker
Andrew Birnie
Ron Charles
Melissa Cook
Matt Cooper
Catherine Getty
Diane Glas
Claire Grubb
Ken House
Babe Kinney

Megan Melichar
Paula Motzel
Devon Murdoch
Bob Niklewicz
Elizabeth Szuba
Josh Taylor-Martin
Tina Thomas
Bud Thorne
Liza Thornton
Debbie Tranter
Yvonne Zier

Nominating Committee

MEMBERS

Steffler Balsley
Don Birnie
Matt Braksick
Sandy Cooper - Chair
Kati Doeblar

Rob Leighton
Ed Neese
Beth Rom
Debbie Tranter
Janie Weber
Heather Wiehe

Committees

DISCIPLESHIP & SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Members

Joan Murdoch - Chair, Toby Graham, Nancy Merrill, Stephanie O’Kane, Jane Shadle, Jenna Stevenson

Staff

Rev. Sarah Bird, Mike Creamer, Elizabeth Szuba, Jenny Hay, Brian Mack

Adult Education Sub-Committee

Members

Jane Shadle - Chair, Nancy Bunce, Brad Caldwell, Kathlyn Caldwell, Caryn Doege, Lannie Gartner, Jana Joseph, Randy Pavlinich, Tom Szuba

Staff

Rev. Sarah Bird

Children’s Ministry Sub-Committee

Members

RC Hayden - Chair, Carrie Bednarski - Chair, Carrie Beynon, Sara Hoagland, Rebecca Long, Ashley Miko, Kim Safran

Staff

Jenny Hay, Brian Mack

Youth Sub-Committee

Members

Jenna Stevenson - Chair, Matt Braksick, Mark Gensheimer, Dorothy Getty, Tom Graham

Staff

Mike Creamer, Elizabeth Szuba

2017 Highlights

As of December 2017, we officially concluded our partnership with Ministry Architects. Seven Middle Schoolers attended our first Surf City trip located near Lake Michigan. Thirty Middle and High Schoolers attended Laurelville Retreats.

FriendShip Preschool Sub-Committee

Members

Dawn Borres, Gretchen Burnham, Sara Hoagland, Devon Murdoch, Natasha Schuyler

Staff

Jenny Hay

2017 Highlights

86 preschoolers registered for the 2017-2018 school year

Special events: Summer Camp, Meet & Greet, Chapel Time with Rev. Sarah Bird, Fern Hollow Nature Center, Easter Seals Disability Awareness, Laughlin Center Speech & Hearing evaluations

Field Trips: Sewickley Methodist Church, Fire Station, and Library

FELLOWSHIP & HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Members

Charlene Beck - Chair, Patty Braendle, Pam Charles, Sylvia Dallas, Diane Glas, Nancy Morrissey, Joanna Sarsfield, Becky Senior, Mary Ann Williams

FINANCE

Members

Jeff Getty - Chair, Gary Becker, Keith Boyer, Bob Burnham, Rick Miller, Sally Shipley, Hayes Stover, Ray White

Staff

Rev. Kevin Long, Laura Mikush

MEMBERSHIP

Members

Susie Wardrop - Chair, Jeanne Bingman, Ginny Gladstone, Jana Joseph, Beth Rom, Joanna Sarsfield, Becky Senior, Sally Shipley, Tris Thorne, Heather Wiehe, Yvonne Zier

2017 Highlights

Welcomed 36 new church members, including 14 Confirmands

Muffin Ministry delivered muffins to 37 individuals and/or families

New Church Photo Directories were distributed in January

Summer Lawn receptions with lemonade and food held after the 10 AM Worship services

History Sub-Committee

Members

Tim Merrill - Chair, George Craig, Peggy Dury, Rick Miller, Jim Morrissey, Mary Beth Pastorious, Helge Wehmeier

Staff

Laura Mikush





Committees

MISSION

Members

Toby Graham - Chair, Ron Charles, Sandy Cooper, Eric Fulmer, Jim Morrissey, Becky Senior, Barb Swan, Suzanne Watters, Carol Weir

Staff

Rev. Kevin Long

Benevolence Giving Sub-Committee

Ron Charles - Chair, Eric Fulmer, Toby Graham, R.C. Hayden, Rob Leighton, Jim Morrissey, Barb Swan, Rich Weber

Campbell Scholarship Sub-Committee

Barb Swan - Chair, Joe DeMeis, Tim Johns

Center for Hope Sub-Committee

Carol Weir - Chair, Jane Birnie, Gretchen Burnham, Sylvia Dallas, Annie Gensheimer, Rich Gratton, Cathie Johnson, Becky Senior, Sally Shipley, Jenna Stevenson, Bud Thorne, Elizabeth Szuba

Day on the Lawn Sub-Committee

Art Bomberger - Co-Chair, Becky Senior - Co-Chair, Sally Shipley

Hammer & Nails Sub-Committee

Mark Gensheimer - Co-Chair, Rich Gratton - Co-Chair, Gary Becker, Tim Bingham, Bob Burnham, Lisa Edelman, Cathie Johnson, Bonnie Moorhead, Jim Morrissey, John Oliver, Liza Thornton, Steve Victor

Meals & Service Sub-Committee

Amigos: Becky Senior - Chair
Bethlehem Haven: Becky Senior - Chair
Ladle and Hearth: Carol Weir - Chair
Neighbors in Need: Suzanne Watters - Chair, Marnie Busatto, Celine O'Neil, Neill Simakas
Produce to People: Diane Glas - Chair

Refugee Resettlement Sub-Committee

Sara White - Chair, Sarah Heres

World Mission Sub-Committee

Barb Swan - Chair, Sandy Cooper, Glenis Levine, Stephanie O'Kane, Jan Pereira, Julie Throckmorton

2017 Highlights

Banner given to Chonde Church (Malawi) to display in their sanctuary; duplicate banner is displayed in our Robinson Room

Winter Clothing Drive held in October for the Center for Hope

Record Day on the Lawn income of \$ 58,644

PERSONNEL

Members

Art Bomberger - Chair, Leslie Braksick, Nancy House, Rob Leighton, Jim Morrissey, Ned Sherry

Staff

Rev. Kevin Long

2017 Highlights

PC(USA) has restructured their benefits package. After extensive research and careful consideration, a recommendation was made to Session for SPC to pay 95% of the non-pastoral healthcare insurance premiums and for non-pastoral employees to pay 5% of their premium.

PROPERTY

Members

Don Kipke - Chair, Shirley Barker, Tim Bingham, Keith Boyer, Doug Braendle, Lisa Edelman, Rich Gratton, Steve Victor

Staff

Laura Mikush

2017 Highlights

New Chapel Organ Project completed

Folding machine purchased for office

Boiler Pump replaced

Kitchen dishwasher replaced

Repaired grout on steps at Ansby Hall entrance

Grant Street vestibule heater motor replaced

Ansby Hall carpet installed

Chapel carpet (aisle) replaced

Chapel walls painted

Senior Manse living room carpet replaced

Senior Manse master bathroom tile installed

Replaced/repainted ladders in bell tower

New landscaping: front of church, Ansby Hall parking lot

Samaritan Counseling Center

Construction of the third floor of the Faith House was completed, and the staff and counselors of the Center occupied the floor in December.

STEWARDSHIP

Members

Mark Grubb - Chair, Nancy Bunce, Ron Frank, Malcolm Nimick, Julie Throckmorton, Rich Weber, Mary Ann Williams

Staff

Rev. Kevin Long, Laura Mikush

Committees

TECHNOLOGY

Members

Malcolm Nimick - Chair, Matthew Doeblar, Dwight Deitrich, Don Slater

Staff

Dave Breit, Jennifer Johnson

2017 Highlights

Held a screen test in the sanctuary in January

Upgraded Robinson Room sound system and added large monitor

Supported Day on the Lawn with WIFI access points and with the Square payments

Planned and supported creation of Welcome video being used on the Sewickley Borough website

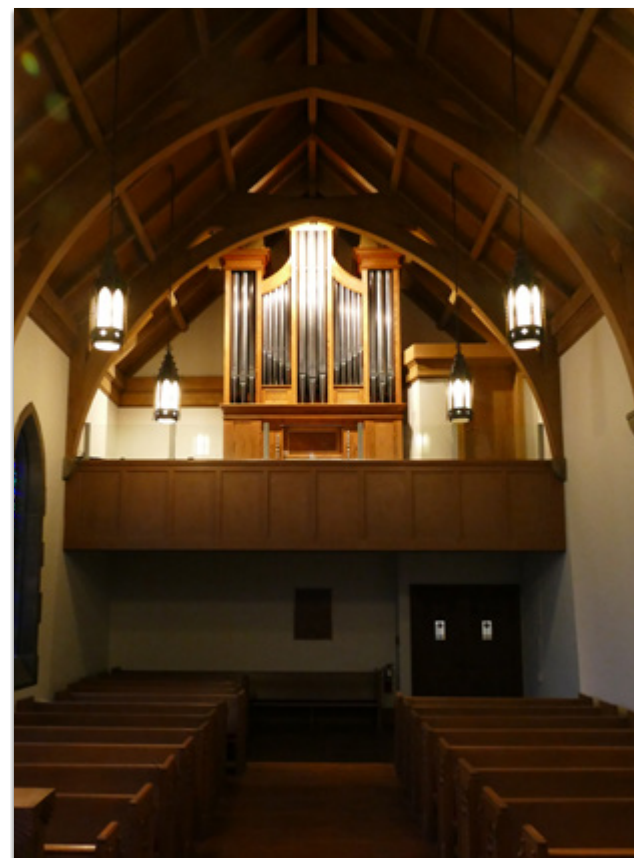
WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Members

Matthew Doeblar - Chair, Bill Cook, Lisa Edelman, Tom Graham, Cordelia Jacobs, Linda Liechty, Beth Rom, Ann Strong, Amy Szuba, Don Zier

Staff

Craig Dobbins, Rev. Kevin Long





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