

Meetings

First Congregational Church of Georgetown, Mass.

Clerk
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3821

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MRS. A. THOMPSON
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Feb. 6, 1955

WARRANT

A Special meeting of the First Congregational Church of Georgetown, Inc. is called for Monday, February 14, 1955 at 7:30 P.M. to consider the following listed matters of business.

1. To see what action the Church wishes to take regarding the painting of the organ pipes.
2. To see if the Church wishes to act on the extending of the original proposal of painting the sanctuary.

Posted on Feb, 6, 1955

Attest:

Kenneth B. Ross

Clerk

W A R R A N T

May 4, 1955

A Special meeting of the First Congregational Church of Georgetown is called, by vote of the Church Cabinet, for Thursday May 12, 1955 at 7:30 P.M. to consider the following listed items of business.

Article 1. To discuss and take desired action on a proposed loan from the Benevolent Society for the purpose of meeting costs of painting the Church.

Article 2. To take any other action which the members may wish to bring before the meeting.

Posted on May 5, 1955

Attest:

Kenneth B. Ross

Clerk

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF GEORGETOWN, INC.

WARRANT

The Members and Associate Members of the First Congregational Church of Georgetown, Inc. are hereby notified in accordance with the Constitution of the said Church that the Annual Meeting will be held on the second Thursday of October, October 14, 1954, in the Church at 7:45 P.M., then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To hear and act on the various reports to be submitted and to take any desired action resulting from them.

Article 2. Election of Officers.

Article 3. Consideration of Article IV. Section 3. (f) of the Constitution. Duties of the Collector.

Article 4. Annual Budget - to see what action is desired on the adoption of a budget and means of raising funds to meet same.

Article 5. To see what action is desired regarding the suggestion of the Essex North Association that the loose collection on each Mother's Day be contributed to an Association Fund toward payment of delegate's expenses to General Council meetings.

Article 6. To take any necessary action relative to the building and grounds of the Church.

Posted

Oct. 3, 1954

Kenneth B. Ross
Clerk

Minister

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF GEORGETOWN, MASS.

PASTOR'S REPORT FOR 1955

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The most obvious physical achievement this year has been the painting of the interior of the Church. To this project our people responded so well that the completion of the payment will cause no financial burden to the church authorities.

The building, as a whole, is in good repair.

Work began on the kitchen and I understand that the Trustees intend to continue that work this year.

I would like in this report to congratulate the Trustees on their work on the Church property in general.

One encouraging sign this year has been the active part which newly received members have taken during during the year. in the work of the Church.

That our Church is reaching out into larger work is evidenced by the certificate of commendation received for the substantial increase in our Christian service in the world.

Both senior and junior Pilgrim Fellowships were active and maintained a high percentage of attendance at their meetings.

The Camp Fire Girls and the Blue Birds which the Church sponsored have grown so rapidly that it has become necessary to divide the groups. This means that our own people are supervising the work of our own children.

This is a growing Church in an enlarging community. The recent religious census indicated that there are more people interested in this Church than in all the rest of the churches put together.

It is our responsibility, therefore, - yours and mine - to see that newcomers who are brought in are able to find a helpful spiritual atmosphere. Such an atmosphere is not created by deacons or minister but by the whole Christian fellowship.

This is the biggest thing we have to do this coming year.

To bring this about I recommend:

1. a new interest in the Bible
2. a revived sense of the need of a week-night devotional meeting
3. a deeper understanding of the place of the Christian home.
4. an increased interest in Church attendance.

Church organizations - as organizations - are not inspired by the Spirit of God. God works through men and women, men and women who dedicated to His work.

In that condition is our guarantee for a successful Church year.

ARTHUR COULTHARD. (Minister).

Clerk

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF GEORGETOWN

ANNUAL REPORT

Oct. 13, 1955

Since the last Annual Meeting on Oct. 14, 1954 there have been six special meetings called. The first dealt with the problem of a proposed dog track in town and with the selection of a committee to work with the Trustees on the painting of the sanctuary. Another meeting dealt further with items connected with the painting of the Church. Still another meeting was concerned with the borrowing of money with which to pay a portion of the painting costs. The other three special meetings were called in connection with membership transfers and acceptances.

Our membership changes in the year have been:

| <u>Losses</u> | | <u>Admissions</u> | |
|---------------|----|-------------------------|----|
| By transfer | 3 | By transfer | 10 |
| By death | 7 | By confession | 1 |
| | | By confession & Bap't'm | 4 |
| | | | |
| Totals | 10 | | 15 |

Our membership now stands at 327 with 14 Associate Members

There were 14 baptisms during the year.

The Members we have lost through death

Elsie Hamelin

Helen Holmes

Eliza Hughes

Georgianna Merrill

G. Harold Noyes

E. Annie Brown

Esther N. Weld

Respectfully submitted

H. B. Ross

Clerk

Sunday School Superintendent

REPORT OF CHURCH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

1954-1955

Enrollment--140

Average Attendance--about 85 Measles brought average down

Expenditures-- *(over budget)*

Accomplishments--painted Nursery Room
drapes purchased and made for it
large size projection screen

Teacher Training--Delegates to Intercommunity Institute at Topsfield
& delegates to Northern New England School Religion Educ.

Missionary Projects--New England Home for Little Wanderers
Christmas for Harlem
Share Our Supplus--Christmas and Lentent Offerings

Church Being Painted helps a great deal to lend a better atmosphere for teaching

Staff

Sorry to loose-Maurice and Esther Spaulding Temporarily--Cleeta Kitchen
Minnie Longley
Margaret Dole Secretary-Marion Poor

Present Staff

| | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Nursery Supt.-- | Shelia Kelly | Junior Dept-- |
| " Asst. | Judith Boynton | 5 and 6 Girls-Edna Ayers |
| | | Boys -Leon Elliott |
| Kindergarten Supt. | Edith Eckel | |
| Teacher | June Howe | |
| Asst. | Priscilla Noyes | Junior High--Good to have |
| Primary Dept. | 1st Grade-Elizabeth Merrill | Girls-Florence Coulthard |
| | 2nd Grade-Marion Tapin | Boys -Harold Elliott |
| | 3rd -Gladys Jacquith | |
| | 4th - Natalie Elliott- | |
| | Susan Nichols | |

Course of Study--Last year-The Life of Christ-The Lord's Prayer
This Year The Bible, the Book of Books- One World

Looking Ahead -High School Cadet Teachers
Christmas Family Workshop
Better use of Present Space--Bursting at Seams
Double Session seems to be working well

Charles E. Blanchard

Music

The Music Committee ~~has been~~ ^{was} very busy until January of this year, when we were fortunate enough to secure the services of Mrs. David Brown of Newburyport as our organist and choir director.

The organ was serviced twice during the year and we plan to renew the contract this year. At the present time the choir lacks male voices and if anyone can suggest prospects, the Committee will welcome the information.

Respectfully submitted
Harrie Tidd, Chairman
Dorothy Jones, Sec.

World Service

REPORT OF THE WORLD SERVICE COMMITTEE

Oct. 13, 1955

Our Christian World Mission starts on our own doorsteps - in our own lives, in our own churches, in our own community. The purpose of Our Christian World Mission is to build a truly Christian community and to constitute it in spiritual and civic freedom.

Our Benevolence money is sent to the Massachusetts Congregational Christian Conference and is apportioned as follows;

| | |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| Boston Seaman's Friend Society | 1¢ |
| State Conference | 15¢ |
| Home Missions | 33.6¢ |
| Foreign Missions | 33.6¢ |
| Social Action | 3.4¢ |
| Relief and Reconstruction | 13.4¢ |

Our Church School observes Missionary Sunday once a month. Our Ladies Missionary Society meets regularly through the year. They have a study book whereby they learn of the needs of others. Their money and efforts go entirely to missions. The study theme for the year in the Foreign field is "Our Christian Mission in a Revolutionary World" and the Home field is "Indian Americans".

On March 6, 1955, Miss Pauline Graechen, a medical missionary from Kenya Colony, Africa spoke during morning worship of her work.

MISSIONARY MONEY

| | | Expenditures |
|---|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Receipts | | |
| Bal. on hand 9/1/54 | \$162.81 | (SS) One Great Hour of Sharing 46.02 |
| Church School | 237.55 | One Great Hour (Church) 47.00 |
| Benevolence Collections | 809.26 | Appoitrioment (SS) 51.00 |
| | | Apportionment Mission Soc 75.00 |
| | | Apportionment Benevolence 674.26 |
| | \$ 1209.62 | \$ 893.28 |
| Other Gifts Expended | | |
| Little Wanderer's Home (Church School) | \$ 40.41 | |
| Christian Children Fund (Church School) | 25.00 | |
| Leprosy Mission (Church School) | 17.36 | |
| Leprosy Mission (Missionary Soc.) | 5.00 | |
| | | \$ 87.77 |
| | Balance on hand 9/1/55 \$ 228.57 | |

During the year the Guild and the Missioary Society have contributed the sum of \$38.75 to Welker Memorial Home, Second Mile, Essex North and Dillard University.

Our Church has received a certificate of appreciation from the State Conference as having made an increase in our Mission Giving. We have 50 pledged contributions to Missions this year.

Our object for the coming year, - A PLEDGE TO OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION FROM EVERY MEMBER OF THE CHURCH, WHATEVER THE AMOUNT.

Respectfully submitted

Church World Service Committee

Benevolent Society

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REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

October 13, 1955

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The Women's Benevolent Society has a membership of nine.

Four regular meetings and two special meetings were held during the past year.

Memorial flowers were placed in church in January.

For our Friendly Service Project clothing to the value of \$36 was sent to Delmo.

The Missionary Society helped with this project.

In October, 1954, the Benevolent Society joined with the Missionary Society at a parcel-post table at the Church Fair.

We were sorry to lose our President, Mrs Longley, who left to go to California last March.

The sum of \$1000 was loaned to the church from the Chapel Fund. This to be applied to the Paint Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

Florence H. Coulthard

Sec - Treas.

Couples Club

Couples Club Report - Annual Meeting 1955.

Nine new members joined during the 1954-55 season, bringing the total membership to 46 couples.

Two hundred dollars was donated to the Church Paint Fund, in May.

The Couples Club will provide entertainment again, this year for the Annual Church Fair. Many interesting and entertaining meetings are being planned for the coming year.

Lewis and Josephine Peterson
Presidents.

Flowers

Report of the Flower Committee
October - 13 - 1955

The flowers for the pulpit have been taken care of a good many years by members of the church guild. This year as was the custom, the chairman asked the President of the Guild Miss Eleanor Stetson if they could be taken care of as usual. Much to the delight of the committee the ladies did more than was asked and supplied flowers the year around and the committee wishes to extend a great big Thank you: to

Eleanor Stetson and Alice Chaisson and to each & each person that responded to their request for flowers. Also we wish to extend a Thank you: to the Ceryles Club for their co-operation and for the beautiful display at Thanks giving time.

The chairman wishes to thank her committee at this time - Gladys Barton and Maria Marble - who were always ready and willing

Respectfully submitted
Eleanor C. Greenleaf

Auditor

Oct 4-1955

The auditing committee has examined the books of the treasurer and collector and found them correct.

Eleanor Sexton
Harriette S. Poole

Treasurer

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF GEORGETOWN

Treasurer's Report from Sept. 1, 1954 to Aug. 31, 1955

| | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Balance on hand Sept. 1, 1954 | | \$ 45.13 |
| Receipts: | | |
| Pledges | \$6744.52 | |
| Loose Collection | 501.74 | |
| Church School Regular | \$397.66 | |
| Reg. Missions | 140.70 | |
| Spec. " | <u>96.85</u> | |
| Missions | 809.26 | |
| Dividends | 827.00 | |
| Reimbursements | 16.15 | |
| Daily Devotions | 40.00 | |
| Misc. Donations | 68.00 | |
| Gideon Collection | 19.00 | |
| Junk sold | 2.80 | |
| For Easter Flowers | <u>4.25</u> | <u>9747.93</u> |
| | | \$ 9793.06 |
| Paid Out: | | |
| Minister | \$3600.00 | |
| Minister's Annuity | 331.20 | |
| Sexton | 500.00 | |
| Music - Organists | 488.00 | |
| Music | 7.19 | |
| Advertising | 14.78 | |
| Servicing Organ | <u>40.00</u> | 549.97 |
| Church School | | |
| Supplies, etc. | 833.92 | |
| N.N.E.S.R.E. | 131.00 | |
| Missions | <u>179.79</u> | 1144.71 |
| Missions | 801.26 | |
| Transferred to Repair Fund | 600.00 | |
| Coal | 804.79 | |
| Gas & Electricity | 108.04 | |
| Insurance | 243.77 | |
| Water | 44.00 | |
| Benevolent Society Loan | 200.00 | |
| Dues - Essex North Association | 88.66 | |
| Calendars | 114.40 | |
| Canvas Supplies | 39.05 | |
| Collection Envelopes | 29.74 | |
| Daily Devotions | 32.00 | |
| Misc. Expenses | 207.11 | |
| Gideons | 19.00 | |
| Easter Flowers | 23.60 | |
| Taxes | <u>19.95</u> | <u>9501.25</u> |
| Balance on hand August 31, 1955 | | \$ 291.81 |

Respectfully submitted

Treasurer

Treasurer's Statement

Oct. 13, 1955

Georgetown Savings Book # 9962

Repair Fund - Balance Sept. 1, 1954 \$ 197.86

Receipts

| | | |
|------------------|--------|---------------|
| Donations | 35.00 | |
| Dividends | 8.36 | |
| Budget Allowance | 600.00 | 643.36 |
| | | <u>841.22</u> |

Paid Out

| | | |
|-------------------------|--------|---------------|
| Modern Plumbing | 87.00 | |
| Taylor Goodwin | 80.17 | |
| Demers Plate Glass | 39.75 | |
| Elmer Jones | 56.05 | |
| Haverhill Lumber Supply | 65.53 | |
| Albert Tidd | 115.22 | |
| Clifford Emerson | 27.51 | |
| Francis Kent | 75.00 | 546.23 |
| | | <u>546.23</u> |

Balance on hand August 31, 1955 \$ 294.99

Georgetown Savings Bank - Book #12560

| | | | |
|-------------|-----------|----------------|----------------|
| Choir Fund | Principal | \$500.00 | |
| | Div. | 128.62 | 628.62 |
| Poor Fund | Principal | <u>2437.66</u> | |
| | Div. | 1543.47 | 3981.13 |
| Reg. Exp. | Principal | <u>5194.55</u> | |
| | Div. | 243.47 | 5438.02 |
| Church Sch. | Principal | <u>174.60</u> | |
| | Div. | 42.32 | 216.92 |
| Miss. Fund | Principal | <u>1000.00</u> | |
| | Div. | 25.15 | <u>1025.15</u> |

Balance August 31, 1955 \$ 11289.84

PAINT FUND

| | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Cash received to Oct. 1, 1955 | \$ 1625.82 |
| Borrowed from Concordia Society | 1000.00 |
| Pledges to come | 290.00 |
| | <u>\$ 2915.82</u> |

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|------------|---------------|--------------|------------------|
| Paint Bill | \$3235 | Cash on hand | \$ 172.82 |
| Paid | 2453 | Pledges | 290.00 |
| Bal. Due | <u>\$ 782</u> | Still needed | 319.18 |
| | | | <u>\$ 782.00</u> |

Budget

Tentative Budget Sept. 1, 1955 to Aug. 31, 1956

| | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| Minister's Salary | \$3840.00 | |
| Payment For Annuity Fund | 353.28 | |
| Minister's Telephone Service | 72.00 | |
| Sexton | 500.00 | |
| Fuel | 600.00 | |
| Music | 600.00 | |
| Repair Fund | 1000.00 | |
| Insurance | 270.00 | |
| Repayment To Benevolent Society | 200.00 | |
| Per Capita Tax | 150.00 | |
| Electric Light | 130.00 | |
| Water | 44.00 | |
| Taxes | 20.00 | |
| Envelopes | 30.00 | |
| Church Bulletins | 100.00 | |
| Incidentals | 200.00 | |
| Deacons (For Daily Devotions) | 50.00 | |
| Sunday School | 1000.00 | |
| Vacation School | 100.00 | |
| Payment on Pledge to Building Fund | 250.00 | |
| Bal. Due on Pledge for Framingham Rec. Center | <u>212.00</u> | (1 year only) |
| Total | 9721.28 | |
| Missions | 972.12 | |

\$916 Increase

Nominating

OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING: October 13, 1955.

* not eligible for re-election.

| OFFICE: | PERIOD: | PRESENT HOLDER: | | |
|------------------------|---------|---------------------|---|---|
| - Clerk | 1 | K.B. Ross | ✓ | K. Ross. |
| Treasurer | 1 | Mrs A. Thompson | ✓ | Mrs A. Thompson |
| Collector | 1 | John Lewis | ✓ | John Lewis |
| Deacon | 4 | * Harold Elliott | | Harry Sweetland C. Blanchard. |
| - Deacon | 2 | Oscar Tidd | | Henry Daley. ✓ Henry Daley |
| | 5 | | | Charles Hester. ✓ Wm Eckel. |
| - Supt. Church School. | 1 | Charles Blanchard | ✓ | C. Blanchard. |
| - Trustee | 5 | * Elmer Jones | | Ed. Jones. |
| - Finance Co. | 3 | Lewis Partington | | ① Bill Eckel ② ✓ Ed. Jones |
| - Music | 3 | * Miss M. Huse | | ② Lew Partington ③ ✓ |
| - Audit. | 1 | Mrs James Poole | ✓ | May Powell - Ruth Brown - Martha Jones |
| - Audit. | 1 | Miss E. Stetson | ✓ | Mrs J. Poole |
| - Christian Educ. | 1 | Mrs Fairfax Hatch | ✓ | Mrs E. Stetson |
| - " " | 1 | Mrs Edward Jones | ✓ | - |
| - " " | 1 | James Boynton | ✓ | - |
| Delegate | 1 | Mrs A. Coulthard | | Mrs H. Stetson |
| Delegate | 1 | | | Mrs H. Stetson |
| - Social Com. | 1 | Mrs Richard Nichols | ✓ | Mrs Alfred Daley |
| World Service | 1 | Mrs Kenneth Ross | ✓ | M. Weston - A. Poole - Ruth Jones. |
| Flower | 1 | Mrs L. Greenleaf | | G. Barton. |
| - Social Action | 1 | Mrs Gladys Barton | | M. Dole |
| Laymen's Rep. | 1 | Harry Sweetland | | David Elliott |
| - Advance | 1 | | ✓ | Mrs. K.B. Ross. |

Fall Meeting Delegates Essex North Mr & Mrs. Metcalf.

Ballot voted. 10/13/55