

Penn West Conference Mission Grants Awards, 2021

This year, we rejoiced as 16 different churches in the Penn West Conference received \$35,277.24 worth of grant monies for various projects in their ministries! 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 2021 grants are due by September 16, 2022. This is the means by which we hold our awardees accountable, and we provide them with reporting forms for this purpose. This year, we again provided a revised list of helpful tips for applying for grants on our website, and we 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.

If you'd like to watch a video of the ceremony, however, you may do so by visiting https://youtu.be/GkBCNY_CgXE.



Here are our Mission Grant Awardees for 2021!

Denmark Manor United Church of Christ in Export received grants of \$1,000.00 for work on stained glass window protective panels, \$1,000.00 for a project enhancing their live streaming ministry, and \$1,500.00 for an electronic sign. Here is the Rev. Don Watkins receiving the award for the church.



First United Church of Christ in Ebensburg received a \$1,000.00 award toward the restoration of their memorial windows. Here is a photo of Andy Jones receiving the grant on behalf of the church.



First United Church of Christ in Irwin received a \$1,000.00 grant an upgrade to their audio visual system, a \$1,500.00 award for an AED, and a \$1,500.00 grant for a trip for their confirmands. Below is the Rev. Steve Craft, receiving the award for the church.



Christ United Church of Christ in Latrobe received a \$1,500.00 grant for their “Blessing Box” (food for the community) and an \$800.00 award to upgrade their internet service at the church. Below is a photo of Carolyn Stutzman and Elena Sillaman, receiving the award on behalf of the church.



First Reformed United Church of Christ in Greensburg received a \$1,000.00 grant for sound design for their sanctuary, a \$1,500.00 award for a Confirmation trip to Lancaster, and a \$1,500.00 grant for their food bank. Here is a photo of the Rev. Steve Craft receiving the award for the church.



First United Church of Christ in Millvale received a \$1,000.00 award for their “Over Our Heads” project, a \$1,000.00 grant for “Hearing Help,” and a \$1,000 award for “Saluting Service in Our Community.”

St. Paul’s United Church of Christ in Somerset received a \$1,500.00 award for their “Strengthening Children, Youth and Families” program, and an additional \$1,500.00 grant for their work with the “Imagination Library.”

Brush Creek Salem United Church of Christ in Irwin received a \$1,000.00 grant for their “bat exclusion project.”

Emmanuel United Church of Christ in Export received a \$1,000.00 award for their “Streaming into the Future” project and a \$1,300.00 grant for their program on strengthening the church’s ties to the community.

Jerusalem United Church of Christ in Rimersburg received a \$1,738.62.00 grant for their “Blessing Kids” (“blessings in a backpack”) Project.

Mt. Hope United Church of Christ in Portage received a \$1,000.00 grant for their “Grass is Always Greener” project.

Amity Reformed United Church of Christ in Meyersdale received a \$1,000.00 award for reestablishing their website.

Zion’s Reformed United Church of Christ in Greenville received a \$1,000.00 grant toward their “Fix the Steeple, Cool the People” project.

St. Paul’s United Church of Christ in Connoquenessing received a \$1,000.00 for their “Furthering the Mission” project.

St. John's United Church of Christ in Evans City received a \$1,000.00 grant for microphones, a \$700.00 grant for Church Growth, Community Events, and an \$800.00 grant for Mission Projects.

St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Johnstown received a \$1,000.00 award for repairs for the parking lot and a \$1,500.00 award for their “Connections for the Church” project.