## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As we enter the Christmas season and are looking at the celebration of a new life, the life of our Savior Jesus Christ, I am reminded of how we have celebrated the lives of so many of our members who have departed from us recently and have ascended into heaven to spend eternity with our Lord. For quite a few of our saints, the columbarium at Centenary is their earthly resting place. The Centenary Columbarium was built about twenty years ago and is located on the west side of our sanctuary. We have recently undertaken steps to enhance and improve this space as well as create a more inviting area in which to honor our loved ones.

The Trustees of the church have implemented a plan to renovate and repair certain areas of the Columbarium. This project will include specialized masonry rework, improved drainage, cleaning and landscape improvements. The project is already underway and is expected to be completed in the Spring. The work will be performed by Frank L. Blum Construction Company. The initial assessment for project was completed by Engineered Concepts. We will take great care of the space during this process and honor completely those who are already inurned in that space. We are working hard to make this area a very special place for many years to come.

Not too many of us want to talk about death or memorial services but it is an expected and unavoidable part of life. We strive at Centenary to provide the very best care and support if you experience the loss of a loved one. Should you wish to consider a niche in our columbarium, please give us a call and we will be happy to walk you through the process.

~ Mary Ann Wexler

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY JANUARY - OCTOBER 2017

| REVENUES                      | Year-to Date | Annual Budget |
|-------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Unrestricted Contributions    | \$2,181,074  | \$3,014,745   |
| Other Revenues                | \$518,008    | \$754,770     |
| Total Revenues                | \$2,699,082  | \$3,769,515   |
| EXPENSES                      |              |               |
| Adult Ministry                | \$3,745      | \$7,500       |
| Apportionments                | \$258,579    | \$318,579     |
| Administration                | \$347,621    | \$433,775     |
| Children's Ministry           | \$44,433     | \$57,415      |
| Communications                | \$188,606    | \$219,269     |
| Facilities/Food               | \$707,106    | \$996,692     |
| Glad Tidings Books & Gifts    | \$14,772     | \$21,000      |
| Information Technology        | \$91,067     | \$108,583     |
| Mission & Outreach            | \$158,089    | \$209,675     |
| Music & Arts                  | \$222,057    | \$266,580     |
| Properties                    | \$28,384     | \$49,800      |
| Daybreak/Respite Care         | \$76,821     | \$96,390      |
| Cabaniss Scholarships/Interns | \$105,351    | \$119,664     |
| Senior Adults                 | \$8,086      | \$13,400      |
| Worship                       | \$605,644    | \$717,614     |
| Youth Ministry                | \$112,335    | \$133,579     |
| Total Expenses                | \$2,972,696  | \$3,769,515   |
| Net Total                     | (\$273,614)  | \$0           |