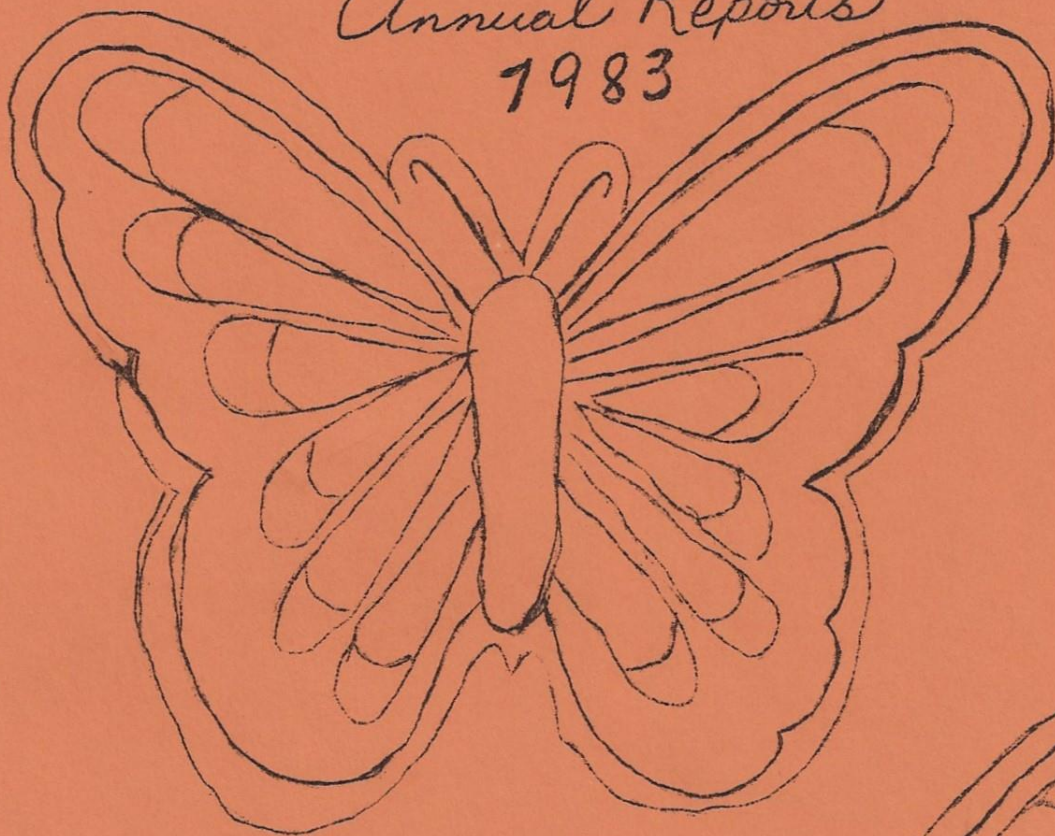


First Congregational Church of Georgetown
Annual Reports
1983



Meetings
First Congregational Church
of
Georgetown, Massachusetts

Minister
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WARRANT

January 18, 1983

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, 1983 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 a report of the By-law Review Committee/Nominating Committee and to take action thereon.
- ✓ ARTICLE 4. To hear the report of the Nominating Committee and to take any action required thereon.
- ✓ ARTICLE 5. To take any other action relative to the Church and or its property.

BY DIRECTION OF THE CABINET

Wilhelmina M. Trumble

Posted January 18, 1983

Clerk

27 present

January 27, 1983

The Annual Meeting of the First Congregational Church of Georgetown, Massachusetts, Inc. was called to order at 8:05 P. M. by Moderator Elizabeth Davidson.

Meeting opened with Prayer by the Rev. Southwick.

Clerks report of the 1982 Annual Meeting, Special Meeting were read and accepted.

The Warrant was read by the Moderator.

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

Voted that the several reports, as printed, be accepted.

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

Allan Barlow spoke regarding the Budget and explained same. Voted the report of the Finance Committee regarding the Budget be accepted, as printed.

ARTICLE 3. To hear a report of the By-law Review Committee/ Nominating Committee and to take action thereon.

Lillian Grissino read the By-law proposals and explained same. Voted the report of the By-law Committee be accepted. Voted the revised By-laws be accepted, as printed.

ARTICLE 4. To hear the report of the Nominating Committee and to take any action required thereon.

Voted the report of the Nominating Committee be accepted. Voted the Clerk cast one ballot for the Officers, as submitted. As instructed the Clerk cast one ballot for the following:

Moderator	One year	Donn Chatterton
Clerk	One year	Wilhelmina Marble
Treasurer	One year	Caroline Sheehan
Collector	One year	Ruth Jones
Church Delegates	One year	Sue and Robert Gustafson
Auditors	One year	Muriel Gordon
		Virginia Rogers
Coordinators for: Ushering	One year	Barry Games
		Donn Chatterton
Social Committee	One year	Marcia Curtis
Flower Committee	One year	Joan Chatterton
Missions	One year	Carolyn Boynton
Christian Education Committee	Two years	Virginia Ryder
	Two years	Jacqueline Amnott
	Two years	Diane Townsend
	One year	Anne Gillen

Diaconate	Two years	Marion Harding Ann Kelloway Ernest Kelloway Oliver Gates Donald Gammon
Trustees	Two years	Wendall Arsenault Douglas Gammon James Boynton, Jr. Jan Flyzik Audrey Magown
Music Committee	Two years	Janet Brown Helen Snow
Nominating Committee	Two years	Harris Rogers
Finance Committee	Two years	

ARTICLE 5. To take any other action relative to the Church and or its property.

Donn Chatterton thanked Betty Davidson for six years of service as Moderator.

Adjourned at 8:46 P. M.

Wilhelmina M. Thistle

Clerk

March 7, 1983

Moderator Donn Chatterton called a Special Meeting to order after Church Service for the purpose of electing a member of the Diaconate to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of Cheryl Wyman.

The Nominating Committee recommended Isabelle Gammon and she was unanimously elected to the Diaconate.

Wilhelmina M. Thistle

Clerk

Minister

HIGHLIGHTS OF 1983

JANUARY	Three Kings Day (Little Christmas) - featuring customs from Sweden/ New office furniture - from the Memorial Fund/ New chairs in Conference Room - from Improvement Fund/ One Sunday worship service cancelled due to snowstorm/ Junior-Senior High P.F. groups' sledding and Swim parties
FEBRUARY	"Faith Encounter" - retreat at Rolling Ridge/ Ash Wednesday Union Service with West Boxford/ Lenten Series on Wednesday evenings - "Seven Last Words"/ Combined Youth Groups attend movie about St. Francis - "Brother Sun, Sister Moon"
MARCH	Lenten Series continued/ Senior Youth presented a play for Family Night/ Hymn Sing/ Reception of new members on Palm Sunday/ Maundy Thursday service celebrating Passover and Tenebrae
APRIL	Easter Sunrise service conducted by youth, and breakfast/ Don Gammon's slide show at an afternoon "Tour Social"/ "The Carpenter's Son", a slide collage with music during Sunday worship/ Confirmation classes for youth begin / Evening Discussion series - "What Does it Mean to be a Christian?"
MAY	May Breakfast by Couples Club/ Sunday Evening Discussion Series - "The Power of Prayer" and "Our Prejudices"/ Confirmation with Communion on Pentecost Sunday/Season ending Youth program - Plum Island
JUNE	Discussion Series - "Death & Dying" and "Evaluation"/ Lectern ordered from Spaulding Reproductions (Memorial Fund)/ Strawberry Social church lawn/ Union Services begin with West Boxford
JULY/AUGUST	Services continue with West Boxford Blueberrying for the Fair Youth to summer camps and conferences sponsored by our denomination/ Daytrip to Star Island for adults
SEPTEMBER	"Back to our Church" Breakfast on the lawn/ Youth Groups - Plum Island/ Church School Teachers' Retreat/ Rally Day - the ABC Players/ Kerygma (Adult Bible Study) begins
OCTOBER	Youth climbing of Mt. Chocorua Columbus Day Weekend/ "Under the Big Top" Fair
NOVEMBER	Hymn Sing/Thanksgiving collection for Crombie Street/ Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service at our Church
DECEMBER	Organ Concert with Douglas Rafter/Beverly Bellrangers (their 10th yr. with us)/ Sister Lucy Poulin from HOME/ Church School Party and Youth Groups' Christmas parties/ Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with paper bag lanterns lighting the walk/ Christmas Day Breakfast

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

1983 was a year in which to count our blessings and make our blessings count, a year in which to celebrate the contributions people make to our personal and collective lives, a year to realize the swiftness of time and the shortness of life.

It was a time for mourning, a time of weeping, a time for embracing, a time for building up, a time for celebration and laughter, a time for Christian fellowship in the finest sense of that phrase.

There were many funerals during the year, including those of eight devoted Church members, two of whom, Janet Brown and Olive Metcalf, were active Church leaders. We sadly miss them and often think of them. Their spirits remain among us.

We banded together repeatedly in Christian concern for one another. Your willingness to work together as teams, taking up the slack is commendable. We held several funeral or memorial services in the Sanctuary which were followed by time for fellowship in the Vestry. Families shared their grief and their joyful memories with neighbors and friends, making the larger family home a haven in which they could experience the caring of the Christian community, where we could minister to one another.

The years move relentlessly onward. God is worshipped. Traditional services continue. Special opportunities and programs present themselves. We try to sustain a creative balance between ministry to individuals and programs to meet the expressed needs and interests of various groups among us.

Our Church-wide Faith Encounter at Rolling Ridge brought a group, including all ages, together for a time of sharing, heightened by a sense of isolation in fellowship, thanks to a major snowstorm. Out of that Faith Encounter came a series of Sunday evening discussions in the late spring, followed by a decision to undertake some adult Bible Study using a United Church of Canada curriculum called Kerygma - the preaching, or proclamation of the Word. So we have called the group, Kerygma.

At the start of 1983 we had to make some changes in youth group leadership. Barbara Parker graciously moved from Junior High Advisor to share the Senior High with me for the rest of the season, while Lillian Grissino came along to share the Junior High responsibilities with Dwight Southwick. Warren and Karen Young enthusiastically agreed to become Senior High Advisors starting in September, giving us the advantages of a husband-wife team. The Youth programs are described in the Christian Education report.

We tried a new format for the Confirmation Class, beginning after Easter and culminating at Pentecost, held during the Church School hour. Since several alumni of earlier Confirmation classes are serving, or have recently served on the major committees of the

Church, we asked them to come and speak with the class about their commitment toward the Church at the present time, their responsibilities, and their memories of what they felt at the time they were members of Confirmation classes. I felt it was a good move, because it was living proof that in this Church the younger, as well as the older members, do carry on major responsibilities for us and with us. After recognition at our Pentecost service, the youth of this year's class were present at a reception held in their honor - also a first.

I appreciate the privilege of working with you, your cooperation throughout the years. Together we continue to create and maintain a fellowship of concerned Christians, praising God and serving His kingdom.

Yours in service and love,

Phil Southwick

Clerk

REPORT OF THE CLERK

Membership January 1, 1983

265

ADDITIONS:

Confirmation	9	
Reaffirmation	1	
Letter of Transfer	1	11

LOSSES:

Death	8	
Letter of Transfer	1	
Inactive	3	12

Membership December 31, 1983

264

Baptisms	11
Marriages	12
Funerals	26

One Regular Church Meeting (Annual Meeting)

One Special Church Meeting (to elect Diaconate member)

Ten Regular Cabinet Meetings

IN MEMORIAM

Gertrude Dick
Herbert Dick
Janet L. Brown
Olive R. Metcalf
Beatrice Williams
James S. Boyland
Marguerita Powell
L. Marlon Taylor

Respectfully submitted,

Wilhelmina M. Marble
Clerk

Diaconate

DIACONATE REPORT

The Diaconate had an active and enriching year. Our Co-Chairmen were Marion Harding and JoEllen Fielding; Isabel Gammon, Secretary. Oliver Gates was appointed to be in charge of sending flowers and cards. Also Ann Kelloway was appointed to line up our Sunday greeters, and Sue Kelley took the job of Christian Service Coordinator. Donald Gammon took charge of changing the pulpit and Communion table cloths. Other members were Ernest Kelloway and Charles Blanchard.

This year we have continued to celebrate the birthdays of our members who are 80 (+) years old, by delivering birthday roses to them. We also deliver our Easter and Christmas memorial plants to the shut-ins. During the year these people are often visited and brought the booklets, The Upper Room and Guideposts. This is done by our Visiting Volunteer team or by a member of the Diaconate. In addition we have assisted the Minister in administering Communion to those unable to attend our Church services. The Christian Service Committee has continued to provide meals and rides for many. The Diaconate has furnished refreshments for the fellowship hour following several memorial services.

We were pleased to have our Area Minister, Reverend Joseph Neville, come and address our board concerning the subject of evaluating the Minister. We found his suggestions most helpful.

Charles Blanchard was kind enough to see to the building of our new lectern. This is to be used during the winter months when we meet in the Vestry for our Sunday morning worship services. This beautiful piece of furniture was built by Spaulding Reproductions, and purchased from Memorial Fund monies.

Our Ash Wednesday service was observed at the West Boxford church, with Reverend Southwick delivering the message and Don Gammon reading the scripture. The Minister's Lenten series entitled, "The Seven Last Words of Christ" was well attended, and very inspirational.

Three adults joined the Church on Palm Sunday. Due to a new format this year, the Confirmation class (eight youth) joined the Church on Pentecost Sunday. We wish to thank Diane Townsend, Jan Robertson, Emily and Robert Knapp, Donna Gordon, Craig and Dwight Southwick, and JoEllen Fielding who assisted the Minister in the teaching of these classes.

When we returned to our Church, after joint summer services with the West Boxford Church, we held a welcome back breakfast served on the front lawn, hosted by the Diaconate.

The Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve service was held in our Church this year. Members of the West Boxford Church's Diaconate were gracious enough to help us host the fellowship hour after the service.

Diaconate Report - Continued

It is indeed fortunate that our Church has such a dedicated, caring and loving man for our minister as Reverend Phil Southwick. We are also fortunate that his family plays a big part in his life and the life of the Church. For this we are most grateful. May God be with you all, and thank you from all of us.

Respectfully submitted,

JoEllen Fielding and Marion Harding

Christian Education

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The policy booklet for the Board of Christian Education outlines the objectives of the Board to be tenfold, falling under two main categories:

- (1) To be in charge of the education work of the entire church; and
- (2) To appoint the Superintendent, officers and teachers of the Church School, provide equipment and supplies, arrange the curriculum of the Church School, and approve all bills before presentation to the Finance Committee for payment.

Our year is busy with many preprogrammed calendar events and special programs which must be carried out, and we do realize the need of our initiating various other activities of an informative and educational nature. However, this is not to say that the Board is the only means by which to generate these ideas, activities or interests. Over this past year or so the Board has been approached by several individuals and/or groups and they have presented their ideas, and pursued them with their own committees, with Board approval and active participation. Briefly summarized, they are as follows:

Faith Encounter, A Time for Sharing, February 1983

This was a retreat at Rolling Ridge Conference Center, North Andover, MA., led by Reverend Robert Meier of Maple Street Congregational Church, Danvers. Thirty individuals participated to explore faith in depth in their individual lives and the life of the church. The organizers of this special sharing time were Marcia Brackbill, Forrest Bridges, JoEllen Fielding, Sue and Bob Gustafson, Mina Hartman, Marcia and Bob Houlden, and Cheryl and Art Wyman.

Discussions About Our Faith, April - June

This series developed as an outgrowth of the retreat and a desire for an adult discussion group. Two leaders were chosen for each session from within the group. The planning session developed the following topics:

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| <i>April 24</i> | <i>What it Means to be a Christian Today</i> |
| <i>May 15</i> | <i>The Power of Prayer</i> |
| <i>May 22</i> | <i>Our Prejudices</i> |
| <i>June 5</i> | <i>Death and Dying</i> |
| <i>June 26</i> | <i>Wrap-up evaluation meeting/Fall planning</i> |

Adult Bible Study Class, September into 1984

As the previous series was an outgrowth of the retreat, the Bible Study Class developed from the adult discussion group. In a meeting with Mrs. Ester Zeimet, U.C.C. Educational Director for this area, and church group members, with a majority of the Board of C. E. involved, various Bible study programs were considered and carefully reviewed. The *Kerygma Bible Study Program* was unanimously chosen. It is an in-depth Bible study project which presents a thematic approach, rather than a book by book study, and develops a holistic understanding of the Bible. The study is divided into ten themes with each theme being studied as a course in itself. Mrs. Mina Hartman has been our leader for the

first theme, "God Saves His People". When a new theme begins, it is open for new or continuing participants. We study, listen, learn and share.

I would at this time like to thank everyone, involved with the above three activities, for your time, energy and dedication. The Board has enjoyed working with you.

Board of Christian Education Highlights for 1983:

- February* Valentine candy sale for Heifer Fund. Monies collected this year went to buying rabbits designated to be sent to H.O.M.E. (Homeworkers Organized for More Employment, Orland, ME.)/ Faith Encounter.
- March* Lenter Prayer and Meditation Series, led by Reverend Southwick, on "Christ's seven last words from the Cross." / Fellowship Night, a covered dish supper, entertainment by Senior High P.F.'ers.
- April* Discussions about our Faith; "What it means to be a Christian Today."
- May* Family Night, with collection for Heifer Fund. Entertainment by Church School children, teachers and Board members. Remember the lonely little petunia in the onion patch? Approximately 160 attending. / Appreciation Dinner for Church School teachers and helpers (Church School and Nursery). A book, These Stones Will Shout, (a discussion of the Old Testament), was presented to teachers. / Discussions About our Faith, The Power of Prayer (5/15) and Our Prejudices (5/22).
- June* Graduates' Sunday - to honor our graduating high school seniors: Jon Barlow, Karen Davidson, Jeffrey Gillen, Betty Green, Wendy Harding, Diane Kimball, Andrew Pierce, Suzanne Pingree and Melissa Tripp. Cross pins were presented to each. Congratulations to college graduates: Debbie Ayers, Linda Grissino and Dwight Southwick. / Children's Day ... Theme was the life of Christ told by story and spirituals. Balloons and plants were given to children. / Discussions About Our Faith; Death and Dying (6/5) and Wrap-up evaluation meeting (6/26).
- August* There were 15 youth in all attending U.C.C. camps and conferences. The five first-timers were: Barbara Green and Dan Malone to Star Island; Stephen Boynton and David Grissino to Jr. High Bike Camp; and Jennifer Malone to Music Camp. (Limited campership monies are paid for first-timers by our Church).

September

Kerygma, Adult Bible Study class begins/
Rally Day, program of playlets produced
and directed by Ginny Ryder, featuring
our own ABC Players (A Bunch of Congre-
gationalists!) on loving, deciding,
learning, and sharing; also, a Christian
witness by Gladys Gittings on what our
Church means to her.

October

Start of Church School under supervision
of Evelyn Boose. Grade 2 teacher position
opening filled graciously and enthusias-
tically by Nancy Watson./ Church School
theme for 83-84 is the Good Shepherd, and
lambs are our focal animal./ Kerygma cont.

November

Annual Thanksgiving Food Offering again
this year to the Crombie Street Church,
Salem, in support of their outreach
program, "Break Bread Together." Clothing
and money donations accompanied food./
Kerygma continues ../Planning '84 retreat.

December

Sister Lucy Poulin from H.O.M.E. took
part in Sunday worship service (Dec.11)
and informed people about H.O.M.E. Church
School Christmas Party made special this
year by visit from Sister Lucy. Children
brought in gifts to be taken to H.O.M.E./
Kerygma continues.

With regard to our Junior and Senior High Youth Groups, there were a few leadership changes last year. Our 1982 senior high leaders, due to personal commitments, were unable to continue into the new year. Starting 1983, Senior Highs were headed by Barbara Parker and Rev. Southwick, who usually serves in an advisory capacity, but was called into "active duty." Fall saw an additional change in leadership with Warren and Karen Young as new Sr. High advisors, because of Barbara's inability to continue in September due to personal commitments. New last year was Lillian Grissino who combined energy and forces with Dwight Southwick for the Junior High leadership. We are thankful for the leadership, friendship, fellow-ship and the caring devoted by all of our youth leaders and the planning, time, effort and energy devoted by them to carry out their yearly programs. Many programs combined, but both groups also had their individual activities as well. Some of these happenings were:

Winter	Swim party/sledding and skating party/ meeting and movie at Riverside Congregational Church on cults.
Spring	Plum Island outing and nature trail/ Family night entertainment/ Organized and conducted Easter Sunrise Service; served breakfast/paper drive
Fall	Plum Island beach party outing/ Mt. Chocorua climb and worship/ fair work party/ paper drive/ games night
Winter	Christmas parties/ decoration of Christmas tree for needy elderly person.

Church School continues to prosper under the loving and devoted leadership of Evelyn Boose, and under the guiding care of our dedicated teachers, and the efforts and energies of their helpers. The Board has enjoyed working with Evelyn and the teachers. We feel that their sense of fellowship together, the sharing of themselves with one another and the children they teach makes our Church School special. This also includes our nursery care helpers whose services on Sunday morning we could not do without. During 1983 they were Avie Barlow, Eileen Skinner and Alison Zweil. To all of you, we are truly grateful.

Our Junior Church began this past fall and is attended by children in grades 3 through 6. They participate in a portion of the regular church service as a group, and before the meditation they adjourn to the Conference Room where they are actively involved with various activities and projects until the church service ends. There is adult supervision during the entire session. Ginny Ryder diligently maintains and oversees this program with the help of Anne Gillen, Barbara Parker, Karen Young and Shirley Southwick. Thank you all for your time, effort and valued assistance in this endeavor.

The Board of Christian Education for 1983 worked together in the spirit of Christian fellowship with enthusiastic cooperation, endurance and creativity (and they bake well, too!) My personal thanks to them, my co-workers, Jackie Amnott, Anne Gillen, Barbara Parker (our secretary), Jan Robertson and Ginny Ryder.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane R. Townsend
Chairman

School Superintendent

REPORT OF THE CHURCH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

We began this fall with a teacher's retreat in Sandown, N.H. where we discussed goals for the year. These were goals for the Church School as a whole, and goals for our individual groups of children. One of the teachers said that her goal is to make each child feel loved and accepted - to be an individual who doesn't have to compete for God's love. What better way to approach the teaching of God's love for us all?

We stress missions throughout the year - to help those in need, and to teach children to be aware of, and respond to people in need throughout the world. Our missions include:

1. HEIFER FUND: \$500 was raised over two years time to buy rabbits. This money was raised by a candy sale, Family Night and mission money (collection of first Sunday of each month).
2. THANKSGIVING FOOD OFFERING: Sent to Crombie Street Church, Salem, MA for their outreach program.
3. CHRISTMAS GIFTS (TOYS): Brought by children to their Christmas Party and given to Project H.O.M.E. in Maine.

At our teachers' meetings this fall we are spending some time studying "These Stones Will Shout", with discussions led by Reverend Southwick.

Last June our Childrens' Day service was a program about the life of Jesus told with scripture and spirituals. Our butterfly motif symbolized new life in Christ.

Our Junior Choir has been very active throughout the year. We sing for the regular service once a month, and on Easter, Christmas Eve and Family Night. Our Choristers Guild Festival was held March 6 in Manchester, MA. For a special treat we went to see Le Grand David (Magic Show) in April, and ended the year in June with an outing in Sandown, N.H. This year we took part in the Walk to Bethlehem, produced by the Georgetown Theatre Workshop. We had a Christmas Party and walked downtown to sing carols to friends and "the cars going through the square!" I am very appreciative of all the year long help of Marion Harding and Jan Flyzik.

We have a very loving, supportive and fun group of teachers, and helpers, for which I'm very grateful. They are: Teachers - Karen Dole, Lillian Pendergast, Judy Bezanson, Jan Robertson, Nancy Watson, Susan Kelley, Helen Snow, Marion Harding, Craig Southwick, Gladys Gittings, John Morrison, Phil Southwick. Helpers - Lisa Skinner, Annie Pendergast, Amy Bezanson, Barry Dole, Kristen Dole, Kristen Arsenault, Michele Skinner, Sarah Chatterton and Jennifer Harding.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Boose

Trustees

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Trustees have had a busy and productive year.

The long-standing problem of our leaky Sanctuary roof has been remedied with the help of former Trustee Chairman, Allan Barlow.

The Trustees worked with Ray Tompkins in repairing the damage to the plaster in the Sanctuary, due to the leaky roof. Loose plaster and water stains have been repaired. The Board hopes to finish up repairs this winter.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly, TOPS, a weight loss program, was given permission to meet in the Church facilities, as they outgrew their previous meeting hall.

The pews were washed in an effort to alleviate the problem of stickiness in the humid weather.

Awnings were installed over the door of the Thrift Shop, and also over the kitchen door. We appreciate the anonymous gift which enabled us to purchase the awning for the Thrift Shop; Church funds provided the protection over the kitchen door.

The bolts in the Church attic beams were tightened, as this is necessary every couple of years.

The parsonage received two new coats of paint this spring. I want to thank all the members of the Board, who generously gave up many Saturdays this spring, to wash, scrape, and paint. The last time the parsonage was painted was in 1968. Our efforts were well rewarded, as the house looks great.

Robert Metcalf, Jr. brought to the attention of the Board, Olive Metcalf's wish that the weathervane atop our steeple be reconditioned, and reoriented so that the compass headings would be correct. Mr. Metcalf donated money, in advance, to cover the cost of reconditioning the weathervane.

As luck would have it, we need to replace a lot of missing slate on the steeple, as well as refasten loose slate, which is slowly but surely falling off the steeple. This year's investigation has led to the article presented in this year's warrent.

Peeling paint on the Vestry ceiling was scraped down and repainted by Jim Boynton. Again - many thanks.

All the "new" formica covered tables were rewelded and were available for use by the time of the fair. All members and groups using the tables were reminded to treat Church property gently.

The septic system was cleared of materials which should not have been introduced to the system.

As I look back on my first year as Chairman, I see that we accomplished more than one notices as each month passes. I want to thank Forrest Bridges, who helped me with the transition to Chairman, and also for handling "daytime" meetings with Alumabilt, Elliott Bros., etc.

The Auclair family continue in the position of Sexton; their cooperation is commendable, and we feel secure that they are across the street keeping an eye out for our Church property.

Thanks to all who came to my aid when I was faced with a problem I didn't know how to handle.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Southwick

Music

REPORT OF THE MUSIC COMMITTEE

The work of the Music Committee is made much easier by the fact that we have four talented people who remain in the important music positions of the Church. Evelyn Boose, Linda Flynn, Emily and Bob Knapp continue to be faithful leaders of our beautiful choirs and church music as a whole. Unfortunately, we were only able to enjoy the Bell Choir for half of the year (during a time when the bells were on loan). However, we do hope the Church will have their own bells before long.

Our Director of Music and Organist declined to accept pay raises this year because of personal reasons. It was not an oversight on the part of the Committee, as we do appreciate them!

Two Hymn Sings were enjoyed this year. We had a small, but enthusiastic group each time.

On December 2, a large and enthralled audience again was thrilled by the expertise of Douglas Rafter at the organ. His knowledge of musical history, as well as his interpretations of selections, amazed all who attended. We never tire of listening to this very talented man. Proceeds in the amount of \$359 were added to church funds from this concert.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Flyzik, Chairman

Guild

REPORT OF THE GUILD

On May 24, 1983 twenty-seven members of the Guild drove to Capt. Chris' Restaurant for dinner and meeting. Receipts of \$2,808.33 were reported of which \$1,200 was received from the Thrift Shop. It was voted to give \$500 to the Church for operating expenses.

No meetings were held during June through August.

On September 27, thirty-six members and guests enjoyed a "Share-the-Cost" dinner at the Church. Our speaker of the evening, Mrs. Judith Kehs, spoke on the "Language of Flowers" and brought samples to illustrate names and perfumes. The business meeting followed and it was voted to purchase 96 sets of china for use in the Church, and to be rented for suitable occasion.

No October meeting was held as the Guild was asked, and agreed to have full charge of the Fair luncheon.

In December the ladies of other local churches were invited for Guest Night. Our speaker was Mrs. Arlene Engelfritz from Wakefield, who spoke on the processing of wool from Bible times to the present, applying it to use in weaving. Her title, "Weaving Christmas" included weaving Christian values into our lives.

Although we have had fewer meetings, they have been enjoyable and profitable, and we have been able to be of assistance to our Church.

Respectfully submitted,
Dot Jones, Secretary

Thrift Shop

REPORT OF THE THRIFT SHOP

1983 was a very happy, profitable year in the Thrift Shop. We made our \$1,000 pledge to the Church and gave the Fair our usual \$100. Our fiscal year is from the Guild Banquet in May to the next May; we made our \$1,000 by the end of December which is a record! (We usually barely make it by the first of May. One week we sold \$60 in two days. The economy is helping us.)

We held two 10¢ sales - one in March and one in Sept. Some of the other ladies in the Guild held a food sale at the same time. We plan to do the same this coming year. It helps unload after-season clothing, as there is no storage.

Robert Metcalf donated some of Olive Metcalf's Fuller Brush products. Ann priced these at half-price and we made \$200 in a short time.

Friends and Church members have been very generous with clothing and white elephant items for which we say "thank you". We also want to thank our other Guild members who contribute monetary contributions because they are unable to work.

With the help of one of our customers, we were able to send clothing to Poland. Individuals were helped, and we were able to supply our Material Aid Committee with clothing. Also, magazines and clothing were sent to the Seaman's Friend Society in Boston, with the help of another customer. The Salvation Army has received a generous quantity of clothing from the shop.

We still need clothing and white elephant items because our stock is very low due to brisk business! Now that Christmas is over, maybe our Church Family will find time to search their closets and attic, and donate new items.

Our thanks to the ladies who help in the Thrift Shop throughout the year, and especially at Fairtime. You are always ready when we call.

Our hours remain the same - Friday 1 - 4; Saturday 10 - 4, except on holidays or storm days.

Keep the donations coming to enable us to do more for our Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Pitkin and

Ann Low

Thrift Shop Coordinators
for the Guild

Missionary Society

REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The death of Olive Metcalf has saddened all of us. Her support and dedication to the Missionary Society is greatly missed. She will be remembered for a long time.

Different members have opened their homes to us for some of our meetings. We appreciate their gracious hospitality. Other meetings were held in the Conference Room at Church.

In April our Society was invited to hear a talk and see pictures taken by Don Gammon about his trip along the Potomac River.

At another meeting, Margaret Barton talked and showed a film about World Vision.

There have been readings from various sources as a part of our regular meetings. We are attempting to learn more about the modern missionary, both at home and abroad.

During 1983 the Missionary Society has contributed money to our Church, as we do every year. We have also given to HOPE, CARE, WORLD VISION and the Walker Memorial Home. We have provided flowers for the Communion Table in the Sanctuary for different worship services.

Our meetings have a social aspect (dessert and coffee) as well as devotional and inspiration time. We would welcome new members.

Respectfully submitted,

Mina Hartman, Secretary

IN MEMORIAM

Olive Metcalf

Mission Coordinator

REPORT OF THE MISSIONS COORDINATOR

On February 22, 1983 the Ladies Guild met to work on sewing kits and school bags for Church World Service. For years the Ladies Guild has devoted their monthly meeting in February to mission work. Each sewing kit consisted of 2 yards of cotton fabric, 1 pkg. of needles, 1 spool of thread, 1 card of buttons, 1 pkg. of bias tape. In April a sewing kit drive was held and that gave us a total of 43 sewing kits to contribute to Church World Service, along with 100 lbs. of light weight clothing from our Thrift Shop. In May we dropped it off at the Topsfield Trinity Episcopal Church and from there it was taken to New Windsor, MD for processing.

Perhaps you will be interested to know that 54,105 lbs. of clothing, blankets and kits were collected just in Massachusetts; 109 shipments were made to 32 countries. There is always a great need for yard goods, light weight clothing, layettes, school kits and health kits. Sewing kits enable young men and women around the world to make garments in keeping with their culture.

Our Church has been responsive to the One Great Hour of Sharing which supports foreign missions. Our OGHS collection was held on Feb. 27.

During the year we have received donations of clothing specifically for H.O.M.E. in Maine. Over 25 boxes were sent via Joyce Chubbs, Anne Gillen and Sister Lucy. The Board of Christian Education and Sunday School raised enough money from a candy sale and two family nights, plus monthly mission collections, to purchase fourteen pairs of rabbits (one pair of rabbits can produce 150 lbs. of nutritious meat every year, plus enough fur to make a coat). The rabbits were sent to H.O.M.E. through Heifer Project International.

For the past two years the Church School has sponsored Christmas (toys and games) collections for the children at H.O.M.E. and the Ladies Guild has sponsored a Christmas food collection for H.O.M.E. We have encouraged an all-Church family participation in these drives and were gratified this year to find that many more people donated food and toys. Part of our Advent Offering will also go toward renovation projects at H.O.M.E.'s hospitality house - a shelter for abused women and children, and a home to the homeless.

Again, our church has been responsive to the Neighbors In Need Offering which supports social services in our country. We held NIN day on World Wide Communion Sunday, October 3. At our Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service, a collection was taken for World Vision.

In November our Thanksgiving Food collection went to the Crombie Street Church in Salem, MA. Through their "Break Bread Together" outreach program, Crombie Street serves suppers to the homeless.

Thank you for supporting all our mission projects this past year.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Boynton

Fair

REPORT OF THE 1983 FAIR

Up to your usual colossal cooperation!
Ne'er a grumble nor a groan
Did we hear during Fair preparation, not
Even as those two October days sped by -
Rigorous, exciting - so full of your enthusiasm.

Terrific toys, brilliant balloons, jazzy jewelry,
Holiday decorations, peerless pachyderms (flea market variety),
Empyrean edibles, handcrafts, growing greens ...

Betsy's loping stride; Ruthie's swing-and-sway from side-to-side
Itinerant clowns, roustabouts, maidens fair ...
Gourmet lunches to pause over, snacks to nibble -

Topped off by Saturday's succulently supreme supper.
Oven baked bread, country store jellies and jams ...
Palmists, miniatures, waiters, fun fair hawkers ... a

Festival of conviviality - an esprit d' corps:
Among ourselves, yet more than that,
Including all adults, young adults and children
Rallying together - a comradere unequalled!

Diane, Joan and Donn

Under the Big Top Fair profit: \$10,058.32

Fair dates for 1984 will be:
Friday, October 26, and Saturday, October 27

Supper Club

SUPPER CLUB (formerly Couples Club) REPORT

After several years of discussion, we finally got around to changing the name.

In addition to a new name, The Supper Club elected to try a new format. The old format of monthly meetings resulted in frequent conflicts with other activities. At the May 1983 meeting, the members decided to hold meetings approximately every other month during the 1983-84 season. The increased attendance at meetings thus far has shown the format change to be a good decision.

Some of the activities enjoyed by the Supper Club to date:

- * Buffet supper at Hector's in Rye, New Hampshire
(Some people were late!)
- * A catered dinner at the Church
(People were on time; the food was late!)
- * An informative, question-filled, presentation on
on Acupuncture
(most people got the point!)
- * The annual Christmas Party - including the ridiculous,
hilarious Yankee Swap.
(Some people got what they deserved!)
- * That incomparable, famous annual May Breakfast was
again produced by the Supper Club. As is traditional,
proceeds were given to the Church.

Information regarding meeting dates, times, etc. can be obtained from the Church Office.

1983-1984 Elected Officers:

President: Lorraine & Dick Prendible
Secretary: Chris & Dave Malone
Treasurer: Nancy & George Thompson

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Malone, Secretary

Flowers

THE FLOWER COMMITTEE

A creative and consciencious committee ... they are indeed! The ladies who arrange our Sunday bouquets, make arrangements for Memorial flowers, and blooming house plants, are a dedicated group who have served for many years.

We greatly miss Janet Brown, a lady with a flair for flowers, both here at Church and at home in her garden. An indelible memory of Janet is her arranging all the left-over Fair plants on the steps leading up to the platform in the Sanctuary in preparation for the next day's Sunday service. She was still in her witch's costume!

We genuinely appreciate the generosity of those who contribute their flowers, from weddings and special occasions, to the Church for use at Sunday services. This past year we've had some handsome house plants - on loan - from some of our thoughtful members.

Our local florists have always been very cooperative. The Flower Mart donated some poinsettias to our Church Christmas Eve afternoon. This contribution came just in time (after our other plants went to shut-ins) to carry over through Three Kings' Day. As always, Ken and Marion Nunan gave the Church special prices on Christmas and Easter plants, and extra plants for Children's Day. It was with shock and sadness that we learned of Marion Nunan's death. Our Flower Ladies will miss Marion's cheery disposition.

We welcome Molly Taylor to our committee. Molly has agreed to be Flower Lady for the month of November.

Our Committee is as follows:

February 1984	Joan Chatterton	8033
March	Linda Boucher	2476
April	Pat Pingree	2683
May	Florence Hamelin	2168
June	Lillian Grissino	8086
July	Lillian Kelloway	2811
September	Joan Zweil	2658
October	Carol Pierce	2364
November	Molly Taylor	8621
December	Flower Ladies and Diaconate	
January 1985	Ginny Ryder	8552

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Chatterton, Coordinator

Social

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

We wish to thank all those who assisted, in any way, with the Coffee Fellowship Hours held after our weekly services. In addition, there were six receptions, held in the Vestry, following memorial or funeral services. These receptions required a lot of baked goods, and they flowed in very generously. Special thanks to the members who headed up these receptions, including the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service.

Those of us, who are continuing as Coffee Hostesses for the coming year, will be glad of any help that you might be willing to give - even taking charge of one Coffee Hour, or providing baked goods - especially during June and July when we host Union Services with the West Boxford Congregational Church. You will be contributing to an important part of our Church fellowship - a time for communicating with one another after worship. Just call one of the Coffee Hostesses from this list:

February	1984	Barbara Parker	373-6032
March		Gladys Gittings	373-2392
April		Shirley Morrison	352-8398
May		Chris Boyland	352-8716
		and	
		Mina Hartman	352-2065
June		Marcia Curtis	352-2589
July		Beth Bond	372-5401
Septmeber		Sue Kelley	352-8552
October		Betty Davidson	352-2105
November		Sandi Schauer	352-6833
December		Carolyn Boynton	352-6820
		and	
		Lillian Grissino	352-8086
January	1985	Beth Arsenault	352-2946

A new Coffee Hostess to the above list is Barb Parker, and we welcome her to our committee.

We have some bright, new and shiny additions to our Church kitchen. Thanks to the doner of two large, heavy duty colanders. They replace one which had been missing for many months. From the Church's Improvement Fund, we also purchased new cooling racks and teflon coated cookie sheets. (Please ask for the cookie sheets from the Church Office, if you need them for a Church project, as they are not stored with the old ones.) The Guild purchased new place settings of china. The Supper Club enjoyed using this handsome new china at their Christmas dinner held in the Church; it was the first time these place settings were used. The Guild hopes other groups in the Church will want to make their suppers and luncheons special by using the china.

Needed! More dish towels! We seem to lose dish towels from the kitchen; perhaps they are taken home for laundering and then forgotten about. Maybe some of you have extra that you'd like to contribute. Thanks for your continued help in keeping our kitchen in order.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Curtis, Committee Coordinator

Auditor

January 24, 1983

First Congregational Church
Georgetown, Ma. 01833

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

As of this date we have audited the records of the Treasurer, ^{& Collector} and found everything to be in order.

Muriel Gordon
.....
Muriel Gordon

Virginia Rogers
.....
Virginia Rogers

Collector

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Current Expense		
1982	\$ 1,405.70	
1983	32,294.65	
1984	<u>1,222.50</u>	\$34,922.85
Loose Collect	1,448.79	
Initial Offering	<u>28.84</u>	1,477.63
Missions		
1982	122.70	
1983	3,401.35	
1984	<u>32.50</u>	3,556.55
Special Miss.		652.03
Deacon's Fund		235.00
Improvement Fund		
1982	209.60	
1983	3,991.75	
1984	<u>32.50</u>	4,233.85
Building Fund		52.00
Church School		
Regular Collect	381.36	
Missions	<u>496.36</u>	877.72
Renovations		6,750.30
Perley Fund		1,850.00
Dividends & Interest		1,627.46
Borrowed		1,000.00
Reimbursements		1,390.37
Use of Church		3,465.00
Lent & Advent		1,908.83
Church Fair & other Fund Raisers		12,727.62
Memorial Fund		<u>2,218.00</u>
		\$78,945.21

Pledges 1983 107

PAID 84
NEARLY PD 17
HALF PAID 6

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth L. Jones

Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS

201	Pledges - Current Expenses	33,700.35
	Pledges - Current Expense for 1984	1,222.50
	Loose Collect	1,477.63

MISSIONS

203.1	Regular Collect	3,524.05
	Regular Collect 1984	32.50
Special	One Great Hour of Sharing	182.00
Collect:	Ladies Missionary Soc.	129.41
	Neighbors In Need	128.55
	World Vision, Thanksgiving	212.07
		652.03

CHURCH SCHOOL

204.1	Regular Collect	381.36
204.2	Missions	
	Regular (1st Sun. of month)	101.36
	Heifer Fund	395.00
		496.36

DIVIDENDS & INTEREST

205.1	Interest from Mass. Cong. Fund	1,539.93
	" " Bethlehem	
	Steel Stock	65.00
	" " Geo. Sav. Bank	
	General Fund	22.53
		1,627.46

REIMBURSEMENTS FROM ORGANIZATIONS

205.2	Joyce Dance Studio	2,590.00
	Aerobics	380.00
	Council on Aging	10.00
	Tops	140.00
	Stop Smoking Clinic	150.00
	Newcomers Club	125.00
	Rent of Vestry	40.00
	Noack Organ Co.	30.00
		3,465.00

REIMBURSEMENTS

205.3	Wedding	35.00
	Gift for frame	
	(historical pictures)	68.00
	Flowers "82"	95.00
	From Reserve Bank Book for	
	Mortgage	243.90
	From Improvement Bank Book	
	(Sanctuary)	160.51
	Olin Mills	75.00
	Pictorial Directory	10.00
	Historical Booklet	10.00
	W. Boxford for Guideposts	70.80
	Childrens Day Flowers	50.00
	Fair Change	500.00
	Kerygma	45.00
	From Deacons Fund (error in	
	deposit)	27.16
		1,390.37

206	IMPROVEMENT FUND		4,201.35
	IMPROVEMENT FUND (1984)		32.50
	BUILDING FUND		52.00
	LOAN FROM IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR BILLS		1,000.00
207	FUND RAISING		
	Church Fair		11,972.06
	Easter Breakfast	11.00	
	Strawberry Social	209.56	
	Pancake Breakfast	176.00	
	Organ Concert	<u>359.00</u>	755.56
208	SPECIAL DONATIONS		
	Perley Fund	1,850.00	
	Gift for Renovating		
	Weathervane	1,500.00	
	Memorial Fund	2,218.00	
	Special Deacons	235.00	
	Christmas 1982	406.00	
	Easter 1983	886.58	
	Christmas 1983	<u>616.25</u>	7,711.83
	Siding or Renovation Fund		5,017.80
	Reserve Account		
	" " " " 1984		<u>232.50</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$78,945.21

DISBURSEMENTS

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICES OF OUR MINISTRY

301	Minister's Salary	16,000.00
302	Pulpit Supply	100.00
303	Health & Dental Insurance	2,394.00
304	Minister's Annuity	3,120.00
304.1	Family Protection Plan	204.75
305	Minister's Car Allowance	1,500.00
306	Conference Expenses	20.00
307	Diaconate Expenses	337.45
308	Organist	1,550.00
308.1	Director of Music	1,350.00
310	Board of Christian Education	1,969.61
310.1	Youth Group Leaders' Expense	80.00
313	Per Capita Fellowship (\$3 per 265 members for State Conf. In addition: Gen. Council Fund @ .05 ea. & Essex No. Assoc. @ .20 ea.)	861.25
314	Flowers	89.25
316	Social & Kitchen Committee	311.91
317	Treasurer's Expenses	400.00
318	Collector's Expenses	400.00
		<u>30,688.22</u>

OUR ADMINISTRATIONAL EXPENSES

401	Church Secretary	3,000.00
402	Stationary, Postage, Printing, etc.	2,883.66
403	Sexton's Salary	3,180.00
404	Utilities (Church & Metcalf/See Sep. Rep't)	
	.1 Heat & Repairs	4,397.27
	.2 Electricity	822.32
	.3 Water	79.20
	.4 N.E. Telephone	680.34
	.5 Gas	145.32
405	Parsonage Utilities	1,900.00
		<u>17,088.11</u>

OUR CHURCH PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

501	Church Building Care	797.15
503	Supplies	464.82
504	Insurance	2,521.00
		<u>3,782.97</u>

CAPITAL INVESTMENTS & EQUIPMENT

603	Improvement Fund	4,201.35
603.1	Building Fund	52.00
604	Reinvestment of 10% Interest & Dividends	165.47
		<u>4,418.82</u>

DEBT RETIREMENT & RESERVES

702	Reserve Contingencies & Depreciation of Building & Equipment	
	1/2 of 1983 Fair	5,029.16
	Renovation Pledges	5,017.80
	Christmas ('82) Furnace	406.00
	Easter ('83) "	886.58
	Weathervane	1,500.00
		<u>12,839.54</u>

OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSIONS & OTHER BENEVOLENCES

901.1	Regular Missions		3,330.56
	(Includes 129.41 from Ladies Miss. Soc.)		
901.2	Special Missions:		
	Andover Newton	300.00	
	One Great Hour of Sharing	182.00	
	Neighbors In Need	128.55	
	Thanksgiving Offering -		
	World Vision	<u>212.07</u>	822.62
901.3	Church School Missions		
	Heifer Project International		500.00
			<u>4,653.18</u>

MISCELLANEOUS DISBURSEMENTS

1200	Deacons Special Account		235.00
1210	Memorial Fund (25 to E. Pingree Music)		2,218.00
1208	Miscellaneous		
	Fair Expenses	913.74	
	Georgetown Sav. Fair Bank Book 1,	000.00	
	Change for Fair (Reimb.)	500.00	
	Geo. Sav. Bk (Reimb.-Reserve		
	Account)	243.90	
	Mary Paganelli, frame (Reimb.)	68.00	
	Cleanup day luncheon	23.00	
	Thanksgiving donation	25.65	
	E. Boose from Tupperware money	<u>119.99</u>	2,894.28
			<u>5,347.28</u>
	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$78,818.12	

SUMMARY

Balance on Hand 1/1/83		5,599.48
Receipts 1983		<u>78,945.21</u>
		84,544.69
Disbursements 1983		<u>78,818.12</u>
Balance 12/31/83		5,726.57
*Minus Special Holds		<u>2,622.08</u>
		3,104.49
*Special Holds		
1984 General Expenses	1,022.50	
1984 Missions	32.50	
1984 Improvement	32.50	
1984 Reserve Acc't	<u>232.50</u>	1,320.00
Christmas 1983		616.25
Church School Missions		123.68
Special Donation		500.00
Tupperware		62.15
		<u>*2,622.08</u>

SUMMARY OF UTILITY EXPENSES

CHURCH

REGULAR COAL	POUNDS USED	COST	REPAIRS AND LABOR
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1979	90,122	4,238.35	393.08
1980	71,638	3,866.90	82.70
1981	58,510	3,882.60	175.43
1982 (Jan-Sept)	42,245	2,980.00	-

PEA COAL

NEW FURNACE

1982 (Sept-Dec)	34,850	2,278.00	-
1983	49,895	3,246.85	-

ELECTRICITY

K W HOURS

COST

12/16/79-12/13/80	7420	612.20
12/14/80-12/17/81	7840	656.37
12/17/81-12/20/82	8280	689.08
12/21/82-12/19/83	7840	765.36

	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
GAS	92.78	108.68	122.34	140.40	145.32
WATER	36.00	36.00	37.80	39.60	39.60
TELEPHONE	619.18	631.87	652.31	691.91	680.34

METCALF HOUSE (Christian Education Building)

OIL

GALLONS

COST

REPAIRS AND LABOR

1979	1,385	890.71	64.50
1980	1,068	1,077.36	-
1981	846	1,049.26	34.75
1982	1,153	1,424.00	51.00
1983	895.2	979.75	64.25

ELECTRICITY

K W HOURS

COST

12/16/79-12/13/80	880	87.90
12/14/80-12/17/81	860	93.22
12/17/81-12/20/82	820	91.93
12/21/82-12/19/83	680	92.10

WATER	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
	36.00	36.00	37.80	39.60	39.60

UTILITY TOTALS FOR CHURCH

UTILITY TOTALS FOR METCALF HOUSE

1980	\$5,338.35
1981	5,547.08
1982	6,818.99
1983	4,877.47

1980	\$1,201.26
1981	1,218.43
1982	1,606.53
1983	1,175.70

BANK ACCOUNTS
GEORGETOWN SAVINGS BANK

MEMORIAL FUND #14284

Balance 1/1/83	\$3,838.77
Receipts	2,193.00
Interest	238.88
	<u>6,270.65</u>
*Disbursements	1,335.90
Bal. 12/31/83	<u>4,934.75</u>

*Disbursements

Whittemore Pew Ropes	10.00
(samples)	
Christmas City (wreaths)	83.16
D.J. Casey (Office Furn.)	491.60
Star Paper (receptions)	47.04
Spaulding Colonial	
(Oak Lectern)	420.00
C.M. Almy Pew Ropes/tassels	176.10
D.J. Casey office chair	108.00
	<u>1,335.90</u>

ELIZABETH E. PINGREE MEMORIAL FUND #17-000050 (Term Dep. Cert.)
11.95% 9/10/82 - 3/31/85

Bal. 1/1/83	4,000.00
Interest	476.69
	<u>4,476.69</u>
Disbursements	476.69
Bal. 12/31/83	<u>4,000.00</u>

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

ELIZABETH E. PINGREE MEMORIAL FUND #22635

Bal. on hand 1/1/83	640.62
Receipts:	
Memorial Gift	25.00
Interest from	
Cert. #17-000050	476.69
Interest	<u>41.89</u>
	543.58
	<u>1,184.20</u>
*Disbursements	472.75
Bal. on hand 12/31/83	<u>711.45</u>

*Disbursements

Jan Flyzik	30.00
Cleaning of Jr. Choir robes	107.25
Beverly Bell Ringers	50.00
Douglas Rafter	150.00
Organ Concert Expenses	59.00
Messiah Music <i>participation</i>	45.00
Jr. Choir Music <i>Handbell</i>	31.50
	<u>472.75</u>

IMPROVEMENT FUND

#14417

Balance 1/1/83	5,830.73
Interest	314.01
Pledges	4,201.35
	<u>10,346.09</u>
*Disbursements	3,344.57
Balance 12/31/83	<u>7,001.52</u>

(Being held in this account was \$906.50 from 1982
Easter Offering for Renovation of Sanctuary & Narthex,
\$331.25 - Spent: 20.74 staging; 200 - labor, &
110.51 - Paint. [\$575.25 remains])

*Disbursements

Transfer to reserve acc't for furnace	1,290.00
Labor, Sanctuary	200.00
Paint "	110.51
Staging "	20.74
D. J. Casey-(Conf.Rm.chairs)	320.00
Canopy (kitchen door)	50.00
To pay bills	1,000.00
Table repair	110.00
Paint Parsonage (exterior)	145.22
Maestranzi Bros: Kitchen supply	57.69
Kitchen supply - cookie sheets	32.72
Paint Vestry ceiling	7.69
	<u>3,344.57</u>

DEACONS' FUND (Term Certificate #2-400208)

2,500 - Matured 9/30/83
Interest of \$254.80 deposited to Deacons Fund "Now"
checking account

DEACONS' FUND #17-000286

Time Certificate of Deposit opened 10/3/83 - 4/30/85
9 3/4% 18 month
Interest will be deposited into Deacons Fund "Now"
checking account

DEACONS' FUND NOW CHECKING ACCOUNT

Discretionary Fund (administered by Diaconate
in cooperation with the minister)

Balance 1/1/83	3,874.35
Receipts	4,056.90
	<u>7,931.25</u>
Disbursements	2,954.00
Balance 12/31/83	<u>4,977.25</u>

MISSION FUND #2400345

2 1/2 year Term Dep. Cert. @ 12%
6/25/80 - 12/31/83
Bal. 1/1/83
Interest

Disbursement sent to MACUCC
Bal. 12/31/83

1,062.74
130.36
<u>1,193.10</u>
129.41
<u>1,063.69</u>

GENERAL FUND #14425

Balance 1/1/83	356.20
Interest	22.53
Receipts	165.47
	<u>544.20</u>

*Disbursements	22.53
Balance 12/31/83	<u>521.67</u>

*used for general expenses
of the church/10% reinvested)

GENERAL FUND TERM CERTIFICATE #2400665
7/2/82 - 1/30/85 14.70% on \$7,400

Interest being held:

1982	564.70
1983	1,280.11

Balance 12/31/83	9,244.81
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BATEMAN FUND TERM DEPOSIT CERTIFICATE #2-400578
1/21/82 - 7/31/84 @ 14.75% - \$10,000

Interest being held;

1982	1,507.11
1983	1,856.19

Balance 12/31/83	13,363.30
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BERTHA L. POOLE MEMORIAL ACCOUNT #17-000136
12/31/82 - 6/30/85 \$1,000 @ 9.70%
Term Deposit Certificate

Interest being held:

1983	96.73
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BUILDING FUND #23549

Balance 1/1/83	121.03
Receipts	52.00
Interest	6.09
	<u>179.12</u>

*Disbursements	153.87
Balance 12/31/83	<u>25.25</u>

*Invested in Time Certificate of
Deposit #17-000288

BUILDING FUND TERM CERTIFICATE #2-400270
3/8/81 matured 9/30/83
12% on \$5,542.49

Interest accrued: \$2,043.33

5,542.49
2,043.33
153.87
<u>7,739.69</u>

opened

BUILDING FUND TIME CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT #17-000288
9/30/83 - 3/31/85 9.75% - \$7,739.69

Interest will be deposited to above account

RESERVE ACCOUNT #16617

Balance 1/1/83		4,866.51
Receipts: Transfer from Impro. Fund		
For Furnace	1,290.00	
Christmas 1982	406.00	
Easter 1983	886.58	
Renovation pledges	5,017.80	
Deposit from Fair		
1/2 proceeds	5,029.16	
Weathervane donation	1,500.00	14,129.54
Interest		216.09
		<u>19,212.14</u>
Disbursements:		
Mortgage payments	1,467.06	
4/15/83 paid on pass		
book loans	7,500.00	
12/30/83 paid up pass		
book loans	2,500.00	
Interest paid on pass		
book loans	682.58	
Elliotts - furnace	68.00	12,217.64
Balance 12/31/83		<u>6,994.50</u>

MORTGAGE ON PARSONAGE

Balance 1/83		7,215.20
Principle	687.68	
Interest	775.72	
Late charge	3.66	
	<u>1,467.06</u>	
Balance 12/31/83		6,527.52

REVIEW OF 1983 FAIR

FAIR PROCEEDS	11,972.06
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DISBURSEMENTS

Fair Bank Book for Expenses	1,000.00	
Northshore Weekly	90.72	
Mutual Sales, Inc.	54.25	
Haverhill Gazette	54.00	
The Cricket Press	72.00	
Linebrook Paper	104.25	
Paper Products	65.00	
Lunch expenses	173.20	
Supper Expenses	224.00	
Joan Chatterton expenses	52.72	
Star Paper	23.60	
	<u>1,913.74</u>	

Profit 10,058.32

50% is put into Reserve Account to be used toward
steeple renovation and parsonage roof repair
50 % for General Expenses of Church

REPORT OF THE RENOVATION OF THE CHURCH

The Parsonage mortgage of \$6,470.85 is still due. The parsonage was remortgaged in 1979 and the income was used for the siding.

The siding was all paid for in September 1982, except for the mortgage. As of 12/31/83, the furnace pass book loans were paid (4/15 - 7,500 and 12/30 - 2,500).

The Renovation Fund monies are now earmarked for the steeple roof repair and the replacement of the parsonage roof. Future renovations projects will be the Narthex and the Sanctuary. The estimated cost of steeple repair is \$5,600, and the estimated cost of the parsonage roof is \$2,000.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline E. Sheehan
Treasurer

Budget

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ACCOUNT NO.	ITEM	1983 BUDGET	1983 ACTUAL	1984 BUDGET
200	<u>Receipts for Current Exp.</u>			
201	Pledges	33,000	33,700	33,000
202	Loose Collections	2,000	1,478	1,800
204	Church School	325	381	350
205.1	90% dividends, int./invest.	3,150	1,464	4,178
205.1	Reimbursements	3,000	4,855	3,500
207	Fair	3,000	5,029	3,500
207	Other fund raising activ.	7,965	756	7,941
208	Gifts (Perley Fund, other)	-	1,850	-
208	Transferred (from Improv.Fd.)	-	1,000	-
	TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR CURRENT EXPENSE	52,440	50,513	54,269
	<u>Disbursements for Current Exp.</u>			
300	<u>Leadership & Services Exp.</u>			
301	Minister's Salary	16,000	16,000	16,900
302	Pulpit Supply	100	100	100
303	Health Insurance	2,394	2,394	2,544
304	Minister's Annuity	2,496	3,120	2,636
304.1	Family Protection plan	205	205	205
305	Minister's car allowance	1,500	1,500	2,000
306	Conference Meeting Exp.	100	20	50
307	Diaconate Expenses	375	337	350
308	Organist Services	1,550	1,550	1,550
308.1	Music Director Services	1,350	1,350	1,350
310	Board of C. E. expenses	2,000	1,970	2,000
310.1	Youth Leaders' exp.	300	80	150
313	Per Capita Fellowship dues	860	861	990
314	Flowers	100	89	100
316	Social & Kitchen exp.	250	312	275
317	Treasurer's exp.	400	400	99
318	Collector's exp.	400	400	99
	Total Disbursements, 300 Acc't	30,380	30,688	31,398
400	<u>Administrational & Operational Expenses</u>			
401	Secretarial Services	3,000	3,000	3,125
402	Stationery, Postage, printing, office supplies	3,100	2,884	3,000
403	Custodial services	3,180	3,180	3,312
404	Utilities:			
404.1	Heat, system repairs	5,000	4,397	4,500
404.2	Electricity	900	822	1,200
404.3	Water	80	79	80
404.4	Telephone	650	680	650
404.5	Gas	150	145	150
405	Parsonage utilities allow.	1,900	1,900	2,100
406	FICA payroll tax	-	-	654
	Total Disbursements, 400 Acct	17,960	17,087	18,771

ACCOUNT NO.	ITEM	1983 BUDGET	1983 ACTUAL	1984 BUDGET
500	<u>Ordinary Maintenance & Repair</u>			
501	Church Building Care)	1,000	797	1,000
502	Parsonage Upkeep)			
503	Custodial supplies	500	465	500
504	Insurance	<u>2,600</u>	<u>2,521</u>	<u>2,600</u>
	Total Disbursements, 500 Acc't	<u>4,100</u>	<u>3,783</u>	<u>4,100</u>
	<u>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR CURRENT EXPENSE</u>	52,440	51,558	54,269
200	<u>Receipts for Missions & Benevolences</u>			
203.1	Pledges	3,350	3,524	3,350
203.2	Special collect./missions	-	652	-
204.2	Church School	<u>325</u>	<u>496</u>	<u>325</u>
	<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR MISSIONS & BENEVOLENCES</u>	3,675	4,672	3,675
900	<u>Disbursements for Missions & Benevolences</u>			
901.1	OCWM to MACUCC	3,050	3,331	3,050
901.2	Andover-Newton Donation	300	300	300
901.2	Other Missions	-	523	-
901.3	Church School projects	<u>325</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>325</u>
	<u>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR MISSIONS & BENEVOLENCES</u>	3,675	4,654	3,675
200	<u>Receipts for Capital Expend.</u>			
205.1	10% div., int. on investments	350	165	464
206	Pledges to Improvement Fund	4,200	4,201	3,100
#14417	Int. on Improve. Fd. Acc't	230	314	300
206	Pledges to building fund	52	52	52
#90010	Int. on Building Fund Cert.	595	662	650
#23549	Int. on Building Fund Acc't	8	6	7
207	Fair to Reserve/Renovation Fd.	3,000	5,029	3,500
207	Pledges to Renovation Fund	4,600	5,018	3,600
#15617	Int. on Reserve/Renovation Acc.	290	222	250
208	Lenten Folders	900	887	900
208	Advent Folders	900	1,022	900
208	Loans for Extraordinary Maint.	-	-	-
208	Loans for Capital Improvements	-	-	-
208	Gifts (Perley Fund) <i>Int. on</i>	-	1,500	-
	<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</u>	15,125	19,078	13,723

ACCOUNT NO.	ITEM	1983 BUDGET	1983 ACTUAL	1984 BUDGET
<u>Disbursements for Capital</u>				
<u>Expenditures</u>				
604	Reinvest. of 10% of div.,int.	350	165	464
#14417	New Equipment (on invest.	6,520	1,055	1,000
#14417	Transferred to Curr. Exp.	-	1,000	-
#16617	Mortgage on Parsonage/siding	1,463	1,463	1,463
#16617	Furnace replace.debt retire.	3,000	10,751	-
#16617	Parsonage roof replacement	-	-	2,000
#16617	Steeple Roof repair	-	-	5,600
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES		14,470	14,434	10,527

The Finance Committee, again, extends thanks to
all who helped with our financial success in 1983.

Respectfully submitted,

Allan R. Barlow
Calvin Pingree
Harris Rogers

Nominating

1984 PROPOSED CHURCH OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

MODERATOR: Donn Chatterton* TREASURER: Caroline Sheehan*
 CLERK: Anna Tozier* COLLECTOR: Ruth Jones*
 AUDITORS: Muriel Gordon*
 Virginia Rogers*

COORDINATORS FOR:

USHERING: Ed Jones*
 Donn Chatterton*
 SOCIAL COMMITTEE Marcia Curtis*
 FLOWER COMMITTEE Joan Chatterton*
 MISSIONS Carolyn Boynton*

CHURCH DELEGATES:

*to be elected for a term
 one one year; no restriction
 on length of service.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

Virginia Ryder '85
 Jacqueline Amnott '85
 Diane Townsend '85
 Barbara Parker '86*
 Jan Robertson '86*
 Anne Gillen '86*

TRUSTEES:

Wendall Arsenault '85
 Douglas Gammon '85
 James Boynton, Jr. '85
 Helen Snow '86*
 Steve Robertson '86*
 Craig Southwick '86*

DIACONATE:

Marlon Harding '85
 Ann Kelloway '85
 Ernest Kelloway '85
 Oliver Gates '85
 Donald Gammon '85
 Susan Kelley '86*
 JoEllen Fielding '86*
 Chris Boyland '86*
 Forrest Bridges '86*
 Barry Games '86*

MUSIC COMMITTEE

Jan Flyzik '85
 Audrey Magown '85
 Manette Lee '86*
 Linda Boucher '86*

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Helen Snow '85
 Ed Jones '85*
 Evelyn Boose '86*
 Lillian Grissino '86*

*to be elected through January of year
 designated - not to serve more than two
 consecutive terms.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Harris Rogers '85
 Calvin Pingree '86*
 Allan Barlow '86*

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