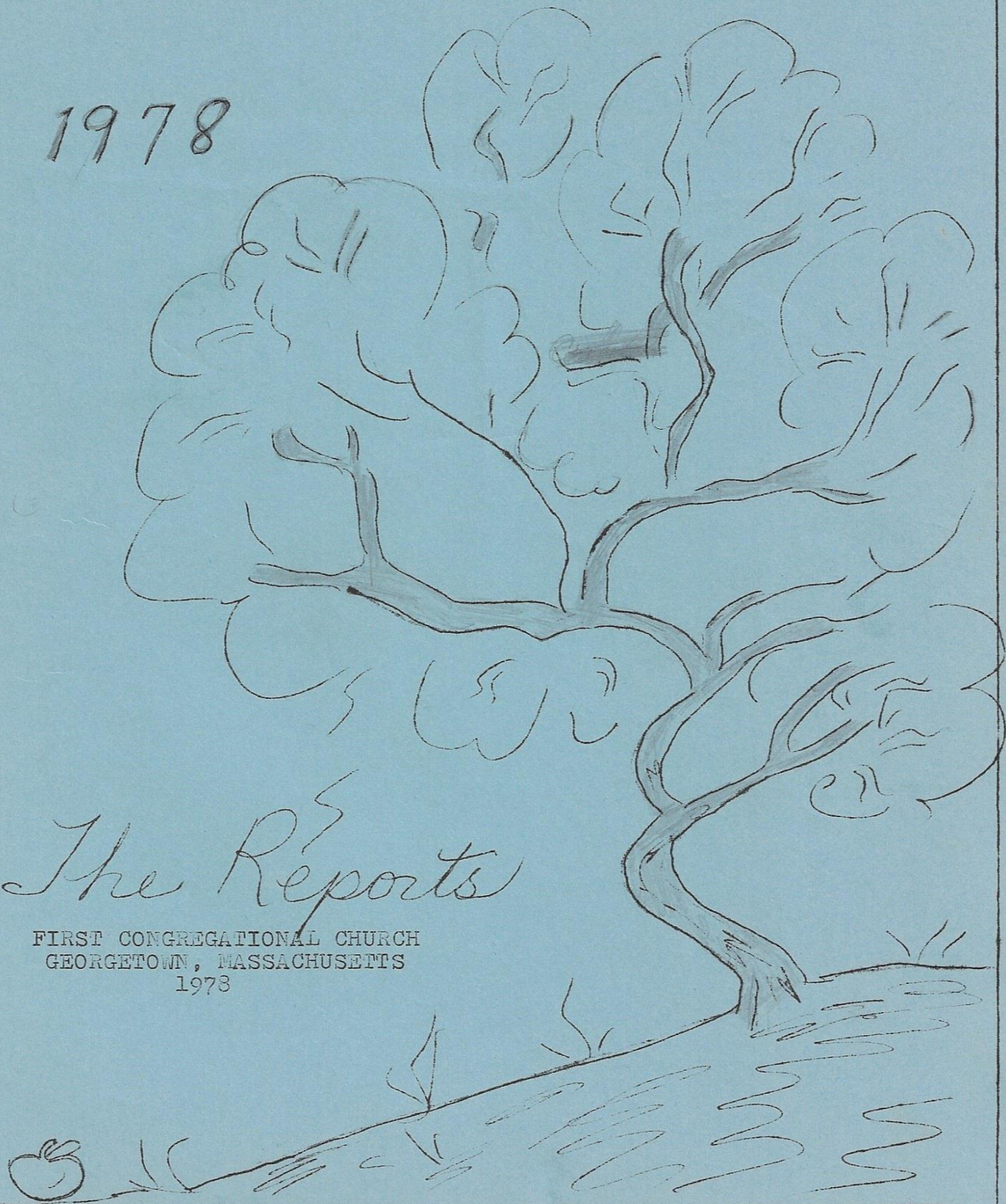


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The Reports

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
GEORGETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS
1978



Meetings

First Congregational Church of Georgetown, Massachusetts

Minister
REV. PHILIP H. SOUTHWICK
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WARRANT

January 17, 1978

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 26, 1978 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 Finance Committee regarding the Church Budget and to take action thereon.
- ARTICLE 3. To hear the report of the Nominating Committee and to take any action required thereon.
- ARTICLE 4. To take any other action relative to the Church and/or its property.

BY DIRECTION OF THE CABINET



Posted January 17, 1978

Clerk

January 26, 1978

Moderator Betty Davidson called the Annual Meeting of the First Congregational Church of Georgetown, Inc. to order at 8:05 P. M.

Meeting opened with Prayer by the Rev. Southwick.

The Clerk read the report of the last meeting. Report accepted.

Stephen Kochakian, Scoutmaster of Troop #51 presented a First Aid Kit from the members of the Troop.

Warrant for the meeting was read by the Clerk.

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

Collectors report corrected to read: 1977 pledges \$20,396.80. Joan Chatterton apologized to the Treasurer for the omission of her name on the Treasurers report. (Carol Knapp typed stickers and these were placed on the Treasurers report, thus Carols name appeared on the report.) Voted reports be accepted as written.

ARTICLE 2. To hear the report of the Finance Committee regarding the Church Budget and to take action thereon.

Calvin Pingree reported for the Finance Committee regarding the Budget. Various items were discussed. Moved that the Budget be accepted as written and that the Budget be adopted, seconded and voted. Budget amount \$46,525.00.

ARTICLE 3. 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. As there were no further nominations it was voted that the nominations be closed. Voted that the Clerk cast one ballot for the slate 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	Marcia Houlden
	One year	Marcia Brackbill
	One year	Carol Dispenza
	Two years	Lillian Grissino
Deacons	Two years	Robert Gustafson
	Two years	David Skinner
	Two years	George Winkelman
Finance Committee	Two years	Joanne Langevin
	Two years	Calvin Pingree
Church Delegates	One year	Pat Barlow
	One year	Allan Barlow
Board of Christian Education	Two years	Carolyn Boynton
	Two years	Susan Kelley
	Two years	Carol Pierce

Music Committee	Two years	Marion Harding
	Two years	Dominic DeFilippo
Board of Trustees	Two years	Allan Barlow
	Two years	Arthur Outram
	Two years	Arthur Wyman
Nominating Committee	Two years	Janet Flyzik
Auditing Committee	One year	Virginia Rogers
		Leland Lowell
Social Committee	One year	Marilyn Knicles
World Service Committee	One year	Olive Metcalf
Flower Committee	One year	Joan Chatterton
Social Action Committee	One year	Betty Davidson
Ushering Committee	One year	Ernest Kelloway
	One year	Dwight Southwick.

Moderator declared the Officers elected.

ARTICLE 4. To take any other action relative to the Church and/or its property.

Calvin Pingree read explanation regarding Lenten Offering. In order for the Conference to pay for the move to Framingham it was necessary to borrow from their own invested funds which were earning interest. It was suggested that if each Church contributed \$1.00 per member the money could be repaid.

Calvin Pingree moved that our Lenten offering this year be used as follows: 1. to pay our fair share of the Conference Center indebtedness, in the amount of \$262.00. 2. that the rest be set aside for either the septic system or the repair and replacement of window sashes in our Church. Motion seconded and so voted. Trustee Allan Barlow would like to hear from the members regarding property on Cottage Street. Many aspects of the property were discussed, some feeling buildings should be torn down, others thought repairs might be made. It seemed to be the feeling of those present that nothing be done until it becomes necessary to make major repairs.

The report of the Auditors was read and accepted.

Adjourned at 9:58 P. M.

Refreshments were served after the meeting.

Helmina M. Thistle

Clerk

30 present

REPORT OF SPECIAL CHURCH MEETING

A request for a special Church Meeting was posted for February 19, 1978 to reconsider the action that was taken at the 1978 Annual Meeting with regard to the use of our Lenten Offering.

It was moved and seconded that Allan Barlow be appointed Moderator pro tem, and Joan Chatterton be appointed Clerk, pro tem, in the absence of Moderator Betty Davidson and Clerk Mina Marble. The meeting was called to order following the worship service on February 19.

Cal Pingree, ~~Chairman~~ of the Finance Committee, ~~moved~~ made the following motion. "I move that we reconsider the action we took at the 1978 Annual Meeting with regard to the use of our Lenten Offering." The motion was seconded by Jim Boynton.

Cal Pingree followed with a second motion. "I move that, instead of giving \$1.00 per member, or \$262.00 to the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ for the relocating of the Conference offices in Framingham - we give \$1.00 per member, or \$262.00 from our Lenten Offering to the Storm Relief Fund, to be sent to stricken areas through the pastors in those areas. Also, I move that we hold a special offering for this same purpose in the immediate future, on a date to be decided upon by the Cabinet." This motion was seconded by Ed Jones and a discussion followed.

Reverend Southwick explained that in view of the recent storm damage along the east coast, and due to the fact that the U.C.C. had set up a fund to aid families in these areas, the money would be better spent in helping these families at this time, and postpone sending funds to the Massachusetts Conference for their moving expense.

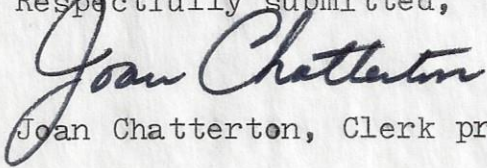
Questions followed as to the necessity of raising funds for the Massachusetts Conference move and delegate Allan Barlow was asked to explain.

Allan told of how the Conference consolidated their administrative offices with the Conference Center, in order to save the denomination money. In order to do this, however, they had to borrow from invested funds, and they were asking all the churches in the Conference to help reimburse the expense so that the invested funds could be raised up to the previous amount. The question was asked of the Finance Committee if there were any plans in the near future to hold a special drive for this purpose and the answer was negative.

Reverend Southwick also explained, at this time, that Karl Phillippi, our Area Minister had given support to the idea of reconsidering our Lenten Offering and he also felt that it was more important than contributing to the State Conference Move.

A vote was taken and the result was affirmative-to donate the money to Storm Relief.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joan Chatterton". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Joan Chatterton, Clerk protem

Minister

REPORT OF THE MINISTER

We began 1978 with an emphasis upon Epiphany, or Little Christmas, which is much more widely celebrated in other countries than here. We stressed some customs of other lands and climaxed the service with the arrival of wisemen who distributed a loaf of bread to each family in attendance, expressing best wishes for everyone during the then coming year. This was so well received that we resolved to do something special again this year at the end of Christmastide.

We continued the practice of appreciating those completing terms of service, and recognizing those continuing or beginning their work for the church, on the first Sunday following the Annual meeting.

During winter months we hosted a Northeast Area curriculum meeting and a Star Island Youth Conference reunion. On the Sunday following the blizzard, our youth dug their places deeper into our hearts with another memorable Youth Sunday Worship Service. We survived the blizzard and came to the assistance of those whose property was damaged or destroyed, with a storm relief offering of \$1,257.50. Wonderful!

Suddenly Easter came upon us; the winter snows receded. We held a shortened series of confirmation classes for youth and two get-acquainted sessions with adults, whom we proceeded to welcome on Palm Sunday. Tenebrae was different this year, thanks to a sub-committee of the Diaconate who worked upon the traditional service with an eye to eliminating some of the separateness that existed in the Sanctuary. We moved the service down into the Vestry, and sat around tables so that everyone had a sense of being present at the Lord's Table. Reactions to this were most positive. With suggestions for FURTHER changes still in the air, a sub-committee has been hard at work on what we hope will be improvements for this year's Maundy Thursday Service. Don't miss it!

After searching for a hillside that was free of snow drifts, we discovered one at Penn Brook School for our annual Easter Sunrise Service. The number of people attending has increased each year, a tribute to the youth who conduct the service, and the cooks back at the church who prepare breakfast for 125!

While I was attending State Conference, our Diaconate, with special appreciation to Marcia Brackbill, led an inspiring worship service. On Graduation Sunday - and we did have many graduates from our church family this year - we honored them during the morning service, and we plan for some similar type of celebration each year.

We continued our Monday morning discussion group well into the spring with a variety of topics being explored. This fall, we based weekly discussion upon a TV series called "The Long Search," which covered many religions of the world.

REPORT OF THE MINISTER, continued

The Summer Union Services with West Boxford continue to meet the needs and convenience of both churches. Shirley and I attended the Star Island Congregational Conference this summer and were thrilled when a dozen from our church visited the island on a day trip. They promise to bring more people out to Star for a day next summer, and perhaps from this interest, we may encourage families to attend the conferences together. For many years, our church's young adults have participated in the Youth Conferences, but it is my hope that more adults will become involved with the Adult Conferences; inspired ideas come from getting together with others of our faith in a relaxed and beautiful setting.

The Rally Day program, heralding the opening of Church School combined the artistic talents of Chuck Margeson with able assistance from Mina Hartman, Janet Brown and Norm Pierce, presenting the tree of life. Once again I led an overnight retreat for Church School teachers before Sunday classes started.

With leadership from our church, the Thanksgiving Eve Service was organized with cooperation from four other area churches. The service, held this year at St. Mary's Catholic Church, was well attended. The Bell Ringers from the First Baptist Church of Beverly again participated in our morning worship during Advent. With lots of extra help from our ever-willing office volunteers, we were able to put together a special Advent booklet which explains some of the symbolism of ornaments that people might have or make for their Christmas trees. We highlighted our Christmas season with our traditional Christmas Eve Candle light service- featuring original music for band by Bob Knapp, and a return from college for Christmas of many former members of the Youth Choir. Our Youth Choir Director of many years, Carol Hanson, resigned in the spring; many members of the choir graduated, leaving us with the inevitable rebuilding process.

Our Diaconate has been strong in support and loving concern for the minister and for the entire church. I compliment them on their work of the past year; their revised policy booklet has inspired the creation of one by the Christian Education Committee. They have been flexible in their approach to new situations and programs, receptive, and anxious to build upon past experiences without attempting to repeat them.

Our Board of Christian Education and fine staff of teachers continue to inspire our ever-growing Church School. The trustees have tackled some tough problems regarding Church property, especially over-seeing the septic and drainage improvements. The repair work of the Church building and Metcalf House involves untold hours. The Finance Committee continues to struggle with balancing of books and encouragement of good stewardship.

I consider myself fortunate to be the minister of a church comprised of many talented and willing young people and adults, who are often willing to give freely of themselves to the work of God's ministry here.

Sincerely,
Philip H. Southwick

Clerk

REPORT OF THE CLERK

Membership December 31, 1977

262

Additions:

Confirmation	3	
Letter	13	16

Losses:

Death	2	
Letter	2	4

Membership December 31, 1978

274

Other statistics:

Baptisms	9
Marriages	14
Funerals	12

IN MEMORIAM
Mary Outram
Geraldine Cook

Respectively submitted,

Wilhelmina M. Marble
Clerk

Diaconate

REPORT OF THE DIACONATE

The new Diaconate members found the Policy Booklet, which was introduced this year, helpful in clarifying and defining their duties. We cooperated in sub groups for advance planning, later presenting ideas to the Minister and to the full Diaconate where plans were freely discussed, ideas pooled and coordinated. We hope this was evident in our projects this year.

In March, the Diaconate sponsored an overnight retreat at the United Church of Christ Conference Center in Framingham with the dynamic Joan Arnold, a skilled leader. The topic of discussion centered around preparing oneself for worship. The participants, all of whom had read the book, You, prior to attending the retreat, felt it was a thought-provoking, inspiring experience.

Special services planned by the Diaconate included Maundy Thursday, Layman's Sunday, Graduation Sunday, Union Summer Services with West Boxford, Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service, Bellringers' Sunday and the Service of Candles and Carols on Christmas Eve.

In searching for more meaningful participation in the Maundy Thursday Service of Tenebrae, we moved the service to our Vestry. Those who attended, experienced physical as well as mental closeness with those present in the room. Special care was taken to provide a worshipful atmosphere. Further innovations have been in the planning stage since last May for this year's service!

Another highlight of our year was Laymen's Sunday. After hearing Marcia Brackbill's concerns on grief and separation at our February meeting, we urged her to share her thoughts with the congregation. Appropriate readings and hymns centered around her morning message, Learning to Say Goodbye. (Copies of her talk are still available through the church Office). Our musical benediction has continued to be enjoyed in subsequent services. We are indeed grateful to Marcia for sharing her expertise and personal experiences with us.

The graduates were asked to share their thoughts and ideas for Graduation Sunday. Some volunteered to participate in this service in which all were presented gold cross pins by the Diaconate Chairman.

REPORT OF THE DIACONATE continued

After each Sunday morning worship, a member of the Diaconate assists Reverend Southwick by relaying messages and greeting the congregation.

We have continued to participate in the Reception of Members, Communion and Baptisms. The Deacon's Fund provides monetary assistance in time of need. Christian Service Co-ordinators, with many volunteers from our congregation have been able to offer emergency aid. Our thanks to all those who have given of their time and energy to make this a successful service.

Visits to our shut-ins and new families have been delightful for all. The Upper Room and Guideposts are available for all on our literature rack.

Plans for the coming year include a "People Visiting People" program and new altar cloths. (We are receptive to ideas for original designs and welcome nimble fingers to assist us in making the plan a reality).

It has been a privilege to work with Phil Southwick again this year as he has encouraged us in, and has been receptive to, innovations in our worship services. Diaconate meetings have been dynamic, productive and laced with humor. A spirit of good will and cooperation prevailed throughout the year (which only proves "Happy Groups Get Work Done").

May all God's love be in your heart to bring you joy from day to day.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Silvernail, Chairman
Janet Brown, Secretary

Christian Education

REPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The activities of the Board of Christian Education have been many and varied in 1978. Following are a few of the highlights. In February the board hosted a Northeast Area Curriculum Workshop which was well attended by the church school teachers and board members. Dot Blanchard held an adult church school class on Sunday mornings for six weeks; Sue Gustafson led an evening course on the Old Testament, and Phil Southwick led a Monday morning discussion group. All classes were well received. Some of our efforts at Metcalf House were the purchase of two smoke detectors, (proceeds from bake sale) installation of new tile floor in the hall, minor repairs to the wall paper and installation of a First-Aid Kit donated by the Boy Scouts. April's Family Night, with entertainment by the church school and Junior and Youth Choirs, was a joy to all with donations used for storm windows for the Metcalf House and Church World Service.

It was with regret that we accepted the resignation of Carol & Louis Dispenza as advisors to the Junior High Youth Group. We are pleased to have Mary & Andy Alholm as advisors at the present time.

On a church filled Rally Day the story of the tree-of-life was told in word and picture by Reverend Southwick, Norman Pierce and Chuck Margeson; enhanced by Janet Brown's narration of Johnny Appleseed and Mina Hartman's rendition of Robert Frost's poem, "Birches". The tree picture was later placed on the entrance wall of the Metcalf House and the children all placed a paper apple near the tree with their names on it signifying that we are all part of the tree-of-life. Everyone received an edible apple on the way out of the sanctuary that morning. We are happy to say we had an enrollment of 95 church school children which has grown now to 130.

Another family night held just before Halloween was called Family Masquerade Spook Party. Everyone attending came in costume (well almost), prizes were awarded, ghost stories were told, games played, and everyone brought a picnic lunch and blanket to share. A good time was had by all and \$40 was raised for UNICEF.

Because some parents would like to attend church but their church school children are not yet old enough to be left alone, we have supervision available for children in the 3rd through 6th grades during the latter part of the Sunday Worship Service. The children go to the youth room following church school at 10:30, and 11:00 attend church either with their parents or with Elaine and Neil Kimball until a designated time when they are excused to return to the youth room with the Kimballs for refreshments and games. It is also a pleasure to see our "wee-ones" come to church the second Sunday of every month.

We would like to express our thanks to our Superintendent, teachers and assistants who have helped so generously during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
Anna Tozier, Chairman
Norman Pierce, Secretary
Carol Pierce
Sue Kelley
Carolyn Boynton
Carol Knapp

School Superintendent

REPORT OF THE CHURCH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT AND JUNIOR CHOIR DIRECTOR

This was a year in Church School with special emphasis on music. For Children's Day we put on a Junior musical, "It's Cool in the Furnance," with children from the first grade through Junior High, and including the Youth Choir, members of the "Top Priority," and all the teachers. It took a fair amount of rehearsing, but everyone had a good time and I'm sure they will remember Nebuchadnezzar, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego! Of course, as always, the other highlight of the day was the Kindergarten songs!

The children also learned special songs and stunts for Family Night in the spring. Our collection that night was divided between money for Church World Service, and the purchase of windows for Metcalf House.

Metcalf House has a new bookcase in the upper hall for Church School books and materials, thanks to Craig Southwick.

Missions are especially important to us; included in this year's giving were:

UNICEF - A Halloween party for all the church family, which raised money for the U.N. Children's Fund.

A THANKSGIVING FOOD OFFERING - for local people.

A COLLECTION OF CHRISTMAS "WHITE GIFTS" - distributed through the Salvation Army.

We had a fun Christmas Party put on by the teachers for the children, with a big helping hand from the Junior Highs.

The Junior Choir, with twenty-seven members this year, had an active year. Last February we went to a Governor Dummer production of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown!" In May we participated in a Junior Choir Festival with twelve other churches at the First Baptist Church, Beverly, and for the first time we sang a solo anthem. We learned a jazz cantata, "100% Chance of Rain," for Family Night, sang in the Christmas Choir concert and on Christmas Eve, as well as once a month for the worship services. In December we had our annual Christmas Pizza Party and went caroling through the square.

We have a loving and enthusiastic group of teachers who give so much to the children throughout the year: Sarah Chatterton, Carol Flyzik, Robin Gustafson, Judy Bezanson, Jan Robertson, Jan Spence, Sue Kelley, Elaine Kimball, Gladys Gittings, Liz Flannery, Carol Knapp, Marion Harding, Marcia Houlden, Bob Houlden and Phil Southwick. Helpers are: Alison Zweil, Gail Grissino, Linda and Laurie Bezanson, Robin Hurd, Heather Face, Diane Kimball, Avie Barlow, Linda Magown, Debbie and Ginny Games.

Respectfully Submitted,
Evelyn Boose

Youth Fellowship

REPORT OF THE YOUTH GROUP FELLOWSHIPS

We are fortunate to have so many active, interested young people in our church. The activities of the youth groups, as such, do not begin to describe all the ways they contribute to the life of the church and work for God's kingdom. The meetings serve to supplement fellowship-producing activities in their already busy lives.

During 1978 the Senior Pilgrim Fellowship held a moonlight hayride in Essex after the blizzard. Once again the youth created an excellent Youth Sunday worship service. We hosted a Star Island Youth Conference all night reunion in midwinter - with special thanks to Carol and Louie Dispenza and Marilyn Knickles. There was a midwinter swimming party with the Junior High Pilgrim Fellowship, held at the Newburyport YWCA, made possible by the proceeds from paper drives.

We continued on with our paper drives - with news last week that the paper truck is at least temporarily removed from the town dump, I urge more of you to save and recycle paper through the spring paper drive.

Last season's activities ended with a senior high youth group and youth choir picnic at Gloucester on Children's Sunday.

This fall, several meetings were devoted to working for the Church Fair, and enjoying suppers together at the church. There was poster making and grab bagging and an afternoon of apple picking for the apple pie makers.

A Bowling and Rollerskating Party in Topsfield was snowed out and ended up as a bowling party for a few hardy souls at the Georgetown Lanes instead. Immediately ahead is a CPR course for the youth.

The Junior High Pilgrim Fellowship was under the able leadership of Carol and Louie Dispenza last winter and spring. They enjoyed various activities including rollerskating and ice-skating, bowling and an unique winter beach party at Plum Island! They ended their activities with being of service to the church - raking and cleaning up the Church lawn in the late spring, and assisting in the paper drive.

This fall the Junior Highs were reorganized with Mary and Andy Alholm as advisors, with an assist by Carol and Norman Pierce. They have had a Pizza Party, gone to the beach, enjoyed a Christmas Party at the church, and a trip to the roller rink. The Alholms and the Pierces have appreciated the help they've had from parents and P.F. friend, David Ryan.

My thanks to all those who have helped with refreshments for the youth groups and for the transportation that has been provided throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Phil Southwick

Trustees

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

Significant accomplishments of the Trustees, since the last Annual Meeting, and with help from others in the church, include the following:

- . Preparation of a specification for repair and protection of the church windows. It is now out for quoting.
- . Repair of the church septic tank and installation of a drainage system to keep it operating properly during wet weather.
- . Repair of the Sanctuary clock.
- . Installation of storm windows on the third floor of Metcalf House.
- . Repair of several problems with the pipe organ between the semiannual maintenance visits by the Andover Organ Company.
- . Maintenance and adjustments on the Estey reed organ, and the Vestry piano.
- . Cleanout of the church cellar at Spring Cleanup, and moving the Metcalf House piano to the Sanctuary.
- . Mounting of the First Aid Kit, donated by the Boy Scouts, in the second floor lavatory at Metcalf House.
- . Hanging of the Thrift Shop sign.
- . Installation of smoke detectors (one that sees and one that smells), purchased by the Board of Christian Education, in Metcalf House.
- . Trimming of trees and brush, in particular the large limb which lay on the Locke house roof.
- . Repair of the Parsonage front door.
- . Repair of several broken windows (there are still several left to do).
- . Repair of the sidewalk where the septic tank drain was put under it.
- . Installation of a new smoke pipe on the furnace.
- . Various and sundry other repairs of a more routine nature.

Art Outram found it necessary to resign. He was replaced on the Board by Steve Robertson.

The Guild came through again this year with another fine luncheon for Spring Cleanup. The Trustees want them to know that this was very much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Allan R. Barlow, Chairman 9

Music

REPORT OF THE MUSIC COMMITTEE

As in Fiddler On The Roof, 1978 "was a very good year!"

Music from all the choirs was well prepared, thanks to the dedication of our Directors, our Organist, Jan Flyzik, and our fine volunteers; the music was well co-ordinated with the services, for which we owe a measure of thanks to Phil Southwick.

Bob Knapp deserves a "well done" for furnishing his compositions, which I hope we sang to his satisfaction. The choir was inspired by his efforts. Also, he gathered the young instrumentalists and trained them. The music they added to our special Sundays and Christmas Eve Service was a special treat to all. We are lucky indeed to have fine young musicians. While they are with us, they will add to our joy; when they go on from here in the future, they will be great additions to the churches they join.

This spring Carol Hanson gave up the Youth Choir to move to New Hampshire with her husband and baby. We miss her as do the young ladies who loved her. The Music Committee thanked her for her good work, but how can one thank someone for the many dedicated years of service. Under the interim leadership of Kathy Boose, who was here temporarily from California, the Youth Choir was reorganized this fall. Elaine Kimball will begin rehearsals with the Choir the beginning of February and she will be a good friend to the young ladies.

We have received, with regret, Linda Games resignation as Music Director, effective in June, unless we engage a Senior Choir Director earlier. The Senior Choir will miss her. It was great to sing under her direction, and as some members said, "we knew what we were doing when she led us." The congregation will also miss her inspired direction.

Thanks to all the helpers of the Music Program - those who played the instruments, rang the chimes, sang, directed, and - to the minister for his advice.

As for 1979, it looks as though we will move to improving our efforts in encouraging others to join our Senior Choir. Still, it is said, "we sing with quality, if not with quantity."

The Junior Choir is great, thanks to Evelyn Boose. They are a great bunch of kids. We are still working on a plan to obtain a tiered platform, which the children will use in the Sanctuary.

We will look forward to the new Youth Choir under Elaine's direction.

Respectfully submitted,

Dominic DeFilippo, Chairman
Pat Pingree
Marion Harding
Robert Knapp

Guild

GUILD ANNUAL REPORT

Our January 1978 meeting was held at the Church Vestry. We conducted a business meeting, and then had a Silent Auction with refreshments afterwards. Twenty-one members braved blizzard conditions to be with us!

February is our annual Material Aids meeting, and twenty gals met at the church in the afternoon under the good leadership of Olive Metcalf to work.

Our March meeting was begun with conducting Guild business and was followed by a talk and demonstration of Japanese Bunka by Beverly Fabiano - looks like an interesting and fun art!

Next month we held our Annual Guest Night, and once again we enjoyed the presence of the Reverend Karl Phillippi who talked to us about weathervanes.

On May 23 the Guild met at 6:30 p.m. for our Annual Meeting. The evening began with a "share-the-cost" Delmonico Roast Beef Dinner with all the trimmings, headed up by Susan Smith. A luscious dessert of chocolate eclairs was prepared and served by the committee for the month. We then conducted our monthly business, heard annual reports, and voted in a new slate of officers:

Co-Presidents:	Winifred Swanton Lilly Townsend
Vice-President:	Norma Jean Lawson
Secretary:	Susan Smith
Treasurer:	Mary Nichols
Executive Committee:	Dorothy Jones Mina Hartman Olive Cole

After we voted to pledge \$750 to the church, we adjourned for the summer.

The Guild re-united in September, and enjoyed a "share-the-cost" supper of chicken a la king prepared by the officers and executive committee.

In October, we met for a Church Fair work party in the morning at the church. The ladies brought lunches and busily applied their capable hands until afternoon.

The last meeting of the 1978 season was held at the church. We waived the usual business meeting and watched Mr. Vallario of the Culinary Arts Dept. at Whittier Voc.-Tech. School show us the art of Cake Decorating.

The Women's Guild certainly serves its church faithfully and well. And it has a history to be proud of as it enters into

GUILD REPORT continued

its 56th year! And, along the way, fun and good fellowship is readily found and shared by all. On a snowy night, January 23, 1923, eight girls, members of Miss Elizabeth Noye's Sunday School class, met to form a club to promote friendliness, sociability, and to be of service to the church - and thanks to the cheerful energies of so many, that spirit and purpose lives on.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Smith, Secretary

Thrift Shop

REPORT OF THE THRIFT SHOP

From many hundreds of 10¢, 25¢ and \$1.00 items, the Thrift Shop profits amounted to almost \$1,000. Included in this amount was \$70 that was taken in during the Fair, and credited to the Fair proceeds.

Which goes to show -- all of our unused clothing and small white elephants are worth saving for the Thrift Shop. We do appreciate all the donations -- keep them coming!

On a snowy March day we held a food and rummage Sale in the church. My thanks to those ladies who faced the bad weather and helped sell or patronized the sale. A 10¢ Sidewalk Sale was more successful this fall as the weather was favorable.

Along with servicing our own community, we have provided clothing for the Material Aids Committee of the Guild which assists in many missionary projects. The Jayceettes also came to us for clothing to aid the patients at Danvers State Hospital.

My thanks to all the willing volunteers who man the Thrift Shop, to those who donate good used clothing and to those who give monetary donations in lieu of helping in the shop, because they are shut-ins. Our hours remain the same: 1:00 - 4:00 on Thursday and Friday; 10:00 - 4:00 on Saturdays, excepting holidays and storm days.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjory Pitkin

Missionary Society

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Women's Missionary Society of the First Congregational Church met seven times in 1978. No meetings are held during the winter months.

Mrs. Marjorie Dea retired as secretary in June and our officers are now Miss Olive Metcalf, president, Mrs. Marjorie Pitkin, secretary and Mrs. James Poole, treasurer.

Meetings were held in the homes of members with the exception of our March meeting, which was held at Trestle Way, and the May meeting at the home of Mrs. Roland Spofford, Mrs. Poole's daughter. Dessert is served at 2:00 P.M., followed by a brief business meeting which is opened with devotions. After this there is an inspirational reading from some worthwhile book. We have been reading recently from A Touch of Wonder by Arthur Gordon.

Besides our \$100.00 pledge to the Church's Missionary Apportionment we also gave \$5.00 to the Walker Home and \$50.00 to the Church's General expenses. Several boxes of craft material and other supplies were sent to the Marrow Bone School in Pikeville, Kentucky.

Respectively submitted,
Olive R. Metcalf
President

World Service

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

World Service is an important part of our outreach from our Church Family to those in need in this country and all over the world. It is the work of all of us working together that makes possible whatever success we have achieved.

In the spring and fall large cartons of clothing were sent to the Boston Seaman's Friend Society, and another box is about to be sent.

At least three times during the church year several cartons of used clothing have been sent to the Pleasant Hill Community Church Thrift Shop in Pleasant Hill, Tenn. We will be sending two more cartons very shortly.

In the spring we sent 200 lbs. of clothing and other articles to Church World Service and in October about 300 lbs., plus \$66.50 for Their shipping costs. In May we had a very successful blanket day on Mothers' Sunday which brought in about 10 blankets and \$84.00 in lieu of blankets, all for CWS. The Thrift Shop keeps changing its stock by passing things on to us, so we actually have even more to work with than in the days before the Thrift Shop opened. The large amount sent to Church World Service should not be thought of as sending too much to "one place", since CWS responds to needs all over the world. By the way, CWS sent clothing and supplies, and a large number of volunteer workers to the Massachusetts towns hardest hit by last February's storm.

This year is the first time in years that we did not help the Boston City Missionary Society with their Christmas gift shops. It was impossible for us to get our gifts in in time. We will try to do better next year. We did, however, send \$15.00 and a box of small gifts to the Protestant Chaplain at Walpole for his Christmas program. This is something I hope we can improve on, as I know it is very worthwhile. Even though the men at Walpole supposedly deserve to be there, yet it is important to build morale rather than to destroy it, to help the prisoners develop a concern for the worth of each individual. Gifts from those outside at Christmas are said to be a great help. It is to be hoped that many will one day return to society as useful citizens.

Several times during the year we have sent cartons of special used clothing to the Walker Missionary Home in Auburndale, and also to the Indians of Rosebud Reservation, St. Charles, N.D. A number of hand knitted articles were received which we divided about equally between the Indians and the Boston City Missionary Society.

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE Continued

A box of a dozen uniforms is about to be sent to Ryder Hospital in Puerto Rico.

The Missionary Society, the members of the Church School, and possibly other groups within our Church Family have contributed to World Service in a number of ways. The Church School raised money by a food sale for the expenses of the Material Aid Committee and also gave a cash gift. This, too, is World Service. The Guild devotes its February meeting to a Work Party for Material Aid. A great amount of work is accomplished and some members take additional articles home to finish.

Thank you one and all.

Olive R. Metcalf
Chairman

Couple's Club

REPORT OF THE COUPLES CLUB

The Couples Club has enjoyed an active year, with programs ranging from palmistry - to the airlines - to magic.

On May 21 the group sponsored an evening at the Cabot Cinema for a performance of "Le Grande David," a magic and stage show. The proceeds from this program enabled the club to make a small donation of \$50 to the church in October. As there had been no fund-raising activity for some time, we were unable to make a contribution to expenses at the end of last year. In November we contributed \$10 toward decorating the church for the Thanksgiving services.

In December we held a Christmas dinner meeting which began with hors d'ouvres at the home of Henry and Lillian Grissino. This was followed by dinner at the church and a party at the home of Bob and Barbara Morehouse. At the brief business meeting, it was decided to purchase toys from the Fair to be distributed to needy children.

The Couples Club hosted the Coffee-Fellowship Hour, following the church service on December 31.

The focus of the Couples Club this year will be to replenish its depleted treasury. The fund-raising committee submitted 13 suggestions, and the group voted to sponsor a Georgetown Theatre Workshop production as the major fund-raiser of the year. It is hoped that the church family will give whole-hearted support to this project.

This year's officers are: Henry and Lillian Grissino, Presidents; Audrey and Dick Magown, Vice-Presidents; Bill and Bobbie Grover, Treasurers and Elaine Kimball, Secretary.

The Couples Club meets on the first Monday evening of each month in the church vestry. The monthly committee serves dinner which cannot exceed \$2.00 per person, and this is followed by entertainment. New couples and singles are warmly welcomed. If you would like to attend, contact the club president or the church office for the current committee chairman who may be contacted for dinner reservations.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Kimball, Secretary

Fair

Report of the Fair Chairmen

The Annual Fair is a marvelous thing,
it brings us all together.
United we work side by side for our church,
while we pray for beautiful weather.

'tho we got a late start on this past year's fair,
everyone gave all their energies to it -
and when it was over the profits we shared,
were more than just green stuff, - you knew it!

The fun times we had giving life to a toy,
peeling apples, popping corn, baking cookies,
sewing and knitting, propagating small plants,
were enjoyed by "old timers" and "rookies".

Mamie Yokum had quite a time with the younguns,
they purchased her "Grabs" by the dozens;
the Bean Supper Waiters, those handsome Scragg brothers,
tried to outshine their Friday lunch cousins.

The Snak Shak was busy in Dogpatch both days;
Li'l Abner found him a good book,
and Moonbeam McSwine's clothespin decorations
made all take a quick second look.

The jewelry, though used, displayed on the stage,
was a treat for many that way,
and the Holiday gifts were so varied and sweet
they shook the heart of Daisy Mae.

The fish chowder luncheon, delicious indeed
attended by many from town -
had a special dessert made with cream cheese and pumpkin
and people could not turn it down!

The ham and bean supper had such a good turn out,
the cooks in the kitchen were worried
perhaps not enough of each dish was prepared
so they bolted the doors in a hurry!

The Men's Creations were certainly neat;
the sign in the square quite appealing,
Marry'n Sam on the coffee machine
on Sunday summed up our true feeling.

Friday Young Shoppers for less than a buck
could purchase for their fam-i-ly;
Saturday ride on the horse of their choice,
while their parents bought things for-mer-ly---

In the attic where it was no longer displayed,
someone else having just the right spot
to place that old picture or vase or wax fruit,
or for some folks, whatever you've got!

Fair Chairmen, continued

The clean-up committee was right on the ball,
the tables and chairs disappeared,
so quickly we scarcely had closed the Fair doors,-
'twas early, not late - like we feared.

This year brought forth a couple new tables,
one using recyclables only,
the other we thought would appeal to teen-agers,
but the Chairman soon found herself lonely.

We think for this reason when we were all asked
to be '79s chairmen, it's clear,
we're determined to try that idea again,
so we will 'do the fair' one more year!

Love, Carol, Marcia and Bob

Despite all of the hard work, worry and anxiety that occurs
during the planning and preparation of a church fair, it is
certainly a great reward to see the tremendous efforts put
forward by so many great people working together for a
common goal.

Although the main purpose of the fair is to raise money for
the on-going work of the church, the strong Christian fellow-
ship that was generated by all of the many people who worked
on the "Dogpatch U.S.A." fair is certainly of equal importance.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere
and heart-felt thanks to everyone who contributed their time
and talents to make this year's fair a huge success.

Respectfully submitted,
Your Fair Chairmen,
Marcia and Bob Houlden, and Carol Knapp

Flower

REPORT OF THE FLOWER COMMITTEE

A sincere thanks to all the gals on the Flower Committee who have taken turns being in charge of placing flowers and plants in the Sanctuary and Vestry for Sunday services. The Deaconesses, who arrange the Easter and Christmas plants for us, do an exceptional job, and I'd like to express my appreciation to them. We also have help at Thanksgiving time from members of the Couples Club.

The Flowerladies for 1979 are:

January	Carol Knapp
February	Joan Chatterton
March	Linda Games
April	Pat Pingree
May	Florence Hamelin
June	Lillian Grissino
July	Lillian Kelloway
September	Janet Brown
October	Carol Pierce
November	Joan Zweil
December	Volunteer Group, (comprised of Members of the Flower Committee and Diaconate)

In addition Edna Ayer and Ruth Jones have opened up their flower gardens to us for the picking. Gert Pingree and Connie Tripp have provided their beautiful house plants from time to time. A real treat was the arrival one Sunday of Nelson Pingree's eighty-year old Christmas Cactus!

A warm welcome to our new Flowerladies - Janet Brown and Joan Zweil, who will be in charge of September and November.

We are happy to receive your Memorial bouquets and plants; give us an advance notice and we'll reserve your special birthday or anniversary date. If there is a family wedding coming up, it would be helpful to know if the flowers will be left in the church. The Flowerlady of the month may be contacted or give a call to the church office.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Chatterton, Coordinator

Auditor

January 24, 1978

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

Leland W. Lawler

Virginia R. Rogers

Finance

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Another year has gone by and somehow all of the church bills have been paid.

Nineteen seventy-eight was not without its trying moments; there were months when all of the bills could not be paid. However, we were fortunate to have another successful church fair, and interest paid on a 4 year certificate of deposit helped us through some of those leaner months.

Our Every Family Canvass was completed recently for the up-coming year. The pledges for 1979 remain essentially the same as the past year; therefore, the increased budget items will have to be paid through some innovative fund raising projects.

Respectfully submitted,
R.O. Davidson
Chairman

Collector

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Current Expense		
1977 Pledges	\$ 985.50	
1978 Pledges	23,994.13	
1979 Pledges	<u>592.75</u>	\$25,572.38
Loose Collect		1,595.22
Missions		
1977 Pledges	96.85	
1978 Pledges	2,255.32	
1979 Pledges	<u>3.50</u>	2,355.67
Special Missions		1,125.00
Deacons Fund		1,036.98
Improvement Fund		
1977 Pledges	178.75	
1978 Pledges	2,396.32	
1979 Pledges	8.75	2,583.82
Building Fund		
1977 Pledge	1.00	
1978 Pledge	52.00	53.00
Church School		
Regular Collect	290.49	
Missions	<u>139.94</u>	430.43
Vestry		191.88
Initial Offering		54.66
Dividends & Interest		4,023.42
Reimb. & Money Borrowed		3,453.91
Rents, two houses		2,340.00
Reimb. use of Vestry		1,616.00
Lent & Advent		1,798.00
Church Fair		5,212.23
Memorial Fund		<u>244.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS 1978		\$53,686.60

PLEDGES 1978 - 142	paid	106
	nearly	
	paid	19
	little	
	paid	12
	nothing	
	paid	3
	moved	2

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth L. Jones, Collector

Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS

201	Pledges - Current Expenses	\$24,979.63
	Pledges for 1979	592.75
	Loose Collect	1,595.22

MISSIONS

203.1	Regular Collect		2,355.67
203.2	Special Collect		
	Storm Relief	995.50	
	Ladies Miss. Soc.	100.00	
	NIN	29.50	1,125.00

CHURCH SCHOOL

204.1	Regular Collect		290.49
204.2	Missions; Regular	99.16	
	UNICEF	40.78	139.94

DIVIDENDS & INTEREST

205.1	Interest from	Perley Fund	450.00	
	"	General Fund	69.24	
	"	Bateman Fund		
		(Spec. Notice)	352.32	
	"	Bateman Fund		
		(Term Certif)	317.36	
	"	Mass. Congrg. Fund	1,008.39	
	"	Bethlehem Steel	50.00	
	"	Matured term Certif		
		(Gen, Fund #800073)	1,776.11	4,023.42

REIMBURSEMENTS FROM ORGANIZATIONS

205.2	Joyce Dance Studio	1,480.00	
	Jayceettes	10.00	
	Barnstormers	35.00	
	Welcome Wagon	65.00	
	Women's Club	20.00	
	Children's Theatre Workshop	6.00	1,616.00

REIMBURSEMENTS

	Church School Party	12.61	
	Weddings	75.00	
	" (Sexton's Fees)	120.00	
	" (Organist's Fee)	15.00	
	Aetna Insurance Co.	108.00	
	Addressograph-Multigraph	63.30	
	Paper Goods (Geo. Th. Wksp.)	4.00	
	Xmas Flowers (Diaconate)	36.00	
	Easter Plants	20.00	453.91

RENTS

205.3	1 Cottage Street	1,040.00	
	3 Cottage Street	1,300.00	2,340.00
206	IMPROVEMENT FUND		2,583.82
	BUILDING FUND		53.00
	Initial Offering		54.66
207	1978 Annual Church Fair		5,212.23

SPECIAL DONATIONS

208	Spec. Deacons Acct.	1,036.98	
	Christmas 1977	271.50	
	" 1978	726.25	
	Easter 1978	<u>800.25</u>	1,798.00
	Loan from Improvement Fund		3,000.00
	(\$1,000 paid insurance/\$2,000 to fuel)		
	Vestry Fund		
	(which includes \$121.38 held for storm windows		
	and \$14.00 donation toward Metcalf House Renov.)		191.88
	Memorial Fund		<u>244.00</u>
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$53,686.60	

DISBURSEMENTS

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICES OF OUR MINISTRY

301	Minister's Salary	10,500.00
302	Family protection plan	136.48
303	Health Insurance	1,047.00
304	Minister's Annuity	1,537.23
305	" Car Allowance	1,000.00
306	Traveling Expenses (Conferences) Minister & Delegs.	26.00
307	Diaconate Expenses	249.88
308	Organist & Music Director	2,100.00
	" Reimb. from Wedding	15.00
310	Board of Christian Education	1,173.28
310.1	Youth Group Leaders & Expenses	70.00
313	Per Capita Fellowship Dues	641.90
314	Flowers	26.00
316	Social Committee Expenses	146.76
317	Treasurer's Expenses	400.00
318	Collector's Expenses	<u>400.00</u>
		19,469.53

OUR ADMINISTRATIONAL EXPENSES

401	Church Secretary	1,500.00
402	Stationary, Postage, Printing, Office Supplies	1,966.71
403	Sexton's Salary	2,640.00
	" Reimb. from Weddings	120.00
404	Heat & Repairs	5,042.51
	Electricity	483.78
	Water	
	(church, Metcalf House, 1 & 3 Cottage St.)	149.40
	Telephone	600.38
	Gas	82.63
405	Parsonage Utilities	<u>1,200.00</u>
		13,785.41

OUR CHURCH PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

501	Church Building Care	552.85
501.1	Rental Property Expenses	23.50
502	Parsonage Upkeep	105.75
503	Supplies	316.62
504	Insurance	<u>1,992.00</u>
		2,990.72

CAPITAL INVESTMENTS AND EQUIPMENT

603	Improvement Fund	2,584.82
603.1	Building Fund	53.00
604	Reinvestment of 10% Div. & Int.	<u>404.84</u>
		3,042.66

DEBT RETIREMENT AND RESERVES

701	Mortgage Payments on Parsonage and other church properties, Taxes, Principle & Int.	2,557.02
702	Reserve for Contingencies & Depreciation of building and equipment (1/2 Fair Profit)	<u>2,082.38</u>
		4,639.40

OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSIONS AND OTHER BENEVOLENCES

901.1	Regular Missions	2,155.67
901.2	Special Missions:	
	Storm Relief	1,257.50
	Andover Newton	200.00
	Ladies Missionary	100.00
	N.I.N.	<u>29.50</u>
901.3	Church School Missions:	1,587.00
	UNICEF	<u>40.78</u>
		3,783.45

MISCELLANEOUS DISBURSEMENTS

1200	Deacons* Special Account	1,036.98
1201	Vestry Account	191.88
1210	Memorial Fund Account	244.00
1208	Miscellaneous	
	Pat Barlow (Flower Reimb.)	36.00
	Harvest Market	64.06
	Enterprise (coffee pot repr.)	2.06
	Geo. SAV. BK. (Xmas 77	
	Spec. Offer. into Improve)	565.25
	Marilyn Knickles (luncheon	
	reimb., Cleanup Day)	23.00
	Robert Cheney (partial pym't	
	Septic Sys. from Easter	
	Offering)	454.25

Miscellaneous Disbursements Continued

1208	FAIR: Carol Knapp, Co-Chairman)	200.00	
	" " Expenses)	300.00	
	Geo. Sav. Bk. (Reimb. Fair		
	Bank Acc't)	300.00	
	Harvest Market	78.00	
	Star Paper	86.62	
	Geo. School Lunch	<u>82.86</u>	
			<u>2,192.10</u>
			3,664.96

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$51,376.13

SUMMARY

Balance on hand 1/1/78	1,518.95
Total Receipts 1978	<u>53,686.60</u>
	55,205.55
Total Disbursements 1978	<u>51,376.13</u>
Balance on Hand 12/31/78	3,829.42
minus *Special Holds of:	<u>2,126.02</u>
	1,703.40

*Special Holds	
1979 Current Exps.	592.75
Christmas 1978	810.25
Kitchen Committee	25.00
Special Donation	500.00
Church School Miss.	<u>198.02</u>
	2,126.02

1978 ANNUAL CHURCH FAIR

Receipts:	5,212.23
(This includes monies from Fair Bank Book and	
500.00 borrowed from church for Fair Expenses)	

Disbursements:

Fair Bank Book Acct.	300.00	
School Lunch	82.86	
Star Paper	86.62	
Harvest Market	78.00	
Congreg. Church Reimb.	<u>500.00</u>	
		<u>1,047.48</u>
		4,164.75

1978 UTILITY EXPENSES

CHURCH

Coal 92840#	3,897.23
Furnace Repairs	
(parts & labor)	389.66
Electricity	396.69
Gas	82.63
Water	36.00
Telephone	600.38
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	5,402.59

METCALF HOUSE

Oil 1031.4 Gals.	520.47
Furnace	
(Parts & labor)	42.75
Furnace Cleaning	28.90
Water	36.00
Electricity	87.09
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	715.21

MORTGAGE ACCOUNTS

PARSONAGE	5 Hart Circle	#3594	
Balance 1/1/78			2,721.12
Payments:	Interest:	115.40	
	Principle	909.52	
Balance 12/31/78			1,811.60

Rental Property	3 Cottage St.	#3293	
Balance 1/1/78			535.86
Payments:	Interest:	12.41	
	Principle	535.86	"0"

SUMMARY OF RENTAL PROPERTY

1 Cottage Street			
Received from rent			1,040.00
Expenses:	Taxes	489.70	
	Water	<u>41.40</u>	
			<u>531.10</u>
			508.90

3 Cottage Street			
Received from rent			1,300.00
Expenses:	Principle & Int.	549.38	
	Taxes	493.02	
	Water	36.00	
	Williams Oil Serv.	<u>23.50</u>	
			<u>1,101.90</u>
			198.10

DEACONS' FUND "NOW" CHECKING ACCOUNT

Balance 1/1/78	2,675.42
Receipts	1,597.14
Interest	<u>140.48</u>
	4,413.04
Disbursements	<u>1,040.00</u>
Balance 12/31/78	3,373.04

GEORGETOWN SAVINGS BANK ACCOUNTS

MEMORIAL FUND #14284

Balance 1/1/78	1,181.82
Deposits	269.00
Interest	<u>69.68</u>
	1,520.50
*Disbursements	<u>70.63</u>
	1,449.87
*Whittemore	55.58
(Books for Retreat)	
Christmas Decorations	
(Sanctuary)	<u>15.05</u>
	70.63

ELIZABETH E. PINGREE MEMORIAL FUND #600017

Balance 1/1/78	4,000.00
Interest	<u>276.12</u>
	4,276.12
Disbursements	<u>276.12</u>
Balance 12/31/78	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 1/1/78	529.33
Deposits	276.12
Interest	<u>33.18</u>
	838.63
*Disbursements	<u>119.90</u>
Balance 12/31/78	718.73
*Junior Choir	27.00
Substitute Organist	25.00
Tapes for music	9.45
Gift, Youth Choir Dir	12.45
United Church Press	6.00
Bell Ringers	<u>40.00</u>
	119.90

MISSION FUND #14427

Balance 1/1/78	1,034.78
Interest	<u>60.25</u>
	1,095.03
* Disbursements	<u>60.22</u>
Balance 12/31/78	1,034.81

*This is part of the Women's Missionary Donation to MACUCC, which they make yearly.

RESERVE ACCOUNT #16617

Balance 1/1/78	9,714.54
Deposits	2,082.38
Interest	<u>547.04</u>
Balance 12/31/78	12,343.96

FAIR CHAIRMAN ACCOUNT #19360

Balance 1/1/78	303.72
Interest	<u>7.16</u>
Balance 12/31/78	310.88

GENERAL FUND #14425

Balance 1/1/78	1,123.07
Receipts	404.84
Interest	<u>69.24</u>
	1,597.15
*Disbursements	<u>69.24</u>
Balance 12/31/78	1,527.91

*Disbursements are the Interest from this Acc't which are used for gen. exp. except for 10% which is reinvested back into the acc't.

BATEMAN FUND (Spec. Notice Acc't) #221389

Balance 1/1/78 and 12/31/78 6,000.00

We received interest of 352.32 on this account. It was used for gen. exp. except 10% (35.23) which was reinvested back into the above General Fund.

BATEMAN FUND (Term Certificate 7 3/4%) #900094

Balance 1/1/78 and 12/31/78 4,000.00

We received interest of 317.36 on this account. It was used as the above account.

BERTHA L POOLE MEMORIAL #800146 (Term Deposit Acc't.)

Issued 12/11/74	1,000.00
Matured 12/31/78	
Interest rate was 7 1/2%	

Dividend for the 4 years was \$361.40. This was put into the Improvement Fund. This account has been reinvested for 4 years. Issued: 12/31/78; Maturity Date: 12/31/82

BUILDING FUND #23549

Balance 1/1/78	475.68
Receipts	53.00
Interest	<u>27.10</u>
Balance 12/31/78	555.78

BUILDING FUND #900010 (Term Deposit Account)

Issued 2/18/75 3,000.00
Maturity Date 2/28/81
Interest Rate 7 3/4%
Dividends are being held

TERM CERTIFICATE #800073 *g*

Issued 6/4/74 4,900.00
Matured 6/30/78
Interest Rate 7 1/2%

A dividend check for \$1,776.11 for the 4 year period was received. It was used for general expenses, except for 10% which was reinvested in the General Fund.

This account was reinvested again: Issued 6/27/78
Maturity Date 6/30/82
Interest rate 7 1/2%

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline E. Sheehan
Treasurer

Budget

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED BUDGET

We expect to spend for:

<u>Operating our Church</u>	<u>Present Budget</u>	<u>Proposed Budget</u>
1. Leadership & services of our Ministry	\$20,315	\$21,295
2. Administrative & Operational Expenses	13,350	14,235
3. Church Property Maint. & Repair	3,200	3,200
4. Capital Investment	3,150	3,400
5. Debt Retirement	4,000	3,500
<u>Helping Others</u>		
6. Benevolences	2,510	2,600
7. Improving our facilities		
<u>TOTAL BUDGET</u>	46,525	48,230
<u>Receipts</u>		
201. Pledges - Current Exp.	22,715	22,700
202. Loose Collect	2,000	2,000
203. Missions		
1. Pledges - Benevolences	2,510	2,510
204. Church School		
1. Regular Collect	325	300
2. Missions	100	100
205. Dividends, Int.	2,100	2,500
1. Reimbursements	2,000	2,000
2. Rents	2,400	2,400
206. Improvement Fund	2,950	3,200
207. Church Fair	1,500	1,500
1/2 reserved for contingencies		
208. Other Fund Raising Projs.	<u>6,425</u>	<u>7,520</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	46,525	48,230

DISBURSEMENTS

Leadership and Services of our Ministry

		<u>Present Budget</u>	<u>Proposed Budget</u>
301.	Minister's Salary	\$10,500	\$11,200
302.	Pulpit Supply	120	120
303.	Health Insurance	1,000	1,100
304.	Minister's Annuity	1,500	1,600
304.1	Family Protection Plan	125	150
305.	Minister's Car Allowance	1,000	1,000
306.	Conference Meeting Exps.	200	200
307.	Diaconate Expenses	250	275
308.	Organist and Music Director	2,100	2,100
310.	Board of Christian Ed.	1,600	1,600
310.1	Youth Group Leadership	300	300
313.	Per Capital Fellowship	620	650
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	20,315	21,295

Our Administrative & Operational Expenses

401.	Church Secretary	1,500	1,600
402.	Stationary, Postage, Print.		
	Office Supplies	1,800	2,000
403.	Sexton's Salary	2,640	2,785
404.	Church Utilities		
404.1	Heat & Repair	4,800	5,200
404.2	Electricity	600	600
404.3	Water	150	150
404.4	Telephone	560	600
404.5	Gas	100	100
405.	Parsonage Utilities	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,200</u>
	TOTAL	13,350	14,235

Our Church Property Maintenance and Repair

501.	Church Building Care)		
502.	Parsonage Upkeep)	1,700	1,200
503.	Supplies)		
504.	Insurance	<u>1,500</u>	<u>2,000</u>
	TOTAL	3,200	3,200

Capital Investments and Equipment

603.	Improvement Fund	2,950	3,200
604.	Reinvestment	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>
	TOTAL	3,150	3,400

Disbursements continued

		<u>Present Budget</u>	<u>Proposed Budget</u>
<u>Debt Retirement and Reserves</u>			
701.	Mortgage payments on Parsonage and Church Properties	2,500	2,000
702.	Reserve for Contingencies & Depreciation of Bldg. Equipment	1,500	1,500
	TOTAL	<u>4,000</u>	<u>3,500</u>

Our Christian World Mission and Other Benevolences

901.	Missions & Benevolences		
	1. Regular	2,310	2,400
	2. Andover Newton School	200	200
	3. Church School Missions	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	TOTAL	2,510	2,600