

**2013 - 2014**  
**Annual Meeting Reports**  
**St. John United Church of Christ, Bellevue**

**Chaplain in Residence**

It continues to be my privilege to be a part of the St. John community. This past year my activities have included:

- 1) Regular meetings with Pastor Keith & Scholar in Residence Sarah Melcher.
- 2) Providing pastoral coverage for St. John when Pastor Keith has been away.
- 3) Co-Leadership of the "Continuing Testament" work group with Sarah Melcher and Valerie Johnson.
- 4) Coordinating visits by members of the Congregational Care Team as needed when Pastor Keith has been away.
- 5) Weekly participation in worship leadership.
- 6) Participating and helping to coordinate "Open Table" Communion on Bellevue's "First Fridays".
- 7) Participated in helping to lead the Blessing of the Bikes during June's First Friday event and the Pride Ride. Also participated in the community Blessing of the Nativity in November.
- 8) Served as part of the nominating committee for the open SLC positions

I look forward to continuing on my journey within this wonderful community as we live into the future to see where our still speaking God will lead us.

Submitted by:  
Sue Jelinek  
Chaplain in Residence

**Outreach Mission Group (OMG)**

The OMG team met April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 to finalize our budget for FY15. We thoroughly discussed each project for all 3 major groups (LGBT Youth, Seniors and Local Fellowship). We assigned what we consider realistic amounts to them in order to allow them to be successfully accomplished.

The total for all projects is \$10,600.

NOTE: This does not include any amounts for a Senior Center coordinator. We decided to postpone this topic until more info is available, including confirmation as to whether there is a specified budget amount earmarked for this staff position.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Submitted by the OMG Team:  
Willie Tackett, David Hiser, Bruce Horn, Stephen Phillips, Eileen Thornton

## **Strategic Leadership Council (SLC)**

We meet monthly, have had 2 additional expanded retreat meetings and many emails/conversations to further our mission and vision at St. John.

At our special Congregational meeting in February, we revised Council and by-laws to reflect the new SLC structure.

We met with and reviewed bids by contractors for renovations. We visited another church where some upgrades were completed by a contractor to inspect their completed work.

Nominating committee was appointed, stewardship planning discussed and we are reviewing FEMA Emergency Operations Plans for Houses of Worship.

Church investments were reviewed and rebalanced for optimum return based on UCC criteria for moral and ethical considerations.

SLC now uses an electronic voting system to record and document approval of minutes and reports.

Submitted by:  
Mary Ann Reilly, Chair  
Strategic Leadership

## **Women in Theatre (WIT)**

Rehearsals for "Walter Cronkite is Dead" began the first week of February, 2014, but we didn't begin rehearsing in St. John's LL Hall until March 1. I began advertising and accepting reservations for 5 performances of "Walter Cronkite is Dead" on or around April 1, 2014.

As a result of obsessive advertising and rehearsal we concluded our run (April 25, 26, 27, May 2, 3) with a net profit for St. John UCC of \$185.00. In addition, each actress, the director, and the WIT kitty were also paid through 30% of gross profit. The record keeping for how many seats we sold based on \$10 or \$15 admission was non-existent, but I can estimate that 137 people saw the show. That estimation is based on the guess that 25% of the patrons brought luggage to the show and were admitted for \$10. I lumped all the receipts from the box office, donations, and the sale of water and Peanut M&M's together, also, which skewed my estimation.

This was a very successful beginning for WIT and St. John's collaboration based on patron verbal and written responses.

Submitted by:  
Donna Hoffman  
Director, WIT-Women in Theatre

## 2013/14 Annual Pastor's Report

Often when I sit down to write an annual report of my work, as required by the church bylaws, I am overwhelmed on what to report. Typically people do not want to read a long list of things that I have done over the past year, or week for that matter. But you do want to see results, perhaps even a "product" as one might expect from the executive director of a business. Ministry is different. Our product is very difficult to report. The effect and affect of my ministry is not something I can report on in a calculative manner like I could perhaps if I were a mechanic who repaired 14 cars. Picture me a mechanic – LOL!

My work involves facilitating and overseeing all of the ministries of the Church – your work – as well as representing the congregation to the public, and offering a prophetic voice in the community for social justice, equal rights, and fair treatment of the oppressed and those living at the margins of life who often have little or no voice.

The interesting thing about these reports is that the congregation is diverse about what they want to know. Some have requested that I report a full list of appointments, counseling sessions and visits that I have made, and some go as far as requesting those people's names. I cannot and will not, of course, break confidentiality of those I serve inside and outside the Church.

Some just want highlights like the daily administration and "God moments" that call me to respond to needs in the congregation and community. Or, writing, researching and interviewing for articles for the Church newsletter and the Bellevue Community News, as well as, writing hard copy correspondence such as professional references for new UCC clergy or church members seeking employment. And, tasks such as seeking leaders for the nursery, ushers/greeters, acolytes, OPEN TABLE Communion workers, etc., or managing building use with our new Events Coordinator and reporting building repairs as they arise.

All of these things are important pieces but certainly not the whole story of my work. What is not seen involves things like: putting the pieces together from the stewardship program, music, testimony, visuals, Biblical study and scholarship to design and write worship services and sermons that highlight the spiritual practice of generosity; the on-going process of creating an LLC for the Illumination Youth Ministries for the safety of our youth and leaders; discerning and developing measurable goals for 2014; preparing and welcoming new covenant members and addressing their individual questions; finding ways to live out reconciliation with those who do not understand our progressive theology; interpreting the recent marriage equality law suit with North Carolina filed by our General Synod; connecting with those who are not connected with us; and in the midst of working through my own grief, providing pastoral care for others with the pain of losing a loved one.

How does one measure this work? How does one put a qualitative price tag on pastoral presence? How does one evaluate the ministry-skills-set fluidity that is a means for God and people to change lives?

I hope this report helps you to know a little more about what the Pastor does and how pastoral ministry is important at St. John United Church of Christ. God bless you all for your faithfulness, love, care, prayers, and support of the work I seek to provide as your Pastor and Teacher inside and outside St. John United Church of Christ. To God be the glory.

Submitted by: The Rev. Keith M. Haithcock, Pastor & Teacher



Local religious leaders who support LGBTQ rights

## 2013/14 Financial Secretary Report

### DEPOSIT REPORT OF FINANCIAL SECRETARY April, 2014

	4/6/14	4/13/14	4/20/14	4/27/14			MTH- TOT	YTD - TOT
General Offering	3,886.00	2,103.00	1,620.00	4,371.00			11,980.00	39,899.00
Loose Offering	66.00	21.00	148.00	27.26			262.26	550.76
Sunday School							0.00	0.00
Initial Offering	20.00						20.00	67.00
Thanksgiving							0.00	0.00
Misc. Receipts			120.00				120.00	947.28
Christmas							0.00	0.00
Christmas Eve							0.00	0.00
Fuel Offering							0.00	70.00
Ash Wednesday							0.00	381.00
Lenten Offering	111.00	75.00	15.00	5.00			206.00	575.10
Easter			1,975.00	64.00			2,039.00	2,039.00
Holy Thursday			900.00				900.00	900.00
Good Friday			125.00				125.00	125.00
Rummage Sale							0.00	20.00
Building Use Income				200.00			200.00	200.00
<b>UNIFIED BUDGET RECEIPTS</b>	<b>4,083.00</b>	<b>2,199.00</b>	<b>4,903.00</b>	<b>4,667.26</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>15,852.26</b>	<b>45,774.14</b>
Interest							0.00	0.00
Transfers (Banksafe)							0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL WITH TRANS/INTEREST</b>	<b>4,083.00</b>	<b>2,199.00</b>	<b>4,903.00</b>	<b>4,667.26</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>15,852.26</b>	<b>45,774.14</b>
Monthly Unified Budget Need							14,851.67	59,406.68
Receipts over/under budget need							0.00	1,000.59
							7%	-23%
Flowers	350.00	30.00	45.00				425.00	705.00
Office Supplies			156.90				156.90	156.90
Christian Ed. (Adults)							0.00	330.00
Reimbursements/Refunds			45.25				45.25	45.25
<b>REIMBURSED ITEMS</b>	<b>350.00</b>	<b>30.00</b>	<b>247.15</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>627.15</b>	<b>1,237.15</b>
Neighbors In Need							0.00	0.00
Strengthen The Church							0.00	0.00
Christmas Card							0.00	0.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	80.00						80.00	616.00
UCC Christmas Fund							0.00	0.00
SOUPer Bowl Sunday							0.00	257.95
Misc. Designated Offerings							0.00	0.00
Local Ministries Offering							0.00	0.00
Pastors Discretionary Fund	19.00		100.00				119.00	1,046.00
<b>WIDER CHURCH MINISTRIES</b>	<b>99.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>199.00</b>	<b>1,919.95</b>
Memorial Fund		10.00					10.00	645.00
Roof and Related Repairs							0.00	0.00

Stained Glass Window Fund							0.00	0.00
Hospitality & Fellowship		167.00					167.00	751.00
Youth Ministry							0.00	0.00
Music Fund Raiser							0.00	0.00
Accessibility Fund							0.00	60.00
Music on the Avenue Recitals							0.00	1,201.00
Sound System Fund							0.00	0.00
Garden Club							0.00	0.00
<b>OTHER FUNDS</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>167.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>177.00</b>
								<b>2,657.00</b>
<b>DEPOSIT TOTAL</b>	<b>4,532.00</b>	<b>2,239.00</b>	<b>5,417.15</b>	<b>4,667.26</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>16,855.41</b>	<b>51,588.24</b>

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	
Apr-13	2,499.00	2,727.00	2,183.00	1,490.59	8,899.59

**St. John United Church of Christ – Yearly Report of Monthly Income (toward Unified Budget)**

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
January	\$ 11,062.45	\$ 11,486.22	\$ 13,190.87	\$ 11,848.94	\$ 9,995.42
February	10,840.67	9,822.85	10,601.43	13,190.08	8,789.08
March	10,222.00	10,743.60	9,120.10	14,706.19	11,137.38
April	10,585.90	13,871.06	14,603.26	8,899.59	
May	13,082.46	14,397.47	11,632.66	10,678.05	
June	13,620.75	11,181.28	10,597.00	17,603.71	
<u>6 month</u>	<u>\$ 69,414.23</u>	<u>\$71,502.48</u>	<u>\$ 69,745.32</u>	<u>\$ 76,926.56</u>	
July	9,284.00	13,171.73	11,486.62	8,981.20	
August	10,670.15	11,099.35	8,734.00	10,940.00	
September	8,662.00	8,961.96	15,652.33	17,049.83	
October	14,742.25	10,915.30	11,037.30	10,715.85	
November	11,172.75	13,137.04	10,356.80	9,396.98	
December	17,698.80	23,200.04	21,254.28	16,464.79	
<u>Annual Total</u>	<u>\$141,644.18</u>	<u>\$151,987.90</u>	<u>\$148,266.65</u>	<u>\$150,657.21</u>	

Submitted by:  
Dale Clark  
Financial Secretary

## **2013/14 Treasurer Report**

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Jan</b>	\$13,750.68	\$15,427.44	\$17,992.85	\$11,383.05	\$11,362.76
<b>Feb</b>	\$14,171.17	\$19,292.48	\$10,079.71	\$14,960.75	\$14,373.81
<b>Mar</b>	\$12,993.34	\$11,467.85	\$28,433.60	\$16,061.65	\$23,922.22
<b>Apr</b>	\$40,913.91*	\$13,000.25	\$9,844.90	\$16,018.36	
<b>May</b>	\$8,941.30	\$11,803.51	\$17,294.21	\$17,041.95	
<b>Jun</b>	\$14,557.38	\$18,541.80	\$13,807.07	\$9,156.90	
<b>Jul</b>	\$9,189.72	\$9,654.86	\$16,611.47	\$18,778.88	
<b>Aug</b>	\$28,298.25*	\$11,748.15	\$10,162.61	\$8,718.59	
<b>Sep</b>	\$11,577.28	\$16,525.84	\$23,395.20	\$17,410.97	
<b>Oct</b>	\$15,033.04	\$53,417.16*	\$11,304.66	\$10,713.86	
<b>Nov</b>	\$13,191.64	\$11,547.42	\$10,653.72	\$14,725.17	
<b>Dec</b>	\$36,744.31	\$22,015.68	\$21,805.90	\$27,613.88	
<b>EOY</b>	<b>\$219,362.02</b>	<b>\$214,442.44</b>	<b>\$192,345.90</b>	<b>\$182,584.01</b>	

**\* 2010 - Parking Lot; 2011 - Roof Repair**

Submitted by:  
Mitch Leigh  
Treasurer