

# **COLLBRAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC**

## **2016**



## **ANNUAL MEETING**

January 29, 2017

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**2016 ANNUAL MEETING**  
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**COLLBRAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC**

**2016**

**ANNUAL MEETING**

**JANUARY 29, 2017**

**AGENDA**

**BLESSING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ESTABLISH QUORUM**

**APPROVE AGENDA**

**MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL MEETING**

**CLERK'S REPORT**

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**NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR**  
**ACCEPT SLATE OF NOMINEES**  
**VOTE**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**ADJOURN**



Collbran Congregational Church, UCC

Annual Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2016

**Persons Present:**

Members: Suzanne Bellotti, J.R. Hamm, Julia Cox, Doris Achenbach, Jevon Klingler, Monica Klingler, Cyndi Leinberger, Cindy Price, Jeannie Reeves, Peggy Shiflet, Sylvia Spangler

Non-Members: Pastor Gary Bryant, Anne Djokic, Nancy Karlson, Edith Ann Power, Bob Causey, Debbie Hamm, Peg Kohl

Moderator Julia Cox called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm after a delicious potluck dinner.

Pastor Gary asked for blessing over our meeting and for our church and for God's guidance in the future.

The quorum number was met and approved.

The agenda was reviewed. Cindy Price moved to accept the agenda and Monica Klingler seconded. The motion passed and carried.

The Annual Meeting Minutes from January 2015 were reviewed. Sylvia moved that the Minutes be accepted as presented. Cindy Price seconded and the motion passed and carried.

**Clerk's Report:** Monica presented the Clerk's report. One correction was made- we had 25 members.

**Pastors Report:** Pastor reviewed his 7-1/2 years of interim ministry at our church. He said he has been grateful for that time.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sue reviewed the Treasurer's Report and discussed the roof repair. We will have to work to repay our loan from the UC Foundation monies for this work. Sue discussed our mission giving that that our church is very generous. We gave \$3931.06 in 2015. Our income for 2015 was \$46,520.15. The Women's Fellowship also donated \$1500 to the church. Actual operating expenses were \$48,777.20. If you add the roof costs, our total expenditures were \$129,242.82 (including the roof). After the fact, we finished the year in the black. Sue then discussed the proposed budget for 2016.

**Moderator's Report:** Julia summarized the past year. She thanked Nancy, Cindy, Sue, and Pastor for all their work. It takes everyone to keep things going. She also told Anne Djokic that we're all looking forward to working with her.

**Stewardship Report:** The Stewardship Report was given by Cyndi Leinberger. She said that \$14,390 has been donated for the roof so far.

**Trustee's Report:** Cindy Price gave the Trustee's Report. The main project in 2015 was the new roof! In addition, the Trustee's prepared a new Custodial Agreement. Everyone thanked Nancy Karlson for her many years of taking on those duties.

**Steward's Report:** Sylvia gave the Steward's Report and told all the activities they have provided for and helped with.

**Women's Fellowship:** Nancy gave the Women's Fellowship Report. They are trying to help with Gray Gourmet, Senior Tea, and the Turkey Dinner. In 2015, they helped with 5 funeral dinners; paid for the Maundy Thursday meal, the Senior Tea, etc.; and helped with several mission projects to help spread the gospel.

**Music Program Report:** Sue reported that the organ still needs to be repaired. Her son Aaron will be coming up to check on what is wrong with it. Otherwise, she and Annie just keep on playing!

**Christian Education:** Sue told about the kids and all they've been learning. They've been studying some different stories than are typically found in a curriculum. Vacation Bible School will be planned for June. Sue thanked Edith Ann for all her help with the kids and teaching. For the adults, Pastor has ordered Lenten devotionals.

**Memorial Committee:** Nancy and Cindy gave the report for the Memorial committee. The balances of the Memorial funds were noted. It is likely that the money in all the funds will be donated towards repaying the UC Foundation for the roof repairs.

**Search Committee:** Julia said that we will continue working with Sue Artt to have Anne Djokic come as our interim pastor. Anne told us that she was in the process of jumping through all the hoops of the Rocky Mountain Conference to prepare to become our interim pastor.

There is obviously much work that has been done in the past year and much more to do. Sue moved to accept all the reports as given and corrected. Sylvia seconded. The motion passed and carried.

**Nominating Committee:** Cindy reviewed the Nominating Committee Report with the nominations and all who will be serving in 2016. There are still two open positions for Trustees. No additional nominations were made. Sue moved that we accept the nominations as slated and hope and pray for help with the empty positions. Cyndi Leinberger seconded. The motion passed and carried.

The accepted nominations are as follows: Sylvia Spangler, Moderator; Cindy Price, Moderator-Elect; Julia Cox, Past Moderator; Monica Klingler, Clerk; Sue Bellotti, Treasurer/Christian Education/Music Director; Cyndi Leinberger, Stewardship Chairperson; Nancy Karlson, Women's Fellowship; Ann Anderson and Cindy Price and Nancy Karlson plus 1 OPEN slot, Trustees; Doris Achenbach and Peggy Shiflet and Jean Kees, and Debbie Hamm, Stewards; Cindy Price, Julia Cox, Debbie Hamm and OPEN (Council Representative), Pastor Parish Relations Committee; Nancy Karlson and Cindy Price, Memorial Committee.



There was no Old Business.

**New Business:** Jerry Hamm said that the Lion's Club will be moving their meetings back to the church. They would like to put up flags, a banner, plaques, etc. It was discussed that it would be fine to put up these items but since there are many groups that meet at the church, they might want to put their stuff away after each meeting.

Julia reminded everyone that Pastor Gary's final sermon will be February 28 and there will be a potluck following. She welcomed Anne to our church and said we are looking forward to her time with us.

There was no further business.

Pastor Gary led us in singing the Doxology to close.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by Monica Klingler, Clerk

COLBRAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC  
2015 ANNUAL MEETING  
January 17, 2016  
ATTENDEES

MEMBER

Julia Cox

Monica Klingler

Jeanne Hylt

Suzanne Bellett

Sylvia Sprangler

Jeanne Seene

Doris Rotherbach

J. R. Hamm

Peggy Shiflet

Cindy Prie

Cyndi Loinberger

Non-MEMBER

Edith Ann Jensen

Nancy Karlson

Bob Cassey

~~Bob Cassey~~

Kelli Namm

Ann Djokic

Garth Bryant (Pastor)

Peg Kell (Guest)

## CLERK'S ANNUAL REPORT 2016

Following is information about the 2016 calendar year for Collbran Congregational Church UCC, regarding membership and activities:

### CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

- ❖ We have 23 members who are active in our church.
- ❖ An average of 20 people attended church each week, during the past year.
- ❖ Many friends went to be with our Lord, this year, from our church and community: Delbert Lowell Koehn, John Litton, Ben Hayes, Leona Margarite Gibson, Guillermo Enriquez, Betty Walck, Jerry Hamm, Verl Charlesworth, David Bowen, Isabel Lucas, Nada Djokic, Charles Clifford Stanton, Louis McKey, Larry Price, Clifford Hill, Marlin Etcheverry, Anna Lopez, and Velma McDaniel Marek. The Women's Fellowship provided meals for many of these memorial services.
- ❖ There were no births among our members.
- ❖ There were no baptisms or dedications.
- ❖ There was one marriage in our church this year- Melissa Lynn Redding and Chad Wayne Hopkins were married by Pastor Anne Djokic on August 20th.

### CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

- ❖ Pastor Gary Bryant served as part-time minister for January and part of February. He retired in February. Pastor Anne Djokic has been here since February and we are so thankful for her time and all the activities she has taken part in as well as the many visits she makes to those who are sick or who cannot attend church. Thank you Anne! You have made a big impact on folks in our community. Your love for people and life show in your actions.
- ❖ On September 18, 2016, we had a "Welcome Celebration" with Pastor Anne Djokic- to welcome her here, as our Pastor. 55 people attended this special service.
- ❖ Sue Bellotti, Cindy Price and Edith Ann Power have continued putting together the monthly "Mustard Seed" to send out news about our church to those who cannot attend. It is a good reminder of upcoming activities.
- ❖ Collbran Congregational Church held a fun and well-attended Vacation Bible School June 22-24 (thanks to Sue Bellotti and Edith Ann Power and many others!). 25 -35 children attended the three days of activity and fun. An exciting Sunday Service featured the kids after VBS ended.
- ❖ The Children's Sunday School students have learned many good things from the Bible this past year and have sung for the congregation several times. Sue Bellotti and Edith Ann Power continue to lead the students in learning about Jesus. 2-10 children have attended during the past year. Since several older children are in attendance, a second class will be started in the future.
- ❖ The Adult Bible Study has not been able to meet this year.



- ❖ Women's Fellowship hosted the annual Senior Tea on May 3rd. About 80 people attended and had a very fun afternoon. There were 18 Plateau Valley High School graduates and 10 Job Corps graduates along with some family and faculty. Magician Dave Wallin always has a great show for the attendees.
- ❖ Women's Fellowship prepared and provided for Church potlucks and gatherings, for many mission projects, for the annual luncheon with Grand Junction UCC, and for the Turkey Dinner. They provide meals for memorial services and many more invaluable gifts to the community.
- ❖ Kammy McElwain continues to maintain the church's website. It lists community activities and is a good spot to find information about our church. It can be found at <http://www.collbrancongregationalchurch.org.html>
- ❖ Sue Bellotti scheduled and set up the annual Christmas Recital on December 4th. Several children and many adults provided beautiful music and readings to remind everyone about Baby Jesus and God's amazing love for us.
- ❖ Our Church continues to be available for community activities such as gymnastics classes, basketball, children's activities, 4H meetings, Gray Gourmet, Lion's Club meetings, family parties and get-together's.
- ❖ The Trustees work overtime to keep up with the maintenance and repair of our church and parsonage.
- ❖ Becky Showalter took on the custodial work for the church after all the years that Nancy Karlson kept up with those duties. It is awful hard to fill Nancy's shoes but Becky has done a great job and goes above and beyond in helping with things that arise (moving chairs upstairs or downstairs, cleaning up a flooded kitchen, etc.) Nancy continues to help too, as a trustee.

2016 was another busy year. Many good things were accomplished at the church and for our community. We are very grateful to those folks who put in countless hours to keep things going for our little congregation- Sue Bellotti, Edith Ann Power, Julia Cox, Cindy Price, Pastor Anne, Nancy Karlson, Sylvia Spangler, and many others. I believe that God wants the Collbran UCC to remain a part of the community because it has been here for 113 years. The reason our church has been able to keep going is because of people like those listed previously. They give selflessly and generously. We pray for more people to take an interest and provide assistance to these volunteers so that the Collbran UCC can remain an important part of Collbran and the Plateau Valley for many years to come. May God bless our church and all its attendees, as well as our community and country.

Monica Klingler, Clerk

## Pastor's Report ~ 2016

Dear Family of the Collbran Congregational, United Church of Christ Church,

Beginning March 1, 2016 I have truly felt a dream unfolding, taking shape, and moving me forward as I answered God's call, the Rocky Mountain Conference of the United Church of Christ's call, *and most importantly*, the call of the Collbran Congregational U.C.C. Church Family. Three quotes:

*"Laughter is timeless, imagination has no age, dreams are forever."* (Walt Disney)  
I have held the dream of serving as a pastor for many years.

*"You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step."* (Martin Luther King, Jr.)  
In the summer of 2006 I began the four year work of the Theological Education Institute program. On February 9, 2016 I signed the agreement with Collbran Congregational U.C.C.

*"Twenty years from now, you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do, than by the ones you did do. So, throw off the bowlines. Explore. Dream. Discover."* (Mark Twain)  
As we approach the anniversary of our first year together, I continue to be very enthusiastic and encouraged, fulfilled by our work together, and humbled by the honor of serving as your pastor. (Thank you for your support as I continue to teach fulltime at Clifton Elementary School.)

March 2016 through December 2016 has been a very positive and exciting 'year' for me with you in great relationship. I thank you for this tremendous year!  
I will highlight our worship services and special events of these past ten months, the visitations made, and words of hope for the future.

### March, 2016

Sundays, March 6 Communion; 13: Regular Worship Services.  
Sunday, March 20: Palm Sunday  
Maundy Thursday, March 24: Seder Meal/Passover  
Good Friday, March 25: Anne on-site 9:00 – 12:00PM at church.  
Easter Sunday, March 27: Easter Service

### April, 2016

Sundays, April 3 Communion; 10, 17: Regular worship services & Adult Sunday  
School facilitated by Anne.  
Saturday, April 9, 2016: Celebration of Life, Memorial Service for Ben Hayes.  
Tuesday, April 12: On site for Women's Fellowship Luncheon  
Met and visited Pastor Josh at the Plateau Assembly of God.  
Saturday, April 16: Attended Plateau Valley Spring Fling Auction, Mesa. Delivered  
Invocation.

### May, 2016

Sundays, May 1 Communion; 8, 15, 22, and 29: Regular Worship Service.  
Tuesday, May 3, 2016: On site for Senior Tea.  
Sunday, May 29: Attended Plateau Valley Cancer Fund, 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Butterfly Release.



#### June, 2016

Sundays, June 5 Communion; 19, 26: Regular Worship Services

Thursday – Sunday, June 9-12 Off-site for Rocky Mountain Conference Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, representing our congregation and church.

Received certificate of 115 years service for Collbran Congregational on behalf of our church family. Participated with Praise Team singing leadership at conference and attended all meetings.

Tuesday, June 21, Hospice Picnic in the Park, Collbran

Wednesday – Friday, June 22 -24: Vacation Bible School, Leading Opening and Closing Music each day.

Sunday, June 26: Vacation Bible School Program during Worship.

#### July, 2016

Saturday, July 2: Celebration of Life, Memorial Service for J.R. Jerry Hamm. Esperanza Ranch.

Sundays, July 3 Communion; 10, 17, and 24: Regular Worship Services.

Friday, July 22: Final Appointment for Required Psychological Evaluation, Grand Junction.

#### August, 2016

Sundays, August 7 Communion; 14, 21. Regular Worship Services.

Saturday, August 20: Plateau Valley Women's Luncheon at Grace Bible Church.

Wedding: Melissa Redding and Chad Hopkins.

#### September, 2016

Sunday, September 4 Communion; 11, 18: Regular Worship Services

Sunday, September 18: Celebration and Welcoming Service 4:00PM: A Magical and Wonderful Service ~ Always to be remembered! ☺ *THANK YOU!*

#### October, 2016

Saturday, October 1: Attended the Western Association Fall Meeting, Gunnison.

Sunday, October 2 Communion: 9, 16, and 23: Regular Worship Services.

#### November, 2016

Thursday, November 10: Class with Rev. Jane Anne Ferguson, on-line, Advent Worship. (Out of U.C.C. in Ft. Collins.)

Sunday, November 13: Graveside Service (Clover) and Celebration of Life Service for Larry Price at Plateau Valley School.

Sundays, November 6 Communion; 13, 20, and 27: Regular Worship Service including First Sunday of Advent.

Sunday, November 27: Decorating the Church for Advent/Christmas and Soup Supper.



December 2016

Sunday, December 4: Christmas Recital, evening.

Sundays, December 4 Communion; 11, 18: Advent II, III, IV Worship Services.

Saturday, December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7:00PM.

Sunday, December 25: Christmas Day Worship Service.

Summary of the Number of Visitations by Pastor Anne: March 1 – December 31, 2016

Visits to Retirement/Assisted Living Homes: 39 Visits.

Visits to Hospitals: 26 Visits.

Visits to HopeWest Hospice Center, Grand Junction: 19 Visits.

Personal Home Visits: 18 Visits.

Phone Visits: 117 phone visitations. (Calls received or initiated.)

Children's Events: Attended Girls on the Run, Spring Dance Works Ballet Performance, Mesa County 4H Fair.

My focus and energy have been on the Planning of the Worship Services and Bulletins, the Writing of Sermons, the Children's Messages, Visitations in all settings, Attendance at Council meetings, and getting to know everyone and the community as well.

The Council Meetings are enjoyable and informative, the camaraderie and support so appreciated, the parsonage a dream (Yes! I still refer to it as "The Broadmoor" ☺.) I sincerely appreciate each and every one of you in addition to all the people I have visited in Collbran and Grand Junction. Now that we have nearly completed a calendar year together, I look forward to 2017 and all God will guide us to and through. Be people of joy! Feel the positive momentum! Let love live in your heart and share the joy of Christ with all you meet. Share love by seeing the good in each other. Share joy by remembering good times and hoping for great times to come. And most of all, share your stories ~ let's keep the circle going! Blessings for 2017!

Love,

Pastor Anne Djokic

January 15, 2017

## TREASURER'S REPORT 2016

The Collbran Congregational Church, UCC, successfully met the bills, salary, and maintenance expenses of 2016.

Some additional expenses were incurred with larger repair and maintenance projects at the church and parsonage. Doors have been replaced or repaired, furnaces checked and evaluated, and general care of the buildings and grounds have taken place.

The December 31, 2016 balance in the UCFund Investment account is \$93601.56. With the strong stock market this past year the investment fund has grown giving us investment income of \$11710.06 over the year, helping recover some of the cost of the roof job in 2015.

We will continue to be prudent with the management of the funds received from each of you, who so generously and consistently support this church. In-kind donations continue to help keep our spending for everything from office supplies, cleaning supplies, paper goods, and craft materials in check.

I thank each of you for your financial support and your time and energy. It is the people that make the church. The building is simply the place we meet.

## YEAR END ACCOUNT BALANCES

Grand Valley Bank Checking	\$ -226.82
Grand Bank Savings	\$ 9827.37
UC Foundation	\$93,897.90

## GRAND VALLEY BANK SAVINGS ACCOUNT BREAKDOWN PER INDIVIDUAL AMOUNTS

General Fund	\$ 5825.00
Food Bank	\$ 551.99
Memorial Fund	\$ 160.00
Special Projects - Roof	\$ 2972.00
Vacation Bible School	\$(-132.63)
<u>Stewards Fund</u>	<u>\$ 451.01</u>
Total for 2016	\$ 9727.27

Respectfully,

Suzanne Bellotti  
Treasurer

## MISSION DONATIONS 2016

The Collbran Congregational Church has long been a serious supporter of missions within our valley, county, and state, and the world as well.

This past year was no different. Each month is celebrated with a Noisy Offering of change and bills for specific mission projects. This past year found donations going to the following:

Mesa County Habitat for Humanity	\$ 100.68
PV Robotics	\$ 546.27
Habitat for Humanity	\$ 30.00
PV Recycle Program	\$ 41.86
PV Resource Center	\$ 69.84
Collbran Lions Club	\$ 83.46
VBS Mission Offering	\$ 226.60
OGHS	\$ 25.00
Project Niger	\$ 92.28
Retired Ministers Fund	\$ 240.00
PV Cancer Fund	\$ 98.24
Blanket Fund	\$ 114.50
Wounded Warriors	\$ 84.75
Come Let's Dance	\$ 43.06
Child and Migrant Services	\$ 56.05
Young Life Camperships	\$ 67.60
Food Bank	\$ 74.28
VBS Lasagna Dinner Fundraiser	\$ 853.00
<u>OCWM RMC</u>	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
Total	\$3347.47





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## Portfolio Valuation

### Portfolio Valuation for: Collbran Congregational Church Endowment Fund

#### CURRENT VALUATION

DESCRIPTION	# SHARES	BOOK VALUE	MARKET VALUE
Balanced Funds	9,236.57	\$ 77,721.86	\$ 93,601.56

#### VALUATION SUMMARY

DESCRIPTION	BOOK VALUE	MARKET VALUE
Investments	\$ 77,721.86	\$ 93,601.56
Income Cash	\$ 0.00	0.00
Principal Cash	\$ 296.34	296.34
GRAND TOTAL VALUE:	78,018.20	93,897.90

All values are as of: January 12, 2017

Non-Priced Investments are at Book Value.

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## Income Statement Summary

### Income Statement for: Collbran Congregational Church Endowment Fund

Click on any Asset Type to view the Asset Details

#### INCOME

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
<u>Income</u>	\$ 11,710.06
<u>Reinvested Income</u>	\$ 145.80
TOTAL:	11,855.86

#### EXPENSE

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
TOTAL:	0.00

NET INCOME: 11,855.86

TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS: -1,073.35

NET INCOME AFTER DISTRIBUTIONS: 10,782.51

All amounts are for the current year. Your Last Year End was: December 31, 2015

All values are as of: January 12, 2017

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Description	Proposed for 2016	Actual 2016	Proposed for 2017
<b>INCOME</b>			
Building Income	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,832.00	\$ 2,500.00
Interest Income	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,205.94	\$ 1,200.00
Cash Offering	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,973.14	\$ 3,500.00
Misc Offering	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,466.05	\$ 4,500.00
Sunday School Offering	\$ 225.00	\$ 183.29	\$ 200.00
Offering - Other	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 32,290.35	\$ 35,000.00
Total Income	\$ 49,725.00	\$ 44,950.77	\$ 46,900.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Marketing and Promotions	\$ 400.00	\$ 118.72	\$ 400.00
Bank Service Chg	\$ 100.00	\$ 83.30	\$ 100.00
	\$ 500.00	\$ 202.02	\$ 500.00
<b>CONTRACT LABOR</b>			
Custodial Contract	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,820.00	\$ 3,000.00
Pastor	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 17,050.00	\$ 24,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 19,870.00	\$ 27,000.00
Workers Comp Ins	\$ 475.00	\$ 479.50	\$ 500.00
Liability Insurance	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 8,948.00	\$ 9,000.00
	\$ 10,475.00	\$ 9,427.50	\$ 9,500.00
<b>MAINTENANCE</b>			
Church bldg maint/rep	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 7,276.15	\$ 7,000.00
Parsonage maint/rep	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 245.00	\$ 1,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,521.15	\$ 8,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Property Tax	\$ 156.60	\$ 156.56	\$ 156.56
	\$ 656.60	\$ 656.56	\$ 656.56
Church Supplies (Stewards)			
Office Expense	\$ 200.00	\$ 33.00	\$ 200.00
Computer Services	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Sunday School Curriculum	\$ 100.00	\$ 43.25	\$ 50.00
WebSite Maint	\$ 200.00	\$ 191.04	\$ 200.00
Conferences/Cont Ed	\$ 300.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 300.00
	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 442.29	\$ 950.00
<b>UTILITIES</b>			
Electricity			
Church	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 995.69	\$ 1,000.00
Parsonage	\$ 450.00	\$ 435.03	\$ 450.00
	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 1,430.72	\$ 1,450.00
Gas			
Church	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 3,680.34	\$ 4,000.00
Parsonage	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,206.93	\$ 1,400.00
	\$ 5,800.00	\$ 4,887.27	\$ 5,400.00
Telephone			

church	\$	1,000.00	\$	828.55	\$	1,000.00
Parsonage	\$	450.00	\$	478.27	\$	500.00
Fees, Taxes, Surcharges	\$	400.00	\$	475.23	\$	475.00
Internet	\$	650.00	\$	779.17	\$	700.00
	\$	2,500.00	\$	2,561.22	\$	2,675.00
Church water/sewer	\$	684.00	\$	684.86	\$	684.86
Parsonage water/sewer	\$	800.00	\$	684.86	\$	700.00
 TOTAL UTILITIES	\$	11,234.00	\$	12,810.15	\$	13,584.86
 Western Asso Dues 23 Members	\$	40.00	\$	125.00	\$	125.00
OCWM Donation	\$	500.00	\$	500.00	\$	500.00
Rocky Mtn Conference Dues	\$	200.00	\$	500.00	\$	500.00
	\$	740.00	\$	1,125.00	\$	1,125.00
 TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	31,039.60	\$	32,184.67	\$	34,225.42



## MODERATOR'S REPORT

2016

The year 2016 was one of many ups and downs, joys and days of sadness, but always one of faith, hope and love.

In Feb we said "Good Bye" to Gary Bryant as our faith and church leader. Gary guided us thru many trials during his 7 1/2 years as our interim Pastor. Our community in faith wished him only the very best in his health and life in retirement.

A search committee had for months been striving to find a new pastor, one that we could financially support and who could fit the church families' needs.

Well, does prayer work? YES! Out of prayer came Anne, and we have been blessed. Her excitement and true desire to help our church community build a family of faith and love has been a "WOW"!

On Sept 18th, 2016 Anne Djokic was welcomed to join us as our new Pastor. The service and afternoon of fellowship gave us the feeling of joy, and we offered a "Welcome Home!" to Anne's husband Sveto, who has been a part of our community since 1951.

For over "100 years" this church has served as a pillar of faith for our community, and has taught, baptized, wed, and put to rest so many. As Anne says, "Where ever you are in life's journey, you are welcome here."

Since many of the congregation are of senior years, health and daily living is a priority. Pastor Anne has ministered to many of those who are unable to be in the pews on Sunday morning.

They look forward to her visits.

The children have become such a big part of our Sunday service, thanks so much to the music and lessons learned. You have helped to remind us "Jesus loves me."

The church council may be small, but oh how powerful. Due to accidents, illness, death and daily life there are times someone just needs a hand. The council member picks up the ball and carries on. As moderator of the council my job has basically been to facilitate the council meetings, and I can say it has been my privilege to do so. My hope and prayer is that we can grow spiritually and continue to serve our community with hope and love.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Respectfully Submitted,

Sylvia Spangler, Moderator

## **STEWARDSHIP REPORT 2016**

Stewardship Chairman plans to send a letter of appeal after the first of the year, 2017.

In this letter it is planned to make the readers aware of the unplanned expenses recently, of the new roof, and now, of the heater replacements in the dining room.

As our building continues to age, and the equipment in it that makes life comfortable for all the building users, these things begin to deteriorate and must be replaced.

Many community members enjoy using the meeting space, gymnasium, kitchen, dining room, Mothers Park and worship facilities (classrooms, counseling office, nursery, sanctuary) and we strive to continue the upkeep on the building and grounds.

Ongoing expenses include electricity, phone, and heating, and the unexpected expenses above the budget would seem overwhelming if it were not for the generosity of the community support.

Thank you for supporting your Collbran Congregational Church and the Community Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cyndi Leinberger, Chair



## COLLBRAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC TRUSTEE 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

Trustees have recommended and overseen several repairs and preventive measures over the past year.

- Gutter and soffit repair to the west midsection roof – due to ice and snow damage.
- Parsonage door lites replaced – due to fractured glass
- Tree removal in Mothers' Park – overgrown and scrubby trees viewed as unsafe and unsightly in the park.
- Dining Room south door repaired and refit to the door opening.
- Dining Room north door and frame were replaced due to unsatisfactory structure and workability from age.
- Gymnasium ceiling lights changed to LED lights when some were no longer working and required replacement. After studying the success and expected longevity and decreased running expense of LED lights, the LEDs were chosen.
- Toilet water supply valves (all 4 toilets) replaced due to irreparable leakages.
- The church boiler passed its annual inspection.
- The parsonage furnace was inspected and found to need the zone valve replaced for the west wall of the living room.
- A thermocouple was replaced in the parsonage furnace.
- The hot water heater at the parsonage will need to be replaced soon, due to corrosion of the drain.
- The water softener at the parsonage was cleaned, and disabled for the time being due to inactivity at the parsonage.

At the time of this writing (January, 2017), we are awaiting information and bids for replacement of dining room heaters. The west heater has stopped working from age, leaving the dining room too cold for comfort for meetings and dining experiences. The east heater is the same age and will likely stop working soon. Replacement of both is considered to be the most frugal action at this time. Electric plug in heaters have been used as temporary measures, and are considered expensive, unsafe and inadequate for long term use.

In addition to the above, Trustees have overseen the custodial care, lawn and sidewalk maintenance (year-round) for both church and parsonage. Thanks to Becky Schowalter and Delbert Koehn for providing these services, always with care and respect. Thank you!

The budget is limited, and because of the generosity of community members and church attendees, the repairs are made and the expenses are partially covered by extra donations and memorial contributions. As noted elsewhere, it requires many to keep the doors of the aging church open.

Thank you for your support and generosity!

Trustees, Ann Anderson, Julia Cox, Nancy Karlson, and Cindy Price



## STEWARDS' REPORT 2016

The Stewards (or their designee) greet, give bulletins, ring the bell, bring in the light, take up collection, and take out the light each Sunday for worship. Our thanks to the willing helpers!

Pastor Anne has arranged for pulpit supply on Sundays she plans to be absent.

On the first Sunday of each month, we prepare Communion, serve it, and put it away.

Since we are a small church, it takes everyone helping on all occasions. We helped with the following because we are members – not as Stewards.

- January 17, Annual Meeting – helped with food, and in the kitchen.
- February 27, Farewell Pot Luck Lunch for Pastor Gary – helped with food and in the kitchen.
- March 5, Pastor Anne's First Sunday – helped with food and in the kitchen.
- March 24, Maundy Thursday – helped prepare the food, set up, and clean up the kitchen and dining room.
- March 27, Easter – arranged for Sylvia to pick up Easter Lilies.
- April 9, Memorial service for Ben Hayes – helped with food preparation and in the kitchen.
- April 12, Helped hostess the ladies visiting from First Congregational Church, UCC, Grand Junction.
- April 29, Fund Raiser for VBS – Lasagna Supper. Helped in kitchen and purchased meals.
- May 3, Senior Tea – Brought Tea items and helped hostess the party.
- May 8, Mothers Day – Handed out Carnations to all the ladies.
- May 14, Memorial service for Betty Walck – helped with food and in the kitchen.
- June 19, Fathers Day, gave fathers lapel pins.
- June 22 – 24, Vacation Bible School, helped with food and kitchen duties.
- September 18, Pastor Anne's Welcoming Party. Greeted, took care of guest book, furnished food and helped in the kitchen.
- November 29, Soup Supper, helped decorate the church Sanctuary, and rang the bell.
- December 4, Christmas Recital – handed out programs. Arranged for poinsettias to be picked up (Sylvia).
- December 24, Christmas Eve Service (Peggy and grandson) Greeted and rang the bell (TWICE!!)
- December 25, Christmas Day Service, Peggy greeted, rang the bell, and took up collection with Daughter-in-law Jo.
  - Sveto and Elliott lit candles and took out the light.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Reeves

Peggy Shiflet

Jean Kees

Debbie Hamm

We helped mourn the deaths of our friends, Delbert Koehn, (March), John Litton (March 21), Ben Hayes (April 9), David Bowen (April 14), Guillermo Enriquez (April 26), Isabel Lucas (May 2), Betty Walck (May 14), Jerry Ham and Marguerite Gibson (June 24), Verl Charlesworth (July 14), Nada Djokic (July 23), Charles Clifford Stanton (July), Louis McKey (August 19), Larry Price and Clifford Hill (November 7), Anna Lopez and Marlin Etcheverry (November 14), and Velma Gunderson McDaniel Marek (December 9).

## Women's Fellowship Annual Report 2016

Twenty nine health care packs were made and given to the Grand Junction Rescue Mission. In addition, miscellaneous toiletries were also donated.

The Sunshine Committee sent out 145 "Get Well" or "Thinking of You" cards as well as 20 sympathy cards.

The Food Bank needs were met, thanks to the community. At present several people are using the food bank. We received a \$400 donation from Marigold Market.

Our annual coat giveaway is a much needed project for our community. Thanks to the Collbran Supply for providing space to display the coats. Thank you to those who donated coats, scarves, hats, and mittens. Seven hats and 10 pairs of gloves were also collected for Plateau Valley Elementary School. We received a thank you letter and photo from the Preschool.

There were 25 ladies from our community and the Grand Junction Congregational Church that attended the Women in Mission Luncheon here. The program was a treasury of Vintage Clothing.

The annual Senior Tea served approximately 60 people. Graduating seniors, parents, grandparents, and faculty enjoyed the event. Dave Wallin, once again, provided excellent entertainment with his magic show.

Our main fundraiser, the annual Turkey Dinner, was a success. We served about 100 people. Thanks to hard work and generous donations we made approximately \$1400.00. Almond toffee was sold at the event. Thank you to Cindy Price for making and donating candy. Thank you to Jeannie Reeves for encouraging donations.

Women's Fellowship made a donation of \$1500.00 to the church to help with heating expenses.

The flowerbed in the park was planted and cared for, it was beautiful throughout the spring and summer.

Women's Fellowship assisted with 4 funeral dinners and paid for food for the Maundy Thursday meal.

We collected 82 items, consisting of socks, gloves and hats for the VA hospital. These items were delivered to Chaplain Charles Grimsley. We also made miscellaneous baby item donations to the Pregnancy Center.

We also assisted with Pastor Gary's retirement ceremony and donated to his gift, a beautiful piece of stained glass. We also assisted in the welcoming celebration for Pastor Anne Djockic.

Bank Balance: December 31, 2015 \$2309.75

December 31, 2016 \$2184.91

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Karlson, President

Clara Ward, Vice President

Julia Cox, Secretary-Treasurer



## MUSIC PROGRAM 2016

Ann Anderson and Sue Bellotti provided music for church services during the year.

Julia Murphy has begun piano lessons and played in church two times sharing her new knowledge. We look forward to more performances this coming year.

The traditional Christmas Recital was held on December 4, 2016. The program is always outstanding and support from the valley provides a varied and wonderful evening.

10 performances were given, ranging from readings, poetry, piano solos, duets, and vocal.

The congregation members provided a beautiful tea, following the recital.

With deepest sorrow we did not have Jerry Hamm to accompanying the singing of Silent Night to close the Christmas Eve Service.

Sue Bellotti  
Music Director

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - 2016

Sunday School has been in session for the children for 12 months of the year.

Average attendance is 5 with as many as 9 attending.

Edith Ann Power teaches the pre-kindergarten. Julia Cox and Shannon Murphy help when needed.

Sue Bellotti teaches those in grade school.

The children presented a special song at the December Recital and again in church on Dec 18th. They enjoy singing for the congregation. They often lead songs with the congregation before church begins.

Each Sunday, following the singing of their favorite Bible songs in the sanctuary, the children go to their classroom for crafts, games, puzzles, or playtime. This large group to small group concept has worked especially well.

Thank you for the donations of craft material provided by the congregation for Sunday School. We have kept our costs at a minimum by using materials and teaching materials from prior years.

Vacation Bible School, in June, was very successful. We used the 3 day format which works well for our teachers and helpers.

45 children attended VBS in 2016 and Pastor Anne was the hit at opening worship with songs and stories to keep the kids on their feet.

A fund raiser was held in April, to cover Christian Education expenses, bringing in \$853.00. This money provides support for the VBS program making it possible for the church to provide this ministry to the local children.

Sue Bellotti  
Christian Education Director

## **MEMORIAL COMMITTEE REPORT 2016**

Memorial contributions were received, honoring Velma McDaniel.

The Memorial Committee recommends that Council approve all memorial funds be applied to the roofing fund and the heater replacements in the dining room. The budget does not have adequate funds to cover these expensive projects.

Please remember to designate the Collbran Congregational Church, UCC,  
P. O. Box 160,  
Collbran, Colorado 81624

as recipient of monies honoring loved ones, and also to suggest to families and to consider this way of honoring their loved ones.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Karlson and Cindy Price, Memorial Committee



# COLBRAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC

## 2016 ANNUAL MEETING

### JANUARY 29, 2017

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>SERVED 2016</u>	<u>APPOINTMENT FOR 2016</u>	<u>NOMINATION 2017</u>
MODERATOR	SYLVIA SPANGLER	1 OF 1 YEAR	CINDY PRICE
MODERATOR ELECT	CINDY PRICE	1 OF 1 YEAR	JULIA COX
PAST MODERATOR	JULIA COX	1 OF 1 YEAR	SYLVIA SPANGLER
CLERK	MONICA KLINGLER	1 OF 1 YEAR	MONICA KLINGLER
TREASURER	SUE BELLOTTI	1 OF 1 YEAR	SUE BELLOTTI
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	SUE BELLOTTI EDITH ANN POWER	2 OF 2 YEARS 2 OF 2 YEARS	SUE BELLOTTI EDITH ANN POWER
MUSIC DIRECTOR	SUE BELLOTTI ANN ANDERSON	1 OF 1 YEAR 1 OF 1 YEAR	SUE BELLOTTI ANN ANDERSON
STEWARDSHIP CHMN	CYNDI LEINBERGER	1 OF 1 YEAR	CYNDI LEINBERGER
WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP	NANCY KARLSON	PRESIDENT OF WF	NANCY KARLSON
<b>TRUSTEES</b>			
4 TRUSTEES Alternating every 2 yrs.	ANN ANDERSON CINDY PRICE NANCY KARLSON JULIA COX	2 OF 2 YEARS 2 OF 2 YEARS 1 OF 2 YEARS 1 OF 2 YEARS	CINDY PRICE SUE BELLOTTI
<b>STEWARDS</b>			
4 STEWARDS Alternating every 2 yrs.	PEGGY SHIFLET JEANNIE REEVES JEAN KEES DEBBIE HAMM	2 OF 2 YEARS 2 OF 2 YEARS 1 OF 2 YEARS 1 OF 2 YEARS opt out 2 <sup>nd</sup> yr	EDITH ANN POWER JEANNIE REEVES SYLVIA SPANGLER
<b>COMMITTEES to be named by Council</b>			
PASTOR PARISH RELATIONS	JULIA COX – PM CINDY PRICE – PPM EDITH ANN POWER - COUNCIL REP PASTOR REP TBA		SYLVIA SPANGLER – PM JULIA COX – PPM EDITH ANN POWER – PASTOR REP TBA – COUNCIL REP
MEMORIAL COMMITTEE	Nancy Karlson Cindy Price		NANCY KARLSON CINDY PRICE