

Summary Report Administrative Commission for the closing of First Presbyterian Church Columbus Grove, OH

The Commission assigned to represent Maumee Valley Presbytery to honorably close the First Presbyterian Church of Columbus Grove, Ohio has completed the task. Here are some summary highlights of the process:

- The Commission began the process in February 2016.
- A community wide worship service commemorating the congregation's presence over the history of the area was held on May 1, 2016.
- Former members received several communications regarding listening forums to hear stories and concerns, how to transfer membership, procurement of certain items that had family or significant importance for purchase, and other related information.
- Conversations with interested third parties resulted in the decision to have the building remain a central part of the redevelopment plan of the Village of Columbus Grove. The Commission met with the Village Council and Mayor several times to formulate a mutually agreeable plan for the transfer of the property to the Village before the end on 2016. The building and property were sold for \$1.00.
- An inventory list of sacred and Christian items available for donation was given to the Presbytery office to inform other churches. In a timely manner, all remaining items were boxed up and donated to the Christian Salvage Mission, aka Christian Resource International, of Fowlerville, Michigan, for their distribution. A contribution of \$400.00 was given to CRI to help process the distribution. Several historical items will be left in the parlor area for the Village to create a display for the community.
- Records and official documents were transferred to Maumee Valley Presbytery to be stored for 1 year, and then these will be sent to Philadelphia for the PCUSA Archives.
- The remaining funds were liquidated by Dec. 30, 2016 with the Union Bank Checking account formally closed on 1/04/2017.

* Legal fees for property transfer: Schroeder/Blankemeyer/Schroeder LLP... \$257.00

* Schroeder Plumbing & Heating . \$200.35 boiler repair

* The Village of Columbus \$29,999.00 for property upgrades

* Birnesser Builders \$675.00 office ceiling repair

* Maumee Valley Presbytery \$6750.98 Cashier Check #579172 to be used for new church development or re-development within MVP.