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2024

Annual Congregational Meeting

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Opening Prayer.... Rev. Bette Bond

Old Business

New Business

1. Approve minutes to last year's meeting
2. Nominating Committee Oral Report and Nominations
3. Proposed Budget
4. Election of Officers and Delegate to:
 - a. State
 - b. National
5. Appreciation of outgoing officers
6. Approval of written reports
7. Approval of oral reports
8. Approval of financial reports
9. Closing Hymn, "I Am the Church"

I Am the Church 217

Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house. 1 Pet. 2:5

Unison

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to - geth - er!

All who fol-low Je - sus All a-round the world! Yes, we're the church to - geth - er!

Fine

Meeting was opened by Jeff Creighton. Prayer was offered by Rev. Bette. Prayers for Rev. Bette.

Minutes from last year were reviewed.

Old Business: Sound system was discussed last year. The hearing loop is working quite well. May need to order more receivers. Deacons reported that they have ordered two more receivers.

New Business: A proposal was made by Joe Cifaldo to change the By-Laws on the financial end concerning the 5% and to go to 7 1/2%. Jeff Creighton asked how much is enough. The investment gains seen over the last 5-10 years doesn't mean that we will see that over the next years. The investment account is \$679,000. Proposal withdrawn.

Pat Weaver reported regarding the discretionary fund that they have received donations. They have been seeing a lot of need. The discretionary fund could be included in the budget and a meeting could be called as the need arises. This would be the most transparent and direct method. The discretionary fund is allowed to withdraw \$3,600 a year. They gave over \$10,000 last year.

Reported that there is water damage in the sanctuary. Is there a plan to address this? Believe that it is caused by wind driven rain going into the vents. They plan to eliminate those on one side.

Rev. Bette reported that a labyrinth would be lovely for the community and for the church. Keep in mind that the study has been done regarding the cost.

From the priorities addressed two years ago, the parking lot was chosen. Then the carpeting and then the labyrinth.

Becky Ruggieri brought up a discussion about having a youth minister or a part-time youth minister. Need to think outside the box. Jeff Creighton asked if the outreach committee could handle expanding the roll and growing the church and Sunday School for all children. Need to offer something for the parents. Those on the outreach committee are Rev. Bette, Becky, Stacy Rome and Debbie Collamer. Rev. Bette reported that she has a plan. We each have a calling.

Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes from last year. After a vote the motion passed.

Nominating Committee:

Jason is going off as Trustee. Thank you, Jason. Nomination was made and seconded for Sterling Robinson to go on as Trustee. After a vote, the motion passed.

January is going off as Deacon. Thank you, January, and thank you to Gayle White.

There will be an appreciation of outgoing officers.

Reconfirmed that the meetings are always open for anyone to attend. This includes all boards, committees and the church council.

Nomination was made and seconded for Michelle Bradley, Wes Ames and Karen Carpenter to go on as Deacons. After a vote, the motion passed.

Board of Education: There are three nominations; Michelle Bradley, Kathy Lanphier and Robin Quinn. Kathy Lanphier agreed to stay on. Motion made and seconded to accept the nominations. After a vote, the motion passed.

Reported that missions' funds and memorial funds are not combined. Missions is in charge of the committee. There are two nominations; Irene Maxcy and Valerie Miller. A motion was made and seconded to accept the nominations. After a vote, the motion passed.

Will discuss delegates to State and National later on.

Those elected annually have agreed to stay on.

Motion made and seconded to accept all of these people to these boards. After a vote, the motion passed.

Pastoral Relations: Three terms are up and they have agreed to stay on. The Trustees and the Deacons will appoint their representative to the Board. Motion made and seconded to accept. After a vote, the motion passed.

Historian: Motion made and seconded that we keep Linda Lent on as historian. After a vote, the motion passed.

Council Member at Large: Sterling's term needs to be filled as he is going on as Trustee. Explanation of the duties. They bring concerns to the appropriate board and they are to attend the Council meetings. Nomination was made and seconded for Clint Lanphier. After a vote, the nomination passed.

Explained that if you want the pastor to visit someone, you need to see the pastor and not the Member at Large. This is explained in the By-laws.

Hospitality Committee: There are three on there. Robin Quinn and Carolyn Robinson have agreed to stay on. Nomination made and seconded for Robin and Carolyn. After a vote, the nomination passed.

Thank you to the nominating committee.

Nomination made and seconded for Jeff Creighton as the Trustee to serve on the Pastoral Relations Committee. After a vote, the nomination passed.

Budget: Proposal for the pastor is 3.2% be built into her salary. Feeling is she should get more than that. Motion was made and seconded that we add another \$1,000 to the allowance. This \$1,000 can be used wherever she wants to. After a vote, the motion passed.

Proposal to put COLA increase for next year under Old Business.

Church: \$39,838. Moved to accept. Will approve all items at once.

Music: One correction made to CCLI it should be changed from \$441 to \$464.

Outreach: There is an outreach plan for Easter.

Board of Education:

Office: One correction. Administrator should be \$6,500 not \$650. Motion made and seconded to give the administrator a raise of another \$1 per hour. Noted that both administrator and custodian are church members. Add \$1 per hour for the custodian. Carolyn Robinson refused. Motion failed.

Treasurer: \$100 gift to Kathy Lawrence.

Miscellaneous: One change. The minister to National and a Delegate figure should be switched.

Motion made and seconded to accept the budget as written, including the increases, of \$126,762. The delegates to National include the delegate and the alternate. Should encourage other people to be delegates and for others to go to the National Meeting. After a vote, the motion passed.

Delegates to State:

Robin Quinn will stay on.

Kathy Lanphier will stay on.

Nomination was made and seconded for Kathy Lanphier, Robin Quinn and Pat Weaver. After a vote, the motion passed.

National: Spokane, Washington.

Nomination for Clint Lanphier and he declined.

Nominations made and seconded for Robin Quinn, Becky Ruggieri and January Peavey.

Nomination withdrawn.

Nomination made and seconded for Becky Ruggieri and Robin Quinn to go to National. After a vote, the nomination passed.

Appreciation of outgoing officers will be done on a Sunday morning in the near future.

Approval of written reports: Motion made and seconded to accept as written. After a vote, the motion passed.

Year-round delegate to National. Nomination made and seconded for Marcia Cifaldo. She accepted. Would like someone else to go. January Peavey volunteered. After a vote, the nominations passed.

Oral reports: Motion made and seconded to approve all oral reports. After a vote, the motion passed.

Financial Reports: Motion made and seconded to approve all financial reports. After a vote, the motion passed.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. After a vote, the motion passed.

The meeting was closed at 1:29 p.m. With singing of "I am the Church".

Respectfully submitted

Donna M. Lewis, Church Clerk

2024 BOARDS AND OFFICERS

Trustee - 3-Year Term (5)

Jeff Creighton	2026
Irene Maxcy	2024
Sterling Robinson	2024
Marcia Cifaldo	2025
Sandra Overlock	2025

Diaconate - 3-Year Term (7+)

Cindy Bland	2024-Chair
Weston Ames	2026
Michelle Bradley	2026
Karen Carpenter	2026
Eric Overlock	2025
Robin Quinn	2024
Susan Lombardo	2024

Board of Education - 3-Year Term

Becky Ruggieri	2024-Chair
Michelle Bradley	2026
Kathy Lanphier	2026
Robin Quinn	2026

Mission's/Memorial - 3-Year Term

Irene Maxcy	2026
Marcia Cifaldo	2025
Sharon Landry	2025
Valerie Miller	2026
Gayle White	2025

Delegates to State

Kathy Lanphier
Robin Quinn
Pat Weaver

Delegates to National

Robin Quinn
Becky Ruggieri

Nominated and Elected Annually

Moderator	Jeff Creighton
Assist. Moderator	Joe Cifaldo
Clerk	Donna Lewis
Assist. Clerk	Cathy Lanphier
Treasurer	Pat Weaver
Assist. Treasurer	January Peavey
Bowes Fund Treasurer	Pat Weaver
Disc. Fund Treasurer	Pat Weaver
Missions Treasurer	Irene Maxcy
Flower Chair	Patricia Overlock
SS Superintendent	Becky Ruggieri

Pastoral Relations - 3-Year Term (5)

Melody Sainio	2026
Robin Quinn	2026 - Deacon
Carolyn Robinson	2026
January Peavey	2026
Jeff Creighton	2025 -Trustee

Historians - 3-Year Term (3)

Linda Lent	2026
Pat Weaver	2024

Council Member at Large - 3-Year Term (2)

Clinton Lanphier	2024
Carolyn Robinson	2025

Year-Round Delegate to National (1)

Marcia Cifaldo

Hospitality Committee (3)

Tina Bryant
Robin Quinn
Carolyn Robinson

Council Chair (2024)

Patricia Weaver

2025 PROPOSED BUDGET

60000-REVEREND:

Salary	\$55,000 I
SS/Med (7.65%)	4,208 I
TOTAL.	\$59,208 I

64000-BOARD OF ED:

Materials & Curriculum	\$750 S
PF Groups.	.00 S
Confirmation Class.	250 I
Nursery Attendant	.00 D
TOTAL	\$1,000 S

61000-CHURCH:

Electricity.	\$3,000 S
Lawn Care.	1,200 S
Maintenance.	5,000 I
Heating Oil.	6500 D
Plowing & Sanding.	1,500 D
Sewer	200 S
Sexton Supplies.	500 S
Water.	350 D
Workman's Comp	600 D
Church Insurance.	7,000 I
Sexton/Custodian. \$15.00HR	7,800 I
TOTAL.	\$33,650 D

65000-OFFICE:

Administrator. \$15.00HR	\$7,800 I
Supplies, Ink, Paper.	500 I
Postage & Box	500 S
Telephone & Internet	1,600 I
TOTAL.	\$10,450 I

66000-TREASURER:

Payroll Service	\$400 I
Payroll Taxes	.00 S
Offering, Checks, Envelopes.	170 I
Review & Support.	100 S
TOTAL	\$670 I

62000-MUSIC:

Organist/Pianist.	\$12,600 I
Supply Pianist	600 I
Organ/Piano Repair/Tune.	1,000 S
Sheet Music	100 S
Education/Misc	500 S
CCLI.	489 I
TOTAL	\$15,289 I

68000-MISCELLANEOUS:

Minister to National.	\$2000 I
Delegates to National	2,000 D
Supply Minister	800.00 S
Minister Education.	300.00 S
NACCC/Fair Share.	.00 S
Historian Supplies.	.00 S
Worship Supplies.	100.00 D
Fellowship Supplies.	150.00 D
Misc.	250 N
TOTAL	\$5,600 I

63000-OUTREACH:

Advertising & Mailings.	\$1,000 S
Website.	370 I
Signage.	120 S
Misc.	150 S
TOTAL	\$1,640 I

2024 FINAL ADJUSTED BUDGET \$126,917

2025 PROPOSED BUDGET \$127,507

D-decrease I-increase S-same N-new

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	Budget 2024	Spent 2024		Wages. 2025	Budget 2025
61000-Reverend					
Salary	\$35400	\$35400.00			37400.00
Housing	\$17,600	\$17523.00	Difference- \$77		17600.00
SS/Med	\$4,055	\$4055.00			4208.00
Total	\$57055	\$56,978			\$59,208.00
62000-Church					
Electricity	\$3,000	\$2,400.00			3000
Lawn Care	\$1,200	\$1,200.00			1200
Maintenance	\$2,500	\$4,166.41			5000
Paving Loan	\$12,513	\$7,299.25	\$17,123.15 -Payoff		
Oil	\$8,500	\$5,764.70			6500
Plowing & Sanding	\$1,600	\$1000.00			1500
Sewer	\$200	\$192.00			200
Sexton Supplies	\$500	\$420.00			500
Water	\$325	\$316.70			350
Workman's Comp	\$800	\$569.00			600
Church Insurance	\$5000	\$5,686.00			7000
Custodian	\$3,700	\$4535.00	\$14.15	\$15.00	7800
Total	\$39,838	\$33,549.06			\$33,650.00
63000-Music					
Organist	\$11200	\$10,225.00		\$250.00	12600
Supply Organist	\$500	\$500.00		\$100.00	600
Organ/Piano Tuning	\$1000	\$425.00			1000
Sheet Music	\$100	\$27.50			100
Music Ed/Misc	\$500	\$0.00			500
CCLI	\$464	\$464.00			489
Total	\$13764	\$11016.50			\$15,289.00
64000-Outreach					
Advertising/Mailings	\$1000	\$60.11			1000
Website	\$350	\$300.00			370
Signage	\$120	\$120.00			120
Misc	\$150	\$69.57			150
Total	\$1620	\$549.68			1640

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65000-Board of Ed					
Material/Curriculum/ Adult Ed	\$750	\$83.98			750
Confirmation	\$0	\$0.00			0
PF Groups	\$0	\$0.00			250
Nursery	\$250	\$0.00			0
Total	\$1000	\$83.98			1000
65000-Office					
Administrator	\$6500	\$6238.20	\$14.15	\$15.00	7800
Assist Admin		\$680.00		\$15.00	
Supplies/Ink/Paper	\$200	\$228.94			500
Postage/Box Rent	\$500	\$426.80			500
Computer		\$700.00			
Telephone/Internet	\$1500	\$1751.12			1650
Total	\$8700	\$10025.06			10450
66000-Treasurer					
Payroll Service	\$350.00	\$323.75			400
Payroll Taxes	\$0	\$0.00			0
Offering Envelopes	\$140	\$175.03			170
Review/Support	\$100	\$100.00			100
Total	\$590	\$598.78			670
67000-Misc.					
Minister to National	\$0	\$0.00			2000
Delegate National	\$3000	\$3000.00			2000
Supply Minister	\$800	\$600.00			800
Minister Education	\$300	\$166.12			300
NACCC/Fair Share	\$0	\$0.00			0
Historian Supplies	\$0	\$0.00			0
Worship Supplies	\$100	\$0.00			100
Fellowship Supplies	\$150	\$125.00			150
Miscellaneous	\$0	\$200.00			250
Total	\$4350	\$4091.12			5600
Total Budget	\$126,762	\$116751.58			\$127,507.00

Going into my fourth year as pastor of this church, I think we have made great strides together and things improve each year. The building looks great, we have groups and meetings going on every day of the week. This is a very busy church! We have kids coming to Sunday school, we have staff to teach them, we have active men's and women's groups working in and for our church, and for the good of the community. Whenever there is a funeral service here, everyone works together like a well-oiled machine. I am able to fully concentrate on being with the family, and meeting their needs, preparing a service that is meaningful, and do not have to worry about any other details whatsoever. This is a true blessing to me as a leader. Everyone that has a position or a duty in this church, knows what to do, and does it without complaint, and with great skill and love.

We have weathered another year together. There have been a lot of deaths in our church and community, a lot of sickness and sadness. There has also been great joy, wonderful celebrations, and the worship services have been truly beautiful. Our music is wonderful, our Music Director, our choir, people sharing their gifts with special music, our deacons keep everything moving smoothly, the sanctuary is always clean, and everyone is welcoming to our visitors and to each other. I could not be more grateful or blessed to be the servant leader and spiritual guide for all of you.

I have been able to do a lot of work in the community with the Baptist Church, and having relationships in places like the post office, local restaurants, hospital, etc., always trying to be a good ambassador not just for Christ, but for Second Congregational Church. People recognize me from funerals and weddings I have done. They have seen me in town, at the outdoor services, Warren Day, the Spring Fling, church suppers, local Memorial Day service. **All of this reflects on this church and the people here. I am always mindful that I represent you, this church, and the Gospel, wherever I am - everyone with whom I come in contact.**

This coming year I hope to accomplish a few things with the help and support of this congregation. One is to work with local pastors and the school board to try and get the sports practices/games to not be on Sunday mornings.

I know this will be quite a challenge, but I love a challenge! I also hope to work with the same clergy members in this community and others, to try and make a dent in the homeless situation, and brainstorm some ideas of how we can all work together to help alleviate this problem, at least locally. I know these are ambitious goals, **But with God all things are possible.** I truly believe this and I know that you do too.

Let us make 2024 the year we make a difference!

Church Life

Bible studies: Esther; Matthew (with Dave Stuart); Colossians

Office Visits 32

Workplace visits 2

Home visits 38

Hospital visits 11

Hospice house visits 5

Nursing home visits 10

Community visits 5

Clergy/colleague meetings 3

BAPTISMS 4

NEW MEMBERS 5

FUNERALS 13

Premarital counseling 1

Weddings 2

Spiritual covenant/commitment ceremony 1

Attended spring State Meeting of CCCME in East Orrington.

Attended the NACCC annual conference in Milwaukee for four days.

Met with the moderator and vice moderator of CCM with others to discuss state, meetings, and upcoming officers in the spring.

Held the congregational membership class for people, being baptized, or becoming members along with the deacons.

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Worked with committee to prepare to host our executive minister, Rev. Dr. Ashley Cleere for her visit to our church as part of her listening tour for NACCC.

Spoke for Mission Moment in October for Fishers of Men, an NACCC-sponsored mission.

Attended the Fall State meeting in Machiasport.

Participated in the Holly Berry Fair with Ladies Circle.

Participated in Caring and Sharing Sisters harvest brunch.

Held a healing service during the worship the week of Thanksgiving.

Participated in the joint Thanksgiving service with the Warren Baptist Church in which I delivered the message.

Prepared the annual Christmas letter.

Attended Christmas lunch celebrations with Ladies Circle, Caring & Sharing Sisters, Lunch Bunch.

Planned and implemented the advent/Christmas services, including Christmas Eve. Worked with Beverly to coordinate the music, and with the deacons in all the preparations for the season.

Started a grief group by request of a few members. We had an initial meeting at the end of December and will be meeting every other Saturday morning for six weeks. Eight people attended the first meeting.

Community

Sing/play music at assisted living center.

Attended PenBay ministries breakfast.

Assisted church in Chelsea as consultant times 2.

Celebrated with a community member on her 102nd birthday.

Work with Scout leaders to plan their Scout Sunday.

Prepared ashes, and brought to church, and was available for anyone who would like imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday.

Attended the movie “Jesus Revolution” with several parishioners.

Was Emcee at community Spring Fling.

Participated in choir for holy week services, including Mandy Thursday Cantata.

Participated in the Memorial Day service with the Scouts as requested.

Attended church suppers/provided music.

Participated in the installation service of Pastor Pat Andrews at the Warren Baptist Church.

Was able to be the guest preacher at the Bunker Hill Baptist Church in Jefferson while Dave Stuart led the worship here at SCCW.

Was able to provide music in my duo “Traveling Light”, for a fundraiser for multiple sclerosis, at the Saint Giles church fundraiser and also an open mic night in another church several times.

Traveling Light performed at a charity fundraiser in Montville, and also for Pen-Bay ministries in Rockland, and at the local Lions Club.

Participated in dedication ceremony for the new memorial at the Peterborough cemetery in Warren.

Visited residents and staff at the Beacon Home in Warren (Outreach).

Helped prepare and serve Thanksgiving dinner with Pen-Bay ministries.

Attended living Christmas tree concert (several of our parishioners involved).

Attended Midcoast Community Band concert at Christmas (several of our parishioners involved).

Spiritual Education & Development

Spiritual direction monthly with Dr. Bruce Tallman.

Attended Spring Hospice gathering regarding children and grief.

Attended Fall Hospice “Next Generation” planning/change workshop.

Attended workshop “Being the Light in Turbulent Times”.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Bette Bond

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT 2024

Our committee is comprised of five members. Those members are currently Wes Ames, Jeff Creighton, January Peavey, Carolyn Robinson, and Melody Sainio.

We met with Rev. Bette in June, September and November. The committee had not met for quite some time prior to this.

At the June meeting, I was voted in as Committee Chair. During that meeting, we reviewed the primary purpose and mission of a Pastoral Relations Committee. Additionally, we reviewed our values and mechanics.

At the September meeting, I shared with the group that I had received a letter of resignation from Robin Quinn. She was the deacon on the committee. After sharing this with Cindy, she was able to discuss with the Diaconate and Wes Ames was kind enough to fill the open seat.

At each meeting, we checked in the Pastor to make sure that things are going well in her life, and to check in to see if there is anything that we can do to support her. At no time did she have any concerns or issues that needed to be addressed.

I believe the committee does a great job in serving their mission and will continue to do so.

The next meeting will be January 12th, following service (originally scheduled for January 5th, but pushed back due to the unexpected congregation meeting).

Respectfully Submitted,

January M. Peavey – PRC Chair

God has indeed been good to our church in the past year. The overwhelming generosity of the congregation is proof the spirit of the Lord is alive and well at SCC. With many vital maintenance projects completed, the generosity that brought those projects in under budget can now be seen increasingly in places that speak directly to our true mission of worshiping God and helping the less fortunate. The giving of these three funds in 2024 are Missions \$17,854, Discretionary Fund \$16,552 and Bowes Fund \$6,800 for a total of over \$41,000. An amazing accomplishment for a church our size!!!

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.” 2 Corinthians 9 6-8

STAFF: As usual, our Church staff has done an excellent job in the past year. Rev. Bette continues to give meaningful and biblically based messages and mid-week morsels. Bette being elected as Moderator of the State Association is a testament to her hard work and a very positive reflection on our Church. Thank you, Bette!! Beverly always goes above and beyond as our music minister. She works tirelessly to help bring the spirit of the Lord to our Sunday morning worship through music. The Bell Choir is a perfect but just one example of her hard work. Everyone should take the time to thank Beverly, the Choirs and anyone else involved in our Music Ministry.

Carolyn, our Church administrator continues to show how important this position is to our Church. She keeps the church office running smoothly and the congregation informed by getting all church publications (bulletins, reports, annual reports, newsletters, emails, etc.) out accurately and on time! While in the office she is always helpful with taking and making calls and to help deal with any issues that may arise!

In July Susan Lombardo retired from her position as Custodian. Thanks Susan, for a job well done. After a month-long search for a replacement, Karen Richards stepped forward to fill the position. When you get a moment thank Karen for her hard work and maybe even lend a hand. While not a paid member of the staff, Pat Weaver deserves a big thank you for all that she does as treasurer. In addition to the Church's regular operating expenses, she does the check writing and accounting for the Discretionary and Bowes funds as well.

FINANCES AND BUDGET: Our Church has met the challenge yet again in 2024 of dealing with the post Covid increase in the cost of doing business. With an approved budget of \$126,917 in 2024, our total operating expenses were approximately \$121,000 The average weekly offering for the year was \$1,662. This represents a decline from the 2023 weekly average of \$1,691 The Trustees have proposed a budget for 2025 of \$127,507 which is an increase of less than one half of one percent from last years approved budget.

In September the Trustees made the decision to pay off the paving loan with funds from the Church investment account. With the stock market at record highs and due for a correction, the decision was made to take some profits and avoid the finance costs of the loan.

INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS: Another year of yet again well above average stock market returns, has blessed all four Church investment accounts with record year end values. Despite helping fund a long list of absolutely necessary maintenance projects over the last nine years, the Church investment account has more than doubled to a value of \$753,354. While recognizing that the market can give and the market can take away on a short-term basis, these accounts will continue to provide a vital source of income over the long term if we continue to limit distributions to appropriate levels.

The year end value and the 5% that is allowed from the four investment accounts in 2025 are listed below:

Church Account:	\$753,354	5%	33,111
Bowes Fund:	\$411,091	5%	16,867
Discretionary Fund:	\$88,558	5%	3,804
Building Fund:	\$63,634	5%	2,795

MAINTENANCE PROJECTS: In late winter the Flower room received a much-needed makeover. The ceiling was reframed and insulated. Walls and ceiling were sheet rocked and painted and new lighting and shelves were added.

In May a second oak stair railing was added to the steps on both ends of the chancel. Many thanks to Tim Andrews and his crew for their excellent work. Tim donated the cost of the work in memory of his parents, Paul and Janet Andrews !!!

The sound system is an ongoing project that should be completed early in the new year. With the addition of two new speakers, all four speakers will be mounted on the wall with multi directional wall brackets. Once the problem of an already overloaded amplifier is solved, the project can be completed. The Trustees would like to thank Cathy and Russell Lawrence for their very generous gift of the new speakers and wall brackets.

While the list of necessary projects is getting smaller, there is still work to be done. The fire escape has been on the list for a few years, so that should get sandblasted and painted this year. The other top priority is some much-needed gutter work.

The choir room that is on the left side of the organ, needs the same attention the Flower room received.

The storage space that is immediately to the right as you enter the Sunday School wing needs some new sheetrock and insulation.

The Trustees would like to thank all the boards, committees and Ladies groups that helped make 2024 a very successful year at SCCW. And we must never forget all the individuals that donate their time and hard work behind the scenes.

Respectfully submitted with God's help:

Sterling Robinson, Sandra Overlock, Irene Maxcy, Jeff Creighton, and Marcia Cifaldo.

January 2024 - This year the membership list was updated and the best practices for getting this done were gone over. This resulted in the wording of the letter to be sent out to contact members being change and clarifying the by-laws for what constitutes membership participation. Different changes to service to help with length. Pink slips for prayers. Cancellation policy discussed. Jeff C. calls news station and Carolyn R. sends cancelation email to all. If in doubt use your judgement and call anyone who might miss the cancelation message. The headsets for services have been working well and, more of the sets were ordered and received.

February – Officers elected; Cindy Bland as Chair replacing January Peavy and Susan Lombardo as Treasurer. Boy Scout Sunday on the 18th with flag, bible verses, and vespers. It was a wonderful service and celebrated with cake for the Scouts after. More Role of Deacon Booklets were ordered for new members. Welcomed Michelle Bradley and, Wes Ames as deacons.

March – Working on supply storage as space is short. Storing paraments in flower room, communion supplies in the upstairs fellowship closet and candles in the cabinet in the choir room for now. Looking for a more permanent solution. Planning for Holy Week services.

April – Suggested outreach cards to those parishioners we don't often see. Visits and phone calls to see how they are doing. Would like to know of any new community members so they can be recognized and invited to visit our church. Gift cards given to those students struggling with homelessness. January Peavy did an excellent service on the seventh. Holy week went very well.

May – On the nineteenth Rev. Bette presided over the much-anticipated baptism ceremony of three parishioners and we also welcomed three new members. Deacons assisted with towels and presented each with a flower and a membership packet. Planning of the Deacons dog stand went into full swing with the men's club to help.

June – Made a commitment to have as many Deacons as possible to attend council meetings. Children's day was a success despite some miscommunication but was pulled together by all available. Deacon dog stand review - With the addition of the other burger wagon at Warren Days, the hot dog sales have dropped. Thinking about what can be added to make more sales.

July – August – Recognized James Lent for his work in the church library. Gave the Men's group \$250 for helping with the dog stand. Congratulatory gift card given to January Peavey for completing her second-year certificate. Collecting and collating information on the Minister review.

September - After a vote in church in August the congregation met at the Bunker Hill church in Jefferson to support Rev. Bette's service there on September first. A good turnout. We will be going back to congregation saying praises and prayers during service.

October – Will still use pink slips for praises and prayers as well as for help requests. Have put a box at back of the sanctuary for help slips. Decided on an advent calendar for Christmas season gift to congregation with a daily idea to brighten each day.

November – Deacon fellowship dinner at our November meeting was enjoyed by all. All soul's service was good. Thanksgiving eve service with Warren Baptist church went well. Christmas decorating plans for the sanctuary were made. Advent calendars made ready in time with great teamwork!

December – Advent calendars were well received! Have been sending cards all year to Anna in New York and sent the picture Hope did of the congregation as well as a special radio as a Christmas present. Christmas eve service was well attended. Cindy reminded all of a letter from Jim Henry an interim pastor who wrote - “Thank you for your commitment to God”

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Lanphier, Assistant Church Clerk

DIACONATE - FINANCIAL REPORT 2024

Opening balance		\$1615.02
<u>Income</u>		
January	\$167.06	
February	213.08	
March	52.05	
April	66.56	
May	87.05	
June	1307.06	
July	105.06	
August	113.60	
September	563.07	
October	92.07	
November	129.28	
December	60.06	
Total Income:		\$2706.00
<u>Expenses</u>		
Christmas wreaths	\$45.00	
Christmas Eve candles	77.29	
Anna	236.99	
Bookmarks, NACCC & Rev.	330.91	
Scouts	53.99	
Pins	20.02	
Donation	100.00	
Gift cards	200.00	
Stamps	68.00	
Flowers	35.87	
Graduate gifts	75.29	
Deacon dog start-up	250.00	
Deacon supplies	399.39	
Children's Sunday	68.60	
Men's club donation	250.00	
Signage	150.00	
Hymn Numbers	27.95	
Communion cups	19.99	
Total Expenses:		\$2659.97
2024 Closing Balance:		\$1661.05

Respectfully submitted, Susan Lombardo, Treasurer Diaconate

MISSIONS - FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance Year Ending 2023	\$509.13
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DEPOSITS:

Mission Offering	15,687.65
End of year donation to CCE	700.00
Interest	1.13
TOTAL	16,388.78

DONATIONS FOR 2024:

WBC (\$100/month for CCE room use at the Brick School)	1,200.00
CCE expenses (Clothing and banner)	579.47
Bread for the Journey (Advent 2023)	1,000.00
Lainie Hooper (UM Nursing International to Tanzania)	100.00
Love offering (2/\$250)	500.00
Area Interfaith Outreach	500.00
CCCME (Camp Winni)	500.00
Walk a Mile in Their Shoes	1,000.00
New Hope Midcoast	500.00
Warden Community Church (NACCC Mission project)	500.00
Happy Life/Kenya	500.00
Maine Vocational & Rehabilitation Associates	500.00
Partners in Development/Haiti	480.00
NACCC/OGHS (Iowa Floods)	500.00
Boothbay V.E.T.S.	1,045.00
Midcoast Habitat for Humanity	1,000.00
Angel Flight NE (Honor Lorraine Strout)	500.00
NACCC (Administrative costs)	100.00
NACCC/OGHS (Hurricane Helene)	1,000.00
Exodus Road	471.00
Argy Nestor (Dress a Girl/Boy project)	100.00
Discretionary Fund	500.00
Coastal Opportunities	500.00
Pen Bay Ministries	250.00
Rockland District Nursing	250.00
Mission envelopes	39.81

TOTAL	\$14,115.28
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Balance Year Ending	\$2,782.63
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In addition to the \$14,075.47 as designated above, \$2,708 was given at Lent for the Discretionary Fund and \$1,071 was collected in a love offering for Boothbay V.E.T.S. in October.

Total giving for 2024 was \$17,854.47

MISSIONS - ANNUAL REPORT 2024

The Mission Board thanks all the members and friends for their faithful giving in 2024. Our funding comes from all of you, not from the general church offering. We have no endowment funds, as the Discretionary Fund and the Bowes Fund have. If you wish to make a donation to Missions you must specify that on your weekly offering envelope, on a special Mission envelope, or on the memo line of your check. We were able to give away nearly \$18,000 in 2024 and the thanks goes to our generous congregation!

Our Advent offering for 2024 will be given to Homeworthy (formally Knox County Homeless Coalition) and at years end we had collected close to \$1000! Again, thank you for your generosity in helping our homeless neighbors. We also collected pajamas, socks and underwear for our own CCE and our clothes baskets overflowed with donations! More often than not, these unseen things are the things needed the most! Thank you!

In October we had 3 Mission Moments, Midcoast Habitat, WAMITS and Boothbay V.E.T.S., each speaking passionately about what their organization does in the community. We hope these "moments" give you, the congregation, a better understanding of what Missions supports throughout the year. We mainly support local organizations, but also disaster relief through OGHs and child support in Kenya and Haiti. Our goal is to support more NACCC approved Missions because together we can do so much more!

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Maxcy, Mission Treasurer

Marcia Cifaldo, Sharon Landry, Valerie Miller and Gayle White, Mission Board Members

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2024

Donations were given in the names: Jane Sprowl and Sheila Barnstein

We purchased 2 Sanctuary flags (one American and one Christian). Also, an outside American flag to replace a tattered one.

Also purchased were 2 straight chairs to match the ones in the handicapped space.

End of year balance is \$626.49.

Thank you for everyone's support.

The Memorial Committee

BOWES FUND – ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT 2024

Beginning Balance January 1, 2024	\$3,391.87	
Deposits made from Vanguard	\$7,000.00	
10 Checks written	\$6,798.03	
Balance as of December 31, 2024		\$3,593.87

MICHEAL MOORE CAMPER -- ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT 2024

Beginning Balance January 1, 2024	\$7,684.35	
Donations	\$200.00	
Deposit made from Vanguard	\$1,314.00	
No Checks Written	\$0.00	
Balance as of December 31, 2024		\$9,198.35

DISCRETIONARY FUND -- ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT 2024

Beginning Balance January 1, 2024	\$1,669.24	
YTD Interest	\$0.97	
Vanguard Deposits	\$3,600.00	
Donations	\$12,558.00	
44 Checks written	\$16,552.00	
Balance as of December 31, 2024		\$1,274.21

MUSIC MINISTRY – ANNUAL REPORT 2024

BELL CHOIR

The On a Ring and a Prayer Group was able to share in the service at the Rockland Congregational Church last March and has shared in services at SCCW. The cross sections of ages have made this a mission of love for all. We have had some illness and personnel changes this year and were not able to produce a spring program, however, I am hopeful to have one this May. The group was happy to share on Christmas Eve. Money spent from the Bell funds was used to purchase 2 new foams and a replacement folder. We also have purchased 5 pieces.

CHOIR

Our Chancel Choir has been on a roll. We average 9 people a week. Rehearsals are on most Wednesday afternoons at 4:30. There is a dedicated group of singers that come to prepare for service. We use a combination of music from CCLI and our own library. I purchased and donated 2 pieces this year for the Choir.

ORGAN

One item for discussion is the possibility of setting aside some money into an investment fund for future needs of the organ. This was suggested to me by Nick Wallace, from Wallace and Sons', the company that services this beautiful organ.

Musically submitted,
Beverly Pacheco

BOWES FUND ANNUAL REPORT 2024

We wish to take a moment to honor and express our profound gratitude to Joseph Cifaldo, Neal Stetson, and David White for their remarkable commitment and collective service of nearly 100 years on this board. Their unwavering dedication to the Second Congregational Church and the stewardship of the Bowes Fund has been nothing short of inspirational. Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond their control, each of them resigned from the board in July 2024, leaving Mark Waltz as the sole remaining board member.

In accordance with the last will of Inez and Hamlin Bowes, it is the duty of the remaining members to appoint replacements. Mark took this responsibility seriously and welcomed Eric Overlock, Carolyn Robinson, and Susan Lombardo to the board. A few months later Bob Barrett was invited, all of whom accepted with enthusiasm.

As directors of the Bowes fund, each request for assistance that we receive is thoroughly reviewed and discussed among us. We take the time to understand the specific circumstances of each request, and after careful consideration, we vote on whether to approve the request and determine the appropriate amount of aid to provide. This process ensures that our giving is targeted and effective. All approved requests are signed off by a trustee from SCCW, which adds an additional layer of accountability and transparency.

To achieve our objectives, we follow a carefully crafted investment strategy similar to that employed by all SCCW funds. This strategy ensures that our charitable contributions are sustainable and effective. We limit our annual giving to 5% of the average of our investment gains over the past three years. By adhering to this disciplined approach, we not only protect the longevity of the funds, but also enhance our capacity to help more individuals and families in need.

Since July 2024, the current board members have had seven in person board meetings and have successfully awarded a total of \$6798.00 during the current year to support the poor and needy in Warren, as the Bowes will instructs.

This board is committed to meeting quarterly or as needed to carry out our important responsibilities as outlined in the will. We will continue to make a positive impact on our community and those in need. We are dedicated to ensuring that the Bowes Fund remains a vital part of SCCW's mission for generations to come.

In Christian Spirit,

Mark Waltz, Chair

Bob Barrett

Eric Overlock

Susan Lombardo

Carolyn Robinson, Secretary

In 2024, *in person* Sunday School was held bi-weekly. The Board chose to use the David C. Cook Curriculum, which was well received by the teachers and Students. The off weeks of *in person* Sunday School, Becky provided a Bible story multi page packet on clipboards. The on-duty Deacons passed clipboards, pencils and crayons to any student attending the Sunday service.

The annual Easter Egg painting event was held on March 30, 2024. The downstairs fellowship Hall was festively decorated for the approximately 85 egg painters. The Easter Bunny (Carolyn) was in attendance for pictures and fun! Amethyst and Stacy created a very popular “guess how many” game. Each child painted an egg or two and had light refreshments provided by the ladies Circle. Each child left with a bag of popcorn and a drink.

On September 24, 2024, there was “youth group” gathering at our church. It was the **first** youth event held at our church for many years. Amanda and George Field painted pumpkins with the youth and celebrated the birthday of one of the youths in attendance.

On November 10th Amanda and the youth baked pumpkin bread. The six warm loaves of bread were delivered to shut-ins and friends in the neighborhood. This proved to be a meaningful outreach and the bread was very appreciated by each one of the recipients.

On October 31st the annual “large” sized candy bar community giveaway was a lot of fun. Over 100 candy bars were given away to the trick or treaters in our Warren Community. The evening was unusually warm for the event. Many thanks to Carolyn, Sterling, Gus and Addy for helping to make the event outstanding once again! Thank you to all who donated the “full sized” bars once again!! “Wow”, full sized bars was once again the buzz of Main Street!!

The year ended on an exceptionally high note. There are **many giving and generous** people amongst us that made the “Kids Christmas Corner” shopping event possible. The event was held on Sunday December 8 from 1-3pm. New and gently used items were gathered for several months leading up to the event. There were approximately 65 kids who shopped for their immediate family members. Each child had an “elf” shopper assisting to pick out the perfect gift. The gifts were then wrapped by the team of wrappers. The joy and love in the Fellowship Hall that day was awe inspiring. Some in attendance had tears of joy, me included. Decisions are being made for a *possible* event in 2025.

On December 22, Sunday School ended for 2024. We watched the Christmas story, decorated Christmas Cookies and sipped hot cocoa.

Many thanks must be said to the Caring and Sharing Sisters. The Ladies Circle, Rev. Bette, Carolyn, Hope. Gus, Addy, Sterling, Mark, Melissa, Niva, Valerie, Michelle. Pat, Gayle, Amanda, George, Robin, Kathy, my co-workers at Mount Pleasant Dental and **entire** Congregation. **Your ongoing support to the Youth is heartwarming and appreciated. Thank you~**

With Appreciation.

Rebecca Ruggieri, Superintendent

Michelle B, Kathy L, Amanda F., Robin Q. –2024 Board of Education members (past and present)

LADIES CIRCLE – 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

The Ladies Circle continues to meet the first Monday of each month at 10:00. Our meetings consist of devotions, committee reports, business/activity/donation discussions, a shared lunch and often a fun game. We welcome new members.

President – Carole Starr
V President – Emily Beattie
Secretary – Cindy Bland
Treasurer – Patty Ott

We started 2024 with 14 members. Jane Sprowl, one of our long-time members, is no longer able to attend but supports us from home. We voted to bestow Honorary Membership to Jane. Aleta Mank was welcomed as new member.

During our January meeting Carole Starr, President, proposed recessing during January and February. This would require a By-Law change. This proposal was approved, and the By-Laws change was discussed and approved. New By-Laws were presented at the March meeting.

The Ladies Social Circle provided a reception following the passing of beloved members Jane Sprowl and Jane Waltz. We also provided a December Celebration of Life reception for community resident Robert Littlehale.

Business decisions of 2024: We agreed to provide food for Fellowship Hour the second Sunday of each month; Fifteen fruits baskets were prepared and delivered during Lent; In 2023 it was decided to turn ALL public church suppers over to Caring & Sharing Sisters, and in 2024 we voted to supply pies to assist their group ; We sold raffle tickets during Warren Days; the Holly Berry Fair with a Beef Stew luncheon was our big (and successful) undertaking for this year.

Financial contributions: Monies received for Andrews, Sprowl, Philbrook, and Waltz receptions were used to purchase new stove for downstairs fellowship kitchen; a contribution to RSU #40 for homeless youth attending our Warren schools; contribution to members going to NACCC; SCCW staff are ‘financially thanked’ each year during the holiday season.

We finished our meeting year with a catered lunch and a Charity Dollar Game. The game netted \$111.00 which was used to pay off a family’s Lay-a-Way at Reny’s.

After MANY years of serving as President our creative and talented leader will step down. Hard shoes to fill in 2025!

Respectfully Submitted, Cynthia Bland, Secretary

LADIES CIRCLE 2024 - FINANCIAL REPORT

Opening Balance \$ 7,710.34

Income:

Dues	50.00
Missions	100.00
Pennies	95.00
Reception	525.00
Holly Berry Fair (Donations)	125.00
Warren Day Raffle	205.00
Holly Berry Fair	1955.91
Spec. Proj.	35.00
In memory J Sprowl	135.00
Jane Waltz	275.00
In memory (Betty,Jan,Janes,Vella)	100.00
Gayle W. (gift to Senior Home)	50.00
Interest	3.86

\$ 3,654.77

\$ 11,365.11

Expenses:

Knife Orders	71.20
Have A Good Day	160.00
Cake Coffee Hour (Bette BD)	29.99
Donation (Sue to NCCA)	200.00
NACC Donation (Hurricane Helene)	200.00
HB Fair expenses	59.00
Raffle Basket (Warren Day)	21.10
Reception expenses	232.42
Christmas Gifts	250.00
Fruit Baskets (Easter)	79.68
Santa Suit & Cleaning	23.00
Stove (in memory of 2 Janes, Betty, Jan)	793.99
Christmas Luncheon	100.00
Card (Vicki/Bob Barrett)	5.00
Plaque for stove in memory	46.01
Checks	29.00

\$ 2,300.39

December 31, 2024

Closing balance

\$ **9,064.72**

Respectfully submitted



Patricia E. Ott, Treasurer

CARING AND SHARING SISTERS ANNUAL REPORT 2024

Here we are, another year behind us, so hard to believe. Our year of caring and sharing was again full. After our winter break, we reconvened in March and elected the following officers;

President, Carolyn Robinson; Vice-President, Tina Bryant;
Secretary, Donna Lewis; Treasurer, Susan Lombards;
Corresponding Secretary, Kathy Lanphier.

In early spring, our first event of the year was helping the Board of Ed with the annual Easter Egg painting for the children in the community. Lots of kids were in attendance as was our very own Easter Bunny entertaining and offering a photo opportunity. Not long after that we hosted the annual Spring Fling. This year the entire donation received benefited the MVHS initiative for the homeless students in their school. It was very rewarding for us to know how much we helped these young kids.

In early summer, we took on the responsibility of hosting all the public suppers. Previously, we alternated the months from May to October with the Ladies Circle, but this past year they decided to stop hosting the suppers. As a result, we agreed to hold the suppers from May to August, with their support. Thank you, ladies, for all the pies; they are greatly appreciated and delicious. We had to make some adjustments to the serving and seating arrangements, but our efforts were well-received. In early fall we hosted our annual Harvest Brunch, which was well attended.

Throughout the year, we reached out to those who were homebound or recovering from an illness, we delivered meals, or sent flowers, or simply offered compassionate phone calls, bringing comfort and hope to their days. We help where ever and whenever we are needed, always eager to practice hospitality... *1 Peter 4:10... "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms".*

Our latest adventure involved collaborating with Becky Ruggeri and the Board of Christian Education to host the first annual free Kids Corner – Free Christmas Shopping Spree for children. We received many donations of new items for the children to choose from. To prepare for the event, we divided the downstairs fellowship room to create a private space for the children while they shopped away from their parents. Many volunteers were present to assist the kids in selecting their items and help with wrapping. The event was well attended, with nearly 60 children and their parents participating. If it's decided to do this again, we look forward to helping and would like to extend our gratitude to everyone for their generous donations in support of this cause.

Sadly, this will be my last year as president of C&S. After nearly ten rewarding years, it's time to pass the gavel to someone else. Fresh eyes, ears and ideas for 2025. We will elect a new president at our next March meeting. I have thoroughly enjoyed leading this group, I feel I've taken it to new heights and I'm confident my successor will do the same, if not, more!

To my 'ladies' ...I extend my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for your commitment and dedication to our mission. Your collaboration and willingness to serve God through our church and community has been the highlight of my time as president. I love you all and thank each of you for your support. May God bless you in this new year!

Respectfully and in Sisterly Love,
Carolyn Robinson

CARING & SHARING SISTERS FINANCIAL REPORT 2024

BALANCE OPENING **\$4,556.18**

INCOME:

Kitty Fund Jar	\$ 239.46
Public Suppers	1,681.00
Spring Fling	2,009.00
Harvest Brunch	58.00

TOTAL INCOME: **\$3,987.46**

\$8,543.64

DONATIONS:

Sunday School	\$ 50.00
Jennifer Blastow (outreach)	200.00
Carolyn & Sue (State Mtg)	125.00
Janice Overlock gift	300.00
Graduation Gifts	250.00
RSU #40	999.99
Spring Fling donation	75.00
Robin Q. (Nationals)	200.00
MVRA donation	500.00
House warming gifts	200.00
Gas Card (outreach)	20.00
Warren Public Library	100.00
Missions	200.00
Habitat for Humanity	200.00
Boothbay VETS	200.00
Rev. Bette – Christmas gift	100.00

TOTAL DONATIONS: **\$3,919.99**

\$4,623.65

EXPENSES:

Church Birthday Breakfast	215.64
Spring Fling Food	71.40
Public Suppers	498.34
Harvest Brunch	254.21
Christmas Luncheon	204.17

TOTAL EXPENSES: **\$1,243.76**

ENDING BALANCE: **\$3,379.87**

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Lombardo, C&S Treasurer

RIVERSIDE FELLOWSHIP SCHOLARSHIP FUND - FINANCIAL REPORT – 2024

CHECKING BALANCE (BSB)	1-1-2024	\$ 271.13
ADDITIONS:		
TRANSFER FROM		
INVESTMENT ACCT. *	\$ 2,000.00	
INTEREST	\$.16	

TOTAL ADDITIONS	\$ 2,000.16	
SUBTRACTIONS:		
2 SCHOLARSHIPS PAID	\$ (2,000.00)	
CHECKING BALANCE (BSB)	12-31-2024	\$ 271.31
SCHOLARSHIP INVESTMENT ACCT BALANCE	09-30-2023	\$ 13,845.16
PRIMERICA= INVESCO CORP BOND-EQUITY & INCOME		
WITHDRAWAL TO CHECKING *	2-5-2024	(\$ 2,000.00)
INCOME DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT		\$ 1,462.01
MARKET GROWTH or (LOSS)		\$ 927.03

ACCOUNT BALANCE	09-30-2024	\$ 14,234.20

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, Walter Kaler, Treasurer

RIVERSIDE FELLOWSHIP CLUB SCHOLARSHIP ANNUAL REPORT 2024

The committee met on June 12, 2024 at the Church. Attending were John Hagin, Marcia Cifaldo, Linda Kaler, Walter Kaler, Donna Lewis and Valerie Miller. We received three scholarship applications. Those awarded were the following:

January Peavey – NACCC \$1000
Emily Knutson – University of Maine, Orono - \$1000
Heikkinen (Henry) Gamage – SMCC - \$1000

Letters of congratulations were sent out and the website updated. There was also a notice put in the July Newsletter.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. The treasurer's report was read by Walter Kaler and accepted.

The balance in the checking account is \$271.31 on December 31, 2024
The balance in the Primerica account is \$14,234.20 on September 30, 2024

Officers were elected. They are as follows:

Chairperson: Donna Lewis Treasurer: Walter Kaler Secretary: Valerie Miller

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie K. Miller

CHILDREN'S CLOTHING EXCHANGE - ANNUAL REPORT 2024

We had a great mission this last year. It is always wonderful being able to help families financially with the ability to give clothes, coats and toys.

Each year we find ways to improve our mission by being more organized and planning on how to maintain our supply of clothing.

We average about a dozen families each Thursday. A lot of times we get our regulars but we also get new families that just realized we are here to help. Two hours a week is hard

for those who work but we haven't figured out an alternative to be open to all. We did try Saturdays but didn't get much of a response to that so we discontinued that day. I feel if we were in a high traffic area we would get more families.

I want to thanks some great people who helped with this great endeavor. Jenina Wood and Valerie Miller helped by sorting, labeling, putting items out, storing and assisting our families that come in. A big thanks to Dave and Sharon Landry for picking up clothes donated by consignment stores.

We use any money donations and your donations of bottles to the church to buy clothes that we need in a particular size when we run out. The clothing that was donated during our Christmas season was greatly appreciated and helped tremendously on some of the sizes that are taken the most.

May 2025 continue to help those in need and may God send more families and clothing to this great mission.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Lombardo

FLOWER MINISTRY - 2024

To members of the Church:

I am writing this letter to inform you that I am resigning as Flower Person from the Second Congregational Church of Warren.

My many years of growing flowers to bring to my church family every week has been full of beautiful memories, and I enjoyed every minute of it. The time has come for me to resign, and I would like to thank each and every one of you for letting me spread love and happiness through flowers.

Please accept this letter as my notice to end my term as Flower person as of December 31, 2024.

Sincerely, Patricia Overlock

HISTORIAN – ANNUAL REPORT 2024

Another new year, how time flies. Getting ready for our annual meeting with reports and agendas. We did accomplish some new projects. New chairs for the pulpit donated by the memorial committee and a new reconstructed flower room. It was a wonderful job done by Albert.

Celebrating the church's birthday in February, 196 years, need to start planning for our 200th, any suggestions?

We did lose some wonderful members this year and they will be in our hearts always. We also took in several new members, welcome to our family.

Two couples got married within our family. Pat and Sam and January and Jonathan. Addy Ruggieri was awarded National Honor Society Certificate of Membership, so wonderful. James Lent received his Eagle Scout Pin. Congratulations.

Easter was well attended with services, breakfast, and egg painting for the children and adults alike. There was also a children's Christmas shopping spree that was very successful.

Our church was well attended at the CCCMe conferences. Rev. Bette was elected Moderator, Pat was elect Assist Ambassador for this region and Robin was elected Scribe. Sue and Robin attended the NACCC in Washington. Great experience. The Baptist Church joined us in a couple of services, Service in the Park and Thanksgiving Eve.

January will be finishing her last year for lay ministry, Congratulations!!! She has been filling in for a few churches as supply minister.

Caring & Sharing Sisters held a very successful Spring Fling with some wonderful acts. Many groups were involved with Warren Days this year.

Work in progress is being done on the path to the river. Several people have volunteered with wood chips and clearing.

Pat has been talking to Congregational Library and Archives about taking preserving our history in their Boston Museum. She will be meeting with them in March.

Our US flags and church flag have been replaced along with new hand rails on both sides of the steps leading to pulpit. The parking lot loan was paid off also.

Pat Weaver and Linda Lent

YEAR-ROUND DELEGATE - STATE - NATIONAL ASSOCIATION - 2024

Just a few highlights from NACCC (National Association of Congregational Christian Churches) to which we belong.

Our recognized Ministries:

1. Congregational Library and Archives (who we are working with to preserve some of our historical papers.
2. Piedmont University
3. Olivet College
4. Pilgram Center for Reconciliation

Our International Missions:

1. Civil Crisiana Congregational – Argentina
2. Christ to the Villages – Nigeria
3. Fishers of Men – Mexico
4. Love Worth Sharing – Haiti
5. Happy Life's Children's Home – Kenya
6. Pan-American Institute – Mexico
7. Mission School of Hope – Cameroon
8. World Alive Mission – Ghana & Ivory Coast

We have supported One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) in 2024; North Carolina (hurricane Heleen), Spencer, Iowa (Floods) and Gaza (conflict).

Four new churches have joined NA this year and twelve churches have new ministers.

We have a new interim executive director, Rev. Dr. Barry W. Szymanski. Our previous director, Rev. Ashley Cleere resigned to Pastor a church.

Our 2024 annual meeting was held in Spokane, Washington this past June. Our delegates were Sue Chipman and Roin Quinn.

This year's meeting 2025, will be held in St. Louis, Missouri on June 21 thru 24th. The following year, 2026, the meeting will be held in Springfield, Mass. (that is close, so no excuse for not attending!!). Then June 2027, the meeting will go back to the Midwest. Location to be announced at a later date.

For more information on our association go to www.NACCC.org.

Thank you all for allowing me to be your year-round delegate.

Blessings to all,

Marcia Cifaldo

2024 – TITHING and SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

	DATE	OFFERING	TO DATE	AVERAGE	ATTEND	AVERAGE
1	01/07/2024	No Church				
2	01/14/2024	\$ 3,120.00	\$ 3,120.00	\$ 1,560.00	58	58
3	01/21/2024	\$ 1,185.55	\$ 4,305.55	\$ 1,435.19	55	57
4	01/28/2024	\$ 1,127.00	\$ 5,432.55	\$ 1,358.14	44	52
5	02/04/2024	\$ 2,474.00	\$ 7,906.55	\$ 1,581.31	60	55
6	02/11/2024	\$ 1,902.00	\$ 9,808.55	\$ 1,634.76	80	60
7	02/18/2024	\$ 1,261.00	\$ 11,069.55	\$ 1,581.36	68	61
8	02/24/2024	\$ 1,070.00	\$ 12,139.55	\$ 1,517.45	62	61
9	03/03/2024	\$ 1,908.00	\$ 14,047.55	\$ 1,560.84	56	58
10	03/10/2024	\$ 2,264.00	\$ 16,311.55	\$ 1,631.16	36	55
11	03/17/2024	\$ 1,373.00	\$ 17,684.55	\$ 1,607.69	66	56
12	03/24/2024	No Church			0	56
13	03/31/2024	\$ 2,840.00	\$ 20,524.55	\$ 1,578.82	90	59
14	04/07/2024	\$ 3,454.00	\$ 23,978.55	\$ 1,712.76	51	59
15	04/14/2024	\$ 1,520.00	\$ 25,498.55	\$ 1,699.91	67	59
16	04/21/2024	\$ 1,093.00	\$ 26,591.55	\$ 1,661.98	59	59
17	04/28/2024	\$ 1,230.00	\$ 27,821.55	\$ 1,636.56	55	59
18	05/05/2024	\$ 2,620.00	\$ 30,441.55	\$ 1,691.20	55	59
19	05/12/2024	\$ 1,597.00	\$ 32,038.55	\$ 1,686.24	51	58
20	05/19/2024	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 33,338.55	\$ 1,666.93	63	59
21	05/26/2024	\$ 1,599.00	\$ 34,937.55	\$ 1,663.70	60	59
22	06/02/2024	\$ 2,676.00	\$ 37,613.55	\$ 1,709.71	63	59
23	06/09/2024	\$ 1,599.00	\$ 39,212.55	\$ 1,704.90	62	59
24	06/16/2024	\$ 873.00	\$ 40,085.55	\$ 1,670.23	58	59
25	06/23/2024	\$ 614.00	\$ 40,699.55	\$ 1,627.98	75	60
26	06/30/2024	\$ 1,596.00	\$ 42,295.55	\$ 1,626.75	54	57
27	07/07/2024	\$ 2,976.00	\$ 45,271.55	\$ 1,676.72	61	57
28	07/14/2024	\$ 1,447.00	\$ 46,718.55	\$ 1,668.52	59	59
29	07/21/2024	\$ 1,293.00	\$ 48,011.55	\$ 1,655.57	67	60
30	07/28/2024	\$ 1,251.00	\$ 49,262.55	\$ 1,642.09	59	60
31	08/04/2024	\$ 2,635.00	\$ 51,897.55	\$ 1,674.12	54	60
32	08/11/2024	\$ 1,459.00	\$ 53,356.55	\$ 1,667.39	49	59
33	08/18/2024	\$ 1,040.00	\$ 54,396.55	\$ 1,648.38	53	57
34	08/25/2024	\$ 1,251.00	\$ 55,647.55	\$ 1,636.69	57	57
35	09/01/2024	Bunker Hill			20	54
36	09/08/2024	\$ 4,651.00	\$ 60,298.55	\$ 1,674.96	60	55
37	09/15/2024	\$ 1,446.00	\$ 61,744.55	\$ 1,668.77	56	56
38	09/22/2024	\$ 927.00	\$ 62,671.55	\$ 1,693.83	56	56
39	09/29/2024	\$ 1,110.00	\$ 63,781.55	\$ 1,678.47	48	56
40	10/06/2024	\$ 2,580.00	\$ 66,361.55	\$ 1,701.58	43	56
41	10/13/2024	\$ 1,333.00	\$ 67,694.55	\$ 1,735.76	60	57
42	10/20/2024	\$ 980.00	\$ 68,674.55	\$ 1,674.99	42	57
43	10/27/2024	\$ 1,232.00	\$ 69,906.55	\$ 1,664.44	66	57
44	11/03/2024	\$ 4,483.00	\$ 74,389.55	\$ 1,729.99	75	57
45	11/10/2024	\$ 1,005.00	\$ 75,394.55	\$ 1,713.51	59	57
46	11/17/2024	\$ 853.00	\$ 76,197.55	\$ 1,693.28	58	57
47	11/24/2024	\$ 887.00	\$ 77,084.55	\$ 1,675.75	56	57
48	12/01/2024	\$ 3,321.00	\$ 80,405.55	\$ 1,710.76	60	57
49	12/08/2024	\$ 912.00	\$ 81,317.55	\$ 1,694.12	53	57
50	12/15/2024	\$ 930.00	\$ 82,247.55	\$ 1,678.53	53	57
51	12/22/2024	\$ 1,622.00	\$ 83,869.55	\$ 1,677.40	57	57
52	12/29/2024	\$ 937.00	\$ 84,806.55	\$ 1,662.88	43	57

MEMBERSHIP LIST 2024

Ames, Weston	Hagin, Joshua	Richardson, Elizabeth	<u>NEW MEMBERS</u>
Anderson, Evelyn	Hagin, Tammy	Richardson, Wesley	Betty Davis
Anderson, Gerald	Heath, Connie	Robinson, Carolyn A.	Steven Davis
Augustine, Robert	Heath, Jason	Robinson, Sterling B.	Jonathan Dodge
Baker, Betty	Houghton, Lee	Ruggieri, Augustus	
Baker, David	Jordan, Harlean	Ruggieri, Rebecca	<u>BAPTISMS</u>
Barrett, Robert	Jordan, Robert	Ryan, Michele Robinson	Betty Davis
Barrett, Vicki	Jura, Deborah	Sainio, Melody	Steven Davis
Beattie, Emily	Jura, Mark	Small, Janette	Raymond Weaver
Berry, Willis	Kaler, Linda	Smalley, Sharon	
Bland, Cindy	Kaler, Walter	Starr, Carole	<u>MARRIAGES</u>
Boggs, Leland, II	Knutson, Muriel	Stetson, Lauri	Pat & Sam Chapman
Boggs, Valerie	Landry, David	Stetson, Neil	Jonathan & January
Bond, Rev. Bette	Landry, Sharon	Stetson, Pearl	Dodge
Borzelli, Kathleen	Lanphier, Clinton	Studley, Nola	<u>DEATHS</u>
Bradley, Michelle	Lanphier, Kathy	Vanner, Betsy	Jane L. Sprowl
Braun, Nancy	Lawrence, Cathy	Vanner, Merle	Lois Silloway
Bryant, Faustina	Lent, James	Waltz, Mark	Lois Engleking *
Burnell, Susan	Lent-Mercier, Julie	Warren, Tammy	Richard Sprowl *
Camber, Dean	Lent, Linda	Weaver-Chapman, Patricia	
Camber, Dennis	Lewis, Donna	White, Bruce	• Non member
Carpenter, Karen	Libby, Peggy	White, David	
Chapman, Samuel	Lombardo, Susan	White, Gayle	
Chase, Marilyn	Luce, Tammy	White, Jeremy	
Chipman, Sue	Mank, Aleta	Wood, Jenina	
Cifaldo, Joseph	Mank, Amy	Wyllie, Sonja	
Cifaldo, Marcia	Mank, Kirby		
Collemer, Debbie	Mank, Stuart		
Cornforth, Louise	Maxcy, Irene		
Creighton, Hope	McKellar, David		
Creighton, Jeff	McKellar, Deena		
Damewood, Margaret	Miller, Valerie		
Dare, Diana	Mink, Marion		
Davis, Betty	Moore, Monica		
Davis, Steven	Ott, Patricia		
Dodge, Jonathan	Overlock, Eric		
Field, Cynthia	Overlock, Janice		
Field, George, V	Overlock, Patricia		
Field, Mary	Overlock, Sandra		
Gamage, Regina	Peavey-Dodge,		
Gammon, Heather	January		
Gammon, Lee	Pendleton, Stephanie		
Gammon, Mary	Pendleton, Walter		
Gammon, Sandra	Poland, Deagan		
Hagin, Amber	Poland, Niva-Jean		
Hagin, John	Quinn, Robin		
	Quinn, Wayne		

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