

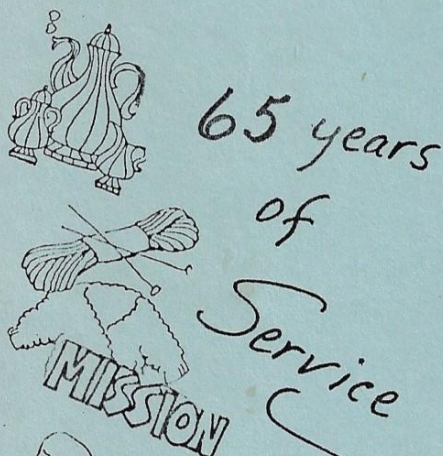
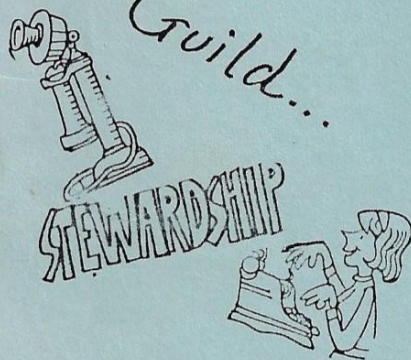
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# The Reports

# 1988

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF GEORGETOWN, MA



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## Meetings

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### WARRANT

January 20, 1988

The members of the First Congregational Church of Georgetown are hereby advised that, in accordance with the constitution and by-laws of said church, the annual meeting of the church will be held Thursday, January 28, 1988 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 a church budget for 1988, and to take action thereon;
- ARTICLE 3. To see if the church will authorize the Finance Committee to borrow from any of the Capital Investment Funds, if needed, in anticipation of income to pay current expenses and further, to transfer funds from any of the Capital Investment Fund accounts to the Current Expense account in the event that income for current expenses does not meet the budget expectations;
- ARTICLE 4. To hear the report of the Renovation Committee;
- ARTICLE 5. To see if the church will vote to authorize the Renovation Committee to hire an architect and expend up to \$10,000.00 for the purpose of designing an addition on the rear of the church edifice;
- ARTICLE 6. To see if the church will follow recommendations of the Diaconate that we pursue an intentional church growth program with the guidance of trained consultants from the MACUCC;
- ARTICLE 7. To take any other action relative to the church and its property;
- ARTICLE 8. To hear the report of the Nominating Committee and to take any action required thereon.

By direction of the Cabinet  
*Jacqueline P. Givens*  
Clerk

Posted January 20, 1988



January 28, 1988

The annual meeting of the First Congregational Church was called to order at 8:02 PM by Donn Chatterton, moderator, with forty members in attendance.

The Rev. Southwick opened the meeting with prayer.

After Donn welcomed all members to the annual meeting, the clerk read the minutes of the 1987 annual meeting. It was accepted as read after correcting "so moved" motions to "so voted".

The following listed articles were acted on.

ARTICLE 1. To receive the reports of the several boards, committees and officers of the church, and to take action thereon;

Time was given to all members to review the reports booklet. Report of the Nominating Committee will be presented under Article 8.

Comments made regarding specific reports were:

- A) Minister's report: Encourages us to look forwards not backwards.
- B) Trustees: Joan Chatterton noted that the Trustees have done a great deal of manual labor in the church requiring many hours of their time.

Helen Snow moved that the reports be accepted as printed, seconded by Harris Rogers, so voted.

ARTICLE 2. To hear the report of the Finance committee regarding a church budget for 1988, and to take action thereon;

Comparison could be made from 1987 to 1988 as the report categories were in columns noting 1987 budget, 1987 actual and amount budgeted for 1988.

Allan Barlow reviewed the "Treasurer's Report 1987, Budget Report 1988" noting:

- A) Number of pledges for 1988 have increased by seven (102 to 109). Dollar value of current expense pledges increased by 14% and missions and benevolence pledges increased by 46%.
- B) In response to Jay Hart's question, "What funds are the profits from the church fair allocated to?" Allan noted that one half goes to current expense and the other half to a reserve fund.
- C) Dwight Southwick inquired about the actual cost of obtaining an architect to design an addition to the church. \$3000.00 was allocated towards obtaining quotes for the design of an addition at the 1987 annual meeting. It was reported that it cost zero dollars.



Jim Collin moved that we accept the 1987 Treasurer's Report and 1988 proposed budget, seconded by Bob Knapp, so voted.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the church will authorize the Finance committee to borrow from any of the Capital Investment Funds, if needed, in anticipation of income to pay current expenses and further, to transfer funds from any of the Capital Investment Fund accounts to the Current Expense account in the event that income for current expenses does not meet the budget expectations;

Allan Barlow moved that the church authorize the Finance Committee to borrow and/or transfer funds from the Reserve, Improvement, and/or Renovation Funds, if needed, in anticipation of income to pay current expense in the event that income for current expense does not meet budget expectations, seconded by Harris Rogers, so voted.

ARTICLE 4. To hear the report of the Renovation Committee;

ARTICLE 5. To see if the church will ~~vote to~~ authorize the Renovation Committee to hire an architect and expend up to \$10,000.00 for the purpose of designing an addition on the rear of the church edifice;

Jim Collin reported that the search for an architect was not initially an easy path to travel. There were not many architects looking for work in the North East.

In searching for an architect the committee was looking for an individual who had an interest and/or inner feeling toward developing an addition which would preserve and enhance the present style of our church.

It wasn't until the stock market crash that architects' time was "freed up".

Jim reported that representatives of the committee have met with and narrowed down their choice of architects to two firms. The next step is either to choose one architect to draw up plans for an addition or stop at this point.

The envisioned design would be for an estimated 4000 square foot addition. Committee representatives will work closely with the architect identifying the needs of the church. A set of plans from which a contractor can build will also address building codes. The estimated drawing time is six to eight months which will allow the Renovation Committee to present the plans at the 1989 annual meeting for further consideration.

Jim noted that, although we are committed to preserve the good from the past, we need to change and grow. An addition will provide a safe area within the church for our children, it will provide meeting rooms for many functions, storage area, new rest rooms, ground level access to the building, elevator, etc. We will be investing in our future. "In pursuing this project we will be sharing our commitment and love to Jesus Christ and our church."



Virginia Ryder moved that we accept the report of the Renovation Committee, seconded by Joan Chatterton, so voted.

Discussion pertaining to Article 5:

- A) Helen Snow feels that Metcalf House, with improvements, can meet many of our needs. Also Helen stated that we can get by with our present kitchen and an elevator can be installed within our present building.
- B) Sigrid Morris questioned if the requested \$10,000.00 will address the design for the addition only or will it address other improvements needed within the church facility? Jim responded that it is for the addition only. We can't do everything at once but the Renovation Committee voted to pursue the improvement of our church facility by first addressing an addition to our church which will provide for many of our identified needs.
- C) Frank Stewart noted that we have a great deal of expertise within the church. Meetings will be scheduled so that all church people may have input.
- D) Helen Snow talked about building church membership before we build an addition. She also would like to have on hand the money it would cost to build an addition before building one.
- E) Jim agreed that it is an individual thought to be addressed by each person.
  - a) We can postpone this project or never carry it through. Will we regret it?
  - b) There is a risk and no guarantee. If we look for a guarantee we will go nowhere.
- F) Dorothy Blanchard asked our Finance Committee if the money is available to hire an architect. Allan responded that the money is available.
- G) Bob Morris expressed concern on building if membership is decreasing.
- H) Jim responded that people are moving to the area. Although we can't have a guarantee sometimes we must draw on our faith. An addition will serve many of our identified needs and therefore enable our church to better serve our present and future members.
- I) Dorothy Blanchard spoke of moving forward. The plans should be done well. If we don't use the plans next year we can use them in the future.
- J) Joan Chatterton talked about a previous committee who looked into changes of our church facility. It was noted that it would cost one million dollars to demolish this building and rebuild. One thing in common is identifying the desire to change part of the structure to meet our present and future needs.
- K) Jim Boynton mentioned that he thinks that an elevator should be a top priority after providing the needed class room space.



- K) Frank Stewart talked about the group recognizing the need for improvements although we don't agree unanimously on the approach to solve the problem of serviceable space. Frank feels strongly about the approach we have recommended that we follow and that we, as a church, should move forward.

Dorothy Blanchard moved that we authorize the Renovation Committee to hire an architect and expend up to \$10,000.00 for the purpose of designing an addition on the rear of the church edifice, seconded by Jackie Amnott, so voted.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the church will follow recommendations of the Diaconate that we pursue an intentional church growth program with the guidance of trained consultants from the MACUCC;

Joan Chatterton summarized a program sponsored by the Cabinet, presented by Rev. Nyren and Joan Zink, minister and member respectively of the United Church of Christ, Congregational of Burlington, and attended by church committees and others interested in the growth of our church.

Rev. Nyren is a member of the MACUCC task team for church growth and development. Under Rev. Nyren and Joan Zink's guidance a committee from our church will attend three seminars, spaced six months apart, which would help us to identify our church strengths and weaknesses and offer a variety of ways in which we could approach a growth pattern or program.

Topics to be covered are:

- 1) Attitude: How can we develop an attitude that says "Growth is good."
- 2) Organization: What group or committee structure is going to lead the church growth movement in your congregation?
- 3) Attraction: How do we get people to come to our church for the first time?
- 4) Hospitality: When new people do come for the first time, how do we make them feel welcome?
- 5) Cultivation: How can we lead visitors toward involvement and membership?
- 6) Orientation: When new people decide to join, how can we help them be above-average in their commitment?
- 7) Assimilation: How can we help new members feel they belong?

Lillian<sup>Grissino</sup> moved that we pursue an intentional church growth program with guidance of trained consultants from the MACUCC, seconded by Jan Spence, so voted.



ARTICLE 7. To take any other action relative to the church and its property:

Jim Boynton asked that we consider phasing out the Dance Studio's use of our church facility. Donn Chatterton responded that a proposal should come to the Cabinet via the Trustees.

ARTICLE 8. To hear the report of the Nominating Committee and to take any action required thereon;

Virginia Ryder presented the slate of members to be elected to committees as designated.

The following people were nominated:

Moderator	one year	Donn Chatterton
Clerk	one year	Jacqueline Amnott
Treasurer	one year	Muriel Gordon
Collector	one year	Ruth Jones
Auditors	one year	Virginia Rogers
		Caroline Sheehan
Coordinators for Ushering	one year	Donn Chatterton
		Thomas Hamelin
Social Committee	one year	Virginia Ryder
Flower Committee	one year	Joan Chatterton
Missions	one year	Carolyn Boynton
Supper Club	one year	Carol and Louis Dispenza
Finance Committee	two years	Calvin Pingree
		Allan Barlow
Diaconate	two years	Janice Murphy
		Jacqueline Amnott
		Jan Spence
		Earl Johnston
		Donald Ames
Music Committee	two years	Linda Flynn
		Sigrid Morris
Nominating Committee	one year	T. Louis Hamelin
	two years	Virginia Ryder
		JoEllen Fielding
Trustees	two years	Robert Kennedy
		Jay Hart
		James Boynton, Jr.
Board of Christian	one year	Virginia Ryder
Education	two years	Marion Harding
		Marjorie Stewart
		Norma Collin

Domenic DeFilippo moved that the Nominating Committee's nominations be accepted, seconded by Dwight Southwick, so voted.

With no further business to discuss, Dwight Southwick motioned that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Bob Knapp, so voted.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jacqueline C. Amnott*  
Jacqueline Amnott, Clerk



# Minister

## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

As the other reports about 1988 come into the office, and as I begin my report to you - two thoughts come to mind:

What a privilege it is to share a ministry for Christ - we have opportunities to make a positive difference in each other's lives and in the lives of others; the second thought that strikes me as appropriate - COOPERATION - we work well together - thanks be to God for our opportunities and possibilities.

Easter was the musical and spiritual highpoint of 1988 for many - those of us in the choirs, those who enjoy music, those who recognize creative genius and leadership. The Oratorio, "Rejection & Revelation", composed and directed by Bob Knapp, contained the whole story of Easter, for us to share in a new and moving medium.

We had a large group of adult members join in 1988 because we are being more intentional about making people feel welcome when they are looking for a church home. Several of these new members are actively serving our Church already.

In last year's report I mentioned not having a Confirmation Class in 1987, but expecting a more mature one in 1988. That proved to be the case. It seems like it will be a wise decision to have no class in 1989, but to anticipate a larger, more mature one in 1990. This will cause less disruption of the present Senior High Church School Class.

At this point in the year it seems to me that our experiment in moving up the worship hour to 10:30 a.m., and holding classes during that hour for all except the Junior High and Senior High students, is working out satisfactorily.

During 1988, the youth groups were involved in some area-wide activities - rallies and dances. At the present time we have combined the Junior and Senior Highs into one group under the guidance of Pam Feitz. Our older High School youth are involved with jobs and other activities, and those attending youth activities are primarily in the 7th through 10th grades.

We attended two Church Growth meetings and discovered that we are doing many of the things that have proved successful in attracting new members to our Church. We've been using name tags for greeters and ushers, and plan to make wider use of name tags during the coming year. We all need to be involved in this as we build for the future. To be successful, growth must be ongoing and outgoing.



### Minister's Message

This year will be another year of major decision-making for our Church. We must decide what is best for this Church as it heads into the twenty-first century. There will be some difficult decisions made; and it is safe to say that none of us will be wholly satisfied with them. The most important thing to remember is that we are called to be Christians, and that Christianity does start at home, among us, loving one another even when we may disagree.

Finally, there will be a new Church Directory this year. Bonnie Skinner has volunteered to head up this much-needed project. Let's give her our full cooperation - the new directory will benefit us all!

Thanks be to God for our pilgrimage together!

Faithfully,  
Phil Southwick



# Clerk

## REPORT OF THE CHURCH CLERK

The Annual Meeting held on January 28, 1988 was attended by forty members. The Renovation Committee reported that the Committee, after much research and many meetings, had decided to pursue plans to design an addition on the rear of the Church which would meet many of our identified needs. The majority of members present felt that we should "go forward" and hire an architect - expending up to \$10,000 for a design, as it was so voted. Money for this expenditure would come from the Improvement Fund.

Bob Knapp and Frank Stewart, representing the Renovation Committee, negotiated a contract between the Church and Satellite Building Corp. As liaisons, they met often with the architect, noting priorities. Their "required" list included:

- A) Six meeting rooms
- B) Elevator
- C) Rest rooms
- D) Space for Thrift Shop
- E) Ground level access to Church facility

Included on the "requested" list:

- A) Storage
- B) Enlarge secretary's office
- C) School office
- D) Increase kitchen space
- E) New study for Minister
- F) Study/chapel
- G) Sexton Room
- H) Music room
- I) Rest rooms located on second floor
- J) Audio visual room

After many hours of working on this project, an initial set of plans has been formulated. These plans will be presented to the members at the Annual Meeting. These plans are a starting point. After a "reflection period" of sixty to ninety days, and input by "neighborhood meetings" of all people concerned, it is the desire of the committee to have final plans drawn up sometime in the spring.

As part of the Diaconate's recommendation that we pursue an intentional Church Growth Program under the guidance of trained consultants from the State Conference, U.C.C., Don Ames, Jackie Moore, Joan Chatterton, Shirley Southwick and Rev. Southwick attended a Church Growth meeting on February 28th at the Rowley Congregational Church. As an ongoing series of Church Growth workshops, Don and Lee Ames and Rev. Southwick attended the September 18th worship at the Newburyport Belleville Congregational Church.

Those attending the workshops agreed that many of the suggested steps, to contribute to growth, were already in place in our Church. We advertise in the Georgetown telephone directory, there are weekly articles in newspapers, outlining Church events, special events are



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covered by the press, letters are sent to newcomers of our town, offering our Church as a place to worship. One finds exceptional friendliness and hospitality welcoming newcomers and other members at Sunday worship. Rev. Southwick follows up with a home visit to newcomers of our Church. After a time lapse, a Diaconate member will call upon the newcomer, and once again invite them to attend our Church.

An answering machine was installed in the Church in order that no communications be overlooked because no one is present in the Church to receive calls. In order that everyone be recognized by name, a name tag program is in the "making". The pictorial directory will again be updated this year.

New hours were established for Church School classes and Sunday worship. The Junior and Senior High students meet from 9:30-10:15, and Nursery care through Sixth grades meet from 10:30-11:30 to coincide with the change in Sunday worship from 10:30-11:30. This change allows parents of our younger children to attend services while their children are attending religious classes.

Although the Diaconate is pursuing an intentional Church Growth Program, the Cabinet urges everyone, who is a part of our Church, to contribute to this growth by inviting people of our community, who are not affiliated with another church, to visit and possibly become part of our Church Family.

### Action taken by the Church Cabinet:

- \* In February, it was voted to contribute 20% of Lenten Offerings to Habitat for Humanity
- \* In April, it was voted to have the Nominating Committee review the Bylaws
- \* In April, it was voted to collect 50% of fees associated with weddings - to be paid in advance at the time of date reservation. (this vote was amended in October)
- \* In June, following approval of recommendations from the Board of Christian Education and Diaconate, it was voted to change the worship hour from 11 - 12 o'clock to 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
- \* In October, it was voted that 20% of the Advent Offering be donated to Emmaus House.
- \* Also voted in October, to have the front of Metcalf House professionally cleaned, following which, it would be determined if the rest of the building should have the same treatment. (As noted in Trustees Report, the person scheduled to do the work did not show).



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October, Cont...

- \* It was noted that the collection of 50% fees (per vote in April) in advance for weddings, presented a bookkeeping problem re income taxes. In its place, it was voted to charge a \$50 fee, payable to the Church in advance of a scheduled wedding, for anyone\* not associated with the Church who requests a wedding.

(\*i.e.: not on Church mailing list)

This fee is in addition to regular charges associated with weddings, and is only refundable if a one-week notice of cancelation is given.

- \* In November there was a special Cabinet meeting to review Randy's Roast Beef request, of the Selectmen, for a liquor license. The Cabinet voted unanimously that the "Church disapproves of the granting of the license to serve beer and wine because:

1) it is a fast food restuarant where one usually eats quickly and is back on the road, driving;

2) many young people frequent the restaurant. We prefer an alcohol free environment where youth tend to 'hang out'".

Rev. Southwick attended the public hearing to present the position of the Church.

The following is an update of our Church Membership:

MEMBERSHIP:	January 1, 1988	241
ADDITIONS:	Affirmation of Faith and	
	Letter of Transfer	11
	Confirmation	12
LOSES:	**Deaths	3
	Inactive (no longer	
	participating)	1
MEMBERSHIP:	December 31, 1988	260

### FROM THE MINISTER'S RECORDS:

Baptisms	7
Funerals	13
Marriages	12

### IN MEMORIAM:

Edward A. Jones  
Hazel Sweetland  
Charles G. Baker

Respectfully submitted,  
Jacqueline C. Moore, Clerk



# Year Review

## THE YEAR IN BRIEF

### JANUARY

Church Annual Meeting authorizes:  
\*the hiring of architect to draw plans for addition  
\*participation in State Conf. program of Church Growth  
Youth Dance/West Parish Church  
Youth Sledding Party  
Guild members assist in morning worship  
Area Youth Meeting with Dr. Timothy Johnson on AIDS subject

### FEBRUARY

Meetings of Pre-School Mothers sponsored by Board of C.E.  
\*"Meditation"/The Rev. Linda Knight  
\*"Home Decorating"/Janet Derouin  
Youth Swim Party  
Guild Work Parties/Missions  
Union Ash Wednesday Service here with Groveland Church  
Candy Sale to benefit Heifer Fund  
Youth Rally at Tewksbury  
Church Growth meeting in Rowley

### MARCH

Three Pre-School Mothers programs:  
\*"Common Nursery School Problems"/Lynn Storer  
\*"Low impact Aerobics"/Amy Pingree  
\*"Stencilling"/Sandi Schauer  
Supper Club went to Great Western for dining/music  
Sr. High Youth program on prison ministry  
Jr. High "Bowl-a-thon" for Emmaus House  
Tour Social/Dessert with the Hutts showing slides  
New Members' Meetings  
Palm Sunday Reception of new members  
Clean-up work party  
Family Nigh Supper & Hymn Sing/Palm Sunday  
Maundy Thursday Union Service with Groveland

### APRIL

Easter Sunrise Service & Breakfast  
Easter Oratorio  
Paper Drive  
North East Area Church Secretary's Luncheon here  
Essex Association Pulpit Exchange/the Rev. Lester Newman

### MAY

"Broadway Belles V" musical production  
Guest Speaker at Worship/John Cuozzo on "Habitat"  
Senior Citizens Luncheon here  
Pentecost/Youth Confirmation  
Guild Banquet

### JUNE

Children's Day  
City Mission Society Night at the POPS  
Christian Education Appreciation dinner for teachers  
Graduation Sunday  
Choirs' Picnic at Gloucester  
Youth Groups' Beach Party at Wingaersheek  
Strawberry Social  
Union Services with West Boxford



The Year in Brief:

JULY/AUGUST	Union Services with the Second Congregational Church of West Boxford
SEPTEMBER	Final two Union Services Church Growth Meeting/Belleville Church, Newburyport Two evening services, incl. Rally Day with Ron Comeau Guild meeting on the history of the Town Quilt
OCTOBER	World Wide Communion Supper Club hosts the Rev. Erv Bode/presented program on the Holy Lands N.E. Area, U.C.C. Resource Day/Beverly Junior & Senior High Youth work parties for the Fair "E-I E-I O FAIR"
NOVEMBER	Paper Drive Stewardship Month Essex Assoc. Fall Meeting, Lynn/Subject: Homeless Missions Church School Organizational Meeting/Dinner for teachers Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service at St. Mary's Jr. High Youth Shopping/Theatre Party N.E. Regional meeting for Councils On Aging here Food collection for Emmaus
DECEMBER	Mini Fair Church's 256th Birthday, Dec. 4th Guild Program on SERRV, self-help crafts Church School Christmas Party/Sister Lucy, special guest All-Church gathering of gifts for H.O.M.E. Christmas Music Concert Christmas Eve Service of Candles & Carols Christmas Day Service of Worship



# Diaconate

## REPORT OF THE DIACONATE

Members of the Diaconate for 1988 were:

Co-chairmen: Jackie Moore, Frank Stewart  
Secretary: Emily Knapp  
Visitations Coordinator: Janice Murphy  
Christian Service Coordinator: Jan Spence  
Church Greeter Coordinator: Ross Kelloway  
Members: Don Ames, Charles Blanchard, JoEllen Fielding,  
Earl Johnston

Once again this year Bill and Vivian Rasmussen were our flower coordinators. Much time is spent ordering flowers and collecting money for Easter and Christmas plants along with ordering flowers and sending cards recognizing special events. We appreciate the Rasmussens' time and energy given in carrying out these responsibilities of the Diaconate.

### Monthly highlights of 1988:

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|-------------------------------|----|--|
| January:                      | 1) | JoEllen Fielding along with Betty Jo Fawley participated in a morning worship service recognizing U.C.C. women.  |
|                               | 2) | "Chariots for Church" was established to provide transportation to Sunday morning worship services.  |
|                               | 3) | A recommendation was made to pursue an intentional church growth program under the guidance of trained consultants from the state conference U.C.C.  |
| February:                     | 1) | Four "Downside-up Stories" from Luke were offered for Lenten study.  |
|                               | 2) | Ash Wednesday services were held jointly with the Groveland Congregational Church in Georgetown.   |
| March:                        | 1) | On Palm Sunday, March 27th, eleven new members joined our church.  |
|                               | 2) | Maundy Thursday, March 31st, a joint service was held with Groveland Congregational Church in Groveland.   |
| April:                        | 1) | Easter plants were delivered to shut ins.  |
|                               | 2) | Essex Association Pulpit exchange on April 24th. Rev. Lester Newman from the Essex Congregational Church was our guest preacher.   |
| May:                          | 1) | Emily Knapp and Charles Blanchard met with the confirmation class to discuss and answer questions which the youth asked pertaining to the church and membership.                                 |
|                               | 2) | On May 22nd twelve youth joined our church through confirmation of faith.  |
|                               | 3) | Special Memorial Day service recognizing all "memorial gifts" purchased since 1965.was presented.  |
| June<br>through<br>September: | 1) | Joint summer services with West Boxford began on June 19th in Georgetown and moved to West Boxford the first Sunday in August. Services returned to their respective churches on September 18th. |
| October:                      | 1) | World Wide Communion observed on the 2nd.  |
|                               | 2) | October 7th: Emily, Diaconate secretary, gave birth to Tyler!!!  |
| November:                     | 1) | Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve service at St. Mary's church.  |



REPORT OF THE DIACONATE cont'd

- December:    1) Christmas poinsettias delivered to shut ins.  
              2) Candle Light Service held on December 24th.  
              3) Christmas day service held on December 25th.

As one reads through the monthly highlights I'm sure you realize that people are giving a great deal of their time and talents in carrying out the duties of the Diaconate.

As overseers of the Memorial Fund I would like to note that we voted money to purchase the following:

- 1) Cloths for bell choir tables.
- 2) Telephone answering machine for the church.
- 3) Two outside speakers for the bell tower.
- 4) Supplies to make name tag board.
- 5) Clip on lights for bell choir music stands.
- 6) New copying machine for church office.

I wish to thank all the members of the Diaconate who delivered Guide Posts, Upper Rooms, and plants, visited with people less mobile than we are, prepared food as part of Christian service, assisted Rev. Southwick in serving communion, baptismal services and memorial services, greeted worshippers after church and prepared the church for Easter and Christmas celebrations. Also, many thanks to others who assisted us in any way.

To Rev. Southwick, I sincerely hope that we have assisted you in carrying out the spiritual work of yours and our church.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jacqueline C. Moore*  
Jacqueline C. Moore



# Christian Education

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Board of Christian Education is "responsible for the organization and supervision of the entire educational program of the Church". It is also responsible for the annual appointment of the Church School Superintendent. We are very pleased that Dorothy Holly-Blanchard was willing to be our guide for the teachers and workers for another year. She is a great help to the teachers - by holding teachers' meetings, taking over classes when teachers are unable to be present, planning the Children's Day program, and Christmas Party, and many other duties. Many thanks Dorothy.

The Church School curriculum was a subject for discussion this year because the United Church of Christ has come up with a new curriculum. Dorothy Blanchard and I went to several meetings to learn all we could about the new program, and the Board had a chance to look at it, too. Our Church School is presently using "Joy", published by the Winston Press. After comparing the two curriculums, we decided that "Joy" suited our plan for the Christian Education of our children at the present time.

Last Spring we again sponsored a series of five morning programs for Mothers of Pre-School children, with baby sitting provided by several ladies of the Church. The programs were set up by Norma Collin and Joan Chatterton.

We had several changes in our schedule this year. Children's Day went from the second Sunday in June to the first Sunday so that it would not conflict with the High School Graduation. We honored our Church Family's graduates on the second Sunday.

In the fall, it was decided to make some changes in the Church School hour in order to make it more convenient for parents to get their children and themselves to Church and Church School with less trips between home and Church. Nursery through Sixth grade classes meet from 10:30 - 11:30, the same time as the Church Service. The Fifth and Sixth graders attend Church at 10:30 and go to their class before the sermon. The Junior and Senior High School class time of 9:30-10:15 was retained.

Rally Day was again planned for an evening service. This year we had Ron Comeau, clown and puppeteer as guest. He was very entertaining for all ages. The Board has decided on a morning service for Rally Day 1989 because we feel it is better for small children.

Many thanks to everyone who helped with our Mission projects this year. At Thanksgiving - food, paper products, crayons and towels were given to Emmaus House. At Christmas, toys were given to H.O.M.E. in Orland, Maine. The money collected from our Family Night & Hymn Sing, and February Candy Sale, was sent to Heifer Fund for the purchase of bees and goats. The Church School Offering, collected on the first Sunday of each month, is used toward our mission projects.



## Report of the Board of Christian Education

We have made some improvements in Metcalf House. Thanks to the Trustees, the fire escape has been repaired, the storm windows fixed, the front doors painted, and many other things attended to. There were two work parties. One day they washed the woodwork, doors and stairs in the hall and the next day these areas were painted.

Our Church School is growing again! We want to thank the Guild women for consolidating Thrift Shop inventory, and clearing the back room - making space available for the Kindergarten class which has increased in number.

We now have wall-to-wall carpeting in two rooms downstairs; also some new tables and chairs. If you haven't been over to Metcalf House lately, please come and see our improvements.

The Board members would like to thank all the teachers, helpers and P.F. leaders for their devotion, time and caring which they have given toward the Christian Education of our young people - the future leaders of our Church.

I personally would like to thank my Board members: John Morrison, Craig Southwick, Norma Collin (who, regretfully, moved last summer to Washington, D.C.), Marge Stewart, Virginia Ryder, and our Superintendent, Dorothy Blanchard, for all their help and support during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Harding, Chairman



# School Superintendent

## REPORT OF THE CHURCH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

The primary objective of the Sunday Church School is Christian Education. All activities are geared toward that end. For the very young it means having a welcoming, hospitable space with understanding caregivers, a suitable play area and appropriate toys. The curriculum develops through use of age appropriate Bible stories, Christian concepts and related activities.

It comes as a shock to consider that a whole Church School year only involves about 30 contact hours for each student. Therefore, successful Christian Education is very dependent upon family re-enforcement of Church School lessons. Most of the time there is a study leaflet for the student to use at Church School, and to be taken home. Usually there are suggestions for family follow-up activities. These are used for classes from the three-year-olds to the Grade 6 young people. The Junior High and High School classes are more flexible in their approach. The Church School Superintendent and/or the teacher will be glad to give further information about the curriculum upon request.

The following efforts have been made to help the Church School students increase their participation in the general activities of the Church.

1. A new time schedule for the Church Worship Service, and for Church School was institutued in the Fall to encourage Family Worship, and to try to eliminate some family transportation problems.
  - a. Junior High and High School Classes meet from 9:30-10:15.
  - b. Nursery through Grade 4 meets from 10:30-11:30.
  - c. Grades 5 and 6 attend the beginning of the regular Church Worship service at 10:30 and then go to class until 11:30.
  - d. Grades 1 through 4 will attend the beginning of the Church Worship service on Sundays when the Junior Choir sings.
3. Sundays, when the whole family is encouraged to worship together for the entire service. Sometimes there will be Church School for the pre-schoolers.
2. In February Offering envelopes were distributed to all students through Junior High. It is gratifying to note that the total Church School offering has increased because the students are consciencious in bringing their offering, and also by making up for sessions missed.

We are thankful to continue to have a dedicated staff of teachers. We were sorry to lose Karen Arsenault, Lisa Skinner and Jan Spence, who served faithfully through the 1987-1988 year.

An inovation this year has been a rotating roster of Nursery Caregivers. Michele Skinner has willingly been there each Sunday; so the six registered very young children will have one familiar person there each week.



## Report of the Church School Superintendent

Our staff includes:

**SUPERINTENDENT:** Dorothy Holly-Blanchard

### NURSERY (infant to 2 years)

Cathie Southwick: Coordinating Chairman

Lee Ames

Karen LeBlanc

Shirley Powell

Judy Rotondo

Michele Skinner

#### GRADES 1 & 2

Cathie Southwick

Krista Morrison, Assistant

#### GRADES 3 & 4

Florence Hamelin

Shirley Southwick

### 3 YEAR OLDS

Lillian Pendergast

Jennifer Ritter, Assistant

#### GRADES 5 & 6

Marion Harding

### KINDERGARTEN (4 and 5 year olds)

Peggy Smith

Pamela Boynton, Assistant

#### JUNIOR HIGH

John Morrison

Joe Rawlins

Jan Robertson

Diane Townsend

MUSIC HELPER: Cynthia Bridges

#### HIGH SCHOOL

The Rev. Philip Southwick

The Church School has supported three mission activities: the Emmaus House in Haverhill at Thanksgiving, H.O.M.E. at Christmas, and the Heifer Project in the spring. We were pleased to have Sister Lucy, H.O.M.E.'s founder, and her friend Margaret, attend our Church School Christmas Party, speak to the group and to provide special delivery of the approximately 100 gifts via H.O.M.E.'s van. \$450 was raised to send a goat to Jordan through the Heifer Project. The Church School offering for the first Sunday of each month is designated for Missions. Additional funds were raised through the Valentine Candy Sale and the Family Night Sing-along Palm Sunday evening.

The CHILDREN'S DAY SERVICE was held the first Sunday in June this year, so it wouldn't interfere with Graduation Sunday. The theme was "Through the Bible with the Church School". The presentation was based on the Curriculum materials. Bibles were presented to Third and Sixth graders. The Junior High School students ushered. Both Junior High and High School students helped to distribute plants and balloons to all the children present.



## Report of the Church School Superintendent

RALLY DAY was held the last Sunday evening of September. The special speaker was Ron Comeau, as a clown, and his Jubilee Puppet Theatre. They told the wonderful story of Noah and the Ark and got the whole congregation participating with them.

CHURCH SCHOOL RESUMED the first Sunday in October. Family pre-registration was done by mail during the summer, with new registrations done Rally Day evening and as students joined the Church School. It is pleasing to have so many new families. The Church School continues to grow. Eighty students have registered. Congratulations to families who make Christian Education a priority.

ADVENT CEREMONIES were held in classes Grades 1 through 8. Advent leaflets, "An Advent Program for Your Family", were mailed to each Church School family.

The Church School Superintendent and the Chairman of the Board of Christian Education have attended the Northeast Area Christian Educators' Meetings every other month. Georgetown hosted the May meeting. Topics discussed include the new UCC Curriculum, Rally Day, Lenten Observances, Teacher Training and Mission Projects.

The UCC has developed 2 new Church School Curricula. In April, Dorothy Blanchard, Marion Harding and Shirley Southwick attended an introductory curricular meeting at the 2nd Congregational Church in North Beverly. Sample materials have been looked over by the Church School Staff and the Board of Christian Education. It was decided to stay with the "Joy" Curriculum for now.

Since Church School time is so limited, it is important to provide the very best educational environment possible. It is also important to maintain a physical plant of which students and families can be proud. As long as Metcalf House is used for Church School, it should have the same careful attention and care to both the exterior and interior conditions as the Church Building has.

The following improvements have been made at Metcalf House:

1. Wall to wall carpeting was installed in the rooms for the Nursery and the 3 year olds.
2. The hallway and stairs were painted by the following teachers and members of the Board of Christian Education; Lee Ames, Dorothy Blanchard, Marion Harding, Karen LeBlanc, Shirley Powell, Judy Rotondo and Virginia Ryder.
3. Virginia Ryder procured a new indoor/outdoor mat which has been installed at the entry door.
4. The Trustees fixed windows, doors and the fire escape. They also painted the outside doors to match the church.
5. New tables and chairs for four rooms were purchased from the proceeds of "Broadway Belles". Craig Southwick and John Morrison assembled the tables and chairs and moved the old furniture out.



## Report of the Church School Superintendent

6. The Thrift Shop was able to consolidate its inventory enough to use just one large room at Metcalf House. This gives the growing Kindergarten Class the full use of the "back" room.

This report would be incomplete without giving special thanks to the following for their support of the Church School.

1. To the Board of Christian Education who recruit teachers and initiate and help with special activities.
2. To the Diaconate for their willingness to try the new time schedule for worship.
3. To the "Broadway Belles" participants who helped to raise the funds that gave the impetus to improving the classrooms at Metcalf House.
4. To the Finance Committee for "finding" extra funds to supplement the "Broadway Belles" fund for the furniture, and for supplementing the budget for the wall-to-wall carpeting at Metcalf House.
5. To the Trustees for their efforts to improve Metcalf House's condition.
6. To the Rev. Southwick for his ready help and advice.
7. To Joan Chatterton, Church Secretary, for her help in preparing Church School newsletter information, and for developing attractive flyers for special activities.

In looking ahead, the Superintendent would like to see the following:

1. Develop, with the help of the Church Family, a Church School Mission Statement that would include general objectives followed by specific Biblical information, and concepts that students should know at specific grade levels.
2. A large percentage of responses from the Church School Evaluation Sheet that will be distributed in the Spring.
3. Continued improvement at Metcalf House.

### Future dates:

Children's Day Rehearsal - June 10, 1989 A.M.

Children's Day - June 11, 1989

Rally Day - September 17, 1989 at 10:30 A.M.

Church School will resume September 24, 1989

Dorothy Holly-Blanchard, Superintendent



# Trustees

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

Again this year (and hopefully for the last time) the Trustees deferred any major maintenance pending the decision of the Church to add on, or renovate. But don't worry, (be happy) we still kept busy.

The old vacuum for the Church has been retired to the Metcalf House and a brand new, turbo-charged Kenmore vacuum was purchased for use in the main Church building. The bell tower speaker, used for the chimes, passed on and has been replaced by two - count them - two new and improved models. Much thanks to Dwight Southwick for installation.

Some good old-fashioned Church Mice were discovered in the kitchen area. They were shown the door but they decided to stay. They were trapped and removed. (For further explanation of "trapped and removed", see Bob Knapp.)

Cleanup Day on March 26th was well-attended. The Church was buffed and polished, cleaned and waxed. A few people stayed and enjoyed lunch, prepared by the Guild. Delicious as always.

We continued to have work parties on the first Saturday, following the second Tuesday of most months. Some of the tasks accomplished at these "parties" follow:

- \* the bolts in the attic of the Church, keeping timbers from splitting, were tightened
- \* the Choir loft floor was painted a lovely shade of "Jasper"
- \* broken windows were replaced at Metcalf House
- \* the top landing on Metcalf fire escape was rebuilt
- \* wood chips were spread around the front of the Church
- \* (our thanks to the Boy Scouts who "turned over" the soil and prepared the areas where the wood chips were placed)
- \* a lot of other little jobs in both building were also attended to.

Instead of our usual plan of waiting 'till it backs up, the septic tank was pumped before we had a problem this year.

Special thanks to some non-board members for their efforts this year. To Steve Robertson for replacing the flue pipes on the furnaces, and continued "trouble shooting" of any heating problems. To Dick Leigh for general upkeep of the snowblower and lawnmower, and to Linda Flynn and her daughter, Christine, for painting the stage - ceiling to floor.

One summer Saturday, Dwight Southwick, Jim Boynton, and Bob Knapp - with the direction of Bob Kennedy - risked their necks (well not really)



## Board of Trustees Report

and replaced the roof shingles over the front steps of the Church. It sure seems higher when you're up there than when looking up from ground level.

Some new stair treads were placed on both the choir loft and balcony stairs. Battery operated lights were also placed on the balcony staircases for use during the Christmas Eve service. Thanks to Donn Chatterton for procuring these light units.

After much searching, the Board found someone to clean the front exterior of Metcalf House. His name was Splash Gordon. I have no real reason to tell you this because, as of this writing, he has not done the job. I just had to get his name in here somewhere.

Finally, it is with much regret that we have accepted the resignation of our Sextons, Dave & JoEllen Fielding. The Church will miss the hard work and care they put into keeping the buildings clean and running smoothly. Our deepest gratitude for all their time and effort.

Peronally I have enjoyed my four years on the Trustees, the last three as Chairman. I am looking forward, however, to a year off - at least one less hat to wear. My thanks to my fellow Board members for all their help and input in trying to make talk of "toilets and vacuums" interesting!

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Knapp



# Music

## REPORT OF THE MUSIC COMMITTEE

The Music Committee has had a busy 1988 with many thanks going to our Organist, Emily Knapp; Music Director and Fearless Senior Choir Director, Bob Knapp; Junior Choir and Bell Choir Director, Evelyn Boose; Junior Choir Assistant Director, Marion Harding; Junior Choir Pianist, Sigrid Morris, and Cindy Bridges, Youth Choir Director.

Some of the 1988 Highlights:

In the winter of 1987 Bob Knapp presented the choirs with a composition he wrote for Easter. It seemed impossible that we could learn something so "intense", and we often referred to it as Bob's "monster". But with many hours of hard work and fun, Bob, Em, Senior, Youth, and Bell Choirs, Narrator, and a 5-piece brass ensemble, we managed to surprise ourselves and the congregation with a magnificent performance. Our thanks go out to everyone involved, and especially to Bob for his talent and endless confidence in us.

In late May, our Organist and Music Director announced their expected arrival of a new little choir member in November.\* In an extensive search for an interim organist, it was discovered that this particular job has just about turned into a lost art. We also found that our rate of pay was not up to par. It was with this information that we recommended that our Organist and Music Director's salaries be increased to a more competitive rate. We were lucky in that our own Tom Hamelin graciously offered his talents, and we are thankful to him for helping us in our time of need. \*Our congratulations to Emily and Bob on the arrival of Tyler Robert Knapp on October 7, 1988. He hasn't missed a rehearsal yet!

The cast of "Broadway Belles V" again entertained us with song and dance, and generously donated almost \$1,000 toward a piano fund.

Our Bell Choir has been very busy this year. In addition to their performances on Sunday mornings, they have performed in Boston at the Fourth Annual Bells of New England Festival at Faneuil Hall Marketplace. They were also requested to perform at a private Christmas party in North Andover, and a wedding in Reading. These performances earned money for the Church to the tune of \$700. The Bell Choir has certainly brightened our days and now they have been brightened by the addition of new clip-on lights. We hope their ringing success continues!

On Sunday, December 11, we held a Christmas concert with the Junior, Senior and Bell Choirs which included solos by Mildred Gangloff, and Linda Flynn, also instrumental solos by Emily and Bob Knapp.

Our Junior Choir also gave an impressive performance of Silent Night, sung in German, taught to them by their accompanist, Sigrid Morris. Refreshments were served after the concert with the help of Ginny Ryder.

Our thanks to all the people who give their time and talent to the musical life of our Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna DeSisto, Chairman



# Guild

## REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S GUILD

The year 1988 began with a canceled meeting due to a storm. In February an afternoon meeting was held on a beautiful spring-like day. Work was done on hemming baby blankets and making bandages from old sheets.

The March meeting was on a cold spring night but the speaker, the Rev. Asamoah from Topsfield, was his warm, interesting self. The stories of his background, education and family life in Ghana charmed us all. The story of his arrival in this country on Christmas Eve, 1968, tells of the miracle of his life.

April brought us spring weather again. The last revised by-laws were read and a motion to omit January meetings from now on would be voted at the May meeting. Ruth Jones' sister, Rachael, gave an interesting program on cake decorating. It was with great sadness we learned of her unexpected death later in the year. A thank you note from our Minister was read belatedly - for our doination of \$500 to the Advent Offering. The Thrift Shop's great success from the hard work of Anne Low, and generous donations of clothes, makes the gift possible.

Our Annual Meeting at Spud's Restaurant was held in May with 29 present. The annual report showed that at least two of the executive meetings consisted of discussing the health and welfare of this group of senior and almost senior women. The work and lack of space in the Thrift Shop also were considered. Anne Low agreed to serve as Chairman for one more year. Mina Marble presented the following slate of officers, who were elected.

President - Betty Jo Fawley  
V. Pres. - Lillian Kelloway  
Secretary - Gertrude Pingree  
Treasurer - Norma Lawson

Executive Board:  
Virginia Ryder  
Shirley Southwick  
Lil Townsend

At this meeting we voted to increase our pledge to \$1,500 for the year thanks to income from the Shop. It was noted we have rented church dishes, and the fee is now 50¢ per setting - a real bargain, if anyone needs them. Anne Low and her faithful helper, Vi Stewart, were applauded for the year's earnings - \$2,600 - May 1987 to May 1988. The program was a very clever and interesting one - facts from past Guild records read by different members.

September was our first fall meeting and was a "New Year's Dinner" with expenses paid from the treasury at Anne Low's suggestion. Our program was an interesting one on the 1976 commemoration quilt, made by towns people. Carolyn Chamberlain was guest speaker. It was announced we do not have a Salvation Army box in town any more. Volunteers are needed to take left-overs from the shop to Rowley or Newburyport.



## Report of the Women's Guild

In October there was no meeting due to the Church Fair, at which time members baked, waited on table and tried to carry on the traditions such as peeling apples and making pies. During the year, two of the younger members of our group prepared and served luncheon on Church Cleanup day - thanks Norma Lawson and Lil Townsend.

A combined November and December meeting was held at the Church. A tribute in memory of our late departed member, Hazel Sweetland, was written and presented by Mina Hartman. The program was about Church World Service and SERV. Joan Chatterton's mother, Dot Clinton and her friend, Norma Cairns, were responsible for a delightful display of inexpensive and beautiful gifts from SERV's self-help projects from all over the world. Lots of shopping was done. We heard the history of project SERV, and its many volunteers. Anne Low announced her retirement as Shop chairman as of May 1989. It was mentioned that the Shop might become a "Church project". More room is desperately needed.

In conclusion, I will apologize for omitting our September 1987 meeting in the last Annual Report. The Hutt's pleased us with a slide show of one of their trips. We will miss them very much when they move to Pennsylvania.

A happy, healthy, peaceful and useful year is my wish to all.

Respectfully submitted,

Gertrude Pingree, Secretary

## Thrift Shop

### REPORT OF THE THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop had a very profitable year. Being open only on Fridays from 1 - 4 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., it is amazing that we managed to make \$2,800!

We gave a lot of clothes to the Salvation Army, and to needy people whenever we heard of a need - especially winter jackets, sweaters and winter hats. We received a large donation of clothes from the estate of Doris Marston, and we thank John Marston and Paul Richardson for those clothes.

I would like to thank all who helped me in the Thrift Shop; a special thank you for my "Saturday girl", Viola Stewart, who is a big help to me. I also would like to thank the people who donate clothes.

Respectfully submitted, Anne Low



# Mission Coordinator

## REPORT OF THE MISSION COORDINATOR

With our shared concern for those who are less fortunate our church continues to work together to support the various mission projects throughout the year.

### City Mission Society

On June 5 about 41 adults from the First Congregational Churches in Georgetown, Groveland and Haverhill went to Boston to attend the CMS Night at the Pops. Proceeds from this event support summer programs for low income residents young and old. "The stated purpose of the City Mission Society is to work with the urban poor towards economic, racial, and social justice."

### Church World Service and SERV

On February 23 the Ladies Guild held an afternoon sewing meeting to benefit CWS. Over 70 rolled bandages were made from old white sheets. Each rolled bandage is 6 yards long and 4 inches wide.

In May all the CWS goods were taken to Topsfield Trinity Episcopal Church to be then picked up by CWS trucks who go to New Windsor, Maryland for processing. This method of transport is only 25¢ a pound. Along with the rolled bandages we also sent used clothing, sewing kits, blankets, layettes which consisted of handmade baby afghans and handmade baby sweaters.

On December 6 the Ladies Guild hosted Norma Cairns from the Hingham Congregational Church who presented the crafts from SERV--an outreach program of CWS. SERV is a non-profit marketing organization designed to provide a major alternative sales outlet to artisans in economically developing area of the world. It was a busy shopping night with sales totaling \$500 that directly goes to the SERV Self-Help Program. The \$60 commission that Norma earns for selling SERV products was also sent directly to SERV.

### Emmaus, Inc.

On November 20 Family Sunday was celebrated during worship by bringing to church food items, cleaning and paper products, household items, and children's school snacks and supplies. Mr. Bridge's truck was filled to the brim when we delivered over 60 full bags to the Greater Haverhill's shelter for homeless families.

Also 20% of our 1988 Advent offering will be going to help Emmaus with their renovation of another building to set up a low-income rental home for many people who would otherwise be on the streets. Helping hands are always needed to babysit, carpenter work or cook meals. If you could be of assistance, call our church office or Rev. Tom Bentley at 373-7290.

On March 12 the Jr. High PF held a bowl-a-thon to raise funds for Emmaus. God Bless You Jr. High Youth!



### Habitat for Humanity

Mr. John Cuzzo, Vice President of the Lawrence Project, Habitat for Humanity was our guest speaker on May 15. Relying on volunteers, Habitat for Humanity builds houses for people in need all over the world. Our nearest Habitat projects are in Lawrence and Saugus. Currently, a house in the U.S. under this program averages \$28,000 which makes it affordable for low income families. Funding from individuals, churches, corporations, foundations and other organizations are essential to make this program work. About 20% of our 1988 Lenten offering which amounted to \$440.80 was donated to the Habitat for Humanity project.

### Heifer Project International

The Board of Christian Education in cooperation with the Sunday School Department raised \$450 for a goat to be sent to Jordan. The monies were collected from a February candy sale, a family covered dish supper, and the Sunday School collections from the first Sunday of each month. Our church has been involved in this project for over 20 years. People pass on the first off-spring from their Heifer animal to another family in need and the gift of love goes on and on.

Also we discovered this year that postage stamps benefit HPI. About four times a year we have sent cancelled postage stamps to a local volunteer in Ft. Wayne, Indiana where they are sold to a stamp dealer. Proceeds go to Heifer Project to assist with agricultural development in various needy countries. Stamps may include all foreign, U.S. airmail, common of all values, commemorative, embossed, Christmas and other stamps. The volunteers trim and sort the stamps into about 7 or 8 categories and then place them in grocery bags. When full, the bags are sealed for transport. Stamps are sold to other dealers and collectors. One recent load of stamps sold for several hundred dollars which could have been transformed into all of the following: a plow and harrow for a farmer in Zambia; a water buffalo to provide draft power and milk for a family in Thailand; three rabbits for a family in the Dominican Republic; 10 hens for a farmer in St. Vincent Island who lost heavily in a hurricane; and 15 ducklings for a farm family in Haiti.

### H.O.M.E.- Homemakers Organized for more Employment

All during the year we send boxes of warm clothing to the people at H.O.M.E. Through a relative of Sister Lucy, the founder of H.O.M.E. we are able to make arrangements for transportation. On Dec. 18 Sister Lucy herself arrived at our church in time to enjoy our Sunday School Christmas Party where there were 100 wrapped Christmas toys for the children at H.O.M.E. Without our support at this time of year, the children of Orland, Maine that stay at H.O.M.E. wouldn't have had any Christmas presents.



### Kidney Foundation

Pull tab rings from beverage cans are being saved for the KIDney Foundations. They will purchase hours on a dialysis machines for victims of kidney diseases. As of this date our church has purchased 14 hours of dialysis time for a young college student who badly needs the dialysis time. There is a collection box in the church office for these pull tab rings and thanks to Millie Gangloff for making sure they get to the Kingston, H.H. Boy Scouts for this purpose. For every 1,000 pull tab equals 1 free hour of kidney dialysis.

### Missionary Society

A small group of dedicated ladies meet 5 or 6 times a year to keep The Women's Missionary Society going at our church under the direction of Mina Hartman. Please see their report for their contributions to various charities.

### United Church of Christ

On May 8 an all church offering was taken for One Great Hour of Sharing which supports our foreign missions in relief and development work. On October 9 an all church offering for Neighbors in Need was taken to support our denomination's mission within our own country.

Due to the devastation from the earthquake in Armenia 50% of our Xmas Eve offering and specified donations totaling \$1430 will be sent to the Armenia Relief Fund.

### The Window

The Window serves as a collection and recycling center of various items for other organizations, both local and worldwide in their services. All through the year we have sent used plastic pill bottles, used greeting cards and used eyeglasses. The used plastic pill bottles are sent to a medical missionary hospital clinic in Liberia, West Africa. The used eyeglasses are used by the VOSH-Indiana project in Central America. The used greeting cards go to Christian Salvage for overseas missions. Due to the weight of the greeting cards we will discontinue collecting these as the postage is too high. Please continue bringing in the used eyeglasses, plastic pill bottles and the stamps and they will be sent to The Window.

Thank you for all your generous donations to help our neighbors near and far.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Boynton



## Missionary Society

### REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Another year has rolled by. The Missionary Society continues to meet, although our membership is small. This is an opportunity for us to get together for dessert, conversations, and discussions on various subjects.

We have been very fortunate to have had pictures of various parts of the world, shown to us on the screen by Janet Derouin, at several of our meetings.

The Missionary Society continues to contribute to the Church in a small way. For the above reasons we feel that it is important that we meet regularly, even 'though our group is small.

Mina Hartman



# Fair

## FAIR CHAIRMEN REPORT

### "E-I-E-I-O FAIR"

Another very successful Fair has come and gone, and once again we reap the blessings both financially and spiritually. Our church budget once again enjoys the fruits of hard work which almost 100% of our Church membership pull together and strive for.

Although the financial rewards are always appreciated, the true meaning of a Fair is the fellowship and new friendships which seem to blossom during the year, but most noticeable during the weeks before the Fair. It is always fun to see what goes on those last few days before the doors open for business on Friday morning.

We would like to thank all our Chairmen and table workers for their hard work and dedication. Thanks also to Donn and Joan for the extra time and effort they devote, and the moral support they lent to us.

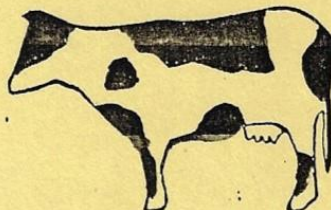
A big thanks to our husbands, Dwight and Bob, for putting up with us, and also for their love and support.

We hope that each and everyone of you gained something special through your work on the "E-I-E-I-O FAIR", and trust that this spirit will linger in your hearts until our next Church Fair!

Much love and thanks,

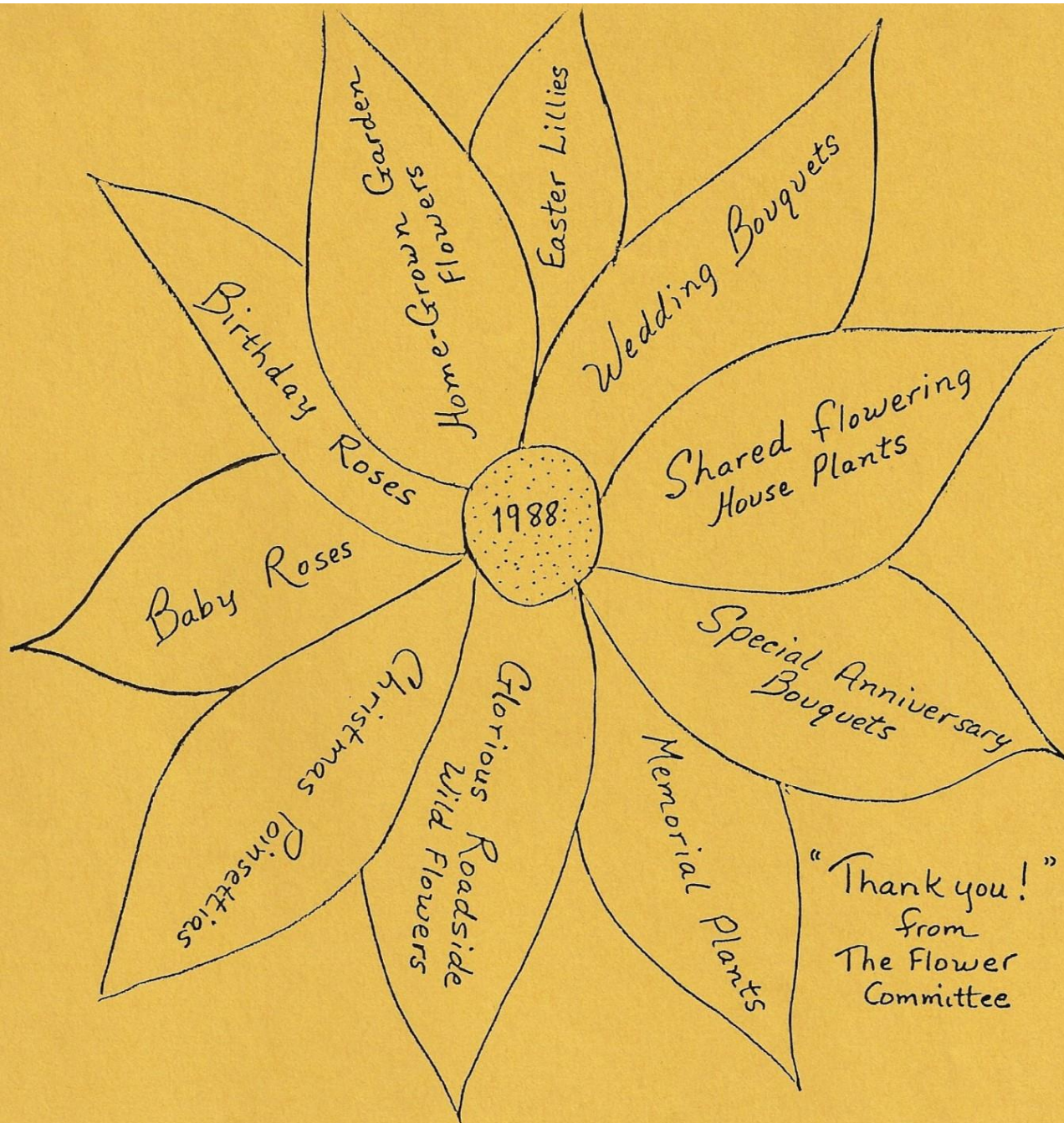
Tracy and Emily

The Fair's Grand Total: \$11,477.30!





## Flowers



### FLOWER COMMITTEE:

January/February	Joan Chatterton	8033	(Coordinator)
March	Millie Gangloff	2698	
April	Donna DeSisto	7067	
May	Whitley Daly	6869	
June	Lillian Grissino	8086	
July	Lillian Kelloway	2811	
September	Molly Taylor	8621	
October	Carol Pierce	2364	
November	Debbie Lane	8536	
December	Diaconate		



# Social

## REPORT OF THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE HOUR HOSTESSES FOR 1989 ARE:

FEBRUARY	Shirley Powell	JULY	Guest Hostesses
MARCH	Shirley Morrison	OCTOBER	Lee Ames
APRIL	Ingrid Rollins	NOVEMBER	Sandi Schauer
MAY	Anna Tozier	DECEMBER	Guest Hostesses
JUNE	Sue & Nat Tidd	JANUARY '90	Beth Arsenault

Remember when Sunday morning "Coffee Hour" was just that - coffee?! Many, many thanks to our wonderful Hostesses, and to all those who donated their time or effort!

Our old kitchen floor came to life under the T.L.C. of the Fielding family, and the new rug at the kitchen door helped keep it that way.

The Church was "home to" several Memorial Service Receptions and a few bridal/baby showers this year. Life has a way of balancing out things.

Punch and the Fellowship Hour, after the Christmas Eve Service, continues to be well-attended; we will do it again!

Respectfully submitted,  
Virginia Ryder, Coordinator



Auditor

January 25, 1988

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

Respectfully,

AUDITING COMMITTEE

*Virginia R. Rogers*  
*Caroline E. Shuehan*



## Collector

### PLEDGING STATISTICS

We had 110 pledges for 1988:

From those pledges -

88	paid in full
16	nearly paid
2	half paid
2	very little paid
1	nothing paid
1	moved (paid in full up to date of move)

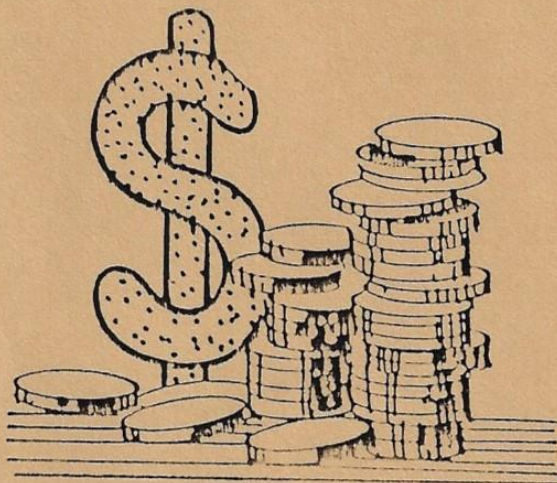
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There is a balance due of \$2,252 from the above pledges

It is hoped that this report will inspire people to  
start paying up their 1988 pledge.

Thank You!





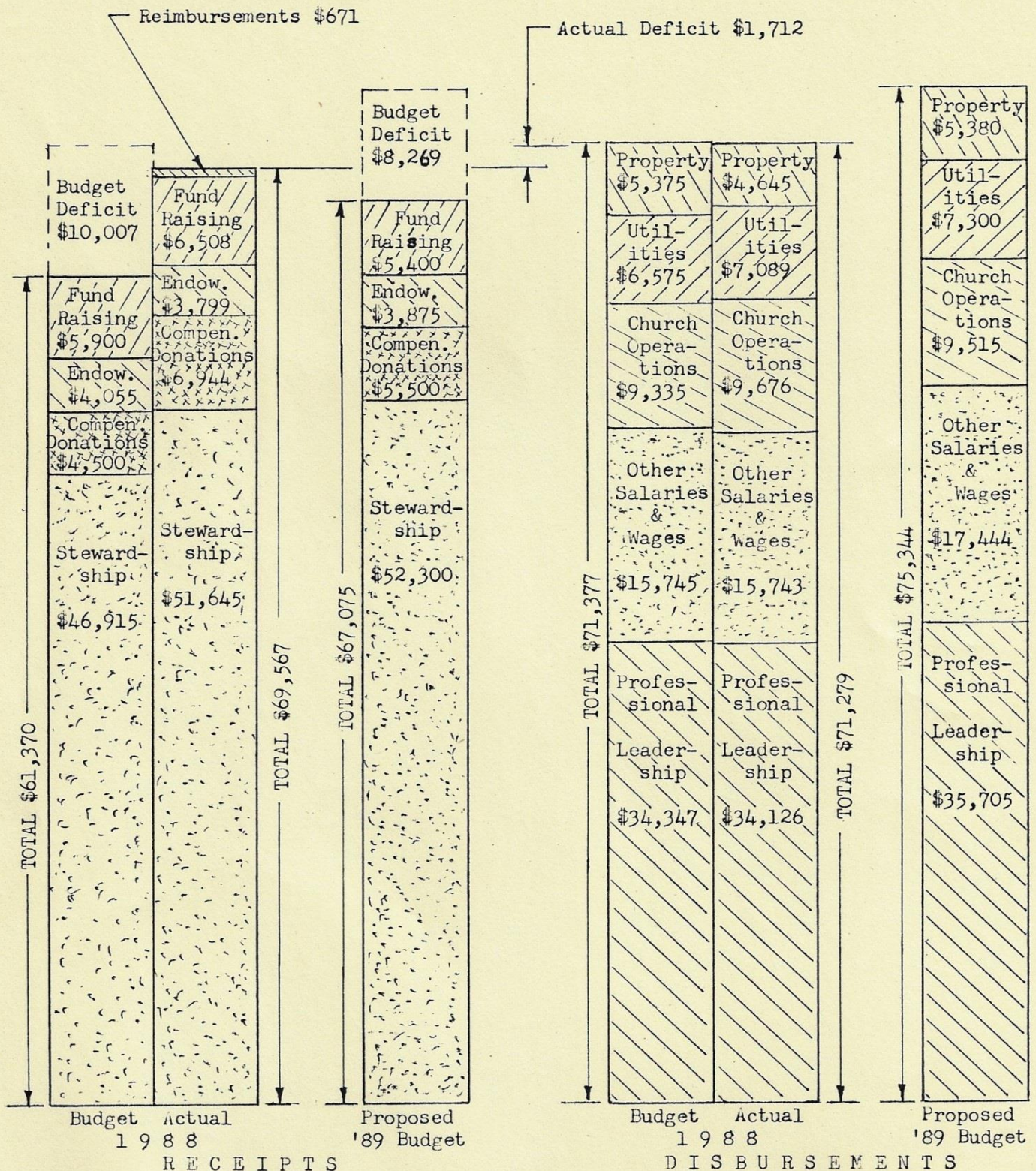
# Treasurer / Budget

1988 FINANCIAL REPORTS

## CURRENT EXPENSE SUMMARY

Scale: 1" = \$10,000

(Details are available from the Treasurer or Finance Committee)



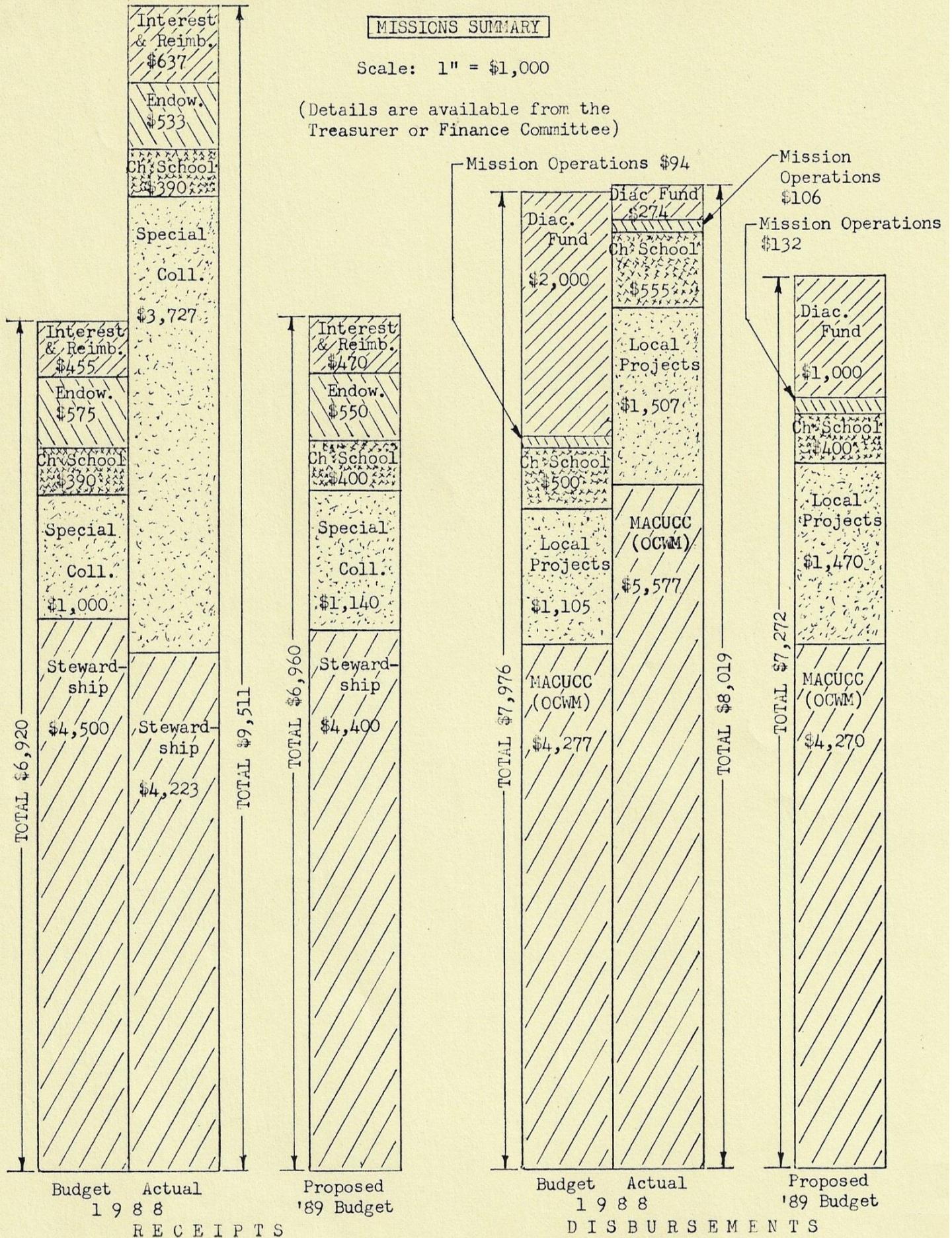


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## MISSIONS SUMMARY

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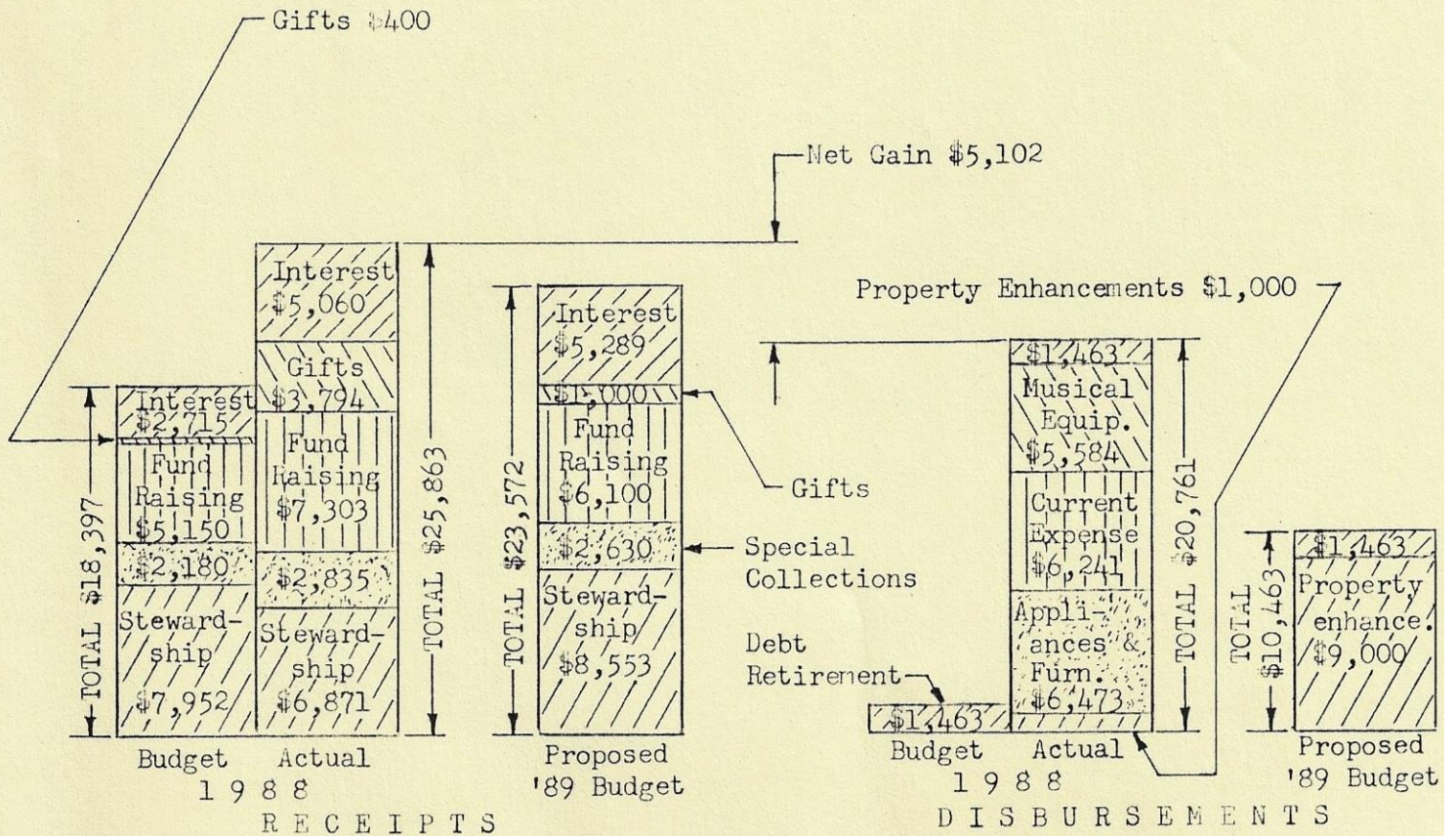




# 1988 FINANCIAL REPORTS

## CAPITAL OUTLAY SUMMARY

Scale: 1" = \$10,000





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## GRAND TOTALS

## CAPITAL OUTLAY STATUS AT YEAR END

Capital Outlay Receipts \$25,863	Capital Outlay Disbursements \$14,561
Missions Receipts \$9,511	Missions Disbursements \$8,019
Current Expense Receipts \$69,567	Current Expense Disbursements \$71,279
GRAND TOTAL RECEIPTS \$104,941	
GRAND TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$93,859	

Respectfully submitted,

Muriel R. Gordon, Treasurer  
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Allan R. Barlow,  
Calvin H. Pingree,  
Harris B. Rogers, Finance Committee

Building Fund \$11,865	
Reserve Fund \$17,944	
Organ \$3,012	
Metcalf Exterior \$3,483	
Heating System \$9,336	
Sanctuary & Narthex \$2,262	
Not Allocated \$12,413	
Architect \$551	
Broadway Belles \$1,051	
Not Allocated \$13,531	
Memorial Fund \$5,431	
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUNDS AT YEAR END \$80,879	