# ANNUAL REPORT 2024



The First Congregational Church of Georgetown, Inc. 7 Andover Street Georgetown, MA 01833

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#### **ANNUAL MEETING WARRANT 2024**

The First Congregational Church of Georgetown, Inc. 7 Andover Street, Box 200, Georgetown, MA 01833

January 14, 2024

In accordance with Our Congregation's Constitution and By-laws, the members and friends of The First Congregational Church of Georgetown, Inc. are advised that the Annual Meeting will be held in the Church edifice immediately following the service of worship on Sunday, January 28, 2024 to act on the following articles:

Article I: To receive the reports of the individual Council Members and their teams and any others requested by the Council with the exception of the "2023 Financial Report and Proposed 2024 Budget", and the "Nomination Report" or take any other related action;

Article II: To receive the 2023 Financial report, to hear the Finance Team's proposed 2023 budget, and to approve a budget for 2024 or take any other related action;

Article III: To receive and hear the "Nomination Report" and call persons to fill Council and Team vacancies or take any other related action;

Article IV: To hear and act on any other business relative to Our Congregation and its property. By Direction of Our Congregation's Council

Toni Cassidy Clerk

#### ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES 2024 - JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2024, ZOOM

Michelle Brock, Moderator opened the meeting welcoming all and encouraged congregants to ask questions and participate in conversation.

Meeting called to order at 11:38 a.m. the meeting was held via ZOOM, online | Attendance was taken, 29 in attendance. Holly Brauner, Pastor led the congregation in prayer.

**Article I:** To receive the reports of the individual Council Members & their teams and any others requested by the Council with the exception of the "2023 Financial Report and Proposed 2024 Budget", and the "Nomination Report" or take any other related action;

Rachal Angerhofer – Madame Moderator

I move that the congregation receive the reports of the individual Council Members and their teams and any others requested by the Council, except for the 2023 Financial Report, the Proposed 2024 Budget, and the 2023 Nomination Report.

Bob Knapp Seconds the motion.

Moderator – It is moved and seconded that the congregation receive the reports of the individual council members and their teams and any others requested by the Council, except for the 2023 Financial Report, the Proposed 2024 Budget and the 2023 Nomination Report.

Moderator - Is there any other discussion?

Toni Cassidy – I would like to amend the Clerk Report to reflect the corrected number of active members to 81.

Moderator – The question is on the adoption of the motion that the congregation receive the reports of the individual council members and their teams and any others requested by the Council, except for the 2023 Financial Report, the Proposed 2024 Budget, and the 2023 Nomination report.

All in favor? Apposed?

Motion carries.

**Article II:** To receive the 2023 Financial report, to hear the Finance Team's proposed 2023 budget, and to approve a budget for 2024 or take any other related action;

George Comiskey - Madame Moderator

I move that the congregation accept the 2023 Financial report and approve the proposed 2024 budget as presented in the section titled "Report of the Finance team" included in the 2023 annual reports

Rachal Angerhofer seconds the motion.

Moderator – It is moved and seconded that the congregation accept the 2023 Financial report and approve the proposed 2024 budget as presented in the section titled "Report of the Finance team" included in the 2023 annual reports.

Moderator - Is there any other discussion?

Moderator - The question is on the adoption of the motion that the congregation accept the 2023 Financial report and approve the proposed 2024 budget as presented in the section titled "Report of the Finance team" included in the 2023 annual reports.

All in favor? Apposed?

Motion carries.

**Article III:** To receive and hear the "Nomination Report" and call persons to fill Council and Team vacancies or take any other related action;

Rich Brock – Madam Moderator

I move that the congregation receive the the 2023 Nomination Report and call persons to fill Council and Team vacancies.

Toni Cassidy seconds the motion.

Moderator – It is moved and seconded that the congregation receive and hear the 2023 Nomination Report and call persons to fill Council and Team vacancies.

Moderator - Is there any other discussion

Michelle Brock – My role of Moderator was agreed upon for one year as the three-year commitment I couldn't do. There are Council positions open: Moderator, Diaconate Chair and Property Chair. Team openings for Diaconate and Christian Development, we are asking for volunteers to fill these positions.

Moderator – The question is on the adoption of the motion that the congregation receive and hear the 2023 Nomination Report and call persons to fill Council and Team vacancies.

All in favor? Apposed?

Motion carries.

Article VI: To hear and act on any other business relative to Our Congregation and its property.

Motion to adjourn Bob Knapp – 12:00 pm.

Rich Brock seconds.

Michelle Brock, Moderator adjourns meeting.

Respectfully submitted by, Toni Cassidy, Clerk

#### **ANNUAL MEETING WARRANT 2025**

The First Congregational Church of Georgetown, Inc.

January 15, 2025

7 Andover Street, Georgetown, MA 01833

In accordance with Our Congregation's Constitution and By-laws, the members and friends of The First Congregational Church of Georgetown, Inc. are advised that the Annual Meeting will be held in the Church edifice immediately following the service of worship on Sunday, January 26, 2025 to act on the following articles:

Article I: To receive the reports of the individual Council Members and their teams and any others requested by the Council with the exception of the "2024 Financial Report and Proposed 2025 Budget", and the "Nomination Report" or take any other related action;

Article II: To receive the 2024 Financial report, to hear the Finance Team's proposed 2024 budget, and to approve a budget for 2025 or take any other related action;

Article III: To receive and hear the "Nomination Report" and call persons to fill Council and Team vacancies or take any other related action;

Article IV: To see if Our Congregation will, by a two thirds or more majority vote, amend section 5.0 of version 5.1 of the Constitution and By-laws by adding the italicized sections below:

#### 5.0 CORPORATE ORGANIZATION

Our Congregation shall be governed by a Council made up of the Pastor, Moderator, Clerk, Member at Large, Chair of the Diaconate Team, Chair of the Christian Development Team, Chair of the Property Team and Chair of the Finance Team.

Until rescinded by a 2/3 majority vote of the Council, the Christian Development Team Chair shall be replaced by second member of the Diaconate Team, selected by the Diaconate Team.

The Council shall be assisted by four teams entitled Diaconate, Christian Development, Property, and Finance.

Until rescinded by a 2/3 majority vote of the Council, the Duties, Procedures, and Requirements of the Christian Development Team shall become the responsibility of the Diaconate Team.

or take any other related action;

Article V: To hear and act on any other business relative to Our Congregation and its property. By Direction of Our Congregation's Council

Toni Cassidy

Poni Cassidy

Clerk

#### PASTOR'S REPORT 2024

As I come to the end of my time here at FCC, I will be forever grateful for the opportunity to be your pastor. I have learned so much from you all. You are a people of great commitment to this faith community. Focused on keeping things alive and active in this place, you always seem to have the energy for another gathering. It has been fun and enlightening walking with you these past 4 years.

#### Here are the highlights from the past year:

During Lent we studied Fr. Richard Rohr's devotional, *Wondrous Encounters*. We met Sundays after worship to explore concepts Fr. Richard introduced, wondering where we find ourselves in these writings.

Easter came early this year! So, the morning bonfire at Camp Leslie was especially appreciated! Watching the sunrise, watching geese land and take off from the pond, or foxes run past in the woods, and once the fire is lit, standing with hands over the flames, just far enough away so my gloves don't catch fire. And as you all arrived and gathered round, we reflected on God's bounty in Jesus's resurrection, our sign the God's love endures all things and we are held close by that love, always.

I have appreciated one on one conversations with many of you over the course of the year. Impromptu meetings at church, my study or the hallway. I am always grateful when folks stop by the church, especially when time is taken to say hello and visit for a few. These are not always light conversations, but often explore some deep notions and questions. All good, each one leading to something new. Such is the work of church!

During the month of May we studied four different "Marys" found in the New Testament. As I led this sermon series on the "Mary month of May." I had some very good follow-up conversations with folks who learned many new tidbits about these often-overlooked Biblical characters. I find preparing a sermon series to be motivating and inspiring and I believe that many of you enjoy them as much as I like putting them together.

In early May I had the privilege of leading worship for the staff at Lazarus House in Lawrence. I had been invited by their leadership who had come to the Women's Guild earlier in the year. And then I was invited to provide the Invocation at their annual Hike for Hope which happens each fall.

Also in May, I was invited to lead the opening prayer at Georgetown's Memorial Day parade. Together with other clergy in town, we walked with veterans and their families and friends through the rain up and down Main and Central Streets, pausing to pray at the various memorials.

Ours was a quiet summer here with continued Wednesday evening worship, each beginning with a light supper. We had the usual informal worship experience, with some time for Bible

Jeopardy, Prayer bead making, making Mandalas, some time for yoga and Qi-Gong. I wonder if this coming summer might be a good opportunity to return to Sunday morning worship.

A most exciting endeavor this year has been working with some of you on pursuing becoming a W.I.S.E. Congregation. (Welcoming, Inclusive, Engaged and Supportive of mental health) This is a UCC-led program of learning how to more deeply engage with mental health aspects of the greater community. It seems to me that this church is well poised to identify this as the new direction and focus of its mission and vision for the future. As you may remember, in 2023, you all voted on a new Vision statement that focused on health and wellness of this and the greater community. W.I.S.E. congregation work fits very squarely within this vision. I pray that 2025 brings you some clarity to this vision and this work.

The Ecumenical Thanksgiving service was held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on Jewett St. here in Georgetown. While I could not be there due to a death in my family, others from FCC attended and found it inspiring. What a great tradition that intentionally brings clergy and faith communities together for a time of worship.

I consider it a privilege to walk with a family as they grieve a death of a loved one and process this loss. This past year I led funerals or memorial services for Brian Stead, Lillian Sanford, and Caryl Face. No amount of training or reading can prepare us for some things, only time together in prayer, silence and conversation can eventually bring comfort and maybe someday, clarity. In all this I encourage those left on this earth to seek God's love always, often found in the next person who calls or shows up at their door.

I also have the privilege, from time to time, of baptizing those new to the fold. This fall I baptized Vivienne DeCarvalho, and my great niece and nephew, Charlotte Herrick and Walter McKernan.

Bible study remains a high point of my weekly duties. We continue to meet on ZOOM to allow folks far away to stay involved. This past year we worked through more of the Old Testament, such as 1 and 2 Kings, much of Ezekial and onto Mark for Advent and Epiphany.

I have noted, as have some of you, that outside groups such as the various Scout troops, are using the church facility more and more. This is such a blessing! While we may not have children in worship often, as young families are choosing other activities, including valuable family time on Sunday mornings, we do have young people here during the week. These young folks are learning about caring for God's green earth and each other with dedicated leaders who teach compassion, empathy and service to the greater good of humanity. What a great way to use this space we call FCC @ 7 Andover St.

Thank you, dear good people of FCC, for welcoming me into your world as your pastor. I will leave with a heart full of good memories of working and walking alongside you as you discern God's path for this community. I pray that your hearts will continue to be generous and open to

new things that might happen here. I pray too that you grow in the confidence of God's love for each of you and that you respond in kind for this gift of love.

We find in the gospel of Luke a reminder of what God has in store for us, just as we each give to the glory of God's world, "... it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back. (Luke 6:38)

In Faith, Rev. Holly S Brauner

#### CLERK REPORT 2024

During 2024 Council and Teams continued to meet in person and with the ZOOM option still available as well. Church services were held in the sanctuary and also through ZOOM, another great job by the ZOOM Team that continues to bring the services to our home audience.

The Mission's Team continues to support the surrounding community and is currently working on becoming a W.I.S.E. church. Another successful H.O.M.E. of Maine Christmas drive was also sponsored by Missions. Missions continues to reach out to the community – job well done. More in their report.

Knitting group continued with Ruth Soper. The church celebrated our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a historical sermon from Chris Comiskey.

The Strawberry Social was held in June, the weather cooperated, the Church Band played and brought some great entertainment to the group that gathered. Many people were happy to fellowship and enjoy the beautiful evening. Summer Services returned on Wednesday evenings.

Our Annual Fall Fair was held in October; again, the Boy and Girl Scouts were very helpful with set up and take down for the fair. The Turkey Dinner on Saturday evening was a great conclusion of a successful fair. Thank you to all the volunteers that make this a fun and successful fundraiser.

An updated church directory was compiled.

Christmas Eve service was held at 7:00 pm.

We continue to reach out to the community to support financial and spiritual needs.

Baptism:

Vivienne Rose DeCarvalho, parents Emily and Kevin DeCarvalho. Charlotte Heidi Herrick, parents Carolyn and Cody Herrick Walter Sawyer McKeran, parents Becka and Steve McKerna

Our church family lost beloved members: Eleanor E. (Perley ) Metcalf Brian Richard Stead Caryl E. Face

Thank you to all the Teams, Holly and Congregants for the continued support, leadership, friendship and love that fills our church and our hearts.

Respectfully submitted by,

Toni Cassidy, Clerk

#### CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT (CD) TEAM ANNUAL REPORT 2024

The Christian Development Team had an interesting and productive year, including the Star Island Scholarship, Movie Nights, JT Turner, and Graduation Sunday. Here are some highlights:

Karen Harris: Karen Harris joined our team in 2024, and we're very grateful for her help.

**Star Island Scholarship/Grant:** Using the Star Island Scholarship/Grant fund, we decided to offer four (individual or family) \$500 scholarships to the summer camp of the applicants' choice each year. The team decided that middle or high school students would be given priority, but adult applicants would also be considered.

Two scholarship applications were prepared – one specifically for Star Island, and one for other summer programs – and put up on the FCC Georgetown website. We received three applications (two individuals, and one from two brothers), and were able to help send scholarship recipients to Tree Top Summer Camp, Maine High Adventures, and Hidden Valley Boy Scout Camp (helping the recipient to continue work on achieving Eagle Scout status).

**J.T. Turner:** J.T. joined us in April for his one-man show on Robert Frost, "Light and Dark," and in December for his one-man show, "A Christmas Carol." Both plays were (as always) beautifully performed and well-received. Cookies and beverages were served at intermission.

Other events during the year:

**Super Bowl Sunday:** The CD team, with the wonderful help of our friends, raised money by making subs for Super Bowl Sunday. Many thanks to Toni Cassidy for her kind donation of time and ingredients!

**Easter:** Instead of an Easter egg hunt this year, the we put together Easter packages (toys and candy) for children in the congregation. The children enjoyed their treats, and remaining packages were given to Community Giving Tree for local children in need.

**Graduation Sunday (June 9th):** We celebrated the accomplishments of this year's graduates (Alecia Balduf, Holly Harris, Hannah Lamoreaux, and Lila Schneider) at the Graduation Sunday service. Hannah led the Call to Worship and opening prayers.

**Blessing of the Animals (6/30):** Our annual Blessing of the Animals service was well-attended and well-received by both 2-legged and 4-legged congregants. Animals attended in person, or by photo. \$100 was raised for MSPCA at Nevins Farm, as well as donations of pet supplies.

**Movie Nights:** The CD team hosted some wonderful movies this year, including "The Holdovers," "The Boys in the Boat," "Overcomer," and "Dog." Popcorn and pizza were served, and great fun was had.

**Wired Word:** The Wired Word provides Bible study material that links current events to appropriate scripture. We offered several Wired Word discussions this year. Unfortunately,

these were not well-attended (although those who attended found the discussions interesting and useful), and we made the decision to discontinue them in the Fall.

**Consolidation With the Diaconate Team:** In October, the Christian Development team made the decision to consolidate our responsibilities with the Diaconate Team. We presented our idea to the Council, and the motion will be voted on at the Annual Meeting. Many thanks to all who have served with, and helped, the Christian Development team in the past, and we look forward to working with the Diaconate in the future.

#### Respectfully Submitted,

The Christian Development Team (Rich Brock, Karen Harris, and Marie Birdsall-Chaffee)

#### **DIACONATE REPORT 2024**

The Diaconate started the 2024 year thanking Pam Sheehan for serving on the team over the years. Pam also volunteered to continue assisting with cards and birthday flowers, which was much appreciated. Thank you, Pam!!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner was planned with a brief service offering ashes. Christian Development was asked to partner with Diaconate in hosting the dinner.

Pastor Holly planned and led a Lenten study series exploring the book Wondrous Encounters by Richard Rohr. Maundy Thursday Service was held on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Toni ordered palms for Palm Sunday. With assistance from Emily Knapp and Christian Development, a beautiful sunrise service was held a Camp Leslie followed by breakfast back at church. Alecia played French horn with Bob and Alecia playing together for hymns. Tom Johnson handled the fire. Band and bells played on Easter Sunday. An Easter egg hunt was not held this year. Easter Lillies were purchased and distributed with cards. Christian Development made activity bags for kids which was a great addition to the service.

George Comisky covered the service on April 9<sup>th</sup> while Holly was on vacation. George also joined the Pastoral Relations Team.

Kirsten Davis agreed to coordinate food and transportation needs coordination. The team with be working with the congregation to start an emergency meal freezer.

Bob has been coordinating readers for Sunday services.

Pastor Holly created a sermon series in May focused on "the Mary's" called the "Mary Month of May".

On May 19<sup>th</sup> a group walked with 'Team Forever Young' at the Lungstrong 5k walk in Danvers raising money for lung cancer research in honor of Karen Young.

The Strawberry Social was held on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Due to very hot and unpredictable weather the Social was held indoors with a band concert in the Narthex.

Graduation Sunday was celebrated on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

Summer services were held on Wednesday evenings from 7/10 - 9/4. Next year we will put up a sign outside letting folks know that services take place on Wednesdays instead of Sundays in the summer and welcoming the community to join us.

We attempted to have a table at Georgetown's Walk by Moonlight. However, the weather and planning were not favorable for our participation but could be something to consider in the future if some adjustments are made to the event.

Pastor Holly led the congregation in a Service of Healing on September 29<sup>th</sup>.

World Communion Sunday was observed with 3d stations with different options at each including: pineapple and water, lavash and grape juice, and corn bread and orange juice.

Rev. Marie Lucca led us in worship on October 13 th when Pastor Holly was away with a service focused on the meaning of Home.

November 3<sup>rd</sup> was a Service of Remembrance with candles and photos highlighting those that remain in our hearts.

The Just Peace Players led worship on November 17<sup>th</sup> with their presentation focused on justice and the environment.

The greening of the church was scheduled for December 1<sup>st</sup> with an arrangement of fresh greens to decorate in honor of our 150<sup>th</sup> celebration. Poinsettias were planned for delivery on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

We celebrated our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary on December 8<sup>th</sup> with music from the band and a special historical presentation given by Chris Comiskey. We had visitors from the community join celebrating the historic moment in Georgetown history.

JT Turner returned to FCC Georgetown on December 15<sup>th</sup> to perform his one man show of A Christmas Carol.

Candlelight Christmas Eve service was held at 7pm with music from bell choir and band.

We enjoyed a brunch in Fellowship Hall on December 29<sup>th</sup> with a carol sing.

Pastor Holly shared that she will be leaving FCC Georgetown to follow her calling from Congregational Ministry toward spiritual care through Hospice. We wish Pastor Holly all of the best in the next leg of her journey. The Diaconate and other church leaders will work together along with support from the Conference in planning next steps for FCC Georgetown ministry.

Respectfully, Rachel Angerhofer

#### PROPERTY REPORT 2024

Team members; Tom Johnson and Jo Anne Kelly Sextant: Kim Knapp

The property team has monitored building issues as they arise and has provided maintenance as needed.

Furnace filters have been replaced quarterly and the valves have been flushed out. In February there was a report that the heat was not coming on. Stockard was called and they came and replaced the igniter. They also came and fixed some wiring on the controls of the furnace.

Light bulbs have been replaced as needed throughout the building.

Tom fixed the baseboard in the Fellowship Hall that had come loose.

National Grid came in September to change the gas meter.

Mammoth Fire Protection came to inspect the sprinkler system and some issues were detected. They found corroded fittings and an air valve leaking. They will be returning to remedy the situation.

A new vacuum cleaner was purchased for the sextant.

Tom regularly mowed the lawn in the summer and maintained the lawn care equipment. The flower beds were weeded in the fall by church members. Our neighbor, John Face, once again helped out with raking and leaf removal. He also trimmed out the front sign with stones and edgers.

Snow removal has been done as needed.

The leftovers from the White Elephant sale are continually being taken to various donation centers. Household items were donated to the Northeast Veteran's Outreach Center in Haverhill and they were thrilled to get them.

Upcoming Issues for 2025:

A deep cleaning of the kitchen has been suggested. We will look into having that done. Tom will continue to seek advice about some rot on the front facade of the church.

We should look into painting the front of the church, and replace missing siding on the steeple. The gutters need to be evaluated on the corner of the building by the back door. The siding on the addition needs to be power washed.

The building continues to be used by Early Intervention, the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and the Georgetown Theatre Workshop.

We also hosted two recitals this past year.

Respectfully submitted by Jo Anne Kelly

#### **MISSONS REPORT 2024**

In 2024 the Missions Team led efforts to support local organizations such as the Senior Center, Our Neighbor's Table, and Community Giving Tree. Ruth Soper continued with the knitting group. The Men's Group organized a spaghetti dinner to benefit Fostering Hope. A portion of Lenten offerings went to supporting newly arrived migrants and immigrants with grocery gift cards. For Advent a portion of offerings supported Fostering Hope for restaurant gift cards for children waiting for placement.

The Missions Team had a table at the Fall Fair and had pens, tote bags, prayer squares, and cookbooks available for visitors.

We, along with a larger group from the congregation decided to explore W.I.S.E. Church: W.I.S.E. (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, Engaged) is a UCC-sponsored mental health network designed to help those with mental health challenges to feel safe and free from judgment. W.I.S.E. is in keeping with our Vision Statement. In order to be accredited as a W.I.S.E. Church, we will need to go through training and a series of ten steps, which will take about a year to complete. We have brought together a team to discuss how FCC Georgetown could live into this program and serve our community.

Several of us attended the Northeast Association Spring meeting on Sunday, May 5th in Beverly at the Second Congregational Church to hear a presentation about WISE church to learn more. The initial WISE Church team created a survey asking about community needs and made this available for folks to complete at the fair. Many people completed surveys during the Fall Fair. Leading topics people were interested in included anxiety and depression, and caregiver support. These results will help the team determine areas of focus to present to the larger congregation for discussion to decide whether we support this initiative.

Respectfully, Rachel Angerhofer

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

The Stewardship Team of the First Congregational Church of Georgetown would like to thank all those who pledged and gave of their time, talent, and treasures during the year. Truly the outpouring of "Love" continues to be demonstrated throughout the congregation and its work in the greater community and the world at large.

This year's theme of love manifested in so many ways, including in another successful FCC church fair. We appreciate the stewardship message of Carol Lutes who recognized all the love she sees with church members interacting with each other.

Finally, we would like to give special thanks to Reverend Holly for her assistance with stewardship every year and wish her well in her next chapter in life. She has been a remarkable asset to the Team and her inspiration has been a shining light to us all.

Blessings from Toni Cassidy, Sylvia Johnston, George Comiskey

#### WOMEN'S GUILD

Our spring 2024 kickoff meeting in March featured Armchair Travel with members of our group. Rev. Holly and Carol Lutes created for us their images of Iceland, and Nancy Aberman showed us great pictures captured in Costa Rica and the UK. We hosted a member of Georgetown's Police Department at our April meeting who gave us the straight story on scamming and how we can protect ourselves from the myriad forms it takes. This was an important program for everyone as seniors are very often targeted.

In May we welcomed members of the Just Peace Players who performed their original drama, "Hey, Save the Earth", an imaginary tale of birds and animals. This meeting was open to guests from the community. Our final spring meeting in June was held at the Roma Restaurant in Bradford where we enjoyed lunch and a version of a Yankee Swap with trendy gifts from the Dollar Store! Judy Robilland gave each of us a lovely "Today's Prayer Card". We took turns reading our cards to the group and reminding ourselves of our blessings.

We reconvened in the fall by joining with Georgetown's COA to enjoy a production staged by the Delvena Theater group. Following the performance, most of our members returned to the church to enjoy an ice cream smorgasbord. Kristin Crockett, newly appointed Director of the COA attended our October meeting. She commented on the many new activities recently initiated and spoke of her hopes and dreams for the future of the COA, a friendly place to gather where there are activities for everyone.

Pam Newcombe, a volunteer for Fostering Hope was our guest speaker for November. Her most informative presentation told of the many ways that this organization helps families who are fostering children, and the need for more families to become involved. The number of children in Massachusetts who need this help is staggering!

Our Guild year ended with our Annual Advent Christmas Dessert Party, when our own Church Fair Pies are enjoyed. Richard Aberman, Pat Sorenson, and Mary Ann Nelson wowed our group with their great songs, instrumental and piano playing. They are very talented musicians who gave us such joy in ushering in the Advent Season.

The Guild gave donations in 2024 to the following missions: The Just Peace Players, Ruth's House of Haverhill, and Fostering Hope.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Chatterton, for the Steering Committee

#### FALL FAIR

#### Report of the 2024 Fall Fair Co-Chairs

The 2024 Fall Fair (Oct 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>), was filled with laughter, good food, special treasures, camaraderie, and A LOT OF TEAMWORK! Yes, there were some anxious moments, but everything flowed seemingly well. What a wonderful two days to open our church home to neighbors, near and far, to share happiness and joy to all who walked through the front doors.

We were able to offer a small car show on the front lawn, which was well received and it is our hope to expand a little on that at the 2025 Fall Fair.

We are so grateful to all who worked so very hard, and sometimes needed to perform a little magic to make things work.

Blessings to you all!

Rich Brock & Emily Knapp

**Co-Chairs** 

Our 2024 total = \$13,271.57

We are looking forward to the 2025 Fall Fair – October 24 & 25

# 2025 Nominating Report

				For Term	End of	Nominated	End of
	Position	Name	Start Date	Limits	Current	or	Nominated
				Start Date	Term	Re-nominated	Term
С	Moderator	Rich Brock	1/2025	1/2025	1/2025	*	1/2026
0	Clerk	Toni Cassidy	1/2025	1/2016	1/2025	*	1/2028
U	Diaconate Chair	Rachel Angerhofer	1/2024	1/2024	1/2027		
N	Christian Dev. Chair	Marie Birdsall-Chaffee	1/2023	1/2025	1/2025	X	х
С	Property Chair	Joanne Kelly	1/2024	1/2024	1/2026	*	1/2026
1.1	Finance Chair	Bob Knapp	1/2024	1/2021	1/2027		
L	Member-at-large	Alecia Balduf	1/2025	1/2025	1/2025	*	1/2026

	Karen Harris	1/2025	1/2025	1/2027	*	1/2027
Diaconate	Toni Cassidy	1/2023	1/2023	1/2026		
Team	Bob Knapp	1/2025	1/2025	1/2025	*	1/2028
	Marie Birdsall-Chaffee	1/2025	1/2025	1/2028	*	1/2028

CD	Karen Harris	1/2024	1/2024	1/2027	Х	Х
Team	Rich Brock	1/2023	1/2020	1/2026	х	Х

Property		1/2025	1/2022	1/2028	*	1/2028
Team	Tom Johnson	1/2024	1/2024	1/2027		

Finance	Kristen Arsenault	1/2025	1/2022	1/2025	*	1/2028
Team	George Comiskey	1/2023	1/2020	1/2026		

Those in **Bold** are being elected.

Christian Development positions to be eliminated