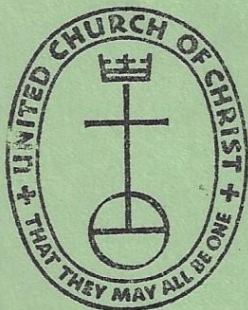


The Reports



1977



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Georgetown, Massachusetts

Meetings

First Congregational Church of

Georgetown, Massachusetts

Minister

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WARRANT

January 18, 1977

The Members of the First Congregational Church of Georgetown, Massachusetts 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 27, 1977 at 8 P. M. in the Church Vestry, then and there to act on the following listed Articles:

- ARTICLE 1. To receive the reports of the several Boards, Committees and Officers of the Church, and to take action thereon.
- ARTICLE 2. To hear the report of the Nominating Committee and to take any action required thereon.
- ARTICLE 3. To hear the report of the Finance Committee regarding the Church Budget and to take action thereon.
- ARTICLE 4. To take any other action relative to the Church and/or its property.

BY DIRECTION OF THE CABINET

Posted January 18, 1977

Clerk

January 27, 1977

The Annual Meeting of the First Congregational Church was called to order by the Moderator Donn Chatterton at 8:05 P. M.

Dom DeFillipo led the Group in a Hymn before the Meeting. Mina Hartman accompanied at the Piano. Coffee was also enjoyed.

The Warrant was read by the Clerk.

The report of the last meeting was read and accepted.

ARTICLE 1. To receive the reports of the several Boards, Committees and Officers of the Church, and to take action thereon.

Treasurer Carol Sheehan corrected the Treasurers report: \$1000.00 received from the Guild should have been a special item.

The Auditors report was read. Donald Johnson, Chairman of the Finance Committee, commented that by Borrowing from the Vestry Fund and the Guild pledge all bills were paid. Renovations and repairs have been made at Metcalf House but there is still work to be done. Keith Tibbetts was thanked for the work he has done at Metcalf House. The Moderator commended Olive Metcalf for her Faithfulness to the Church and Cabinet.

Moved, seconded and voted that the several reports be accepted as read.

ARTICLE 2. To hear the report of the Nominating Committee and to take any action required thereon.

T. Louis Hamelin read the report of the Nominating Committee. There being no further nominations the report was accepted.

Moved seconded and voted that the Clerk cast one ballot for nominees as read:

Moderator	One year	Betty Davidson
Clerk	One year	Wilhelmina Marble
Treasurer	One year	Carol Sheehan
Collector	One year	Ruth Jones
Deaconesses	One year	Lillian Grissino
	One year	Wilhelmina Hartman
	Two years	Janet Brown
	Two years	Clara Minchin
	Two years	Connie Silvernail
Deacons	Two years	Barry Games
	Two years	Donald Gammon
	Two years	Douglas Gammon
Finance Committee	Two years	Robert Davidson
Church Delegates	One year	Patricia Barlow
	One year	Allan Barlow
Board of Christian Education	Two years	Carol Knapp
	Two years	Anna Tozier
	Two years	Norman Pierce
Music Committee	Two years	Patricia Pingree
	Two years	Robert Knapp
Board of Trustees	Two years	James Boynton, Jr.
	Two years	George Kelly
	Two years	Craig Southwick
Nominating Committee	Two years	Evelyn Boose

Auditing Committee	One year	Virginia Rogers
	One year	Leeland Lowell
Social Committee	One year	Patricia Pingree
World Service Committee	One year	Olive Metcalf
Flower Committee	One year	Joan Chatterton
Social Action Committee	One year	Betty Davidson
Ushering	One year	Ernest Kelloway
	One year	Dwight Southwick.

The Officers were declared duly elected. Donn Chatterton relinquished the Chair to newly elected Moderator Betty Davidson.

ARTICLE 3. To hear the report of the Finance Committee regarding the Church Budget and to take action thereon. The Budget was reviewed and discussed. Motion made, seconded and voted that the Budget be accepted as printed. (the amount of \$43,730.00)

ARTICLE 4. To take any other action relative to the Church and/or its property. Officers, Committees and Church Secretary Joan Chatterton thanked for the excellent reports and hard work. The Trustees Goals for 1977 were reviewed by Allen Barlow. Painting versus Siding were discussed, also a Master plan.

Adjourned at 9:40 P. M.

Coffee and cookies were served by the Social Committee.

Virginia M. Rogers

Clerk

34 present

Minister

REPORT OF THE MINISTER

In looking back upon another year of our shared church life, we see special programs, personally important events, ongoing projects, and many impressions. We see highlights that may but dimly suggest our spiritual growth or the workings of the Holy Spirit. Yet, here is what we see as memorable about 1977:

In January, on the Sunday following our last Annual Meeting we held a service of appreciation and dedication -

appreciating the devotion of those who had served as officers and committee members in the previous years,

dedicating those continuing to serve and those taking upon themselves new assignments for the ongoing ministry and administration of our church.

During the winter months we were concerned with creating an up to date pictorial directory, to give ourselves a sense of identity - who we are as Christ's community here and now.

We held a one day blood drive, which we hope to make into an annual event, emphasizing through the church that we do indeed share ourselves with the world.

The Easter season was filled with pre-membership meetings, confirmation class, and well-attended special services. On Palm Sunday we welcomed new members from other churches as well as from our church confirmation class, and we were treated to a cantata by the Senior Choir, followed by a reception celebration in the vestry. Having coffee available after morning worship has provided increased opportunities for people to talk together as a church family.

The Annual Meeting of the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ was held in Chicopee, with special attention focussed on world hunger, and the racial policies of South Africa. We passed a resolution condemning present policies there. Later on in 1977 Polaroid Corporation, doing business with South Africa, took economic stands against the government there. Hopefully, the action of our state conference in cooperation with other religious and non-religious groups had a part to play in such steps toward racial justice.

During the conference meeting there was a sense of excitement because it had become known by that time that our conference President, Avery Post, was to be nominated for the office of national President of the United Church of Christ. It may be of interest to you to realize that three or four years ago Avery Post conducted an all-day preaching seminar for ministers of the Northeast Area in our church.

During the summer months, while we held union services with West Boxford, several families and many individuals were involved in a corn project on Bob Morehouse's land, which produced a truck load of corn as our positive step in combatting world hunger.

Report of the Minister, Continued

Just before the Church School resumed in the fall, I enjoyed conducting an overnight retreat with a group of our Church School teachers. I hope this helped us get off to a good start this fall. Spirit in the Sunday School was high because of the amazing amount of work done by a group of willing hearts and hands in Metcalf House, making it an attractive, cheery place, certainly more conducive to learning about what it means to be a caring person like Jesus.

We decided to try a morning discussion group instead of an evening Bible study, hoping to attract some who would be unable to attend at night. We wanted the discussion to be all inclusive, so we plagiarized the title 'Everything you wanted to know about religion, but were afraid to ask'. Our discussions have ranged from current events to the Bible, from death to faith, from personal experiences to feelings.

We combined stewardship Sunday with a day to honor those who have been members 35 years or more. This turned out to be quite successful, both fellowship wise and stewardship wise. Thanks to the straight-forward charts and message of Al Barlow about our financial responsibility and needs, and to the responses of many who increased their pledges of support for the current expense budget, our income for 1978 is increased by some \$4,000. This is good. I wish that I could say this takes care of our stewardship problem. But I can say that this is a giant step in the right direction. Congratulations!

The Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Service has become a high point, featuring outstanding music from our choir augmented by those from other churches. Christmas Eve continues to be for many the highlight of the church year - the most loved service. Since Christmas Day fell on Sunday this year, I felt it was special; we were able to incorporate the baptism of children into our celebration of Jesus' birth.

Our youth continue to play an important role in the life of our church - singing, playing instruments, serving - in short - doing whatever is asked of them. We are indeed fortunate. We had a good confirmation class this year, and showed an increase in membership for the year. Our youth (senior high students) created a wonderful Youth Sunday Worship Service, and a beautiful Easter Sunrise service, which was followed by breakfast at the church, fast becoming another annual tradition. Twenty young adults responded to the meaning of Maundy Thursday when they gathered together for supper at the church prior to the worship service that evening.

Last spring our senior high youth attended a production of Godspell in Boston, and this fall the movie "Oh God!". The highlight of our serious discussions was a lengthy meeting with a former member of Unification church about the Moonies - especially their presence on the college scene. We continue to have paper drives twice a year; these help pay for such programs as an annual swim party. This past year, with a large number of our youth wanting to attend summer conferences, we were able to finance three from

Report of the Minister, continued

funds they had themselves raised. This year we had a total of 8 who attended conferences. Our youth enjoyed several social events during the year, topped off by a beach party at Gloucester in June.

I enjoy teaching our high school class, which has had an average attendance of 8 to 10 per week; this year the class is composed mainly of boys. In both Church School and through the youth group we are trying to lead our youth to experience the presence of God's spirit, and then trust that they will sense the leading of His spirit for the rest of their lives.

At this turning of the year our choirs are growing and healthy; the spirit among our church school teachers is excellent; the diaconate has worked exceptionally well as a group, and in small sub-committees; our Christian Education Committee and our Board of Trustees have spent untold hours together and individually working to maintain and improve both our church property and program.

Looking ahead: we have an all church retreat scheduled for March 10 and 11 and our state conference center in Framingham; we will be studying the prevailing practice among churches of having greater lay participation in worship on a weekly basis. We have re-designed our celebration of Tenebrae for Maundy Thursday, and we not only invite your participation but seek your reaction to our attempts to involve everyone more intimately. We wanted to have two more union services this year with the West Boxford Church on Christmas Day and New Year's; but the diaconate at West Boxford preferred not to do so, since this is a time of homecoming for them. We look forward to more union services with them in the coming year, and perhaps some combined projects too.

I thank all the willing workers of our church, those who spend so many hours, those who do so much in so many ways to minister to one another and to the world. It is my privilege to minister with you.

Sincerely,

Philip H. Southwick

Clerk

REPORT OF THE CLERK

Membership, December 31, 1976

253

Additions:

Error corrected (member accidentally dropped twenty years ago)	1
Confirmation	10
Reaffirmation	$\frac{3}{14}$

Losses:

Death	1
Inactive	$\frac{4}{5}$

Membership, December 31, 1977

262

Baptisms	18
Marriages	12
Funerals	14

IN MEMORIAM

Donald C. Elliott

Respectfully submitted,

Wilhelmina M. Marble
Clerk

Diaconate

REPORT OF THE DIACONATE

There are so many things of interest that I would like to tell about in this report, as this has been a busy year, but I will try to confine myself to a few highlights.

First of all, this year's Diaconate has been a wonderful group to work with. The projects we have undertaken have turned out to be fun and enjoyable because of the splendid cooperation shown by all.

For example, the corn project for Harvest of Hope; some of it was work, - the fertilizing, planting, cultivating and hoeing in the hot sun, picking, husking, but in the end there was a truck load of corn to benefit others less fortunate than ourselves.

The Laymen's Sunday service, with the assistance of the adult and youth choirs, was well-received again this year.

Recognition Sunday for Long Time Members proved to be a memorable occasion, and greatly enjoyed by those who participated. It is good to honor those who have done, and are still doing, so much for our church.

As usual the Service of Tenebrae, the Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Service, and the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service were all beautiful and inspiring. May these services continue to be a part of our church festivities.

We have updated the Christian Service group this year, and have many more volunteers, for which we are thankful. It is a pleasure to work with and be a part of this group, and to be aware of all the help and wonderful acts of kindness that they do.

With the Diaconate Fund we were able to extend help to a few families in need of assistance, and we also made a few purchases from the Memorial Fund - Youth Choir robes, books for the church library, etc. The Upper Room and Guideposts have been added to the Literature Rack and are available to anyone who would like them.

It has been a pleasure to have the Deaconesses take an active part in the serving of Communion, the Candlelight Service, and of course, the Laymen's Sunday service. They also have visited with many shut-ins, people who are ill, or could not attend church, newcomers to town, etc. In many cases they receive as much joy and inspiration from those they visit, as they expect to **give**. The men, on this year's Diaconate, have also participated actively in the visiting program; their cooperation has been very supportive.

Maybe the atmosphere of the Christmas season is still with us, but it seems as though there is a spirit of friendliness, love and good will in and around the church and its activities. This is good and we hope it will continue and spread.

Report of the Diaconate, Continued

I want to thank the members of the Diaconate for the splendid support and cooperation they so willingly gave to me. Also, many thanks to others who have assisted us in any way. May the good Lord bless and keep you.

We, the Diaconate, want to express our sincere thanks to Reverend Southwick for all he does for us, our church, and the community. His devotion is above and beyond that which we should rightfully expect of him.

"Those who love generously are well-loved in return".

With Christian love -
Respectfully submitted,

Forrest Bridges, Chairman

Christian Education

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Board of Christian Education took charge of the refreshments for the Family Night Program in April. The children acted out the story of "David and the Giants". This was a program to benefit the Heifer Fund.

A big "thank you" goes to Mildred Gangloff, Eva Bailey and Bobbie Grover for growing all the plants which were given to the children on Children's Day.

On Children's Day the Third Graders and the Sixth Graders receive Bibles. This year the Board decided that the Third Graders should receive the "Children's Living Bible" and the Sixth Graders should receive the "Revised Standard Version" of the Bible.

In June we had five teachers who, for various reasons, had to resign from their teaching duties. They are Keith Tibbetts, Audrey Magown, Kathy Magown, Carolyn Boynton, and Helga Pearson. The Board would like to thank them for their dedicated service. These vacancies were filled by Gail Rogers, Jan Robertson, Kris Thompson, Bob Houlden and Marcia Houlden. The Board appreciates our Pilgrim Youth Fellowship Advisers, Mr. & Mrs. Louis Dispenza for the junior high and Reverend Southwick for the senior high.

We are fortunate to have Evelyn Boose, with her dedication and leadership of the teachers and young people of the church, as our Church School Superintendent.

The members of the board, with the help of the teachers and other people, worked very hard during the summer and all of the month of September, to get Metcalf House ready for the "Open House" on September 25 - Rally Day. If you haven't been to Metcalf House to see the painting and papering, rugs, curtains and renovations, please take a few minutes to go and visit. This work was done with "tender loving care" and dedication to make a pleasant, workable, learning place for the young people of our church.

The Board served coffee and doughnuts to the Teachers before church on Rally Day. There was a Dedication Service for teachers, children and workers at the church service. The "Open House" at Metcalf took place before and after church. The Family Picnic, scheduled for that day, had to be cancelled because of the weather.

Mrs. Charles Blanchard had an Adult Church School Class for six Sundays, beginning the last Sunday in October. The subject for the class was the study of the "Gospel of Luke". Dorothy is hoping to conduct another class in the spring.

I would like to thank all the members of the Board, teachers, and helpers for their many hours of help and support that they have given me in this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Harding, Chairman

School Superintendent

REPORT OF THE CHURCH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

One of our projects for the Church School this past year has taught us how close people can become when they are part of a common task. Everyone who joined in, when we started to paint Metcalf, became excited about curtains, rugs, pictures, plants, etc. It became a project of love and pride, because we helped change a dingy building into a bright colorful place that says to all "we care about your children". And we do! Our teachers are a great group who put a lot of thought and care into their time with the children.

We started this fall with Rally Day and open house at Metcalf, followed by a teachers' retreat in New Hampshire lead by Reverend Southwick.

Our many mission projects include:

HEIFFER FUND - We sent \$300 for the purchase of 15 pairs of rabbits which will go to Belize, the capital of British Honduras. The money was raised in part by a bake sale, children's toy sale, and family dessert night (with entertainment by the whole Church School).

UNICEF - mission Sundays fund.

THANKSGIVING FOOD OFFERING - given to elderly of Georgetown.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR CHILDREN - donated to Salvation Army.

HARVEST OF CORN - children helped in husking bee.

A special thanks to all who donated things for Metcalf, and to parents for supporting our bake sales.

As we learned the value of working toward a common goal in redecorating Metcalf, we also learned again when doing "David and the Giants" with the third through sixth grades, that children learn and remember best when they have an active part in things.

The Junior Choir has had a busy year, with 24 active members. In May they joined a Festival of 14 choirs in Calvary Episcopal Church in Danvers. They had an outing in New Hampshire in June and a Christmas pizza and caroling party in December.

Our teachers this year are Marcia Manning, Carol Flyzik, Kris Thompson, Gail Rogers, Jan Robertson, Jan Spence, Sue Kelley, Elaine Kimball, Carol Knapp, Marion Harding, Marcia Houlden, Bob Houlden and Reverend Southwick with many young helpers.

Respectfully submitted,
Evelyn Boose

Youth Fellowship

REPORT OF THE JUNIOR HIGH PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP

The junior high teens of our church are a lively, fun-loving group of boys and girls. The purpose of the group is mainly to provide fellowship and participation in service projects for the church.

During the past year the group has gone bowling, ice-skating and swimming, to work off a little energy. We've had a beach party and a pizza party at the church, when everyone became their own chef to make the pizzas.

We joined Phil Southwick's senior high group for a serious meeting about Rev. Moon's radical religion; we heard directly, from one of Moon's former disciples, about how the organization involves young people. On an educational and entertaining note, a large group of P.F.'ers attended the movie, "Noah's Ark".

Included in our service projects was participation in the semi-annual paper drives that are conducted by both P.F. groups - providing help to parishioners in their spring and fall basement cleanups. Our junior high group also conducted a door-to-door drive, selling tickets for the Annual Fair Ham and Bean Supper,

The church's young people and their friends are invited to join in the P.F. activities; it is an ecumenical group. If you know of an interested young person, call us. We will put their name on our mailing and phoning list.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol and Louis Dispenza

Trustees

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

First of all, let's review how we did against the goals that were set in last year's annual report.

1. Structural reinforcing and new covering for the Metcalf House garage roof, contract awarded to Duffy Bridges.

Results: After spring cleanup revealed holes and rotted wood on the rear wall of the garage, Duffy suggested we tear the garage down and erect a new lean-to type storage shed on the back (Cottage St. side) of the church. With Trustees and other church members supplying the labor, and Duffy the supervision, Duffy estimates the cost at about \$600 - \$700. This was discussed briefly with the Finance Committee, and is under consideration by the Trustees. No further action to date. (To be continued in 1978).

2. New roofing for the Thrift Shop room on Metcalf House - to stop a serious leak; contract awarded to Duffy Bridges.

Results: Completed.

3. Repair/Replacement of badly rotted window sash on the southern (Andover Street) end of the church.

Results: No action. Another pane has fallen out of the balcony windows. Temporary repairs assigned to Jim Boynton and Craig Southwick. (To be continued in 1978).

4. Scraping and painting of the outside of the church.

Results: Front doors, steps, and landing and the kitchen door were scraped and painted. As a result of suggestions at last year's Annual Meeting, we invited contractors to bid on installation of vinyl siding on all or part of the church. We could not find anyone who was interested. (To be continued in 1978).

5. Installation of a Lexan or Plexiglass cover to protect the stained glass window over the front doors.

Results: No action. Up for action in 1978.

6. Review, up dating, and publishing of rules for use of the church property and facilities by outside organizations, including fee schedules and suggested donation rates.

Results: Completed.

7. Installation of carpeting on the Sanctuary aisles, dias, front area of Sanctuary, Narthex floor and stairs, and the balcony stairs and aisles.

Results: No action. To be dropped in 1978 in favor of higher priority work.

8. Improved lighting in the choir loft in cooperation with the Music Committee.

Report of the Trustees - Continued

Results: Completed, along with an improvement in the stage lighting in the Vestry.

10. Redecoration of the Sanctuary and Narthex.

Results: No action. To be dropped in 1978 in favor of higher priority work.

11. Installation of ceiling insulation in the ground level rooms to save on heating costs.

Results: No action. Up for investigation in 1978; possible action.

12. Installation of valves and thermostats on the ground level rooms to permit better and easier regulation of heat, resulting in savings on heating costs.

Results: Technical feasibility investigated and found possible. We decided to see what would happen by regulating the radiator controls. Thanks to substantial effort on the part of Elliott Bros., (Steve Robertson), regulation was accomplished and preliminary results indicate coal consumption was reduced by more than 25%.

Additional goals for 1978:

- A. Installation of a drain field for the church septic tank.
- B. Installation of storm windows on the 2nd and 3rd floor of Metcalf House.

Other major accomplishments by the Trustees and others in 1977 included:

- . Repair and painting of Metcalf House front steps and railings and front porch eaves trough.
- . Repair of Parsonage front steps.
- . Replacement of Parsonage rear stairs and landing.
- . Repair of roof at 3 Cottage Street rental property.
- . Payment of six weeks arrears on rental payments at 3 Cottage Street, much of which was outstanding for more than two years.
- . New oven for the Parsonage.
- . Cleanout of Metcalf House attic, cellar and garage.

The Trustees wish to thank the Guild, again, for a fine luncheon at the spring cleanup, and the many others in the church who helped in many small ways and some not so small, to maintain and improve our property. A particularly fine job was done on the upgrading and redecorating of the interior of Metcalf House by the Church School Teachers and helpers.

Respectfully submitted,

Allan R. Barlow, Chairman

Music

REPORT OF THE MUSIC COMMITTEE

The Music Committee is pleased to report that 1977 was another busy and successful year. A special "thank you" to all the faithful Senior Choir members and to those who have joined them for special occasions.

Again in 1977, many of the Senior Choir members participated in the Boosters Club Variety Show which was held in March at the Georgetown High School. Linda Games directed the chorus and Jan Flyzik and Eveyn Boose were the accompanists.

The Junior Choir participated again in the area Junior Choir Festival in the spring. The Senior Choir presented the Cantata, "The Glory of Easter" on Palm Sunday.

The annual Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Service was held at our church in 1977. The Senior Choir was joined by members of the West Boxford, Groveland Congregational, and St. Mary's choirs and Linda Games directed.

During Advent, the carillon was played each evening by members of the church. Thank you to Millie Gangloff for arranging the schedule and to the members and families who participated. Also, a special thank you again this year to Olive Metcalf who has played the carillon on Wednesday evenings.

A program of Christmas music was presented on December 18 by the Junior Choir, Youth Choir and Senior Choir. A note of appreciation to Carole Hanson, Youth Choir Director, who organized the program.

We have been fortunate again this year to have Bob Knapp directing our talented instrumentalists. Bob also wrote the music which was presented on Christmas Day. Thank you, Bob, for your continued interest in our music program.

The lighting in the Choir Loft was completed during 1977 and, hopefully, the Senior Choir robes will be replaced during 1978.

Thank you to Linda Games, Director of Music and Senior Choir Director; Carole Hanson, Youth Choir Director; Evelyn Boose, Junior Choir Director; and to Janet Flyzik, Organist, for their continued dedication to the music of our church.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Pingree
Chairman

Guild

REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S GUILD

Our first meeting of the year was held at Connie Tripp's home - we held our business while happily devouring chiffon and cream pies, and then had some special "light entertainment".

February's meeting is always set aside to work on Material Aids, headed up by Olive Metcalf, and this year we met in the afternoon in the church vestry.

Next month we enjoyed a very interesting speaker, Mrs. Richard Arms, who talked and showed slides and played tapes of the many birds native to this area.

In April, after we held our business meeting, we were captivated by a beautiful array of plants and a talk about their care by Pat Coletta of Haverhill.

We ended our season with our annual banquet which was a share-the-cost Delmonico Roast Beef Supper. Annual reports were read and new officers for the 1977-78 year were elected as follows:

Co-Presidents: Mina Hartman and Olive Cole
V. President: Lois Hazen
Secretary: Susan Smith
Treasurer: Mary Knickles
Executive Committee: Marilyn Knickles, Dot Jones and Mina Marble

September was a supper meeting prepared by the officers, and October was a morning work party to work on various projects and tables in conjunction with the Harvest Moon Fair.

Our Christmas meeting was held at Gert Pingree's home - following the business meeting, there was a Yankee Swap party and delicious dessert of quick breads, cookies, and hot beverages.

Thanks to the various projects we held, such as the Rummage-Food Sale and The Fashion Show, and the support from The Thrift Shop, the Guild was able to make another \$1,000 pledge to the church;- most of all, thanks to each and every one of the ladies who give so generously of their time, energy and loyalty, making it all possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Smith
Secretary

Thrift Shop

REPORT OF THE THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop was opened February 3 under the leadership of Gert Pingree and Connie Tripp. They had five very successful months. They entertained the Guild on February 22 with "Fashions from the Yellow Room", using outfits and accessories from the Thrift Shop. On March 2 a Rummage and Bake Sale was held.

At the May Guild meeting, \$900 was given to the church from the Thrift Shop proceeds and in September \$100 more was given, making a total of \$1,000 as a Guild pledge.

The shop was closed from June 25 until September 8, when it opened under the new leadership of Marjorie Pitkin and Carole Face as co-chairmen. Due to all the work that Gert and Connie did the previous two years, all we had to do was price and sell.

Friends and church members have been very generous with clothing and even white elephant items. We picked over the articles and donated to Olive Metcalf for Material Aids and some things to the Salvation Army.

We have donated clothes to two needy children through a member of our church.

Our first month of September was very successful - we sold \$60.50 for the first three days. It then slowed down but we were able to deposit \$300 for September, October and November, plus the \$70 we gave to the Fair; some of the Fair money was donated.

Our hours remain the same - 1 to 4 on Thursday & Friday
10 to 4 on Saturday, excepting
holidays.

We closed two weeks before Christmas, partly due to weather and because our helpers were so busy with their holiday preparations, or were ill. The Shop will be opened again on February 9.

Anyone in our church family, who would like to volunteer time to The Thrift Shop, is very welcome to do so.

We still need clothes and will soon display our summer things, which we have had put away for the winter.

May I take this opportunity to thank all the workers who were so faithful and all the people who donated clothes. Thanks also to the many people who were our customers, some of whom were the workers. We could not have functioned without the help of Gert and Connie, and last but not least I want to thank my co-chairman, Carole Face, who is faithful and hardworking.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Pitkin
Carole Face

Missionary Society

REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Women's Missionary Society meets the third Monday afternoon in the months of September, October, November, March, April and May and June. Meetings are usually at the homes of members, but are sometimes with relatives or at the church. Refreshments are served by the hostess. The meeting opens with devotions led by a member. All enjoy one or more chapters of some good book read by another member. We are now reading "A Touch of Wonder" by Arthur Gordon. Sometimes we read a book which deals with some phase of the church's missionary endeavor.

All of us, individually and collectively, are interested in the Missionary outreach of the church, and support it as we are able. During the past year, in addition to our annual pledge for missions, we have contributed to Walker Missionary Home, CARE, "1776" College Fund, the Good Ship Hope, and Least Coin Offering. We have sent several boxes of school supplies, craft material and other articles to the Marrow Bone School in Pikeville, Ky. A number of our members render a great deal of help to the Material Aid Committee of the Guild in the way of knitting and sewing.

We have lost one member by death, Mrs. Mildred Rice. We have recently added two new members, and would be happy to welcome any more who would like to join. The next meeting will be March 20.

Respectfully submitted,

Olive R. Metcalf, President

World Service

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE COMMITTEE

Your Church World Service Committee has had a very successful year, thanks to the help of very many people. A hearty "thank you" to all who helped in any way, whether by gifts of clothing, etc., of time, or by using their car to help deliver things. A special "thanks" to Graf's Express for carrying things to the Boston area free of charge, and to the Reverend Ian Stuart of Amesbury for taking things to the Boston Seaman's Friend Society.

There is really no end to the demand for good used clothing. We have a special need for men's and children's clothing, because these are what we get the least of. Torn sheets, white or colored, can be made into bandages, worn shirts are made into hospital gowns. Remnants of yard goods can always be used. There is always a use for bedding, table cloths, curtains, etc., which though used, still have wear in them. Magazines and books are being sent to the Seaman's Friend Society and we can place children's books, toys, etc., in good hands, too.

During the past year we have sent at least 100 lbs. of used clothing to a Thrift Shop at Pleasant Hill, Tenn., about 30 lbs. of selected used clothing to the Walker Missionary Home in Auburndale, probably 60 lbs. of used clothing, six partly filled ditty bags, and some books and magazines to the Boston Seaman's Friend Society. Over \$100 worth of unwrapped Christmas gifts were sent to the City Missionary Society in Boston.

During 1977 we sent over 200 lbs. of used clothing, 2 cartons of bandages, some hospital gowns and six blankets to Church World Service and we have two boxes already packed for the April collection. Two lots of used clothing went to Danvers State Hospital and one to a nursing home. We sent a carton of children's books to the "Marrow Bone School" in Pikeville, KY. Two large cartons of clothing went to GLEAM in Lawrence and about the same amount to Mr. Sweeney Condo in Lawrence for his work for Indian and other minority families.

At the present time we have about 40 lbs. of winter clothing to go to Mr. Condo within the next few days, two cartons ready to go to Danvers, a carton of warm clothing to go to the Indians in South Dakota. We have two boxes ready to go to a nursing home and a large collection of powder, lotion, room freshener, etc. for the same purpose.

When people give us used Christmas or general greeting cards, we pass them on to various nursing homes for their craft work, and they can usually use them. Why not try this yourselves? When visiting in a nursing home, if you have any used clothing, toilet articles, or craft material that you think would be useful to the less fortunate residents, take it with you and ask the people at the desk if they can use them. This might widen our circle of usefulness by quite a bit.

Church World Service, Continued

Mrs. Guy Minchin has resigned from the Material Aid committee. Our thanks to Clara for all she did while on the committee. Our members now are Mrs. Henry Dea, Mrs. Wilfred Hunt, Mrs. Donald Johnson and Miss Olive Metcalf. Plans are already being made for the February meeting of the Guild which is the annual Material Aid work party. If you are interested in our work, please plan to come whether or not you are a Guild member. If you have any suggestions as to projects we might undertake, or if you would like to do knitting or sewing in your own home and on your own time, please call any one of us.

The Church School raised \$100 for the Heifer Fund, which bought rabbits to be sent overseas. These are used to further the breeding of rabbits, both for meat and fur, in countries in need of such help. They also contributed to UNICEF. At Thanksgiving, articles of food were taken to elderly residents of Georgetown and at Christmas toys were donated to the Salvation Army for use here and in Haverhill.

Many people in the church helped this year with the "Harvest of Hope" program - planting and growing corn. Mr. Robert Morehouse furnished the land, which he plowed and fertilized. Mr. Forrest Bridges was in charge of the project. When the corn was ready, it was harvested and taken to the C.W.S. processing station in Stockbridge, Mass., to be refined and prepared for emergency use.

At Christmas the Couples Club purchased toys from our own Fair Toy Table, which were distributed through the Salvation Army - thus benefiting our church with the purchase and others outside of the church.

The Women's Missionary Society has contributed to the Walker Home, CARE, "1776" College Fund, the Least Coin Offering, the Good Ship HOPE, and has sent several boxes of school supplies, craft material and other articles to the Marrow Bone School in Pikeville, Ky.

The Thrift Shop, which most of us think of as a way to help the Guild make money for our church, - or as a chance for us to buy good used clothing at a reasonable price, is doing its bit to help others. Several times, when some needy family has come to the attention of the committee, a number of garments in the needed sizes have been supplied free of charge. One way the Thrift Shop is so successful is that it keeps its stock moving as much as possible. When they decide to remove articles that have not sold for a time, a large box is given to the material aid committee, so nothing is ever wasted.

Respectfully submitted,

Church World Service Chairman

Couple's Club

REPORT OF THE COUPLES CLUB

As always, the Couples Club offered a wide variety of programs and gourmet dinners (with a minimal charge) during 1977.

Serious discussions were held with informative speakers - a Haverhill area consumers' advocate, in association with the state's Attorney General's office; a former disciple of Rev. Moon's religious cult; an expert on the wilderness survival program. We took a canoe trip through northern Maine via slides, and through beautiful slides, and the music and dance by native Hawaiians, we went on another excursion - to the islands.

A "Monte Carlo" whist party was the entertainment for one of our meetings, and in November most members were dancing "the hustle" after some lessons with a dance instructor!

The year wound up with a festive Christmas party held at the home of Carol and Louis Dispenza for appetizers, and ending at Olive and Bill Ingraham's for the main course and dessert.

The Club held a Bake Sale - proceeds to benefit the church, to help with the heat and electricity bill, and they donated toys for needy children at Christmastime.

Couples of any age, and single people too, are cordially invited to come to the meetings, held the first Monday evening of each month.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine and Dick Prendible
Secretaries

Fair

REPORT OF THE FAIR CHAIRMEN

To all of our hard-working HARVEST MOON FAIR chairmen we would again like to say thank you for the time, effort and talents which were contributed so generously by you all. Your work resulted in a more than \$4,000 profit which is something for which you should all feel a real sense of accomplishment.

As a part of the Fair, again this year we invited the Little Red Wagon Theatre Group from the University of New Hampshire which put on an excellent and very well-attended performance Friday afternoon. It was fun to have so many children and their parents coming into the Fair during this usually slow time. The grabs and popcorn went like wildfire!

A new table this year was The Country Store which had a wide variety of wares to sell - hand-made articles, church-grown squashes and pumpkins, fresh popped popcorn and homemade candy, to name a few. With the cost of things as high as they were, we were expecting this to be a good-will and fun table more than a money-maker; much to our pleasure, we were wrong!

The date of this year's Fair was about three weeks earlier than the last few years. We both feel the advantages of this were many: being one of the first fairs of the season, the attendance this year was excellent - both during the days and especially for the Ham and Bean Supper which was much more profitable than last year. (Having the supper tickets available and sold in advance for the first time was also a factor in the increase in attendance.) Being as early as October we also feel gave the Fair a better chance for good weather. And that it had: after what seemed like an interminable number of rainy fall weekends, the sun shone magnificently for those two full days.

We thank you all. The fun and fellowship of The Harvest Moon Fair was abounding!

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Games and Olive Ingraham
Co-Chairmen

Flower

REPORT OF THE FLOWER COMMITTEE

A bouquet to the gals on the Flower Committee who have all taken turns being in charge of placing flowers and plants in the Sanctuary and Vestry for Sunday services. They are Connie Tripp, Linda Games, Pat Pingree, Florence Hamelin, Lillian Grissino, Edna Ayer, Carol Pierce, Lillian Kelloway and Carol Knapp. These flowerladies have provided flowers from their own gardens, and those of their neighbors. They have brought us house plants during the winter months, and assisted in decorating the Sanctuary for the Christmas season.

I would like to compliment the women of the Diaconate for their especially beautiful arrangements of plants for the Easter and Christmas services. They arranged the plants and then took them to our shutins following the services.

We do appreciate your Memorial bouquets and plants, and an advance notice is helpful for reserving a special date for honoring a loved one. Please let us know if you have plants for the winter months, or garden flowers for the summer months that you are able to share.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Chatterton,
for the Flower Committee

Auditor

First Congregational Church of

Minister
REV. PHILIP H. SOUTHWICK
5 Hart Circle

Georgetown, Massachusetts

TELEPHONES
Church 352-8443
Home 352-8305

January 25, 1977

We have, of this date, examined the books of the Treasurer & Collector of the First Congregational Church of Georgetown, and found them to be in order and correct.

*Land W. Lowell
Virginia R. Rogers*

Collector

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Current Expense		
1976 Pledges	\$ 759.90	
1977 Pledges	23,096.80	
1978 Pledges	<u>582.00</u>	\$21,738.70
Loose Collect		1,879.18
Missions		
1976 Pledges	63.55	
1977 Pledges	<u>2,243.15</u>	2,306.70
Special Missions		211.18
Deacons Fund		430.88
Improvement Fund		
1976 Pledges	25.00	
1977 Pledges	2,356.85	
1978 Pledge	<u>1.00</u>	2,382.85
Building Fund		
1976 Pledge	1.00	
1977 Pledge	<u>52.00</u>	53.00
Church School	321.66	
Missions	<u>302.13</u>	623.79
Vestry		1,343.55
Initial Offering		27.30
Dividends & Interest		2,108.47
Reimb. & Money Borrowed		4,055.82
Rents, two houses		2,465.00
Lent & Advent		1,343.00
Memorial Fund		194.00
Church & Fun Fairs		<u>4,807.21</u>
Total Receipts 1977		\$45,970.63

Pledges - 1977	124	-	paid	92
			nearly	
			paid	22
			little	
			paid	6
			nothing	
			paid	4

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Jones

Finance

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Nineteen seventy seven has come to a close and with it has come the end of our church year. All the bills of the church were paid, but again we had to depend very heavily on the Church Fair, which was a tremendous success, to help us break even.

Our Every Family Canvass was very successful this year and thanks to our increased pledges, we hope to get through the year without having to take funds from accounts that should be used for things other than paying bills. If everyone lives up to his or her pledge, which is a promise to pay, I am sure our goal can be accomplished.

Respectfully submitted,

Calvin Pingree
Chairman

Treasurer

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

RECEIPTS

201	Pledges - Current Expenses	\$21,156.70
	Pledges for 1978	582.00
	Loose Collect	1,879.18

MISSIONS

203.1	Regular Collect	2,306.70
203.2	Special Collect:	
	One Great Hour of Sharing	111.18
	Ladies Missionary Society	<u>100.00</u>
		211.18

CHURCH SCHOOL

204.1	Regular Collect	321.66
204.2	Missions:	
	Regular Missions	104.22
	UNICEF	12.00
	Heifer Fund International	<u>185.91</u>
		302.13

DIVIDENDS AND INTEREST

205.1	Interest from Perley Fund	450.00
	" " General Fund	56.34
	" " Bateman Fund	
	(spec. not.)	352.48
	" " Bateman Fund	
	(Term Cert.)	317.51
	" " Mass. Cong. Fund	<u>932.14</u>
(The total of \$2,108.47 - 10%		
	Reimbursement in General Fund Bank Acc't)	2,108.47

REIMBURSEMENTS FROM:

205.2	Joyce Dance Studio	1,480.00
	Diet Workshop	20.00
	Mental Health	72.00
	Jayceettes	5.00
	Reimb. for light	3.00
	" from P.F. Supper	11.25
	" for P.F. Star Island	261.00
	" Girl Scout Supper	20.00
	" United Methodist Publ.Hs.	22.02
	Wedding (Inc. \$10 Janitor's fee)	35.00
	Reimbursement to Janitor (3 Weddings)	30.00
	Reimb. from Rev. P.H.S. water bill	19.35
	Newcomers' Club	30.00
	Council for Aging Christmas party	10.00
	Reimb. North Shore Teacher's Assoc.	7.20
	" Rev. P.H.S. (wire)	30.00
	Credit from voided check	<u>3.48</u>
		2,059.30

RENTS

205.3	1 Cottage Street	1,040.00	
	3 Cottage Street	<u>1,425.00</u>	2,465.00
206	Improvement Fund		2,381.85
	" " for 1978		1.00
	Building Fund		53.00
	Initial Offering		27.30
207	Fun Fair		585.46
	1977 Annual Fair		<u>4,221.75</u>

SPECIAL DONATIONS

208	Special Deacons' acc't	430.88	
	Christmas 1976	154.50	
	" 1977	654.75	
	Easter 1977	<u>533.75</u>	1,773.88
	Loan from Improvement Fund		2,000.00
	Vestry Fund		<u>1,343.55</u>
	Memorial Fund		<u>194.00</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS

45,974.11

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DISBURSEMENTS

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICES OF OUR MINISTRY

301	Minister's Salary	9,500.00
303	Health Ins. & Pension Board	936.00
304	Minister's Annuity (Includes 1st quart. '78 paymt)	1,821.58
305	" Car Allowance	1,000.00
306	Traveling Expenses (Conferences)	21.00
307	Diaconate Expenses	205.57
308	Organist & Music Director	2,100.00
310	Board of Christian Education	1,164.03
310.1	Youth Group Leaders & Expenses	164.50
313	Per Capita Fellowship Dues	594.55
314	Flowers	19.45
316	Social Committee Expenses	100.45
317	Treasurer's Expenses	400.00
318	Collector's Expenses	400.00
		<u>18,427.13</u>

OUR ADMINISTRATIONAL EXPENSES

401	Church Secretary	1,400.00
402	Stationary, Postage, Printing, Office suppl.	1,770.86
403	Sexton's Salary	2,480.00
404	Heat and Repairs	4,458.08
404	Electricity:	
	Church	400.14
	Metcalf	<u>84.96</u>
		485.10

404	Water:	Church	43.20	
		Metcalfe	41.40	
		1 Cottage St.	38.25	
		3 Cottage St.	36.00	
		Rev. P.H.S. reimb.	<u>19.35</u>	178.20
404	Telephone			558.73
404	Gas			76.15
405	Parsonage Utilities			<u>1,200.00</u>
				12,607.12

OUR CHURCH PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

501	Church Building Care		692.38
501.1	Rental Property Expenses		262.40
502	Parsonage Upkeep		9.92
503	Supplies		506.08
504	Insurance		<u>1,160.00</u>
			2,630.78

CAPITAL INVESTMENTS AND EQUIPMENT

603	Improvement Fund		2,381.85
603.1	Building Fund		53.00
604	Reinvestment of 10% Div. & Int.		<u>210.85</u>
			2,645.70

DEBT RETIREMENT AND RESERVES

701	Mortgage Payments on Parsonage & Other Church properties, taxes, Principle & Interest		2,552.20
702	Reserve for Contingencies & depreciation of building and equipment (1/2 Fair profit)		<u>1,829.19</u>
			4,381.39

OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSIONS AND OTHER BENEVOLENCES

901.1	Regular Missions		2,106.70
901.2	Special Missions:		
	One Great Hour of Sharing	111.18	
	Andover Newton	200.00	
	Ladies Missionary Soc.	<u>100.00</u>	411.18
901.3	Church School Missions:		
	Heifer Project	300.00	
	UNICEF	<u>58.31</u>	<u>358.31</u>
			2,876.19

MISCELLANEOUS DISBURSEMENTS

1200	Deacons' Account		430.88
1201	Vestry Account		1,997.05
1210	Memorial Fund Account		194.00
1208	Miscellaneous		
	Metcalfe House Renovations		
	Carol Knapp	60.64	
	Jan Spence	76.11	
	Sue Kelley	9.39	
	Carol Pierce	5.00	
	Evelyn Boose	13.10	

Miscellaneous Disbursements Cont.

1208	Susan Smith (Church Cleanup Day)	29.03	
	Rev. P.H.S. (Pressing of Choir robes)	22.00	
	G. & C. Cleaners (collars)	6.00	
	Roy Electric Co. (lighting in Choir		
	Balcony; pd. by Lenten offering)	590.86	
	Joan Chatterton (Fun Fair)	100.00	
	Fun Fair Services	233.24	
	Sheila Kelly (paper products)	184.35	
	Star Island Corp. (Reimb.)	261.00	
	Linda Games (Fair)	40.40	
	Georgetown Savings (Fair Acc't)	300.00	
	Georgetown School Lunch (Food Fair)	135.61	
	Forrest Bridges Jr, (Roof Metcalf		
	paid by Christmas 1978 offer.)	240.00	
			2,306.73
			<u>4,928.66</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			48,496.97

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SUMMARY

Balance on hand 1/1/77		4,041.81
Total Receipts 1977		<u>45,974.11</u>
		50,015.92
Total Disbursements		<u>48,496.97</u>
Balance on hand 12/31/77		1,518.95
Special Holds*		<u>*1,512.26</u>
		669.00
1978 Current Exp.	582.00	
1978 Improvement	1.00	
Christmas 1977	293.75	
Kitchen Committee	25.00	
Special Donation	500.00	
Sunday School Miss.	<u>110.51</u>	
	1,512.26*	

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FUND RAISING EVENTS

Fun Fair

Total Receipts		585.46
Disbursements:		
Fun Fair Services	233.24	
Misc. Expenses	<u>100.00</u>	
		-333.24
Profit		<u>252.22</u>

1977 Annual Church Fair

Total Receipts	4,221.75	
Money from Fair Bank Book	<u>400.64</u>	4,622.39
Disbursements:		
Fair Account	300.00	
School lunch	135.61	
Star paper	<u>137.65</u>	
		-573.26
Profit		<u>4,049.13</u>

1977 UTILITY EXPENSES

CHURCH

Coal	\$3,374.29
Furnace repairs (parts)	100.65
Furnace repairs (labor)	441.50
Electricity	400.14
Gas	76.15
Water	43.20
Telephone	558.73
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	4,994.66

METCALF

Oil	461.04
Furnace repair (parts)	32.60
Furnace repair (labor)	48.00
Water	41.40
Electricity	84.96
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	668.00

MORTGAGE ACCOUNTS

Parsonage - 5 Hart Circle #3594

Balance 1/1/77		3,586.08
Payments: Interest	159.96	
Principle	864.96	
Balance 12/31/77		2,721.12

Rental Property - 3 Cottage St. #3293

Balance 1/1/77		1,091.35
Payments: Interest	42.35	
Principle	555.49	
Balance 12/31/77		535.86

SUMMARY OF RENTAL PROPERTY

1 Cottage Street			
Received from rent			1,040.00
*Expenses			
*Taxes	463.15)		
Water	38.25)		
Stark & Cronk	66.40)		-567.80
Profit			472.20
3 Cottage Street			
Received from rent			1,425.00
*Expenses			
*Principle & Interest	597.84)		
Taxes	466.29)		
Water	36.00)		
Oil Service	18.00)		
Roof repair	178.00)		-1,296.13
Profit			128.87
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METCALF HOUSE RENOVATIONS

From Vestry Account	285.35
Roof (Duffy Bridges, Jr.)	240.00
Miscellaneous Disbursements	164.24
	689.59
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DEACONS' FUND - NOW CHECKING ACCOUNT

Balance 1/1/77	3,220.10
Receipts	1,634.96
Interest	134.96
	4,990.02
Disbursements	2,314.60
Balance 12/31/77	2,675.42

GEORGETOWN SAVINGS BANK ACCOUNTS

Memorial Fund #14284

Balance 1/1/77	\$1,316.37
Deposits	194.00
Interest	64.42
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	1,574.79
*Disbursements	- 392.97
Balance 12/31/77	<hr/>
	1,181.82
*Buckley Cardy Co.	11.70
Machmillan robes	370.57
Misc.	10.70

Elizabeth E. Pingree Memorial Fund #600017 - 6 3/4 % Int.

Balance 1/1/77	4,000.00
Interest	276.24
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	4,276.24
Disbursements	276.24
Balance 12/31/77	<hr/>
	4,000.00

(The interest from this account is put into the following account to be used in the interest of music)

Elizabeth E. Pingree Music Fund #22635

Balance 1/1/77	323.99
Deposits	301.24
Interest	22.99
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	648.22
*Disbursements	-118.89
Balance 12/31/77	<hr/>
	529.33
*Music Supplies	78.89
Bell Ringers	40.00

Improvement Fund #14417

Balance 1/1/77	2,499.66
*Deposits	5,381.85
Interest	219.56
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	8,101.07
**Disbursements	-2,108.59
Balance 12/31/77	<hr/>
	5,992.48

*Includes \$3,000 from Vestry account.

Reimbursement for original loan to start Vestry account.

**Borrowed to pay bills	\$2,000.00
Georgetown lumber -	108.59
(parsonage porch)	

Vestry Account #23237

Balance 1/1/77	1,700.59
Receipts	1,997.05
Interest	54.90
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	3,752.54
*Disbursements	-3,285.35
Balance 12/31/77	<hr/>
	467.19

*Pay Back Loan to Improvement Fund \$3,000.00
Metcalf House Renovations 285.35
(these expenses are listed in
the report on disbursements)

Deacons Fund (Special Notice) #16513

Balance	2,500.00
Interest	146.94
	<u>2,646.94</u>
*Disbursements	- 146.94
Balance 12/31/77	<u>2,500.00</u>

*Disbursement is interest which is put into the Deacons' "Now" Checking Account

Mission Fund #14427

Balance 1/1/77	1,034.83
Interest	60.22
	<u>1,095.05</u>
*Disbursements	- 60.27
	<u>1,034.78</u>

*This is part of the Ladies Missionary Donation to MHCUCG yearly

Rug Fund Account #20100

Balance 1/1/77	382.65
Interest	20.94
	<u>403.59</u>
Balance 12/31/77	

Reserve Account #16617

Balance 1/1/77	7,466.05
Deposits	1,829.19
Interest	419.30
	<u>9,714.54</u>
Balance 12/31/77	

Fair Chairman Account #19360

Balance 1/1/77	299.35
Receipts	432.45
Interest	12.96
	<u>744.76</u>
Disbursements	441.04
Balance	<u>303.72</u>

General Fund #14425

Balance 1/1/77	912.22
Receipts	210.85
Interest	56.34
	<u>1,179.41</u>
Disbursements	56.34
Balance 12/31/75	<u>1,123.07</u>

Bateman Fund (Spec. notice acct) #221389

Balance 1/1/77 and 12/31/77	6,000.00
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We receive the interest quarterly - \$352.48

Bateman Fund 7 3/4% (Term Certificate) #900094

Balance 1/1/77 and 12/31/77	4,000.00
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We receive the interest quarterly \$317.51

Building Fund #23549

Balance 1/1/77	399.66
Receipts	53.00
Interest	23.02
Balance 12/31/77	<u>475.68</u>

Bertha L. Poole Memorial #800146

(Term Deposit Acct.
date of Issue 12/11/74
Maturity 12/31/78
Interest Rate 7 1/2%
Dividends are being held.)

	1,000.00
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Certificate #800073

(Date of Issue 6/4/74
Maturity date 6/30/78
Interest Rate 7 1/2%
Dividends are being held.)

	4,900.00
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Building Fund #900019

(Term Deposit Account
Date of Issue 2/18/75
Maturity Date 2/28/81
Interest Rate 7 3/4%
Dividends are being held.)

	3,000.00
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Budget

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED BUDGET

We expect to spend for:

OPERATING OUR CHURCH

Present Budget

1/1/77 - 12/31/77

Proposed Budget

1/1/78 - 12/31/78

1. Leadership & Services of our Ministry	\$18,930	\$20,315
2. Administrative & Operational Expenses	13,010	13,350
3. Church Property Maint. & Repair	2,800	3,200
4. Capital Investment	2,700	3,150
5. Debt Retirement	3,900	4,000

HELPING OTHERS

6. Benevolences	2,390	2,510
7. Improving our facilities		

TOTAL BUDGET

43,730

46,525

RECEIPTS

201. Pledges - Current Exp.	18,846	22,715
202. Loose Collect	2,500	2,000
203. Missions		
1. Pledges - Benevolences	2,390	2,510
204. Church School		
1. Regular Collect	275	325
2. Missions	100	100
205. Dividends, Int.	2,000	2,100
1. Reimbursements	1,800	2,000
2. Rents	2,200	2,400
206. Improvement Fund	2,500	2,950
207. Church Fair	1,500	1,500
1/2 reserved for contingencies	1,500	1,500
208. Other Fund Raising Projects	8,119	6,425
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	43,730	46,525

DISBURSEMENTS

	<u>Present Budget</u>	<u>Proposed Budget</u>
LEADERSHIP AND SERVICES OF OUR MINISTRY		
301. Minister's Salary	\$9,500	\$10,500
302. Pulpit Supply	120	120
303. Health Insurance	1,000	1,000
304. Minister's Annuity	1,360	1,500
304.1 Family Protection Plan	-	125
305. Minister's Car Allowance	1,000	1,000
306. Conference meeting exps.	200	200
307. Diaconate Expenses	250	250
308. Organist & Music Director	2,100	2,100
310. Board of Christian Ed.	1,500	1,600
1. Youth Group Leadership	300	300
313 Per Capital Fellowship	600	620
314 Flowers	50	50
316 Social & Kitchen Comm.	150	150
317 Treasurer's Expenses	400	400
318 Collector's Expenses	<u>400</u>	<u>400</u>
TOTAL	18,930	20,315
OUR ADMINISTRATIONAL & OPERATIONAL EXPENSES		
401. Church Secretary	1,400	1,500
402. Stationary, Postage, Printing, Office supplies	1,600	1,800
403. Sexton's Salary	2,400	2,640
404. Church Utilities		
1. Heat & Repairs	5,000	4,800
2. Electricity	700	600
3. Water	150	150
4. Telephone	460	560
5. Gas	100	100
405. Parsonage Utilities	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,200</u>
TOTAL	13,010	13,350
OUR CHURCH PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR		
501. Church Building Care)	
502. Parsonage Upkeep) 1,600	1,700
503. Supplies)	
504. Insurance	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,500</u>
TOTAL	2,800	3,200
CAPITAL INVESTMENTS AND EQUIPMENT		
603. Improvement Fund	2,500	2,950
604. Reinvestment	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>
TOTAL	2,700	3,150

DISBURSEMENTS CONTINUED

	<u>Present Budget</u>	<u>Proposed Budget</u>
<u>DEBT RETIREMENT AND RESERVES</u>		
701. Mortgage payments on Parsonage & Church properties	2,400	2,500
702. Reserve for Contingencies & Depreciation of Bldg. Equipment	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>
TOTAL	3,900	4,000
 <u>OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION AND OTHER BENEVOLENCES</u>		
901. Missions & Benevolences		
1. Regular	2,190	2,310
2. Andover Newton School	200	200
3. Church School Missions	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL	2,390	2,510

Nominating

PROPOSED CHURCH OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES FOR 1978

*To Be elected

MODERATOR:	Betty Davidson*	CLERK:	Mina Marble*
TREASURER:	Carol Sheehan*	COLLECTOR:	Ruth Jones*

DIACONATE

Janet Brown	'79	Barry Games	'79
Marcia Houlden	'79*	Donald Gammon	'79
Connie Silvernail	'79	Douglas Gammon	'79
Marcia Brackbill	'80*	Robert Gustafson	'80*
Carol Dispenza	'80*	David Skinner	'80*
Lillian Grissino	'80*	George Winkelman	'80*

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Robert Davidson	'79	Joanne Langevin	'80*	Calvin Pingree	'80*
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TRUSTEES

James Boynton, Jr.	'79	George Kelly	'79	Craig Southwick	'79
Allan Barlow	'80*	Arthur Outram	'80*	Arthur Wyman	'80*

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Carol Knapp	'79	Carolyn Boynton	'80*
Anna Tozier	'79	Susan Kelley	'80*
Norman Pierce	'79	Carol Pierce	'80*

MUSIC COMMITTEE

Robert Knapp	'79	Pat Pingree	'79	Marion Harding	'80*
		Dominic DeFilippo	'80*		

CHURCH DELEGATES

Pat Barlow*	Allan Barlow*
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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Evelyn Boose	'79
Larry Tripp	'79
Betty Davidson	'80
Janet Flyzik	'80 *

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Virginia Rogers*
Leland Lowell*

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Marilyn Knickles*

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE: Olive Metcalf*

FLOWER COMMITTEE Joan Chatterton*

SOCIAL ACTION: Betty Davidson*

USHERING COMMITTEE: Ernest Kelloway* Dwight Southwick*

Respectfully submitted

T. Louis Hamelin,
for the Nominating Committee