

*** REPORTS OF THE YEAR 1968 ***

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

GEORGETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS

Meetings
First Congregational Church
of
Georgetown, Massachusetts

Minister
REV. PHILIP H. SOUTHWICK
5 Hart Circle

TELEPHONES
Church 352-8443
Home 352-8305

WARRANT

December 26, 1967

The Members of the First Congregational Church of Georgetown are hereby advised that in accordance with the Constitution and By-laws of Said Church, a Special Meeting of the Church will be held Tuesday January 2, 1968 at 8 P. M. in the Vestry, then and there to act on the following listed Articles:

- ARTICLE I: To see if the Church will vote to purchase the Meisner Land on Andover Street and raise by Mortgage or other means a sum not to exceed \$4000.00 and to authorize the Treasurer to execute the necessary papers for the Corporation.
- ARTICLE II: To see if the Church will vote to purchase the Locke Property at 1 Cottage Street and raise by Mortgage or other means a sum not to exceed \$4000.00 and to authorize the Treasurer to execute the necessary papers for the Corporation.
- ARTICLE III: To take any other action relative to the Church and/or its property.

BY DIRECTION OF THE
CABINET

Wilhelmina M. Trumble

Posted December 26, 1967

CLERK

SPECIAL MEETING

A Special Meeting of the First Congregational Church of Georgetown, Mass., Inc. was called to order by the Moderator at 8:05 P. M. on January 2, 1968.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Philip Southwick.

The Clerk read the report of the Autumn Meeting and Special Meeting. These reports were accepted as read.

Moderator H. Nelson Pingree read the Warrant.

ARTICLE I: To see if the Church will vote to purchase the Meisner Land on Andover Street and raise by Mortgage or other means a sum not to exceed \$4000.00 and to authorize the Treasurer to execute the necessary papers for the Corporation.

Mr. Douglas Melzard spoke regarding the Meisner Property on the Corner of Andover and Cottage Streets, this is now available and Mr. Melzard reported that this would be our last chance to buy this property. There was some discussion regarding means of obtaining Mortgage with which to purchase the Land.

Moderator Homer K. Tapin made the following motion: I move that the Meisner Land on Andover Street be purchased for the sum of \$4000.00 and that the money be raised by mortgage on Church Property and that the Treasurer be authorized to execute the necessary papers for the Corporation. Motion seconded by Lewis Pingree and unanimously voted. (\$100. Binder)

ARTICLE II: To see if the Church will vote to purchase the Locke Property at 1 Cottage Street and raise by Mortgage or other means a sum not to exceed \$4000.00 and to authorize the Treasurer to execute the necessary papers for the Corporation.

H. Nelson Pingree and Homer K. Tapin have looked at the Locke Property, it is in bad physical condition but could possibly be rented.

Lee Lowell made the following motion: I move that the Locke Property at 1 Cottage Street be purchased for the sum of \$4000.00 and that the money be raised by Mortgage on the Church Property and a binder of \$100 be paid at once and and that the Treasurer be authorized to execute the necessary papers for the Corporation. Motion seconded by Marjorie Blair and unanimously voted.

ARTICLE III: To take any other action relative to the Church and/or its property.
Nothing this Article.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 P. M.

33 Members were present at Meeting.

Respectfully submitted
Katharina M. Traylor
Clerk

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WARRANT

January 11, 1968

The Members of the First Congregational Church of Georgetown are hereby advised that in accordance with the Constitution and By-laws of Said Church, the Annual Meeting of the Church will be held Thursday, January 25, 1968 at 8 P. M. in the Vestry, then and there to act on the following listed Articles:

- ARTICLE I: To receive the reports of the several Boards, Committees and Officers of the Church, and to take any action desired thereon.
- ARTICLE II: To hear the report of the Committee appointed to straighten out the by-law regarding the Moderator and take action thereon.
- ARTICLE III: To take any other action relative to the Church and/or its property.

BY DIRECTION OF THE CABINET

Wilhelmina M. Tharlt

Posted January 17, 1968

Clerk

January 25, 1968

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the First Congregational Church of Georgetown was called to order at 8:05 P. M. by the Moderator H. Nelson Pingree.

The Rev. Philip Southwick offered Prayer.

The Warrant was read by the Moderator.

Minutes of a Special Meeting held on January 2, 1968 were read and approved.

ARTICLE I: To receive the reports of the several Boards, Committees and Officers of the Church, and to take any action desired thereon.

The members present were given time to peruse the various reports. Andover Organ bill was discussed. Mr. Melzard reported on many conversations with Andover Organ officials. Mr. Melzard feels we received full value although he would have liked to have them take \$1000. off the bill. Andover Organ will assist with an Organ Concert to be held on March 24, 1968. Ken Wilson of WHDH will be the Organist. The Moderator thanked Mr. Melzard on behalf of the Church for the hours of effort put into this project. The Moderator remarked that we had always paid our bills and this one will be paid.

The report of the Auditors was read.

The Collector and Treasurer were complimented on their fine work.

Shares Massachusetts Congregational Fund were explained by Homer K. Tapin.

The Treasurers report was carefully reviewed.

Mr. Tapin explained our Invested Funds.

Carol Tidd was congratulated for her fine work on the Fair and Evelyn Boose for her dedication as Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Mr. Metcalf was thanked for his work in clearing the title on the Rogers Property.

Homer Tapin thanked all the members for the opportunity of serving as a Deacon.

Leeland Lowell made the following Motion: I move that the various reports be accepted as printed. Seconded by Mayland Lewis and so voted.

ARTICLE II; To hear the report of the Committee appointed to straighten out the by-law regarding the Moderator and to take action thereon.

Deacon Leland Lowell reported on the By-laws concerning the Moderator. Article IV: Section I, (g) and (h)--this was a typographical omission. Lee Lowell made the following motion: I move that Article IV Section 1 of the by-laws be adopted. Seconded by Deacon Lawrence Tripp, and so voted. ((g) Church School Superintendent, to be appointed by the Board of Christian Education. (h) Moderator, to serve for one year, or until his successor is chosen.)

Proposals read by Leland Lowell on by-law changes.

The following motion was made by Leland Lowell: I move that under Article IV, section II, paragraph F the word Moderator be inserted. (Cabinet, to consist of Pastor, Moderator, Clerk, Collector, Treasurer, Superintendent of Church School, Board of Deacons, Chairmen of all Committees of the Church, and Presidents of all Church Organizations.) Motion seconded and so voted.

Leland Lowell moved that Article IV, Section III, Paragraph G shall read The Moderator shall preside at all Meetings of the Church and Cabinet. Motion seconded and so voted.

ARTICLE III: To take any other action relative to the Church and/or its property.

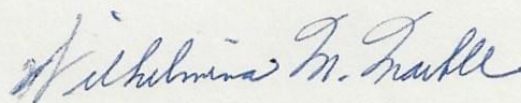
Deacon Leland Lowell moved that a letter of transfer be sent to the Hamilton Congregational Church for Mr. and Mrs. Patsy Iafolla. Seconded by Deacon Forest Bridges and so voted.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 P. M.

Delicious refreshments were made and served by Carol Sheehan, assisted by Ruth Jones.

32 present.

Respectfully submitted



Clerk

SPECIAL MEETING


Special Church Meeting called on April 7, 1968 to act on Membership Meeting called to order after Church Service by the Moderator H. Nelson Pingree.

Motion made that the following be received into membership on Confession of Faith:

Jean Winkleman
Jennifer Tripp
Janet Batson
Patricia Holden
Cynthia Hunt
Karen Rogers
Scott Mann
Steve Winkelman
Philip Lewis
Jo Ellen Rogers
Elton J. Hill and by letter:
Mrs. Elton J. Hill
Carol Dispenza.

Motion seconded and so voted.

Meeting adjourned.



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October 2, 1968

The Members of the First Congregational Church of Georgetown are hereby advised that in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of Said Church, the Autumn Meeting of the Church will be held Thursday October 10, 1968 at 8 P. M. in the Vestry, then and there to act on the following listed Articles:

- ARTICLE I: To hear the report of the Nominating Committee and to take action required thereon.
- ARTICLE II: To hear the report of the Finance Committee regarding the Church Budget and to take action thereon.
- ARTICLE III: To take any other action relative to the Church and/or its property.

BY DIRECTION OF THE CABINET

Wilhelmina M. Franklin

Posted October 2, 1968

CLERK

October 10, 1968

AUTUMN MEETING

The Autumn Meeting was called to order at 8:05 P. M. by the Moderator H. Nelson Pingree.

The members present sang "Oh God, Our Help in Ages Past" accompanied by the Rev. Philip Southwick, who also led us in prayer.

The report of the Annual Meeting was read and approved.

The Warrant was read by the Moderator.

ARTICLE I: To hear the report of the Nominating Committee and to take action required thereon.

Mrs. Elizabeth Pingree read the following report of the Nominating Committee:

Moderator

Clerk

Treasurer

Collector

Board of Deacons (Three years)

Board of Deaconesses (Three years)

Trustee (Five years)

Finance Committee (Three years)

Music Committee (Three years)

Board of Christian Education (Three years)

Nominating Committee (Five years)

Auditing Committee

Social Committee

World Service Committee

Flower Committee

Social Action Committee

Ushering Committee

Delegates

Leeland Lowell

Mrs. Arthur J. Marble

Mrs. Joseph Sheehan

Mrs. Edward Jones

James Gammie

Dr. Lewis Skeirik

Mrs. Clyde Tozier

Mrs. Douglas Melzard

Leonard Swart

Mayland Lewis

Mrs. Donald Gammon

Mrs. Richard magown

David Elliott

Robert Davidson

Mrs. Harris Rogers

H. Nelson Pingree

Mrs. Albert Tidd

Miss Olive R. Metcalf

Mrs. Albert Illsley

Dr. Edward Allen

Ernest Kellaway

Robert Pingree

Mr. and Mrs. George Condon.

Deacon A. Lawrence Tripp made the following motion: I move that the report of the Nominating Committee be accepted. Motion seconded and so voted.

Mr. Metcalf moved that the Clerk cast one ballot for the Officers as submitted, seconded and voted. The Clerk cast one ballot as directed and the Moderator declared the Officers for 1968 duly elected.

ARTICLE II: To hear the report of the Finance Committee regarding the Church Budget and to take action thereon.

Robert Davidson, Chairman of the Finance Committee explained the increases and decreases in the Budget and answered questions regarding the general budget.

Deacon Leeland Lowell moved that the Budget, as read, in the amount of \$32,650.00 be adopted. Motion seconded and so voted.

ARTICLE III: To take any other action relative to the Church and/or its property.

Carol Sheehan made the following motion: I move that the Church Fair Chairman be advanced \$100.00. This motion was withdrawn.

Collector Ruth Jones reported \$3300.00 in outstanding pledges for 1968.

Edward Jones reported that the Church now owns all one side of Cottage Street.

At last the Organ Bill has been paid in full.

Rev. Southwick made several announcements regarding coming activities.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 P. M.

The Film "The Hangman" based on the Poem by Maurice Ogden was shown by the Rev. Southwick.

Respectfully submitted

Kilhelmina M. Traylor

Clerk

Minister

REPORT OF THE MINISTER

In these days when we sometimes hear on television or read in books and magazines that "the institutional church as we know it is dead", we must take a careful look at ourselves to see not only how healthy we are, but, more importantly, that we are using our energies in ways that are of greatest benefit to ourselves and society at large. Though eternal values do not change, ways they are expressed must change to keep in step with our changing society. As churches change their ways there is internal tension created, which makes them come alive and remain healthy.

How do we stand? In most ways we are a healthy church. Responsibilities are spread among many families. Both comparative newcomers and long time members have major responsibilities. Our committees meet and enter into dialogue to a greater degree than is true in many other churches. Our church school is well staffed by interested and concerned teachers. Our church fair continues to create fellowship and enthusiasm, along with great financial success. As a church we exceeded our goal for Our Christian World Mission.

Along with other churches we operate at half-strength much of the year. The camping season starts earlier in the spring and runs later in the fall, causing some churches to try Wednesday evening services during summer months instead of traditional Sunday morning services.

Attendance at morning worship leaves something to be desired. Maybe people are watching services on television or listening to them on radio, while some are stressing the idea that they can worship God at home, which is true to a degree. But may it not be one of the major sources of weakness in the church and in society, that by ourselves we fail to strengthen, encourage, support, and inspire each other? It is in coming together that we affirm the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. It is in coming together that we declare that we want a better way of life for everyone, including ourselves. Publicly gathering together is the only way to develop community spirit and communion. That many of our people are deeply involved in community responsibilities and activities is as it should be.

Many are enjoying the monthly coffee hours, using these opportunities to get to know each other better, to discuss ideas and concerns together. We have set up a retreat for the Board of Education and the Church School teachers at the Framingham Conference Center on March 7th and 8th, with Dr. Duane Windemiller as our leader. There may also be a retreat for Junior Highs or Senior Highs in early May. I hope that such overnight retreats become as important as summer conferences have been to our young people. A brochure is now being prepared for use by the Welcome Wagon to acquaint newcomers with our church and its activities. The Long-Range Planning Committee has been reactivated and will be working once again during 1969.

I thank all of you who have worked to make our church all that it is - the deacons for their cooperation and counsel - the choir members and church school teachers whom we depend upon week after week, rain or shine - the church officers and committee members - those who arranged for the wonderful organ concert - to mention just a few.

Shirley and I personally thank the trustees and their crews of volunteer painters for giving the parsonage a face-lifting, and we thank all of you for your thoughtfulness throughout the year.

We thank God for all of you who make this church a concerned community, a community coming into dialogue, a community seeking new ways to apply Christ's gospel in our time.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip H. Southwick

Clerk

REPORT OF THE CLERK

Membership January 1, 1968 423

Admissions:	Confession of Faith	11	
	Reaffirmation of Faith	1	
	Transfer of Letter	7	19
Losses:	Death	9	
	Transfer of Letter	2	
	Inactive	71	82

Membership December 31, 1968 360

Baptisms	8
Marriages	9
Funerals	20

Two Regular and three Special Church Meetings have been held.
The Cabinet have had ten Regular and one Special Meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Wilhelmina M. Marble
Clerk

Deacons

REPORT OF THE DEACONS

The Board of Deacons has held ten (10) regular meetings and one (1) special meeting during 1968 to:

(1) Assist the Pastor in that part of his work that is definitely spiritual. We assisted the Pastor in preparing the table and serving at six (6) Communion services.

(2) Administering the relief funds and the Memorial Fund of the church. A few families were assisted and a few items were purchased for the church from the Memorial Fund.

(3) Nominate all candidates for Church membership; and assist in all baptisms.

(4) Keep the pulpit supplied during the absence of our regular minister while on vacation.

(5) Evaluate the work of the Minister as regards to spiritual and social life of the church.

The Deacons met with all new members joining the church; and also met with the Confirmation Class. With the assistance of Ross Kelloway and Homer Tapin, the Board of Deacons, again, assisted the minister in the service of Tenebrae on Maundy Thursday.

The membership list of the church was evaluated and brought up to date and some seventy persons were placed on an inactive list.

We were host church for the ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service when Father Henry Chambers, curate of St. Mary's Catholic Church preached an inspiring message. This service, first started in 1966, has become a wonderful community service.

The Christmas Eve candlelight service continues to be a most rewarding experience and the Board of Deacons assisted at this service.

It was a pleasure serving "the Lord with gladness" as Chairman of the Board of Deacons. My task was made much lighter by the assistance of Deacons George Condon, Forest Bridges, Lawrence Tripp, Charles Blanchard and Everett L. Bunker.

We, the Board of Deacons, express our appreciation to all who have assisted the Deacons during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Leland W. Lowell
Chairman

Deaconess

REPORT OF THE DEACONESSSES

Members of the Board of Deaconesses, in teams of two, visited the sick and shut-ins, and sent cards also. In some cases transportation was provided from nursing homes.

Both Easter and Christmas, lovely plants were delivered to members of our Church family. Ideals were sent to those that have moved away, but are still in our thoughts.

We had meetings when necessary and tried to help when needed. We hope we succeeded.

The board consisted of six:

Mrs. Marion Tapin, Mrs. Lillian Kelloway, Mrs. Harriet Poole, Mrs. Agnes Emerson, Mrs. Connie Tripp, and Mrs. Millie Rice.

Respectfully submitted,

Millie Rice
Chairman

Christian Education

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

This year of 1968 was truly a rewarding year in respect to filling our teaching staff for the Church School. We had our full compliment of fine teachers in September, and when an emergency arose, two members of our church volunteered to fill the spot. The members of the board would like to thank all who have contributed to making this year such a successful one.

We are sorry the weatherman didn't cooperate in regard to our Church Family Picnic, and that Vacation Church School was not held due to the late closing of our public schools. But hopefully next year these things can be enjoyed by all.

A Sony tape recorder, which can also be used as an amplifier, was purchased for the Church School.

We are pleased with the initiation of a training program for church school teacher helpers and with the enthusiasm by which the teachers' meetings are being met.

Once again the Junior Fellowship is going strong, with our thanks to Dave Elliott.

Other areas sponsored by the Board are Teacher Coffee Hour, Teacher Dedication Service, Pilgrim Fellowship, Christmas Fun Shop and Pageant, Teacher Workshops and Children's Day to mention a few.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Tidd
Chairman

School Superintendent

REPORT OF THE CHURCH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Our church school this fall has about 250 children registered with attendance fluctuating between a high of about 200 to an average of 120 to 150 children. We have 22 teachers and 12 teenage helpers.

We continue to support a Korean orphan. The collection of the first Sunday of each month goes toward his support of fifteen dollars a month, with any extra money turned into the general church mission fund.

We have started a monthly meeting with our teenage assistants taught by Richard Annis. The girls are being trained to help the teachers, and plan to try some portion of the class alone so that eventually they will be capable of teaching a class on their own.

Last spring the theme of our entire church school was "Exploring Our Christian Heritage." All the children learned about Jesus, ranging from the three year olds' "The First Christmas" to a detailed study of "A Life of Jesus" for the Junior Highs. This fall our theme is "Responding To God's Love." The younger children have learned about living in a Christian community. From the third grade through Junior High the emphasis has been on the Old Testament--learning of the people of the Old Testament and how they responded to God. The Senior High studied in greater depth about our biblical heritage.

We have had one coffee hour and two teachers' meetings this fall for the purpose of discussing teaching methods, problems, etc. More important, we talked together about what we believe as practicing Christians and how we can communicate these beliefs to our children. How can we make our teaching meaningful in today's world, for ourselves as well as for our children? We try to reach the children at each stage of their development so that what we teach has meaning for them today and will be something for them to build on as they mature.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Boose
Superintendent

Pilgrim Fellowship

REPORT OF THE PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP

During 1968 we have had what has amounted to two different Pilgrim Fellowship groups, the first group ending in the spring of the year, and, generally speaking, a new younger group gathering this fall.

In the spring and fall we had paper drives, the one held this fall being the biggest we have had. We use the money thus raised for bus transportation to Crotched Mountain and to Boston for basketball or hockey games.

We made trips to Crotched Mountain our big undertaking last year, and are at the present time setting up one for, hopefully, mid-February. In the winter and spring of 1968 we spent a lot of time discussing issues pertaining to the war in Vietnam, problems of integration, and the struggle for Black Power. Worship was carried on frequently with the use of records and tape recordings in psychedelic fashion. Five of the young people attended Star Island conference this summer.

In the fall the group became composed primarily of freshmen and sophomores and the program geared more closely to them. We have made considerable use of motion pictures to stimulate discussion and by and large the results have been good. There seem to be more young people from the community as contrasted with those brought up through the Church School in the present group, several of the members having little previous or other contact with the church. In this way we may be serving the community more than in some other years.

Several members of the Fellowship attended the Tri-Association meeting held at Gordon College in October to hear Mr. Melvin Miller, publisher of the Roxbury Banner, speak about some of the difficulties in communications between the Black community and White society. In addition, we have visited the Amesbury group for a meeting in their new coffee house, and held a joint meeting with the group in the Newbury Church.

Within the next month we plan to hold Youth Sunday and next week a group from the Fellowship will be sharing some of their thoughts with the Women's Guild. We will be inviting other groups here so that we share with each other and learn from each other.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Philip H. Southwick
Advisor

Trustees

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The trustees have held regular meetings throughout the year. This year we have been again fortunate in having a group of devoted and hard-working trustees.

The Church is also fortunate in having the services of Mr. Maloof as our part time sexton. He has performed his function most satisfactorily.

We also are indebted to Elliot Brothers for the fine service in maintaining our heating system. We have had to call on them all too often and they have never failed to respond promptly.

During the year the Church acquired the Meisner land--which is the corner lot on Cottage St.--and also the Mrs. Locke house. Those acquisitions give the Church all the property on the Church side of Cottage St.

Trustee-landlord Woodburn continues to faithfully each week collect the rent for 3 Cottage St. and with the increase in rent the property about pays for itself while the mortgage is reduced.

Since July D. E. Melzard has been the landlord for 1 Cottage St. The rent from this property defrays all but about \$200/year while paying off the 5 year mortgage.

The improvements and repairs to the Church property include the following:

1. Early in March we purchased a power buffer and brush for the tile floors. Since this acquisition the pews were moved in the Sanctuary and the entire floor cleaned and polished. This was previously done about 8 years ago. Also all the floors in the Church and Metcalf House are cleaned and waxed by Mr. Maloof on a regular schedule.

2. The work party at the Church for providing a sparkling Church for Easter was attended by 15 people. These people had the satisfaction of aiding the Church maintenance as well as eating together a fine lunch prepared by the trustees' wives--homemade beef stew, homemade bread and homemade pies. Let us have 5 times that number of people this year.

3. The parsonage was painted blue with white trim during two Saturday work parties.

4. Three rooms were redecorated in the parsonage to suit the taste of Shirley and Rev. Southwick. We were only 3 years late, but the Southwicks have been patient.

5. The Church office floor was repaired and then a new wall to wall rug installed. The walls were painted and plans have been made to replace the drapes.

6. The Church sign in front of the Church has again been repaired and painted. Soon we will need a new sign--so keep your eyes open. Any volunteers?

Numerous requests for the use of the Church property have been refused as has been our custom. However as in the past, the Girl Scouts were granted permission to use the Church one day a week as long as they left the property clean and undamaged. The Georgetown Historical Society also used the Church for their monthly meeting.

It has been a real pleasure to serve the Church and I look forward to other such rewarding associations.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas E. Melzard
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Music

REPORT OF THE MUSIC COMMITTEE

The music committee held four meetings during the year. Carl Krumpe, organist, attended two of the meetings. Mr. Southwick was also present at some of the meetings.

There were general discussions as to how to improve congregational singing, choice of hymns, and ways of introducing new hymns to the congregation. Ways of securing new choir members were also discussed.

A figure of \$150 was decided upon as the amount available for the combined musical supplies for the Senior, Junior and Youth Choirs.

It was agreed to increase the organist's salary \$100. It was also agreed to fix the amount to be paid to substitute organists at \$25.00 a Sunday, and the fee to be charged for the organist's service at a wedding at \$15.00.

The music committee feels that Carl Krumpe should be commended for his serious efforts in making the musical part of the service a worthwhile contribution to the worship service as a whole. We know that he has devoted a great deal of time and effort toward this end.

We are also very appreciative of the work Evelyn Boose and Mrs. Flyzik have done with the Junior Choir, and of Elizabeth Pingree's directing the Youth Choir.

Respectfully submitted,

Wilhelmina H. Hartman
Chairman

Guild

REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S GUILD

The 1968-1969 season of the Guild began in August, when a co-operative and active executive committee met with me to begin the work of planning and organizing our term of office. The covered-dish supper in September began our year with enthusiasm. The film of the excellent work done at Crotched Mountain Association was viewed to reveal the needs of this association. Our area minister, the Rev. Karl Phillipi, spoke to us on our responsibility as Christians when we go to vote. Guest Night was held in November for ladies' groups from neighboring churches as well as husbands. The beloved Mrs. Charles Morse, Sr., an enthusiastic speaker for CARE, was our guest speaker. We enjoyed hearing of her travels to India at this time. The Christmas meeting was a work project meeting to fill baskets for the Haverhill Chapter of the Salvation Army.

To continue on for the second half of our year, we will be enjoying a discussion by the youth of the First Church, information on the life of a blind person with a speaker from the Association of the Blind of Greater Lawrence, and Mrs. Edward Milley speaking on her visit to the South Pacific. In March, Dr. Presnell from Balldale Hospital will speak on Youth and Drug Addiction. This topic should be of particular interest to many in church and in town, and we welcome all guests for this evening in particular.

The projects for the year are all to help us make our \$500.00 pledge for the church. In October we served a luncheon for Essex North and held a food sale. For November and December, Guild members are using their talents to make dollar "talents" work and earn money for the Guild. We are looking forward to a ham and bean supper, another Dessert Bridge and Fashion Show by the Cricket Shoppe, and the Second Annual May Breakfast.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Jean Lawson
President

Missionary Society

REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Women's Missionary Society, with a membership of 18, meets at 2 P.M. the third Monday of the month, September through June, for fellowship, worship and study. This past year we have considered some phases of the work of the United Church of Christ and have read chapters from Grace Fletcher's book "In Search Of The Least Coin." Our group is participating in this movement started by a Christian woman of India, by taking a collection of a U.S. least coin at each meeting.

Offerings taken at each meeting, two special thank offerings, at Thanksgiving and Easter, plus the income from the Bateman Fund provide the means for our work.

During the year, contributions have been made to Haverhill Chapter of the Salvation Army, and to several missionary projects including an amount toward the apportionment of our church to Our Christian World Mission. The officers are: President, Mrs. Henry Dea; Vice-President, Mrs. Alma Dresser; Secretary, Miss Ida E. Bancroft; Treasurer, Mrs. James Poole.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Dea
President

Couple's Club

REPORT OF THE COUPLES CLUB

At the Couples Club Annual Meeting in May the following officers were elected:

Presidents	Paul and Thelma Cameron
Vice-Presidents	Jim and Marge Blair
Secretaries	Mike and Joan Takesian
Treasurers	Bob and Betty Davidson

Our meetings are held on the first Monday of the month. We have had a variety of programs during the year including a blind auction, a square dance, a crazy whist party, a cartoonist, a Folk Mass, a talk on weather forecasting and one on spectacular fires.

During the year, members of the Couples Club helped raze the Cottage Street property and paid for filling in and leveling the area where the house stood. We also sponsored an Organ Concert by Ken Wilson which raised over \$600 for the Organ Fund. Our second Christmas Dance, held in November, was a social and financial success.

We are most grateful to the young people of the Pilgrim Fellowship who do volunteer sitting for our members with young children.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul and Thelma Cameron
Presidents

Fair

REPORT ON THE GINGERBREAD FAIR

Friday Luncheon	\$ 160.15	
Saturday Luncheon	135.50	
Toys	1042.79	
Young Shoppers and Grabs	94.65	
Harrie Tidd	31.11	
Food	220.37	
Jewelry	71.00	
Decorations	185.65	
White Elephants	173.15	
Parish Handcrafts	289.65	
Aprons	187.50	
Candy	105.10	
Tupperware	59.12	
Books	9.72	
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$ 2765.46</u>
Food Table & Luncheon Paper		
Supplies	29.00	
Newspaper & Poster Advertising		
& Decorations	15.15	
Custodial Services	10.00	
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$ 54.15</u>
	\$ 2765.46	Fair Total
	54.15	Fair Expenses
	<u>\$ 2711.31</u>	Fair Profit

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Derouin
Chairman

Auditor

January 24, 1968

We have of this date, audited the Treasurer's and Collector's books of the First Congregational Church and found them to be correct and in order.

Auditing Committee

Virginia R. Rogers
H. Nelson Pingree

Collector

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>CURRENT EXP.</u>	<u>MISSIONS</u>	<u>CHURCH SCHOOL</u>	<u>DIV. INT. REIMB.</u>
Jan.	1,758.70	265.95	52.64	157.38
Feb.	1,069.24	161.15	63.64	4,000.00
Mar.	1,496.68	225.10	81.09	
Apr.	1,620.91	252.35	61.89	285.90
May	1,258.76	284.50	63.72	249.80
June	1,130.34	198.85	11.75	17.21
July	972.06	138.55	4.97	
Aug.	1,406.71	179.20	3.95	567.22
Sept.	1,400.76	257.45	25.64	99.23
Oct.	1,928.63	328.68	102.72	214.23
Nov.	1,579.80	341.27	99.28	420.43
Dec.	1,798.43	281.35	84.70	142.50
	<u>17,421.02</u>	<u>2,914.40</u>	<u>655.99</u>	<u>6,153.90</u>

	<u>BUILD. FUND</u>	<u>IMP. FUND</u>	<u>MISC.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Jan.	20.00	315.30	192.35	2,762.32
Feb.	2.00	118.65	126.50	5,541.18
Mar.	23.50	171.20	1,529.80	3,527.37
Apr.	10.00	172.45	546.25	2,949.75
May	19.00	129.15	78.45	2,083.38
June	7.50	170.25	297.65	1,833.55
July	18.50	106.25	54.25	1,294.58
Aug.	6.00	92.45	187.25	2,442.78
Sept.	6.00	184.00	40.00	2,013.08
Oct.	17.00	215.05		2,808.31
Nov.	3.00	196.30	2,669.19	5,309.27
Dec.	14.00	186.10	355.37	2,862.45
	<u>146.50</u>	<u>2,059.15</u>	<u>6,077.06</u>	<u>35,428.02</u>

We had 160 pledges for 1968, plus 18 families with envelopes, no pledge.

As of January 6, 1969, we have received:

84 paid in full
 57 nearly paid
 22 very little paid
 11 nothing paid
 4 moved away

On these pledges we have received: \$20,151.04
 Unpaid: 2,340.26

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth L. Jones
 Collector

Finance

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

A budget of \$32,652.00 was accepted by the Church membership for the year 1968.

Working with this budget, the Finance Committee met each month to pay current bills and to discuss means of meeting our extended financial obligations.

The Every Family Canvass for 1968 was held in November with many members participating. There were 165 pledges returned with 10 additional families requesting envelopes only. If there are any other families requesting envelopes, please contact Ruth Jones in the near future. The total money pledged for 1969 is as follows:

1. Current Expense	\$16,517.62
2. Missions	2,752.12
3. Improvement Fund	2,691.72
4. Building Fund	130.00
5. Church School	54.20
TOTAL	<u>\$22,145.66</u>

The Finance Committee would also like to report that the organ repair bill has been paid in full.

In addition, the Locke and Meisner properties on Cottage St. were acquired this past summer at the cost of \$4,000.00 each. The Church now owns, if we pay the mortgages, all of the property adjacent to our church.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert O. Davidson
Chairman

Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT

JANUARY 1, 1968---DECEMBER 31, 1968

RECEIPTS

201	Pledges - Current Expenses	\$16,376.31
202	Loose Collect	1,044.71
203	Missions	
203.1	Regular Collect	2,608.98
203.2	Special Collect	305.42
204	Church School	
204.1	Regular Collect	487.24
204.2	Missions	168.75
205	Dividends, Interest & Reimbursements	6,153.90
206.1	Building Fund	146.50
206.2	Improvement Fund	2,059.15
208	MISCELLANEOUS	
208.1	Church Fair 1967	65.00
	Church Fair 1968	2,699.31
		Total: 2,764.31
208.2	Initial Offering	24.10
208.3	Special Donation	794.75
209	Memorial Fund	630.00
211	Organ Fund	1,863.90
		\$ 35,428.02

ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF RECEIPTS

205 Dividends and Interest and Reimbursements

\$400.00	Interest from Perley Fund
225.81	Interest From General Fund
683.82	Dividends of Mass. Congregational Fund
88.88	Fuel Reimbursement
102.50	Flower Reimbursement
19.34	Cancelled Sunday School Picnic, Ice Cream Reimb.
10.00	Broken Window
142.59	Reimb. from Improvement Fund to pay taxes on Property
50.00	Reimb. from P.F.
7.00	Reimb. from Mass. Conference
392.46	Reimb. for Locke Property Mortgage Payments
31.50	Reimb. for Paper for Fair
4,000.00	From Merrimack Valley Nat'l. Bank for Meisner Property
\$ 6,153.90	

SPECIAL DONATIONS

Easter 1968	\$478.00
Christmas 1968	282.75

For additional information on Special Donations, look under Organ Report.

ORGAN REPORT

January 1, 1968	We owed:	\$2,723.16
March 5, 1968	We received a bill for:	<u>448.35</u>
		\$3,171.51

(The March 5 bill was later covered by an Insurance Check.)

January 1, 1968	We were holding this amount from 1967:	836.90
January	Christmas and Organ Offering	176.50
February	" " " "	24.50
March	" " " "	20.00
"	Insurance Check	454.35
"	Food Sale	118.00
"	Organ Concert	624.20
"	Tupperware Party	80.00
April	Easter and Organ Offering	478.00
May	" " " "	20.45
"	More Organ Concert Money	28.00
June	Gift From Guild	200.00
"	Memorial Gift for Organ Fund	35.00
"	Organ Gift	11.90
July	" "	27.00
August	" "	10.00
"	Memorial Gift for Organ Fund	<u>27.00</u>
		\$3,171.80

On August 26, 1968, final payment was made.

Paid to Andover Organ Co. Inc. in 1967	\$ 5,168.30
" " " " " " in 1968	<u>3,171.51</u>
TOTAL	\$ 8,339.81

DISBURSEMENTS

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICES OF OUR MINISTRY

301	Minister's Salary	6,250.00
302	Pulpit Supply	150.00
303	Health Insurance	273.00
304	Minister's Annuity	790.63
305	Minister's Car Allowance	600.00
306	Traveling Expenses (Conf.)	45.00
307	Deacon Supplies	87.14
308	Organist, Choir Director	1,550.00
309	Music Supplies	93.01
310	Board of Christian Education	1,122.35
313	Per Capita Fellowship Cont.	654.50
	(\$20.00 paid for 1967, \$634.50 for 1968)	
314	Flowers	102.62
315	Deaconess Expenses	206.77
316	Social Committee Expenses	10.77
317	Treasurer's Expenses	300.00
318	Collector's Expenses	300.00
319	Long Range Planning Comm. Expenses	-----
320.1	Junior Choir Expenses	-----
320.2	" " Director's Salary	-----
		\$ 12,535.79

OUR ADMINISTRATIONAL EXPENSES

401	Church Secretary	688.33
402	Stationary, Postage, Printing & Office Supplies	783.29
403	Sexton Salary	1,906.00
404	Church Utilities	
	Heat	1,211.89
	Electricity	253.70
	Water	31.50
	Telephone	295.98
	Gas	49.49
		1,842.56
405	Parsonage Utilities	600.00
		\$ 5,820.18

OUR CHURCH PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

501	Church Building Care)	528.07	
502	Parsonage Upkeep)	320.47	
503	Supplies)	439.66	Trustees 1,288.20
504	Insurance			341.10
				\$ 1,629.30

DISBURSEMENTS (cont.)

CAPITAL INVESTMENTS AND EQUIPMENT

601	Office Equipment	162.38
602	Church School Equipment	-----
603	Improvement Fund Savings Account	575.87
	Building Fund Savings Account	146.50
604	Reinvestment of 10% of Dividends & Int.	130.29
**		
603	Payments from Improvement Fund to Merrimack Valley Nat'l Bank for Demand Loan for Meisner Property	1,298.18
		<u>\$ 2,313.22</u>

DEBT RETIREMENT AND RESERVES

701	Mortgage Payments of Parsonage	1,024.92
702	Reserve for contingencies and Depreciation of Building Equipment (From Fair)	650.00
		<u>\$ 1,674.92</u>

OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION AND OTHER BENEVOLENCES

901	Missions	
	Regular Missions	2,609.98
	Women's Missionary Society OCWM	100.00
	Veterans of the Cross	50.00
	Carleton Home	70.75
901.2	Andover Newton	200.00
901.3	Church School Missions	
	Korean Orphan	120.00
	Sent to OCWM	65.28
	UNICEF	134.67
	(Also \$3.00 in Personal Checks)	
		<u>\$ 3,350.68</u>

DISBURSEMENTS FROM MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS

1208	Augustine Gannon, Lawyer for Meisner	3,900.00
	Cash for Mr. Metcalf for papers "	100.00
	Haverhill YMCA	84.00
	Bertha Locke	100.00
	Rev. Southwick to be reimb. by PF	50.00
	Couples Club	78.75
	Merrimack Valley Bank (Closing costs, Locke property)	66.00
	" " " (Locke mortgage)	491.69
	Geo. Pharm. Ice Cream to be Reimb.	17.88
	Town of Georgetown Taxes on Property	142.59
	Robert Rudolph, Lawyer for Locke Property	71.00
	Rev. Paul Burditt, Guest Speaker	25.00

(cont.)

Georgetown Savings Bank (Fair Bank Book)	200.00
Haverhill Gazette Ad for Fair	2.48
Georgetown Savings Bank	27.00
Andover Organ Co. Inc.	3,171.51
	<u>\$ 8,527.90</u>

1209 Memorial Fund	630.00
1211 Organ Fund	-----
	<u>\$ 9,157.90</u>

SUMMARY

Balance on Hand January 1, 1968	2,769.54
Total Receipts Jan. 1, 1968 to Dec. 31, 1968	35,428.02
	<u>\$ 38,197.56</u>
Total Disbursements	36,481.99
Balance on Hand December 31, 1968	<u>\$ 1,715.57</u>

Held in Checking Account for:	
Minister's Study Imp.	40.10
Advent	287.75
IMPROVEMENT (Holding for	
mortgage pmt.)	186.10
" for 1969	1.50
Holding for 1969	316.00
	<u>\$ 831.45</u>

MORTGAGE ACCOUNT

#3594 5 Hart Circle Property Parsonage	
Balance January 1, 1968	9,749.22
Payments: Interest	475.01
Principle	549.91
Balance December 31, 1968	9,199.31

\$3,625.98 is on the mortgage on the Locke property.

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

GEORGETOWN SAVINGS BANK

#14284 Memorial Fund	
Balance January 1, 1968	353.10
Deposits	630.00
Interest	26.19
	<u>\$ 1,009.29</u>
Withdrawals	64.44
Balance on hand December 31, 1968	<u>\$ 944.85</u>

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS (cont.)

#14417	<u>Improvement Fund</u>	
	Balance January 4, 1968	1,386.69
	Deposits	602.87
	Interest	69.56
		<u>\$ 2,059.12</u>
	Withdrawals	142.59
	Balance December 31, 1968	<u>\$ 1,916.53</u>
#14425	<u>General Fund (Spec. Notice Acct.)</u>	
	Balance January 1, 1968	4,441.77
	Deposits	130.29
	Interest	225.81
		<u>\$ 4,797.87</u>
	Withdrawals	225.81
	Balance December 31, 1968	<u>\$ 4,572.06</u>
#14426	<u>Deacons Fund</u>	
	Balance January 1, 1968	1,449.34
	Deposits	351.89
	Interest	63.09
		<u>\$ 1,864.32</u>
	Withdrawals	400.00
	Balance December 31, 1968	<u>\$ 1,464.32</u>
#14427	<u>Mission Fund</u>	
	Balance January 4, 1968	1,025.00
	Interest	51.26
		<u>\$ 1,076.26</u>
	Withdrawals	50.63
	Balance December 31, 1968	<u>\$ 1,025.63</u>
#15513	<u>Deacons Fund (Spec. Notice Acct.)</u>	
	Balance January 1, 1968	2,500.00
	Interest	126.56
		<u>\$ 2,626.56</u>
	Withdrawals	126.56
	Balance December 31, 1968	<u>\$ 2,500.00</u>
#15401	<u>Pew Cushion Fund</u>	
	Balance January 4, 1968	55.70
	Interest	2.54
	Balance December 31, 1968	<u>\$ 58.24</u>
#16617	<u>Reserve Account</u>	
	Balance January 1, 1968	2,130.87
	Deposits	650.00
	Interest	103.64
	Balance December 31, 1968	<u>\$ 2,884.51</u>
#19360	<u>Fair Chairman Fund</u>	
	New Account, opened December 5, 1968	
	with a deposit of--	200.00

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS (Cont.)

HAVERHILL SAVINGS BANK

#161328 Building Fund

Balance January 5, 1968

1,707.80

Deposits

146.50

Interest

95.25

Balance December 31, 1968

\$ 1,949.55

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline Sheehan
Treasurer

Budget

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH Georgetown, Mass. SUMMARY OF PROPOSED BUDGET

<u>We expect to spend for</u>	<u>Present Budget</u> 1/1/68 to 12/31/68	<u>Proposed Budget</u> 1/1/69 to 12/31/69
Operating our Church		
1. Leadership & Services of our Ministry	\$13,417.00	\$14,005.00
2. Adminis. & Operational Expense	6,510.00	6,725.00
3. Church Property Maint. & Repair	3,600.00	2,650.00
4. Equipment	200.00	200.00
5. Debt Retirement	1,675.00	3,950.00
Helping Others		
6. Benevolences	3,250.00	3,120.00
<u>We expect to set aside for</u>		
Improving our facilities	<u>4,000.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total Budget	\$32,652.00	\$32,650.00

BUDGET GOALS

RECEIPTS

201.	Pledges-Current Exp.	\$20,902.00	\$23,025.00
202.	Loose Collect.	3,000.00	1,250.00
203.	<u>Missions</u>		
1.	Pledges-Benevolences	2,200.00	2,500.00
2.	Specials	250.00	125.00
204.	<u>Church School</u>		
1.	Regular Collect.	850.00	600.00
2.	Missions	300.00	150.00
205.	Dividends, Int. & Reimbursements	550.00	1,500.00
206.	Improvement Fund	4,000.00	2,000.00
207.	<u>Miscellaneous</u>		
	Church Fair, etc.	<u>650.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$32,652.00	\$32,650.00

DISBURSEMENTS

		<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
1.	<u>LEADERSHIP & SERVICES OF OUR MINISTRY</u>		
301.	Minister's Salary	\$6,250.00	\$6,575.00
302.	Pulpit Supply	125.00	210.00
303.	Health Insurance	252.00	280.00
304.	Minister's Annuity	790.00	840.00
305.	Minister's Car Allow.	600.00	600.00
306.	Traveling Exps. (Confs.)	100.00	100.00
307.	Deacons Supplies	150.00	150.00
308.	Organist-Choir Dir.	1,700.00	1,600.00
308.1	Substitute Organist		100.00
309.	Music Supplies	150.00	150.00
310.	Bd. Christian Ed. (Church School)	1,650.00	1,650.00
313.	Per Capita Fellowship (Cont.)	400.00	650.00
314.	Flowers	50.00	50.00
315.	Deaconess' Expenses	200.00	300.00
316.	Social Comm. Expenses	100.00	50.00
317.	Treasurer's Expenses	300.00	300.00
318.	Collector's Expenses	300.00	300.00
319.	Long Range Plan. Comm.	100.00	100.00
320.	Junior Choir Exps.	200.00	
	Total	\$13,417.00	\$14,005.00
2.	<u>OUR ADMINISTRATION & OPERATIONAL EXPENSE</u>		
401.	Church Secretary	700.00	700.00
402.	Stationery, Postage, Printing and Office Supplies	1,000.00	1,000.00
403.	Sexton's Salary	1,740.00	1,950.00
404.	<u>Church Utilities</u>		
1.	Heat	1,600.00	1,600.00
2.	Electricity	400.00	400.00
3.	Water	60.00	65.00
4.	Telephone	350.00	350.00
5.	Gas	60.00	60.00
405.	Parsonage Utilities	600.00	600.00
		\$6,510.00	\$6,725.00
3.	<u>OUR CHURCH PROPERTY MAINTENANCE & REPAIR</u>		
501.	Church Bldg. Care)		
502.	Parsonage Upkeep)	2,800.00	1,800.00
503.	Supplies)		
504.	Insurance	800.00	850.00
	Total	\$3,600.00	\$2,650.00
4.	<u>CAPITAL INVESTMENTS AND EQUIPMENT</u>		
601.	Office Equipment	100.00	100.00
602.	Church School Equip.	100.00	100.00
603.	Improvement Fund	4,000.00	2,000.00
	Total	\$4,200.00	\$2,200.00

DISBURSEMENTS (cont.)

5.	<u>DEBT RETIREMENT AND RESERVES</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
701.	Mortgage Payments on Parsonage & Church Properties	1,025.00	3,300.00
702.	Reserve for Contin- gencies & Depreciation of Building Equip.	650.00	650.00
		<u>\$1,675.00</u>	<u>\$3,950.00</u>
6.	<u>OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION AND OTHER BENEVOLENCES</u>		
901.	<u>Missions & Benev- olences</u>		
1.	Regular	2,500.00	2,500.00
2.	Andover Newton Theo. School	200.00	200.00
3.	Veterans of the Cross	50.00	50.00
4.	Church School Missions	250.00	120.00
5.	Specials	250.00	250.00
	Total	<u>\$3,250.00</u>	<u>\$3,120.00</u>

Nominating

Report of Nominating Committee-----October 10, 1968

The Nominating Committee submits for your approval, the following Officers for 1969:

Moderator	Leland Lowell
Clerk	Mrs. Arthur Marble
Treasurer	Mrs. Joseph Sheehan
Collector	Mrs. Edward Jones
Board of Deacons (Three years)	James Gammie, Dr. Lewis Skeirik
Board of Deaconesses (Three years)	Mrs. Clyde Tozier, Mrs. Douglas Meizard
Trustee (Five Years)	Leonard Swart
Finance Committee (Three years)	Mayland Lewis
Music Committee (Three years)	Mrs. Donald Gammon
Board of Christian Education (Three years)	Mrs. Richard Magown, David Elliott
Nominating Committee (Five years)	Robert Davidson
Auditing Committee	Mrs. Harris Rogers, H. Nelson Pingree
Social Committee	Mrs. Albert Tidd
World Service Committee	Miss Olive R. Metcalf
Flower Committee	Mrs. Albert Illsley
Social Action Committee	Dr. Edward Allen
Ushering Committee	Ernest Kelloway, Robert Pingree
Delegates	Mr. and Mrs. George Condon

Elizabeth E. Pingree
Wilhelmina M. Thall

Ida Bancroft
Charles Blanchard
David Stewart
Nominating Committee