



FREDERICK CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

2017 ANNUAL REPORT



Frederick
Church of the Brethren

The Faces of Our Vision

DEAF FELLOWSHIP



HOW WE ARE SUPPORTING THE VISION AND MISSION OF FCOB

Deaf Fellowship Sunday's 9:45 g.group

FCOB's Deaf Fellowship (DF) is a congregation of Deaf people and their families seeking to reach the Mid-Maryland Deaf community with the good news of Jesus Christ. It is our aim to see unbelieving Deaf people become committed followers of Jesus Christ by: Connecting (with God through His Word and prayer); Growing (to maturity as a community of believers); and Reaching (the Deaf world for Jesus Christ).

Sunday 9:45 g.group

Every Sunday morning at 9:45 am, initially in the back of the chapel, but now in the Multipurpose Room, you will find an eclectic group of Deaf people - from different backgrounds, to different ages and different experiences - gathering together for one purpose - to study God's Word. What is different about this class is that it serves people who do not yet know Christ, people who have not grown up in the church and people who have all kinds of questions that they might otherwise not ask in a different Bible study group. This group began meeting about 2 years ago, with Deb Myers leading, when some individuals really wanted to be able to ask questions or make comments without interrupting whatever lesson

was going on. The Bible study group has grown over the years and it has introduced many people to Christ, as well as to the idea of what church is all about. The class meets the members where they are, and Deb's teaching style is direct, yet encouraging and nonjudgmental. When asked about the class, members will comment that they feel free to ask or discuss anything they want - and that has helped them gain a deeper understanding of Scriptures, of God and of Christ's sacrifice. They have laughed together, learned together, prayed together, and grown together. Prayers are much appreciated, as this class moves forward into its third year with more and more people joining!

- New family-oriented Bible study on Sunday mornings that engages learning across generations
- DF leadership presence in the ABRO program
- Increased presence online: sermons: 754 plays in 31 different countries; *Deaflight*: 2136 plays
- 10.9% increase in giving
- Tuesday morning devotion group for Maryland School for the Deaf teachers continues into its second year
- Sushi Deaf Community DIY workshop hosted over 20 participants
- Craft Global Missions fundraiser raised \$240

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you too were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all.

Ephesians 4:4-5

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

FCOB Total Income

General Fund	\$1,421,047.79	¹
Building Fund	\$93,958.79	²
Deaf Fellowship	\$80,257.73	
Designated Giving	\$271,932.48	
Total FCOB Income	\$1,867,196.79	

General Fund Income¹

Congregational Giving (undesignated)	\$1,264,986.74	89.02%
COBLC Overhead Contribution	\$14,108.43	0.99%
Deaf Fellowship Usage Fee/Personnel Contributuion	\$73,375.28	5.16%
Designated Offerings for staff positions	\$3,478.32	0.24%
Ruth Bowlus Trust Distribution	\$53,500.00	3.76%
Other	\$11,599.02	0.82%
Total General Fund Income	\$1,421,047.79	

General Fund Expenses

Leadership	\$152,609.76	10.60%
Operations	\$363,042.77	25.22%
Discipleship	\$52,343.08	3.64%
Worship	\$24,108.80	1.67%
Evangelism	\$69,930.63	4.86%
Fellowship	\$5,521.42	0.38%
Ministry	\$3,010.28	0.21%
Standing	\$1,400.00	0.10%
Personnel	\$766,616.45	53.26%
Unbudgeted	\$905.43	0.06%
Total General Fund Expenses	\$1,439,488.62	
General Fund Net Loss	(\$18,440.83)	

Building Fund Income²

Offerings	\$89,527.56
Interest Income	\$2,556.23
Land Rental	\$1,875.00
Total Building Fund Income	\$93,958.79

Building Fund Expenses

Fairview Ave Capital Improvements	\$12,900.00
Strategic Planning	\$684.00
Land Site Planning and Development	\$2,069.50
Property Taxes	\$3,352.96
Interest Expense	\$18,169.60
Miscellaneous	\$3.90
Total Building Fund Expenses	\$37,179.96
Building Fund Net Income	\$56,778.83

FCB Loan Debt reduction in 2017	\$35,629.01
Reno 13 internal debt reduction in 2017	\$17,814.50