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.
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 & Events

- Lenten Soup Suppers
- Simple Gifts Music Ensemble
- Yoga Classes
- Youth Classes
- 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
- Backpaks 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

- 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
**Preschool - 3rd Grade**
- Dwell curriculum from Faith Alive

**4th & 5th Grade**
- Deep Blue Kids curriculum

**Teachers**
- Kari Miller, Carrie Bednanski, Rebecca Long, Matt Doebl, Mike Szuba, Jeff Getty, Bill Sutherland

**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 Binnie, Bridgett Bates, Matt Braksick, Tom Szuba, Kori Iverson, Dave Weicht, Tim & Devon Murdoch, Kim Safran

**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 Hegley
- 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. 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**
- Kolonia
- 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

**Adults**
Serving in God’s Mission

63 Organizations & Individuals

$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
- Cribkits
- Crossroads Men’s Shelter
- Czech Republic
- Dar Al-Kalima School, Bethlehem
- Davsons (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
- Hurricans Harvey, Irma, & Maria
- Ligonier Camp & Conference Center
- Live Like Lou
- Locking Arms Mens Ministry
- Lydia’s Place
- Martha Scammers (Missionary)
- Meals on Wheels
- Medical Benevolence Foundation
- Meeting God in Malawi
- Northside Common Ministries
- One Great Hour of Sharing
- Peacebuilding
- PGH International Partnership: Malawi
- PGH Presbytery Shared Support
- PTS Student Aid
- Samaritan Counseling Center
- Sojourner House
- Text of Nature
- 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), Haiti

Buckhannon, West Virginia

PGH International Partnership: Malawi

Pittsburgh Project

Dominican Republic

Czech Republic

Victor & Sara Makari

Bethlehem
**Financial Stats**

**Operating Budget**

**Total Income**

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**Income**

- Budgeted Income
- Non-Pledged Income
- Miscellaneous Income

**Expenses**

- Administrative
- Facilities
- Ministries
- Mission
- Personnel
- Capital Expenses

**End of Year Balance**

- 2016: $191,607
- 2017: $307,905

**Unrestricted Endowment Reserves**

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**Average Pledge**

- 2016: $4,090
- 2017: $4,361

**Digital Communications**

**Website Analytics**

- 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**

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

**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: sewickleypresby
- Youth Ministry Instagram: spc_youth_ministries
- Facebook: Sewickley Presbyterian Church
- Youth Ministry Facebook: spc_youth_ministries

**Media**

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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 Fristhorn, 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 Dobbs, 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

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

MEMBERS
Charlene Beck
Art Bomberger
Matt Braksick
Sandy Cooper
Matthew Doeblen
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
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 Tranten
Yvonne Zier

MEMBERS
Steffler Balsley
Don Birnie
Matt Braksick
Sandy Cooper, Chair
Kati Doebler
Rob Leighton
Ed Neese
Beth Rom
Debbie Tranten
Janie Weber
Heather Wiehe

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

Jeremy Fisher | Hired in May 2017

(v) denotes volunteer
**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

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**Adult Education Sub-Committee**

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

**Staff**
Rev. Sarah Bird

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**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

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**Youth Sub-Committee**

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

**Staff**
Mike Creamer, Elizabeth Szuba

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**FriendShip Preschool Sub-Committee**

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

**Staff**
Jenny Hay

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**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.

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**FELLOWSHIP & HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE**

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

**Staff**
Rev. Kevin Long, Laura Mikush

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**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

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**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

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**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

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**History Sub-Committee**

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

**Staff**
Laura Mikush

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**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

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MISSION

Members
Toby Graham - Chair, Ron Charles, Sandy Cooper, Eric Fulmer, Jim Morrisey, 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 Morrisey, 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 Morrisey, 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 Morrisey, 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 Bingman, 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/repaired 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

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TECHNOLOGY
Members
Malcolm Nimick - Chair, Matthew Doebler, 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 Doebler - 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