

VOLUNTEER



St. Martin's Expresses Appreciation to our Finance Team

St. Martin's Finance Committee has been working extremely hard over the last year to sort out the financial status of the church following the move to the new accounting firm and auditor as well as all the challenges the Covid 19 pandemic has presented. This has required literally hours of work by committee members most notably Mavis McPhee and Rick Dobrow. They have diligently reviewed and reorganized financial statements, reviewed revenues, and disbursements, sorted out GL codes, met regularly with the accounting firm and our new auditor, prepared budgets, supervised two detailed audits, encouraged congregation members in their personal giving's and worked closely with our office administrator, Brandy, to fine tune our accounting operations. They have regularly attended UCC finance webinars and have successfully applied for grants that the church was entitled to related to the pandemic. Working without a treasurer has been challenging and yet these folks have persevered, mostly behind the scenes, to ensure that the remarkable ministries St. Martin's offers continue to be financially viable and well funded. Supported by their committee and staff rep Brandy Emmerich, they have wrestled with and posed difficult questions to the board and congregation always with a mindset of "how can we?" rather than "we can't."

This week the committee is preparing for the Annual Congregational Meeting dealing with finance. The meeting will be held on May 2 at 1030 am by Zoom where they will bring the 2019 and 2020 Audit as well as the 2021 budget forward for congregational approval. Please attend and honor the important work of this team.

So, as we continue in the spirit "*National Volunteer Appreciation Week*" we are indeed grateful to these volunteers for their diligent and spirit filled commitment to the vital ministry of finance at this time. Thank you, Finance Team!

St. Martin's Cares!

Submitted by Keith Hall April 27, 2021