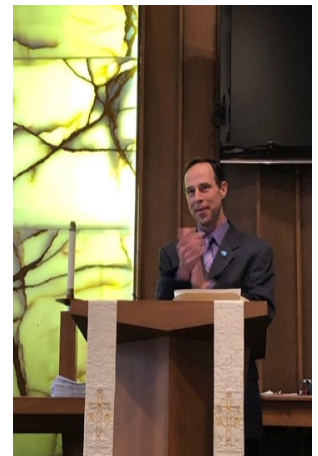


# 2018 Penn West Conference Mission Grants Awards



This year, we rejoiced as 27 different churches in the Penn West Conference received \$46,251.78 worth of grant monies for various projects in their ministries! This is by far the largest grant distribution Penn West Conference has ever made! Grants for “Reaching Out” were distributed from our Corman Fund and our Neighbors in Need Fund. Grants for “Strengthening the Church” were distributed from our Strengthen the Church Fund. And grants for “Operational Support” were distributed from our Kermit Thomas Bequest Fund. We are deeply grateful to our donors who have made these grants possible! We also hope that new donors will come forward who wish to be a blessing to many of our Penn West Conference churches!

The final reports for our 2018 grants are due by September 13, 2019. This is the means by which we hold our awardees accountable, and we provide them with reporting forms for this purpose. For the second year in a row, every church that applied received some award! We are very excited about this and hope that as churches become more aware of what is expected of them in the application process that more churches will avail themselves of the opportunities to receive these monies. We encourage all of our churches to apply and also encourage them to reach out to us if help is needed with the application process.

Here are our Mission Grant Awardees for 2018!



**St. Paul's Community Church in Chicora** received a \$1,500.00 grant for their Guatemala Mission Trip. Pictured here receiving the award are Sharon Curtis, Marsha Kepple, and Maxine Tack.



➔ **Paradise Community United Church of Christ in Reynoldsville** received a \$1,000.00 grant toward their Roof Replacement.

They also received a \$1,500.00 grant to help with Living Water – the Tinaca Project for Moving Mountains Mission.

➔ **The Abbey Reformed United Church of Christ in Huntingdon** received a \$1,000.00 award for Lighting the Church.

➔ **Trinity United Church of Christ in Dorseyville** (Pittsburgh) received a \$1,000.00 grant for their Chancel Floor Repair.

➔ **Stoystown Charge United Church of Christ in Stoystown** received a \$1,000.00 award for their Video Upgrade.

➔ **Grace United Church of Christ in Duquesne** received a \$1,000.00 grant for Moving to the Age of Technology. Pictured here receiving



➔ **St. Paul's Evangelical & Reformed United Church of Christ in Johnstown** received a \$500.00 grant to secure their Sump Pump and Sump Pump Well.

They received an additional \$1,000.00 award for Backflow Valves to Prevent Sewer Backup.

Finally, they received a \$500.00 grant to Divert the Roof Drains to Comply with the Government.

➔ **Brush Creek Salem United Church of Christ in Irwin** received a \$1,000.00 grant for their Entry Door Replacement. Pictured here receiving the award are Roger Mundy and the Rev. Diane Wiley.



➔ **First United Church of Christ in Ebensburg** received a \$1,000.00 award for their Office Upgrade.

Additionally, they received a \$1,000.00 award for Youth Discernment and Action.

Finally, they received a \$370.00 award for Faith in Fellowship. Pictured here receiving the award is Pastor Ryan Lucas.

➔ **First United Church of Christ in Greensburg** received a \$1,000.00 grant for their Security Project.

They also received a \$1,500.00 grant for their Outreach and Communication Project. Of this amount, \$731.00 came from Operational Funds and \$769 came from funds for Reaching Out. Pictured here receiving the award is the Rev. Steve Craft.





➔ **First United Church of Christ in Irwin** received an award of \$1,000.00 for Kitchen Repairs.

They also received a grant for Holiday Events. Receiving the award on their behalf is the Rev. Steve Craft.

➔ **Trinity United Church of Christ in Manns Choice** received a \$1,000.00 award for their Bell Tower Painting Project.

➔ **Christ UCC in Latrobe** received a \$1,000.00 grant for their Front Door Replacement.

They also received a \$1,500.00 grant for their Bible Study with the Union Mission of Latrobe Project. Pictured here receiving the award are Dr. Rick Kunkle & the Rev. Richard Seigfried.



➔ **First United Church of Christ in Mt. Pleasant** received a \$1,000.00 grant for Digital Signage for the Exterior of the Church.

➔ **St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Trauger** (Pleasant Unity) received a \$1,000.00 grant for the Repair of their Stained Glass Windows.



They also received a \$722.00 award for upgrading the Video System for Use with Youth Ministry, Children's Church Activities, as well as Intergenerational Programs Held in Multiple Church Areas.

Finally, they received an Online Presence and Outreach award for \$1,000.00. Pictured here receiving the award are the Rev. Nancy Mears, Stacy Baker, and the Rev. Dan Baker.

➔ **First United Church of Christ in Millvale** received a \$1,000.00 award for their Gutenberg Project.

They also received an award in the amount of \$1,412.00 for their Wonderful Wandering Worship Project.

Last but not least, they received a \$1,500.00 grant for their Fostering Hope Speaker Series. Receiving the award on behalf of First United Church of Christ is the Rev. Alice Lindsay-Bignell.



➔ **Calvary United Church of Christ in Turtle Creek** received a \$1,500.00 award for their Outdoor Handicapped Accessibility Project.

➔ **Greenfield United Church of Christ in Imler** received a \$1,000.00 grant for their Enhancement of Printed Material Project.

➔ **St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Imler** received a \$1,000.00 award to install a Pump Disposal System.

They also received a \$1,500.00 grant for their Monthly Meal and Dinner Outreach Project.

➔ **Community of Reconciliation Church in Pittsburgh** received a \$939.00 grant for their Interior Window Signage Project.

➔ **Community United Church in Erie** received a \$1,000.00 award for Projecting into the Future. They also received a \$1,250 award for their Trinity-Fest Celebration.

Finally, they received an award for \$1,170 for Strengthening the Presence of the Church.



➔ **Emmanuel Reformed United Church of Christ in Export** received a \$1,500.00 grant for a Spiritual Direction and Leadership Program for their Pastor. Pictured here receiving the award on the church's behalf are Pastor Ryan Lucas and the Rev. Meredith Hutchison.

➔ **St. John's United Church of Christ in Evans City** received a \$1,025.00 award for Church Growth and Community Events.

They also received an award in the amount of \$850.00 for Reaching out Mission Projects. Pictured here receiving the awards are Don & Cindy Princeler.



➔ **Amity Reformed United Church of Christ in Meyersdale** received the amount of \$981.78 for Continued Support of their Youth Group.

➔ **Zion's United Church of Christ in Transfer** received a \$1,500.00 award for the Reynolds Backpack Program.



➔ **Jerusalem United Church of Christ in Rimersburg** received a \$1,500.00 grant for their Blessing Kids Project. Receiving this award on the church's behalf is Peggy Mortimer.